



Immaculate Conception Parish

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 8, 2023



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 10/7 4:00 PM
Larry Blasko by Carol and Children

Sun. 10/8 11:00 AM
Rose Quinn by Virginia Dias

Mon. 10/9 7:00 PM
Mary and Thomas Ferko by Their Daughter Frances and Grandchildren

Tue. 10/10 7:00 AM
Donald Rogusky by Joan Sarosky

Wed. 10/11 7:00 AM
James Thomas by M/M Paul Thomas

Thur. 10/12 7:00 AM
Anne Marie Ceriani by M/M Paul Thomas

Fri. 10/13 7:00 AM
Terry Schiavone, Sr. by His Wife Joyce and Children

Sat. 10/14 4:00 PM
George Opert by Terry, Gina, and Melane

Sun. 10/15 11:00 AM
Gerald McNamara by His Wife Pauline and Family



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.



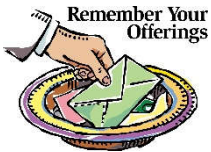
The Mass of Remembrance in our parish will be held on Sunday, November 5th, at 5:00 PM. If you have lost a loved one from October 15, 2022, and you plan to attend this service, please complete the following information and return in the collection basket by October 15, 2023.



Your name _____

Deceased's name _____

How many will be coming _____



Last Weekend:
Sunday \$3,310; Loose \$147; Dues \$499; Care and Education of Priests \$543; Capital Improvement \$241; Poor Box \$132

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Mary and Thomas Ferko by Their Daughter Frances and Grandchildren



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of George Opert by Terry, Gina, and Melane



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.



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!



Our Community/Service Team is collecting pumpkin filling, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, and gravy mix for the Food Pantry this month. We thank all who support the needy families in our community.





It must be time for grapes to be harvested, because we've heard about vineyards the last three Sundays. Two weeks ago, we had the parable of the laborers in the vineyard, last week the parable of the two sons who were asked to work in the vineyard, and today the parable of the wicked tenants of the vineyard.

The object of this weekend's Gospel is the Jewish leadership, namely the Pharisees. They have been entrusted with the Kingdom of God, and they are not doing a good job of it. They care only for themselves. The challenge of Jesus to them is this: realize your mistake or the Kingdom will be taken from you.

The challenge for YOU is this: take a deep look into your own soul and reflect on the things you need to change. God gave YOU the Kingdom of God. What will you do to make it a better place?



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.



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. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH.**



Saint John Bosco Church, 573 State Route 93, Sugarloaf, will host the Hazleton Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra in a seasonal concert next Sunday, October 15, 2023, at 3:00 PM. The concert will be held in the church and will feature classical and popular musical selections. Free admission; donations are appreciated.



ELECTION DAY PASTA DINNER – Saint John Bosco Church, Conyngham, PA, will sponsor its annual Election Day Pasta and Meatball dinner on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, from 3-7 PM in the parish center. Dinner includes pasta, meatballs, salad, Italian bread, and homemade dessert. Take-out dinners will be available. Tickets will be available after all weekend Masses, at the parish of all weekend Masses, at the parish office, and on the day of the event. Tickets are \$12 per adult and \$6 for children, 10 years and under. Please add this important date to your calendar.



OUR SEXUAL ABUSE POLICY IS AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCES OF OUR CHURCHES



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Saturday, October 7

6:00PM Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Gorski ~ Mark & Jackie Gorski

Sunday, October 8

8:00AM Frank Skawinski ~ Wife, Anna & Children, Michelle & Brian

9:30AM Claire T. Shadie ~ Husband, George R. & Son, Alex G. Shadie

Monday, October 9

8:00AM Grace DeLorenzo ~ Carl & Carol DeLorenzo & Family

Tuesday, October 10

8:00 AM Gerard Riccuitti ~ Family

Wednesday, October 11

8:00AM Kathy Zimmerman ~ Sister, Elaine

Thursday, October 12

8:00AM Albert Antolick ~ Karen Sypek

Friday, October 13

8:00AM Joseph & Mary Umbriac ~ Son, Joseph

Saturday, October 14

6:00PM Marcel Calarco ~ Wife, Lois & Children

Sunday, October 15

8:00AM Michael Marsicano ~ Wife, Susan & Family

9:30AM Pearl & John Sipple ~ Judi & Joe Yamulla

Stewardship

September 30 & October 1: Loose \$832; Offertory \$4,117; Dues \$1,848; Care & Education of Priests \$516; Holy Days \$67; Capital Improvement \$140; All Souls \$72; Mission Sunday \$130
Mass Attendance – 522



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **William & Dorothy Nitka** by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Clatch



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Kathy Zimmerman** by Sister, 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.



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!

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen: Our next meals will be on **Wednesday, October 11**. Team members are asked to arrive at the Soup Kitchen around **10:30AM**. For more information on how you can participate in this parish project, please contact the parish office or Dorothy Beozzo at 570-764-6359.

Women of Good Shepherd will meet on **Monday, October 9** at **6 PM** in the St. Joseph Room. We will be filling treat bags for our Faith Formation students. Members are asked to bring a bag of candy to the meeting. As always, new members are welcome!

Pro-Life Baby Bottle Collection: The Shine Pregnancy Center will benefit from our annual baby bottle collection. Coins, bills, or checks will be accepted. Please return them to the vestibule any time during October. The Pregnancy Center is Pro-Life. They give free pregnancy tests, ultra sounds and prayer along with counseling and education. Your generosity is appreciated!

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

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.

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.