



Good Shepherd Church

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe

November 26, 2023



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday, November 25

6:00PM Kathleen Ferdinand ~ Jim & Roxann
Kapuschinsky

Sunday, November 26

8:00AM Natale G. Tambasco – Cousins, Kim & Bob
Martin & Family

9:30AM Frank Skawinski ~ Wife, Anna & Family

Monday, November 27

8:00AM George Polesko ~ Wife, Pat Polesko

Tuesday, November 28

8:00 AM Mary Villano ~ Mr. & Mrs. Gary Pienkowski

Wednesday, November 29

8:00AM Patrick Donahue ~ Judi Zanolini

Thursday, November 30

8:00AM Michael H. Shewack ~ Elaine Beltrami

Friday, December 1

8:00AM Helen Koval ~ Rich & Henrietta Morris

Saturday, December 2

6:00PM Alexander Martin ~ Mom, Dad, Rob & Desiree

Sunday, December 3

8:00AM Daniel & Brigida Zola – Daughter, Anna
Skawinski, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

9:30AM John & Dolores Ratchko ~ The Family



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 has asked us to collect canned cranberry sauce for the Christmas. The deadline for donations is **Monday, December 11**. Please check expiration dates. *The staff of the Valley Food Pantry is very grateful for your donations and thanks you for your generosity!*

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.

Advent Scripture Sessions on the Infancy Gospels: Rev. Connell A. McHugh, Pastor Emeritus of Good Shepherd will offer presentations on the Infancy Gospels of Luke and Matthew on Wednesday, November 29 and Wednesday, December 6 at 9AM in the parish hall. He will discuss the persons in the Infancy Narratives, the differences and similarities between Luke's and Matthew's versions and how the Infancy Gospels of Luke and Matthew fit the theology of their entire gospels. The Gospel Presentations are open to the community free of charge. Registration is preferred since notes will be provided. Call the parish office at 570-788-3141 to register.

Shepherds Hands November Sock Drive: We will be collecting new Men's, Women's, and Children's socks throughout the month of November for distribution at the Homeless Shelter and Soup Kitchen this winter. Please place your donations in the box in the back of the church.



Santa Needs Your Help: Our Breakfast with Santa will be held on Sunday, December 3, and donations of candy canes are needed. All donations can be dropped off under the table in the church vestibule or at the parish office. Santa thanks you for your generosity!



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Natale G. Tombasco** by Cousins, Kim & Bob Martin & Family



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Louis Beltrami** by Wife, 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**.

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

We welcome **Andrew Slavick** as our newest member.



During the month of November, instead of a weekly message, we will be telling our vocation stories.

Deacon Jim's Vocation Journey: My journey to the Permanent Diaconate was interesting and was God's plan for me. I have been privileged to grow in my relationship with Christ by sharing the Sacrament of Marriage with my wife and having wonderful children. Following my graduation from college, I embarked on a successful secular career and raising my family.

I picked up from my earlier days of being an Altar Server and as an Adult became and served in various lay ministries of the Church. Then one day, I recall seeing a married man serve alongside a priest at mass. The role of a Deacon became more noticeable to me. I thought to myself that this is where the Lord was calling me for a greater role in service to Him and His flock. My initial thinking, as we find in Matthew, was *"Lord, I am not worthy;"* however, after much prayer to the Holy Spirit and spiritual direction and the support of my family, I was blessed to have answered the Lord's call to my next vocation (*there was no dramatic event such as seeing a vision or being struck by lightning*). My calling was confirmed on the day of my ordination as a Permanent Deacon to the clerical state in the Catholic Church with the laying on of hands.

In the title of the hymn, *"Here I Am, Lord"*, I responded to God's call and am faithfully serving Him and as a servant to His people.



SAVE THE DATE: The Appreciation Dinner for the adult volunteers of Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd Parishes is scheduled for Sunday, January 7, 2024 at Sand Springs Country Club, Drums. Registration information will be published in future parish bulletins.



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

CHRISTMAS CARD ADDRESSES:



Rev. Arun Lakra
612 Hudson Street
Forest City, PA 18421

Rev. Rawel Toppo
5700 Bear Creek Blvd.
Bear Creek, PA 18602



The VOICE of JOHN ministry will hold its annual Christmas Card Sale the weekends of November 26th and December 3rd. Cards are \$20 per pack of 15 cards, available in the foyer of the church. All proceeds will be used for our educational efforts, age specific programs for grades K through adult. John Frank announced the winner of the contest, Noah Bauder, a student at Marian Catholic High School who inspired the beautiful verse for this year's card. A special congratulations to Olivia Fritz, a 7th grade CCD student from St Patrick's White Haven who placed 2nd in the competition with her contribution of art and verse.

GIFT CARD SALES are available from St. Patrick's Church. They have all major stores, restaurants, and groceries, as well as Visa cards. If you are interested in purchasing gift cards, the order must be in by Saturday, December 10th. Call the parish office for more information.



ST. ANN'S BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be held this Sunday at 2:00 PM at Good Shepherd Parish. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

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



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Sat. 11/25 4:00 PM
 Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar

Sun. 11/26 11:00 AM
 John E. Howanitz by His Children and Grandchildren

Mon. 11/27 7:00 PM
 Jean Iben by Her Husband John and Daughter Jessica

Tue. 11/28 7:00 AM
 Anna Marie Zawatsky by Daniel Kopczynskie

Wed. 11/29 7:00 AM
 Deceased Members of the Hrino and Yancus Families and Veronica Chesek by Ben Hrino

Thur. 11/30 7:00 AM
 Philip Voystock by John Collins

Fri. 12/1 7:00 AM
 Donald Rogusky by Al Balon

Sat. 12/2 4:00 PM
 John Stefanik, Jr. by His Wife Kathy & Children

Sun. 12/3 11:00 AM
 Gary Zabretsky by Cindy Zabretsky & Children

POINSETTIA DELIVERY: The Community Service Team will be delivering poinsettias to our beloved elderly and homebound parishioners on Saturday, December 2nd, beginning at 10:00 AM. If no one is home, the poinsettia will be placed outside.



GIVING TREE GIFTS are due on the altar by Sunday, December 16th. If you have not yet registered your gift tag with the parish office, please do so as soon as possible 570-636-3035. Feel free to leave a message



Our Weekly Offerings Will Be Posted in Next Week's Bulletin Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Bob Hludzik by Mary Ann



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE is burning in Memory of Anna Marie Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie

MEMORIAL DONATIONS in Memory of Ann Marie Della Croce: \$50 each from Mark and Bernadette Brasavage, Mark and Kathleen Novitsky, and Donna Murmello and Family



Please join us on Sunday, December 3rd, to celebrate the start of the Advent season. It will be an opportunity to relax and refocus with friends on the true meaning of Christmas. This year's program, **"The Light to Brighten Your Christmas"**, will start at 5:00 PM in the church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception & will include scripture readings, music and reflection, festive decorated tables, snacks, refreshments, and desserts.

The program is open to both parishes and anyone who would like to attend. 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 26th.

Please plan to join us for this beautiful & memorable Advent celebration. Hope to see you there!!