



Immaculate Conception Parish

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24, 2023



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



- Sat. 9/23 4:00 PM
Edward and Corrine Dwyer by Their Daughter Angie
- Sun. 9/24 11:00 AM
Helen and Joseph Adams by Sandra and William Kuklis
- Mon. 9/25 7:00 PM
George and Gertrude Opert by Terry, Gina, and Melane
- Tue. 9/26 7:00 AM
Donald Rogusky by Thelma and Joe Gallagher
- Wed. 9/27 7:00 AM
Mark Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie
- Thur. 9/28 7:00 AM
Lucille Gaffney by Anna Marie Durange
- Fri. 9/29 7:00 AM
Robert Williams by His Family
- Sat. 9/30 4:00 PM
Mary Beth Kopczynskie by Her Husband Raymond, Daughters Jennifer and Pamela, and Sons-in-Law
- Sun. 10/1 11:00 AM
Helen Capozzelli by Drusilla Laughman



Every Saturday at 8:30 AM, the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Mother will be said in Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary by the Legion of Mary. The Rosary will continue to be said daily after the weekday masses.

THE HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY will meet on Saturday, September 30th, at 9:00 AM in the rectory to sign greeting cards for our treasured elderly and our homebound parishioners. Anyone with an hour to spare is welcome and encouraged to help in this wonderfully rewarding ministry.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT is every third Monday at 6:00 PM before the evening mass. The next devotion will be Monday, October 16th.



Weekend of September 10th
Sunday \$2,915; Loose \$117;
Dues \$340; Care and Education of Priests \$348; Capital Improvement \$44; Assumption \$22; Haiti \$325; Poor Box \$79

Last Weekend:
Sunday \$2,680; Loose \$163; Dues \$1,680; Care and Education of Priests \$5; Capital Improvement \$50; Haiti \$155; Maui \$640; Poor Box \$63



The Mass of Remembrance in our parish will be held on Sunday, November 5th, at 5:00 PM. If you have lost a loved one from October 15, 2022, and you plan to attend this service, please complete the following information and return in the collection basket by October 15, 2023.

Your name _____

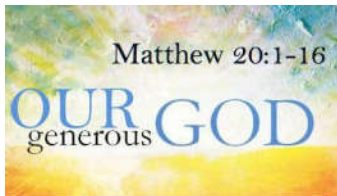
Deceased's name _____

How many will be coming _____

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR AND OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE are in Memory of **Mark Kopczynskie** by **Daniel Kopczynskie**



COATS FOR NEEDY KIDS The Messengers of Hope are collecting new coats for our Freeland Kids in Need. Bring your NEW coat and put them on the altar steps or bring them to the parish office by **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21st**. Let's not let a single needy child be without a warm winter coat this year. All sizes are needed, especially larger sizes. Gloves and hats are also welcome!



This weekend's Gospel focuses on mercy. Folks were hired to go into the vineyard at various times of the day. At sunset all were brought in and given the same amount of pay, even those who worked only a few hours. I think we get the "mercy" side of the story. The real story-behind-the-story is the group who worked all day. They were angry and complained, thinking they should get more. They were thinking as humans do and not as God does.

Let's look at it a different way. As a priest I am often called to administer the Sacrament of the Sick to those very near death. Some of these folks have not been to church since Confirmation. This is a grace-filled moment of mercy. God is not saying: "Nope, you haven't been to church," but rather: "Welcome back to the church." His mercy is open to all.

MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, October 12th, in the lower level of Immaculate Conception Church. Please use the Chestnut Street entrance (through the garden). Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd Parish Office at 570-788-3141. Please plan to attend the Baptismal Preparation class well in advance of your baby's birth so that you are aware of all the information necessary to schedule your baby's Baptism.



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (formerly RCIA, now OCIA): Do you want to become Catholic or know someone else who does? Are you a Baptized Catholic who still need the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation or know someone who does?

Do you want to grow deeper and enrich your knowledge of Catholic faith? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, the OCIA program is for you! This program is being offered jointly between Good Shepherd, Immaculate Conception, and Saint Patrick's Parishes. All Adults who have been baptized or not baptized are welcome! Please contact the parish office for any questions and to register for new classes that are forming and will begin Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 6:00 PM by calling the parish office at 570-788-3141 Good Shepherd, 570-636-3035 Immaculate Conception or 570-443-9944 St. Patrick.

The next Charismatic Mass and Healing Service at St. John Bosco, Conyngham will be Tuesday, September 26th at 7:00 PM. Fr. Naftali Sena and Fr. Sudhir Toppo will concelebrate, and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45PM. Any questions, please call 570-788-3643.



ST. ANN'S FALL BAND CONCERT will take place this Sunday, September 24th, at 2:00 PM on at Good Shepherd Church. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and enjoy the wonderful music!

MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE will be held on Saturday, October 14th, from 1:00-3:00 PM. Come tour the school, meet the students & staff, and learn how to make a Marian education possible! Please reach out to Mary Milosh to RSVP at mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org or 570-467-3335 ext. 117.



OUR SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY IS AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES OF OUR CHURCHES AND IN THE PARISH OFFICES.

Announcements and Upcoming Events



This year the ANNUAL BLESSING OF PETS in honor of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th, as follows: Good Shepherd Parish at 10:00 AM and Immaculate Conception Parish at 11:00 AM. All pets must be accompanied by their owner.



Faith Formation

ATTENTION FAITH FORMATION STUDENTS AND PARENTS: We will be reserving the first pew on the right-hand side of the church at the 11:00 AM mass, so that your child can attend mass right after class with one or more of our teachers. Parents will be responsible for picking their child up after mass at 11:30-11:45.

In addition, students have the option to attend 5 different parishes for Faith Formation classes. Once a Parish is selected, they must stay with those classes. There is no bouncing back and forth to different Parishes. Options are:

St. Patrick's in White Haven on Sundays from 9:00 – 10:00 AM

St. Jude's in Mt. Top on Sundays at 9:30 – 10:40 AM or Mondays 6:00 – 7:15 PM

Immaculate Conception in Freeland on Sundays from 9:30 – 10:45 AM

Good Shepherd in Drums on Sunday or Monday evenings from 4:30 – 5:30 PM

St. John Bosco in Conyngham on Sundays from 10:00 – 11:10 AM



HALLOWEEN DANCE – The combined parishes of Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd are having a Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 28th, in Good



Shepherd's Parish Hall. This is an **ADULT ONLY** dance. **BYOB!** Tickets are available in both parish offices. Come out and enjoy a spooky night of fun! **\$25.00 per person which includes food and door prizes.** Costumes optional but prizes will be awarded. Music by Father Mike! **Raffle tickets 3 for \$5.00.** Table reservations are available. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH.**



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Saturday, September 23

6:00PM Richard Gerenza ~ Wife, Jean

Sunday, September 24

8:00AM Betty Wydock ~ Leo Wydock & Family

9:30AM Sass Family ~ Bob & Judy

Monday, September 25

8:00AM Louis J. Beltrami ~ Wife, Elaine & Family

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 AM Marcel S. Calarco Sr. ~ Tracey Davis & Family

Wednesday, September 27

8:00AM Helen Penkala ~ Liz Turse & Family

Thursday, September 28

8:00AM Eugene & Eleanor Polini ~ Nephew, John Shelley

Friday, September 29

8:00AM Louis Beltrami ~ Frederick & Diane Keim

Saturday, September 30

6:00PM Deceased Members of the Matz/Yancus Families ~ Mary Jo & Bob

Sunday, October 1

8:00AM Michael Gentle ~ The Dolan Family

9:30AM Casmir Lasecki ~ Judi & Joe Yamulla

Stewardship

September 16 & 17: Loose \$970; Offertory \$4,200; Dues \$663; Care & Education of Priests \$26; Holy Days \$30; Capital Improvement \$278; Eastern Europe \$10; Maui \$20
Mass Attendance – 501



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Richard Gerenza** by Wife, Jean



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Louis Beltrami** by Wife, Elaine



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 **6PM**.

Volunteers Needed for Bingo Sales from **4:30 – 6:00 PM**. Contact Diane Green at 570-788-4084 if interested.

Online Giving: Visit the parish website for more information or to sign up for online giving.



The **Valley Food Pantry** helps those in need.

We have been asked to collect items for children: canned pasta, cookies, crackers, and Pop Tarts, in addition to bar soap. If you wish to send a monetary donation, the address is: Valley Food Pantry, PO Box 187 CUCC, Conyngham, PA 18219

The **Valley Food Pantry** will be making Thanksgiving boxes for needy families in the area. Good Shepherd has been asked to contribute medium-sized cans of yams or sweet potatoes, coffee and tea for 56 Families. **The deadline for contributions is Monday, November 13.** Thank you for your generosity!



Stitches of Love Ministry is a crochet & knitting ministry that donates our work to those in need. Our next



meeting will be at **1PM** (Afternoon) on **the 25th** in the St. Joseph Room. If interested, or for more information, please call the office at 570-788-3141 or email the church at gscsh@ptd.net. We accept donations of yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles, patterns, stitch markers, etc. Items can be dropped off in the tote in the cry room. All are welcome to join us. We hope to see there.

Our **2024 Mass Intention Request form** is in the bulletin this weekend. Our book opens **October 1, 2023**. Please fill out the form and return as soon as possible. Masses will be scheduled in the order that they are received. Thank you!

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally will be held on **Saturday, October 14, at noon**, in front of the church. Bring a chair if you need to sit. Come join us is praying the Rosary. All are welcome. We hope to see you there.

The **Queen of Our Hearts Rosary Group** invites you to pray the Rosary, the Infant of Prague Novena, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet with us every Saturday from **5 to 5:45PM**, before mass. We are also praying the Rosary at **7:30 AM** before the weekday morning masses. Come join us.

Signed copies of Father McHugh's poetry book, **Kaleidoscope of the Heart**, will be available for purchase in the church office for \$20.00 during normal business hours.