

Immaculate Conception Parish

Twenty-eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 9, 2022



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- Saturday October 8 at 4:00 PM**
Larry Blasko, Jr. by Carol and Family
- Sunday October 9 at 11:00 AM**
Stephen, Mary, and Michael Hanusek by Sue
- Monday October 10 at 9:00 AM TV Mass**
Dorothy Rimshaw by Clara Barrho
- Monday October 10 at 7:00 PM**
Paul Medvitz by His Wife Jean Medvitz
- Tuesday October 11 at 7:00 AM**
Anthony Amendolair by Sandy
- Wednesday October 12 at 7:00 AM**
Anna Marie Zawatsky by John R. Kopczynskie
- Thursday October 13 at 7:00 AM**
Terry Schiavone by His Wife Joyce & Children
- Friday October 14 at 7:00 AM**
Health and Blessings for Janet Amentler by the Turri Family
- Saturday October 15 at 4:00 PM**
George Opert by Casimir, Gina, and Michelle Murmello
- Sunday October 16 at 11:00 AM**
Deceased Members of the Cherone Family and Mary Blasé by Rose Mattavi and Family

Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,496; Loose \$144; Dues \$588; Care and Education of Priests \$614; Other \$; Poor Box \$69.



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR

are in Memory of George Opert by Casimir, Gina, and Michelle Murmello



OUR SANCTUARY LAMP is burning this week for Rocco and Katherine Lutz by Their Family.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, October 10th, in Observance of Columbus Day

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 take them to the parish office **by Sunday, October 19th**. Let's not let a single needy child be without a warm winter coat this year. All sizes are needed, especially large sizes.



HOUR OF KINDNESS

MINISTRY will meet on **Saturday, October 22nd**, at

9:00 AM in the rectory to write out Thanksgiving cards for our elderly and homebound parishioners. Everyone is welcome to participate. Please use the Chestnut Street door. We hope to see you there!

meeting



WORD/WORSHIP TEAM meeting will take place on **Monday, October 10th** after the 7:00 PM mass.

PASTORAL COUNCIL will meet on **Tuesday, October 11th**, at **6:30 PM** at Good Shepherd Church. ***** Please note the change in date from October 19th.**



OUR COMMUNITY/SERVICE TEAM MEETING

will take place on **Wednesday, October 12th**, at **6:00 PM** in the church.



Community/Service Team is requesting cranberry sauce, stuffing mix, canned pumpkin and canned yams. Thank you for your continuing support of those in need in our community.



The next Charismatic Mass and Healing Service at St. John Bosco Church is **Tuesday, October 18th**, at **7:00 PM**. Fr. Naftali will preside and Fr. Sudhir Toppo will concelebrate.

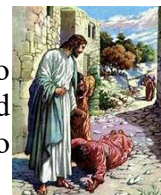




A Message from Father Mike...

Many years ago I was on a mission trip to Ecuador near the town of Guayaquil. We were taken to a local hospital to minister to the poor. There was one section of the hospital separated from the rest of the building by large door with the bottom cut out about 8 inches. I asked about the door and was told that that section of the hospital was for leper patients and the hole at the bottom of the door was used to slide the food trays through. They were isolated because of leprosy. I wanted to go into that section but was afraid of “catching it.” One of the nurses told me that as long as there was no physical contact I would be all right. It was a different world! Conditions were deplorable. Once through the bottomless door, I was greeted by caring and smiling faces – in spite of the conditions. These folks just wanted someone to pray with them and for them. I stumbled through with my limited Spanish and was able to bless them all.

Unlike this weekend’s Gospel where only one leper came back to thank Jesus, I was blessed to have over 30 lepers show gratitude. My take-away from this was two-fold: Don’t let fear stand in the way of ministering to others and always show gratitude. Who are you going to minister to this week?



MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, November 9th, in the Parish Center of Immaculate Conception Church. Please register by calling the Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd 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.



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.



HALLOWEEN DANCE – The combined parishes of Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd are having a **Halloween Dance on Saturday, October 29th**, 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. Music by Father Mike! Costumes optional but prizes will be awarded. **Raffle tickets 3 for \$5.00.** Table reservations are available. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16TH.**



AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA ROSARY RALLY will be held on **Saturday, October 15th**, at **noon** at Good Shepherd by the sign in the front of the church. Bring a chair if you need to sit down. Come join us in praying the rosary for America! All are welcome. We hope to see your there.

ALL DAY ADORATION at **Good Shepherd Church on Monday, October 17th**, following the **8:00 AM** mass until **4:00 PM**. Rosary and Divine Mercy will be recited at **10:30 AM** and **2:30 PM**. Please try to spend some time with Jesus on this day. All are welcome.





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Saturday, October 8
6:00PM Kathleen Ferdinand ~ M/M Thomas Romancheck & Family

Sunday, October 9
8:00AM Margaret Kostanesky ~ Kelly Kostanesky
9:30AM Francis Skawinski ~ Wife, Anna & Family

Monday, October 10
8:00AM Gerard Riccuitti ~ Family

Tuesday, October 11
8:00 AM Stanley A. Lobitz, Jr. ~ Elaine Beltrami

Wednesday, October 12
8:00AM John Kalinovich ~ Judy & Bruce Houser

Thursday, October 13
8:00AM Joseph & Mary Umbriac ~ Son, Joseph & Family

Friday, October 14
8:00AM Kathleen Carr ~ Sylvia Borofski

Saturday, October 15
6:00PM Deceased Members of Kulig & Calarco Families ~ Lois & Erick Calarco

Sunday, October 16
8:00AM Marie Yackanich ~ Peter & Mimi DiSabella
9:30AM Charles R. Zaremba ~ Family

Stewardship

October 1 & 2: Loose \$962; Offertory \$3,762; Dues \$1,609; Holy Days \$15, Capital Improvement \$90; Care & Education \$354, Mission Sunday \$80
 Mass Attendance – 450



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Louis J. Beltrami** by wife, Elaine.



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Kathy** 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 6:00PM.

We welcome Donna Good to the Good Shepherd Parish Staff.

We welcome Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Molinaro & family as our newest members of Good Shepherd Parish.

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally will be held on **Saturday, October 15, at noon** by the sign in the front of the church. Bring a chair if you need to sit down. Come join us in praying the rosary for America! All are welcome. We hope to see you there.

All Day Adoration on Monday, October 17, will take place following the **8 AM** mass until **4 PM**. Rosary and Divine Mercy will be recited at **10:30 AM** and **2:30 PM**. Please try to spend some time with Jesus. All are welcome.

Pastoral Council: Please note the meeting has been changed from **Wednesday, October 19,** to **Tuesday, October 11,** at **6:30 PM** in the St Joseph Room.

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 collecting the baby bottles with the help of The Knights of Columbus and The Shepherd's Hands ministry at this weekend's masses. 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.



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? _____

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen: We will serve again on **Wednesday, October 12.** Team members are asked to arrive around **10:30AM.** Special thanks go to Jessica for the beautiful sunflower bouquets she provided for last month's meals. I can't express enough praise for all those who support this parish service ministry with their prayers, monetary and food donations, time, and cooking talents. Together, we put our Catholic faith into action to better our community. For information on how you can participate in this service project, please contact Dorothy Beozzo at 570-764-6359 or the parish office.

The Women of Good Shepherd: We will be meeting on **Monday, October 10,** in the St. Joseph Room. We will be packing treat bags for the upcoming Trunk or Treat. Anyone who can't make this meeting can drop candy in the box in the vestibule. Thanks! We hope to see you there. As always, new members are welcome.

Good Shepherd's Community and Service Committee is having its first **Trunk or Treat** on **Saturday, October 22,** from **2PM - 4PM** (rain or shine). Come decorate your trunk and hand out candy to the youth of the area. If you can't make it, you can donate a bag of candy (there is a box in the St. Joseph room). Please sign up by **October 14** with Katie Ventra (570) 956-4481 or Jackie Gorski (570) 956-2314.

The next Charismatic Mass and Healing Service at St. John Bosco Church is **Tuesday, October 18,** at **7 PM.** Fr. Naftali will preside and Fr. Sudhir Toppo will concelebrate. Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at **6:45PM.** If you have any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3643.