



# Immaculate Conception Parish

## Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### October 22, 2023



### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- Mon. 10/23 7:00 PM  
Lena and Thomas Kislak by Leo and Jane Decowski and Family
- Tue. 10/24 7:00 AM  
Anna Marie Kopczynskie by Eva Billig
- Wed. 10/25 7:00 AM  
Lucille Gaffney by Darlene and Jerry Wisda
- Thur. 10/26 7:00 AM  
Kaylin Rodriguez by John Rodriguez and Ruth Mason
- Fri. 10/27 7:00 AM  
Jeffrey Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie
- Sat. 10/28 4:00 PM  
Stephen G. Korol and the Deceased Members of the Korol Family by JoAnne
- Sun. 10/29 11:00 AM  
Sonia and Stanley Wilczek by Their Son Stan



**THANKSGIVING ALL CASH BINGO**  
 Thursday, November 9th, Admission \$10.00  
 Kitchen opens at 4:30 ~ Early Birds at 5:30  
 Early Birds and Specials \$1.00 Each  
 Regular Bingo starts at 6:00 PM  
 \$35 Cash Pay-Out Per Game  
 4 Specials at \$50 each; Last Special \$100



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.



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.



**Last Weekend:**  
 Sunday \$2,899; Loose \$120; Dues \$846; Care and Education of Priests \$23; Capital Improvement \$80; Poor Box \$172



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is every third Monday at 6:00 PM before the evening mass. The next devotion will be Monday, November 20th.

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



**THE HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY** will meet NEXT FRIDAY, October 27th, at 9:00 AM in the rectory. This is a change in date.



The Messengers of Hope will be distributing coats to our Freeland Kids in Need next Saturday, October 28th, from 9 to 11 in the church basement. Sincere thanks to everyone who donated coats, gloves, hats, and monetary donations.





They asked if it was lawful to pay taxes or not. The political/religious leaders of the time tried to put Jesus in a bind. He would not have it. There are two things we can learn from this encounter:

1. No one should ever treat people like Jesus was treated. These folks cared nothing about Jesus other than to mock and ridicule Him. They wanted to embarrass Him. Are you guilty of this kind of behavior?
2. “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and give to God what is God’s.” This phrase is a challenge. All of us pay taxes and we benefit from them. It is the “give to God what is God’s” part that can be difficult. God has given you gifts. What gift will you give to God?

Treat others well and share your gifts!

**MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS** will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 11, 2024 in the St. Joseph Room at Good Shepherd Church. 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 Freeland Fire Department will be holding its annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by The Other Side on Sunday, November 5th, from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The meal will consist of a salad, spaghetti, meatballs, homemade dessert, and beverage and will cost \$12 per meal. The meals are available to enjoy in the restaurant or by take out or delivery. Tickets are available from any firefighter or by calling the station at 570-636-3244 and leaving a message. Tricky trays are also available during the meal.



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.





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#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

**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

**Monday, October 23**

**8:00AM** Catherine Horn ~ Dorothy Stoffa & Family

**Tuesday, October 24**

**8:00 AM** Joseph D. Rough, Jr ~ Mike DeCosmo & Family

**Wednesday, October 25**

**8:00AM** Robert Corradini ~ Larry Generose

**Thursday, October 26**

**8:00AM** Monica Slavick ~ Husband, Andy

**Friday, October 27**

**8:00AM** Frederick R. Proske ~ Mary E. Proske & Family

**Saturday, October 28**

**6:00PM** Deceased Members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knights of Columbus ~ Assembly 0937

**Sunday, October 29**

**8:00AM** Neil & Angel Lamana - 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary ~ Daughter & Son-In-Law, MaryAnn & Mario Iezzoni

**9:30AM** Burt Balliet, Husband, Michael Balliet, Grandson & Balliet Families. ~ Carol Balliet

#### Stewardship

**October 14 & 15:** Loose \$910.35; Offertory \$4,518.48; Dues \$898; Care & Education of Priests \$40; Holy Days \$45; Capital Improvement \$275; Ash Wednesday \$10  
Mass Attendance – 493



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Martha Jayne St Mary** by Mr. & Mrs. Francis Defazio



The **Rose for Life** this week is for **Martha Parrell** by Francis & Nancy DeFazio



**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.



**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!

Our pumpkin painting event for Faith Formation students 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. If you have any questions, call Cathy Penkala at 570-436-5017.

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

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.

Thank you to all who donated to the repair of our air conditioning system. We appreciate your generosity!

We welcome **Catherine Marsyada, Lindsey Barletta & Gabriel Hernandez, JoAnn Depretis, and Richard, Bridget, Rocco & Jaxon Caputo** as our newest members.