



Good Shepherd Parish

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2022



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday, September 17

6:00PM Joseph Generose ~ Marge Generose & Family

Sunday, September 18

8:00AM Joseph Benderavich ~ Benderavich Family

9:30AM Ashleyann Temborski ~ Mother & Daughter

Monday, September 19

8:00AM Mary Villano ~M/M Gary Pienkowski

Tuesday, September 20

8:00 AM Amelia Yacowatz ~ Children

Wednesday, September 21

8:00AM Marie & Eddie Renzulli ~ Daughter, Pat Polesko

Thursday, September 22

8:00AM Albert Antolick ~ Wife, Mary Ellen & Family

Friday, September 23

8:00AM Richard Gerenza ~ Wife, Jean

Saturday, September 24

6:00PM Clarence & Ann Zunski ~ Michael & Ann Haraschak

Sunday, September 25

8:00AM John Kalinovich ~ Alan Kirchdoerfer

9:30AM Louis J. Beltrami ~ William L. Bechtel

Stewardship

September 3 & 4: Loose \$803.14; Offertory \$3844; Dues \$1478; Holy Days \$16; Capital Improvement \$150; Care & Education \$348; Peter's Pence \$10

Mass Attendance - 448

September 10 & 11: Loose \$662; Offertory \$2852; Dues \$1272; Holy Days \$69; Capital Improvement \$77; Care & Education \$103; Peter's Pence \$10

Mass Attendance - 463



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Marie & Eddie Renzulli** by daughter, Pat Polesko.



The **Roses for Life** this week are in memory of **Frederick Proske** by Allison, Mary, & Richard, and **Anna & Walter Heiser** by daughter, Janet Gaskill.



Tuesday Night Bingo: Come join us for Bingo at Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday evenings. The kitchen opens at 5:00PM with special soups, sandwiches, beverages, ethnic foods and a variety of other goodies. Our Early Bird game begins at 6:00PM.

The **Valley Food Pantry** will be making Thanksgiving boxes for needy families in the area. Good Shepherd has been asked to contribute napkins, coffee, and tea for 60 boxes. **The deadline for contributions is Wednesday, November, 17.** The Valley Food Pantry thanks you for your generosity.

Shine Women's Center "Baby Bottle Collection": Our Parish Pro-Life team will be distributing plastic baby bottles at this weekend's masses and **September 24 & 25.** Donations received will be given to the Shine Women's Center in West Hazleton. Shine is a free women's health clinic serving all of Luzerne County. We ask that you collect your loose change in the bottles. Cash or checks are also gladly accepted. Checks should be made payable to Good Shepherd Church with "Shine Women's Center" in the memo section. **The bottles can be returned to the Church the weekend of October 1 and 2.** The Knights of Columbus and The Shepherd's Hands ministry of our parish will be assisting with the bottle distribution and collection.



The **Mass of Remembrance** will be held at Good Shepherd Church on **Friday, November 4, at 6PM.** If you have lost a loved one during November 1, 2021 to October 31, 2022 whose funeral was not held from Good Shepherd, please complete the following information and return in the collection basket by October 31, 2022. Questions can be directed to Marie Bellizia at 570-401-9720.

Your name _____
 Deceased's name _____
 Date of passing _____ Your phone # _____
 Do you plan on attending the Mass? _____

The **American Red Cross** greatly appreciated the support of the community blood drive. 35 units were collected. This can assist up to 105 patients in need!

The **Women of Good Shepherd Back-To-School Hoagie Sale** order forms can be found on the table in the vestibule. Flyers will also be sent home with Faith Formation students on **Monday, September 19.** Please place completed forms, along with payment, in our Back-to-School box which on the table in the vestibule. The cost of a hoagie is \$5.00 and will be prepared by Vesuvio's in Drums. **Pick-up dates are Saturday, October 1 after 6 PM mass; Sunday, October 2 after both masses; and Monday October 3 at Faith Formation. The deadline to place your order is Monday, September 26.** Proceeds benefit The Women of Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund. Thank you for your support!

Back-to-School Sub Sale

Name: _____
 Phone: _____
 Amount enclosed: _____
 (Cash or Check made payable to: Women of Good Shepherd Church)

Please circle your pickup day/time:
Saturday, October 1 after 6 PM mass
Sunday, October 2 after 8 AM mass or after 9:30 AM mass
Monday, October 3 at Faith Formation drop-off or pick-up



A Message from Father Mike...

I remember as a child quizzing the nuns about Mass. “How late can I come to Mass and it still counts as Mass?” I wanted an answer so I could test the rules. Fortunately, I had hawk-eyed parents who would never allow us to come to church late (we lived 6 houses away from the parish). The late-to-church rule would never be tested.

In this weekend’s Gospel, the shrewd steward was testing the rules. He knew he had done wrong and he was hoping to fix his blunder by negotiating a deal with his master’s debtors. And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.

We are challenged to use our intelligence to plan for our future – Eternal Happiness. What will you do this week to fix your mistakes, act prudently, and inherit Eternal Happiness?

PICNIC IN THE PARK



The deadline for reservations to our Annual Old-Fashioned Sunday Afternoon Parish Mass And Picnic in the Park has been extended to next **Tuesday, September 20th**. We are asking for reservations so that we know how much food we will need. You can return your forms in the parish office, in the collection basket, or in the container provided on the table in the back of the church. Additional registration forms are available at the entrances to the church on pink paper. Your complying with this deadline is greatly appreciated.

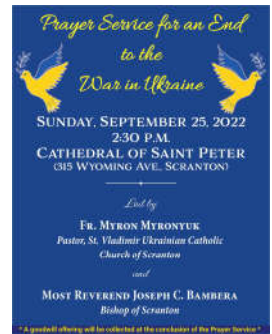


Do you want to become Catholic or know someone else who does? Are you a baptized Catholic and still need the sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion or Confirmation) or know someone else who does? Do you want to grow deeper and reconnect in the practice of your faith? If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, the RCIA program is for you!

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This program is being offered jointly between Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception Parishes. **All Adults who have been baptized or not baptized are welcome!** Please contact the parish office for any questions and to register by calling the parish office at 570-788-3141 (Good Shepherd) or 570-636-3035 (Immaculate Conception) and leave your name and telephone number.

PRAYER SERVICE FOR AN END TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE TO BE HELD SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:

All people of goodwill are encouraged to gather at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, located at 315 Wyoming Avenue in Scranton, for a special Prayer Service for an End to the War in Ukraine on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 2:30 p.m. During the Prayer Service, everyone in attendance will be invited to offer prayers for peace in Ukraine and for the innocent people who continue to suffer in the country. The Prayer Service will also be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and livestream on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and social media platforms.



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY-

HAZLETON, Gift Card Bingo. Sunday, October 9, 2022 at St. Michael’s Recreation Center, 300 Fern Street, Freeland. Doors for bingo open at 12 noon and games begin at 12:30 PM. 20 regular games and 3 specials. \$25.00 to purchase tickets day of bingo or to buy ahead of time contact Janine at 570-436-5736, Amy at 570-479-2335 or Michele at 570-579-8270.

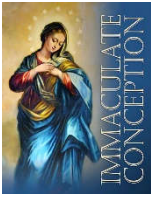


DESIGNER PURSE BINGO:

The former Assunta’s Boutique is having a designer purse Bingo and buffet at Rocco’s in Hazleton on Sunday, October 23rd, at 1 PM to benefit the American Heart Association. The \$50 admission fee includes the Bingo Games and buffet (bread, butter, penne in marinara sauce, chicken marsala, roasted potatoes, green beans, dessert, coffee, and soda). Tickets are available now at Rocco’s on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 4 – 9 PM. Thank you for your support!



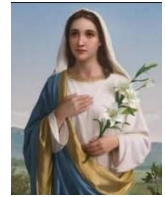
MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE Saturday, October 15th, from 1:00-3:00 PM. Meet our administration, faculty, staff, and some of our students! Learn about financial assistance, transportation, academics. To register for this event, please call Mary Milosh at 570-467-3335 Ext. 116 or mmilosh@mariancatholic.org



Immaculate Conception Parish

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✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday 9/17 4:00 PM
Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar

Sunday 9/18 11:00 AM
M.Sgt. Andrew J. and Patricia Verba by Therese

Monday 9/19 7:00 PM
Clarence (Soni), Agnes, and Larry Budda by David, Sharon, and Marty

Tuesday 9/20 7:00 AM
Joseph and Cecelia Jastremsky by Jack and Lynn Jastremsky


Wednesday 9/21 7:00 AM
Thomas Staruch by His Children, Grandchildren, and Great-Grandchildren

Thursday 9/22 7:00 AM
Michael Delese, Sr. by His Brothers and Sister

Friday 9/23 7:00 AM
Virginia Puzzetti by Charles Puzzetti, Jr.


Saturday 9/24 4:00 PM
Mary Beth Kopczynskie by Her Husband Raymond, Daughters Jennifer and Pamela, and Sons-in-Law Tommy and Glen


Sunday 9/25 11:00 AM
Helen E. Capozzelli by the Capozzelli Family


 **Last Weekend:**
Sunday \$3,699; Loose \$104; Dues \$808; Care and Education of Priests \$168; Other \$10; Poor Box \$148

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Clarence (Soni), Agnes, and Larry Budda by David, Sharon, and Marty



 **OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week for Mike Bobby by His Wife and Family

 **Eucharistic Adoration**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be on **Monday, September 19th**. Why not stop by and spend some time with your Savior.

 **Meeting Reminder**
Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday, September 21st, at 6 PM at Good Shepherd.


MEMORIAL DONATIONS to our Capital Campaign were made in Memory of John Denion: \$25.00 by the Neapolitan Family; \$25.00 by Greg and Rose McKinley; \$25.00 by Paula Gallagher; \$50.00 by Vincent and Cindy Carr; \$25.00 by Robert Falatko and the Assed Family; \$25.00 by Jeffrey Nesler; \$100.00 by M/M Garry Simko and Family; \$25.00 by Sarah and John Brogan and Family


HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY will meet on Saturday, September 24th, at 9:00 AM in the rectory to write out Halloween cards for our elderly and shut-in parishioners. Please use the Chestnut Street door. We hope to see you there!



COATS FOR KIDS IN NEED – The Messengers of Hope are collecting new coats for our Freeland Kids in Need. Bring your coats and put them on the altar steps or bring them to the parish office. Let's not let a single needy child be without a warm winter coat this year. All sizes are needed, especially larger sizes.



 **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES** begin this Sunday, at 9:30. If you have not yet registered, please see your child's teacher.

 Our Community–Service Team is requesting paper towels, tissues, and napkins for **Food Pantry Needs**. We thank all our parishioners who continue to support those in need in our community.



TRICKY TRAY DONATIONS for our Parish Picnic in the Park are due no later than **Thursday, September 22nd**. Please drop off donations at the parish office during normal business hours.



The Mass of Remembrance will be held in our parish on **Sunday, November 6th**, at 5:00 PM. If you have lost a loved one from October 15, 2021 and you plan to attend this service, please complete the following information and return in the collection basket by October 15, 2022.



Your name _____
Deceased's name _____
How many will be coming _____