



# Good Shepherd Parish

## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### October 15, 2023



#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

##### 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

##### Monday, October 16

8:00AM Dorothy Nitka ~ Millie Beach

##### Tuesday, October 17

8:00 AM Paul Marsicano ~ Elaine Beltrami

##### Wednesday, October 18

8:00AM Theresa Pfeil ~ Mike & Jean Louise Gombeda

##### Thursday, October 19

8:00AM Victor Arnold ~ Grandson, John Shelley

##### Friday, October 20

8:00AM Robert Monkoski (Birthday) ~ Mom, Dad,  
Sister, & Brother

##### Saturday, October 21

6:00PM Martha Jayne St Mary ~ Mr. & Mrs. Francis  
Defazio

##### Sunday, October 22

8:00AM Margaret Kostanesky ~ Kostanesky Family

9:30AM Charles Zaremba Jr. ~ Family

#### Stewardship

October 7 & 8: Loose \$492; Offertory \$3,288; Dues \$1,198; Care & Education of Priests \$99; Holy Days \$40; Capital Improvement \$107; Mission Sunday \$5  
Mass Attendance – 568



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Pearl & John Sipple** by Judi & Joe Yamulla



The **Rose for Life** this week is for **Daniel Chitswara** by Family



**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** for 1 week a month. Contact Diane Green at 570-788-4084 if interested.

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.



**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!

**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 appreciate!

It's time for our pumpkin painting event for Faith Formation students. It will take place on **Monday, October 23** in the church hall immediately following Faith Formation Class. **THERE IS NO COST FOR CHILDREN TO ATTEND.** Parents are asked to attend with your child. Each child will receive a pumpkin to paint. In addition, children will be served a hot dog, chips, drink, cookies and a bag of candy. Please fill out the form below and return it to the pumpkin bucket in the foyer or to your child's teacher. The deadline to RSVP is **MONDAY, OCTOBER 16** to ensure we get enough pumpkins to paint. If you have any questions, call Cathy Penkala at 570-436-5017.

**Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Program:** Boscov's Department Store partners with local non-profit organizations to provide a special day of shopping and sharing. For a donation of \$5.00, you receive a Shopping Pass for 25% off of your entire purchases on **October 18, 2023.** It is a great opportunity to start your holiday shopping! The Salvation Army Soup Kitchen will receive the \$5.00 donation for each pass that we sell. Salvation Army Soup Kitchen team members will be selling the Shopping Passes after all the masses. Passes will be available for sale in the parish office or by calling Dorothy Beozzo at 570-764-6359. Please consider supporting this local business and our parish service project.

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



For the fourth weekend in a row, we are given an image of the Kingdom of God. This week it is a wedding feast where invitations sent out. Most of those invited gave excuse upon excuse as to why they could not come.

I often say: God will listen to a thousand reasons, but not one excuse! Folks give all kinds of excuses for not coming to church. The challenge this week is twofold:

1. No excuses this week!
2. Pray for those who use excuses for not coming to Church.



The HOLY REDEEMER ROYAL family is opening its doors! Visit OPEN HOUSE Sunday, November 5th, from 1:00-3:00 PM. Discover an enriching, supportive, faith-filled environment where academic excellence and servant leadership are pursued daily. Talk to parents, students, faculty, and coaches to learn why you belong in the Holy Redeemer family. Holy Redeemer High School, 159 South Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, 570-829-2424.



PASTORAL  
SEARCH  
COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the newest member of the combined Pastoral Council, Mary Proske. The Pastoral Council, consisting of six members from Good Shepherd and six members from Immaculate Conception, meets monthly. If you have any suggestions, questions, or concerns, please reach out to any member or contact the parish office.

Pastoral Council Members: Jason Turri (chairperson), Kelly Kostanesky (vice-chairperson), Jim Eisenhart (secretary), Deb Carr, Gene DellaCroce, Mark Gorski, John Grandzol, Cal Herring, Simon Kazinetz, Bob Penkala, Mary Proske, and Katie Ventra.



All are invited for an enjoyable, relaxing evening of seasonal music entitled: “Tis Autumn.” The date is SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, from 5:00 - 8:30 PM. The program will feature local musicians, our Cantor Frank Balon on trumpet and Jack James on vocals. The performance will be at Woody’s Restaurant, 632 Centre Street, Freeland. The concert is free for dining guests. Reservations are recommended. Please phone (570) 636-3333.



Saint John Bosco Church, 573 State Route 93, Sugarloaf, will host the Hazleton Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra in a seasonal concert this 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.

The next Charismatic Mass and Healing Service will be held Tuesday, October 17th at 7:00 PM. Fr. Michael Michelini will preside, and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45 PM. Come and see. Any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3643.

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



# Immaculate Conception Parish

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### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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

Mon. 10/16 9:00 AM TV Mass  
John Denion by His Family  
7:00 PM  
Andy Bereznak by His Wife Carol

Tue. 10/17 7:00 AM  
Kaylin Rodriguez by John Rodriguez & Ruth Mason

Wed. 10/18 7:00 AM  
Anne Marie Ceriani by Robert and Kimberly

Thur. 10/19 7:00 AM  
Deceased Members of the Nemchik Family and Steve Kloton by Liz and Rich

Fri. 10/20 7:00 AM  
Shirley Nitka by Her Daughter Linda

Sat. 10/21 4:00 PM  
Rocco and Katherine Lutz by Their Children

Sun. 10/22 11:00 AM  
Frank and Dorothy Lutz and Linda and Michael Roth by M/M Brian Lutz and Family



**Remember Your Offerings**

**Last Weekend:**  
Sunday \$3,047.25; Loose \$192;  
Dues \$1,590; Care and Education of Priests \$119;  
Capital Improvement \$95;  
Poor Box \$144

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Rocco and Katherine Lutz By Their Children**



**OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of Frank and Dorothy Lutz and Linda and Michael Roth by M/M Brian Lutz and Family**



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



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 **FRIDAY, October 27th, at 9:00 AM** in the rectory. This is a change in date.



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 \_\_\_\_\_



**COATS FOR NEEDY KIDS** The Messengers of Hope are collecting new coats for our Freeland Kids in Need.

Bring your **NEW** coats by next **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22nd**. 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.

