

# THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

## † MASS INTENTIONS †

Sat.	11/6	4:00 PM	Mark Kopczynskie by Anna Marie
Sun.	11/7	11:00 AM	Rupert and Bette Sweet by the Turri Family
Mon.	11/8	7:00 PM	Larry, Agnes, and Clarence Budda by David, Sharon, and Marty
Tue.	11/9	7:00 AM	Carl Puzzetti by Virginia Puzzetti
Wed.	11/10	7:00 AM	William Ervin by M/M Frank Bognet
Thur.	11/11	7:00 AM	Helen and Walter McCarro by Their Children
Fri.	11/12	7:00 AM	Michael Tate by the Merrill Family
Sat.	11/13	4:00 PM	Betty Lonsetta by Her Brother Bob and Daughters Donna and JoAnn
Sun.	11/14	11:00 AM	Rose and John Iacurci by Their Daughter Joan



### Last Weekend:

Sunday \$3,059.00; Loose \$102.00; Dues \$683.00; Care and Education of Priests \$30.00; World Mission \$115.00; All Saints \$311.00 Poor Box \$129.00

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** are in Memory of Larry, Agnes, and Clarence Budda by David, Sharon, and Marty



**CALLING CHILDREN OF ALL AGES** - Please join us for an Old Fashion Game night on November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM at Good Shepherd Parish. We will have board games for all ages, attend church and have pizza. Sign up will be with your Faith Formation Teacher. Please return the bottom portion of the slip by November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**BINGO AT ST. PATRICK'S** on the second Wednesday of every month. Parish center doors open and food is available at 5:00 PM. Games start at 6:00 PM. The November 10<sup>th</sup> bingo will be a Turkey Bingo. A bonus turkey will be awarded every other regular game. The progressive jackpot is at \$800.00.



**MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS** will be at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, in the Parish Center in the basement 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.

**ALTAR SERVER REFRESHER AND TRAINING** - There will be a **VERY IMPORTANT** meeting for **ALL CURRENT AND NEW SERVERS** and for those who would like to become an altar server and for **ALL PARENTS** on **this Sunday, November 14th**, after the 11:00 AM Mass. If you have any questions or will be unable to attend, please call the parish office at 570-636-3035.



**CCD NEWS** - If any elderly parishioners would like help with raking leaves, please contact the parish office. Our Confirmation students need service hours.

**Virtus Training** - The second session of Virtus Training will be held on Sunday November 14th. Parents are reminded to look for the letter in the students' folders.

The 11:00 AM mass on Sunday, November 21st, will be the 7th Grade Children's Mass.



## A Message from Father Mike...



This weekend's Gospel has a poor widow putting a penny in the collection - all the money she had. Others gave from their surplus, but she gave from her want. Earlier this week, I saw a penny as I got in the car. I stopped and put it in my pocket. I kept the penny all week. Jesus had a message for those who gave from their surplus by pointing out the poor widow. I think God has a message for all of us, we just have to look for it. I know now why I picked up that penny - to remind me that I need to give from.



### A VIEW FROM THE PEW, THE DAYS ARE LONG.

I heard an old Pennsylvania Dutch expression the other day, "The days are long, but the years are short". It made me think, that's exactly how I feel this time of the year...fewer hours of daylight make the days seem long, but time flies and before you know it, it's New Year's Eve. We often reflect on our own lives this time of the year, what went well, our shortcomings and what we could have done differently. We also remember those who are no longer with us, cherish the memories, and celebrate the past while keeping our eyes set on the future. As the old song goes, "Ain't it funny how time slips away".

**GOOD SHEPHERD BINGO IS BACK!** The kitchen opens at 5:00 PM and our Early Bird game begins at 6:00 PM.



**MONTHLY BREAKFAST** is this **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH**, in the parish hall. The menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs (any style), home fries, toast, pancakes, pastries, juice, coffee, tea and milk. The cost is \$8.00/adult and \$4.00/children ages 4 to 12. Serving time is from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM.

**ADVENT SCRIPTURE SESSIONS WITH FR. MCHUGH:** Fr. McHugh will present Advent Scripture sessions on the Infancy Gospels of Matthew and Luke at **9:00AM on Tuesday, November 30th, and Tuesday, December 7th.** Tuesday, December 14th, is a make-up day in case of a postponement of either of the scheduled sessions. Father will examine the differences and similarities of the Infancy Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Topics such as angels, canticles, dreams, genealogies, etc., will be treated. Register by calling Good Shepherd parish office at 570-788-3141. Studying the Infancy Gospels is a fine way to prepare for Christmas and the days following it.



**OLIC's Advent by Candlelight is back for 2021!!** Please join us on Sunday, November 28th, to celebrate the start of the Advent season. It will be an opportunity to relax and refocus on the true meaning of the season. This year's program, "Five Little Words", will focus on the words that are associated with each candle in the Advent wreath. The

program will start at 4:00 PM in the church & will include scripture readings, music and reflection, festive decorated tables, snacks, refreshments, and desserts. To host a table or reserve a seat, please sign up in the back of the church or contact Michalene Prokopovich at 570-788-6970 by Sunday, November 21st. Please plan to join us for this beautiful & memorable Advent celebration. Hope to see you there!!

**TURKEY BINGO** - Thursday, November 11th, in the parish center. Early birds begin at 5:30 PM; Regular games begin at 6:00 PM; Doors and Kitchen open at 4:30 PM. Tricky Trays will be available. Admission is \$10.00. Anyone wishing to donate tricky trays or food items, please contact Mary Lloyd.





Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd  
Parish Pastoral Council Update.

On September 29th, the Pastoral Parish Councils of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd agreed to form one council. We are the first linked parishes in our Diocese to do so. There are no Diocesan guidelines for such a project, so it really is a work in progress. We held our first meeting October 24th and the group was eager to begin working toward fulfilling the Pastoral goals set by each parish. It is important to remember even though we have one council we will maintain each parish's individual identity.

- Some of the common goals in each parish's pastoral plan are lifelong faith formation and improving communication. These were common concerns parishioners voiced in the surveys completed during the formation of the pastoral plans. The council is working on ideas to make faith formation more attractive to the young and old alike. As plans are developed more information will follow.
- To improve communication, the bulletins from each parish will be redesigned. A tri-fold pamphlet is being developed that will accommodate information from both parishes. This will reduce cost and eliminate duplication.
- The website from Immaculate Conception will be updated to mirror Good Shepherd's which is more user friendly and easier to navigate.
- Work is also underway to develop a calendar of events for each parish. It will be made available in the bulletin and on the websites. This will keep parishioners up to date on the activities in each parish.
- Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the former members of each council who chose to pursue other ministries in the parish. It was through their hard work and dedication that created the pastoral plans and made the transition to a combined council possible.
- The new council members are as follows: Gene DellaCroce, Donna Good, Kelly Kostanesky (Secretary), Matt Krone, T.J. Puzzetti, Kaitlyn Puzzetti (Youth Representative), Jason Turri, Katie Ventra, and Dave Williams (Vice-Chairman).

Jim Eisenhart, Council Chairman.