

# Immaculate Conception Parish

## Second Sunday of Advent

### December 4, 2022



#### ✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

**Saturday 12/3 4:00 PM**  
Carrie and Russell Smith by Carol and Family

**Sunday 12/4 11:00 AM**  
Robert Hludzik by Mary Ann

**Monday 12/5 9:00 AM TV Mass**  
Dorothy Rimshaw by Clara Barrho

**12/5 7:00 PM**  
Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne and Gerry, Jr.

**Tuesday 12/6 7:00 AM**  
Eleanor Ganderella by Her Husband

**Wednesday 12/7 7:00 AM**  
Virginia Puzetti by Gerald Puzetti


**12/7 7:00 PM Vigil Mass**  
George Evancho, Sr. by Paula Gallagher and Thomas Prokopovich

**Thursday 12/8 7:00 AM**  
Bob, Jean, and John Iorio by Susan, Janet, and Ruth


**Friday 12/9 7:00 AM**  
Mary Theresa Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie


**Saturday 12/11 4:00 PM**  
Thomas and Mary Ferko by Daughter Frances and Family

**Sunday 12/11 11:00 AM**  
Father Richard Zavacki by Mary

 **Eucharistic Adoration** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place one half hour before each of the weekend masses during the Advent season. Why not come to church a little early and spend some time with your Savior.


 **GIVING TREE** Please have your Giving Tree gifts on the altar steps or in the parish office by Sunday, December 10th.

 Homebound parishioners who would like to receive the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion can schedule a visit with Father Rawel by calling the parish office at 570-636-3035.




 **Cruising In The Fall TO New England and Canada**


**LET'S CRUISE NEXT FALL TO NEW ENGLAND AND CANADA!** A beautiful 9-day cruise leaving from Cape Liberty, New Jersey with stops in Boston, MA; Portland, ME; Bar Harbor, ME; St. John, New Brunswick; and Halifax Canada. The cruise dates are from September 7 to 16, 2023. Contact the parish office and leave your name and phone number for further details.


 **Last Weekend:**  
Sunday \$3,524; Loose \$113; Dues \$894; Care and Education of Priests \$87; Capital Improvement \$26; Christmas Flowers \$375; Other \$191; Poor Box \$145

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



**OUR SANCTUARY LAMP** is burning this week for Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne and Gerry, Jr.



 **2023 PARISH CALENDARS** are available at the entrances of the church. Our calendars are donated by Stanley A. Wilczek and Robert McNulty.


**POINSETTIA DELIVERY** – Sincere thanks to everyone who participated in the delivery of the poinsettias to our beloved elderly, homebound, and nursing home residents this weekend. Your kindness means so much!

**CHRISTMAS CARD ADDRESSES:**

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

**Rev. J. Duane Gavitt**  
5700 Bear Creek Blvd.  
Bear Creek, PA 18602



 **Food Pantry Needs** Community/Service Team is requesting snacks for December. We thank you for your continuing support of the needy in our community.



### An Advent Message from Father Mike...

This is the second Sunday of the Advent season. We hear John the Baptist crying out in the wilderness encouraging all of us to Prepare the Way of the Lord. The word theme for the second Sunday of Advent is: **REVELATION!** God wants to reveal Himself to us in the birth of Jesus. We all know this will happen at Christmas. But God also wants to reveal Himself to us on a daily basis. I challenge all of you this week to see how God reveals Himself to you. This past weekend someone handed me an envelope and said: "Father, use this for a needy family." I was so touched by the gentle movement of God's hands to make sure that someone would have a good Christmas. God wants to reveal Himself to you. All you have to do is look!



**Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception Faith Formation students are invited to take part in a musical meditation on the Christmas Story which will be held on Sunday, December 11th, after the 9:30 AM Mass. Practice is on Monday evenings from 5:30 – 6:15 PM. All Faith Formation students are welcome to participate!**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER & SHOW:** A Christmas concert and dinner will be held Sunday December 18th, 1-5pm, at the Hazleton Elks Lodge 635 East Broad Street, Hazleton. There will be a full dinner buffet, dessert, coffee/tea with cash bar available. The concert will feature Christmas song favorites by vocalist Jack James followed by a Christmas sing-a-long and a visit from St. Nick. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling [\(570\) 454-8000](tel:5704548000).



**HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL 8TH GRADE PLACEMENT / SCHOLARSHIP TEST** will be given on Saturday, December 10th, from 8:30 – 11:45 AM. Call the Guidance Office to register for the test at 570-829-2424.



**THE MESSENGERS OF HOPE MINISTRY at Immaculate Conception Parish** is planning a new "CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING SERVICE" that will start during Advent next year. We would like to ask for any donations of gift boxes, tissue paper, wrapping paper, scotch tape, and bows. There will be a bin in the back of the church for you to drop your donations in. Any leftovers will be greatly appreciated.



An **ADULT VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS PARTY** for **BOTH PARISHES** will be held on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH**, at Sand Springs. More information will follow.



**OPLATKI WAFERS:** Packs of Oplatki wafers are available at both parishes. They are on the tables in the church vestibules. The cost is \$3.00 per pack of 5 five wafers.



**MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS** will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 12th, at Good Shepherd 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. Please note we do not preform Baptisms on healthy infants during the Lenten season. As such Baptisms should be scheduled up to February 21, 2023 (Ash Wednesday is on the 22nd) or after Easter, April 9, 2023.



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##### Saturday, December 3

6:00PM Anthony & Catherine Yamulla ~ M/M Joseph Yamulla

##### Sunday, December 4

8:00AM Nicholas & Helen Cortese ~ Son, Joseph & Diane Cortese

9:30AM John Rusnock, Jr. ~ Mother, Joan Michalochick & Sons, John Rusnock, III & Joshua Rusnock

##### Monday, December 5

8:00AM Richard Matz ~ Arlene & Daniel Gonzales

##### Tuesday, December 6

8:00 AM Betty Wyock ~ Mary Ann McGeehan

##### Wednesday, December 7

8:00AM Mary Stefanovich ~ Deborah & Patrick Donahue

6:00 PM Kathleen Carr ~ Jerry & Dorothy Beozzo

##### Thursday, December 8

8:00AM Patrick Donahue ~ Anna Skawinski

##### Friday, December 9

8:00AM Anthony Lynn, Sr. ~ M/M Donald Brown

##### Saturday, December 10

6:00PM Michael & Lena Formica ~ M/M Richard Stanek

##### Sunday, December 11

8:00AM Deceased Members of the Capozzelli Family ~ Anita Kobilis & Children

9:30AM Ashleyann Temborski ~ Mother & Daughter

#### Stewardship

**November 19 & 20:** Loose \$998.25; Offertory \$3,601; Dues \$1,199; Holy Day \$74; Christmas \$150; Flowers \$100; Capital Improvement \$301; Care & Education \$103; Campaign Human Development \$332; Retired Religious \$20

Mass Attendance - 519

**November 26 & 27:** Loose \$1,034; Offertory \$3,107; Dues \$1,335; Holy Day \$30; Christmas \$5; Flowers \$220; Capital Improvement \$130; Care & Education \$150; Campaign Human Development \$126;

Mass Attendance - 542



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Joseph Chura**, by Richard & JoAnn Chura



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Mary Hammer** by Granddaughter, Margaret Kasyan



**Tuesday Night Bingo:** Come join us for Bingo at Good Shepherd Church on

Tuesday evenings. The kitchen opens at **5:00PM** and our Early Bird game begins at **6:00PM**.



**The Valley Food Pantry** helps those in need of food, paper products, and hygienic articles. We have been asked to collect tomato products such as ketchup, spaghetti sauce, and canned tomatoes, drink mixes, baked beans, ramen noodle soup, canned soup, bar soap, body wash & shampoo. If you wish to send a monetary donation, the address is: Valley Food Pantry, PO Box 187 CUCC, Conyngham, PA 18219.

**Shepherds Hands Sock Collection:** Shepherds Hands Ministry will be collecting new adult socks (for men and women). The socks will be distributed to the clients at Divine Providence Homeless Shelter and the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. Please place the socks in the box inside the church entrance.

**Salvation Army Soup Kitchen:** Twice a month, Shepherds Hands coordinates a meal at the Hazleton Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. Volunteers donate, prepare and serve a hearty meal to around 45 people. The Soup Kitchen offers a free meal to anyone in need every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from **11:00 AM to 12:00 noon**. November showcased our Thanksgiving meal complete with turkey, stuffing, corn, hot rolls, bananas, pumpkin pie and ice cream. We would like to thank all those parishioners and friends of the parish who support this service project of the parish with their prayers, time, cooking talents, food and monetary donations. Our next meals will be held on Wednesday, December 7 and Wednesday, December 14. Volunteers are asked to report to the Soup Kitchen at **10:30AM**. For more information on how you can participate in this service ministry, please call the parish office or Dorothy Beozzo at 570-764-6359.

**Pro Life News:** Our parish Pro-Life team would like to thank all those who contributed to the Shine Baby Bottle Collection. \$1470.07 was collected and donated. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus and Shepherds Hands volunteers who assisted with the annual event.



**Breakfast with Mr. & Mrs. Santa** is this **Sunday, December 4**, at Good Shepherd Church Hall. The menu includes ham, bacon, eggs to order, potatoes, pancakes, pastry, yogurt, orange juice, coffee, tea, and chocolate milk. The cost is \$8.00/adult and \$4.00/child. Serving time is from **8:00 AM** until **11:00 AM**.

**Breakfast help needed:** We are looking for someone who would like to make the toast. If you are interested, call Barbara Lawrence at 570-788-1676.