



# Good Shepherd Church

## Second Sunday of Advent

### December 10, 2023



#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

##### Saturday, December 9

**6:00PM** Michael & Lena Formica ~ Mr. & Mrs.  
Richard Stanek

##### Sunday, December 10

**8:00AM** John Rusnock Jr. – Mother, Joan  
Michalochick

**9:30AM** Robert Monkoski (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) ~  
Mom, Dad, Sister & Brother

##### Monday, December 11

**8:00AM** Mark Dewitsky ~ Terri & Dan Dougherty

##### Tuesday, December 12

**8:00 AM** Martha Jayne St Mary ~ Mr. & Mrs.  
Francis Defazio & Martha Parrell

##### Wednesday, December 13

**8:00AM** Richard Zanolini ~ Judi & Family

##### Thursday, December 14

**8:00AM** Mary Louise Perilla ~ Janet Sockolosky &  
Richard Schlack

##### Friday, December 15

**8:00AM** Mark Bergamo ~ Judi Zanolini

##### Saturday, December 16

**6:00PM** Michaline & Sylvester Grzymiski ~ Family

##### Sunday, December 17

**8:00AM** Charles & Frances Benintende – Robert &  
Carol Carr (Daughter)

**9:30AM** Dorothy Marcinko ~ Daughters,  
Donna & Debbie

#### Stewardship

**December 2 & 3:** Loose \$830; Offertory \$3,723; Dues \$1,768; Care & Education of Priests \$505; Holy Days \$90; Christmas \$205; Flowers \$437; Capital Improvement \$87; Retired Religious \$25  
Mass Attendance – 519



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for  
**Robert Monkoski (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
By Mom, Dad, Sister & Brother



**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**.

**Pro Life News:** Our parish Pro-Life team would like to thank all those who contributed to the Shine Baby Bottle Collection. The total of **\$1,834.73** was collected and donated.



**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.

**Oplatki Wafers:** Packs of Oplatki wafers are available on the table in the church vestibule. **The cost is \$3.00 per pack of wafers.**

**2024 Calendars** and **Advent Booklets** are on the tables at both side exits of the church.

**Women of Good Shepherd** will meet on **Monday, December 11** at **6PM** in the St. Joseph Room. The activity for the evening will be a Yankee Swap Gift Exchange. To participate bring a \$20.00 gift to swap. Light refreshments will be served.

#### Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society

The next monthly mass will be **Monday, December 18 at 8 AM** and then it will be the **second Monday of each month for 2024**. Our Friday rosary is offered for our loved ones prior to the mass at **7:30AM**. Please join us if you can. If you have not already done so you can enroll your loved ones, simply by submit their names below and your loved ones will be permanently enrolled. There is no charge and you are not obligated to become an active member.

I would like to enroll my loved ones listed below:  
There is no limit to how many you can enroll. If more space is needed attach a separate paper.

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“A voice crying in the wilderness, prepare the way of the Lord.” I can remember as a child preparing for Christmas. We didn’t know it at the time, but we were poor. There was always food on the table, and I learned to like liver & onions, chicken gizzards and cow tongue (all foods that were inexpensive). Right after Thanksgiving

we began to cut boughs of ferns from the tall pine trees around our house. We took them to the basement (the basement still had a dirt floor). Mom and dad would transform those boughs of ferns into beautiful sprays for the front door. We took pine cones and sprayed them different colors. These sprays were not for our front door. We sold them. I was told we needed to do this to make Christmas nice for others. In reality, my parents needed the money to buy us gifts. How I miss those times. I long for the voice of my parents crying out in the wilderness: *Prepare the way of the Lord!*

**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.



**A Holly Jolly Christmas Dinner Music Show.** All are invited to a delicious homestyle Christmas dinner and Music Show on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16th, from 5:00 - 8:00 PM.** Dinner includes mashed & sweet potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, your choice of Turkey, Beef, Ham, or Haddock and homemade pumpkin pie or rice pudding. Coffee, tea, various soft drinks are included. A Classic Christmas music show will show will feature our local



musicians, Jack James on vocals and Frank Balon on trumpet. The dinner show will be at Woody’s Restaurant, 632 Centre Street, Freeland. Tickets are \$25 which includes a gift certificate drawing and door prizes. Please phone (570) 636-3333.



**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FROM BOTH PARISHES:** If you are an adult and have volunteered for our parish for any event (bingo, picnic, festival, monthly breakfast, lector, extraordinary minister, Messenger of Hope just to name a few), you are invited to a **THANK YOU dinner** at Sands Springs on **SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH, AT 2:00 PM.** This is an **ADULT ONLY DINNER.** Your spouse (if not a

volunteer) is welcome to come at a cost of \$25.00. We so value all of you who work to make our parishes a welcoming community. **DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS DECEMBER 29TH.** Please clip and fill out the coupon below so that we know how many will be attending. We look forward to seeing all of you on the 7th of January.

Volunteer:	_____	FREE
Spouse:	_____	\$25.00
Drop in the collection basket or at the office.		

**SPONSORS NEEDED FOR PURSE BINGO** to benefit Shine Women’s Center. Support life in our communities! Please consider sponsoring a purse (by Coach, Michael Kors, Kate Spade, or Fossil) for our upcoming Purse Bingo in January. Sponsor 1 purse for \$150 or 3 for \$400. Call the center at 570-433-1435 or email [director@shinewomenscenter.com](mailto:director@shinewomenscenter.com) for more information. Deadline for sponsors is December 31, 2023.

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



**Immaculate Conception Parish**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**December 10, 2023**



**Mass Intentions**  
 FOR THE WEEK



Sat. 12/9 4:00 PM  
 Margaret Blasko by Paula

Sun. 12/10 11:00 AM  
 Mary Theresa Kopczynskie by Daniel  
 Kopczynskie

2:00 PM

**Healing Mass**

Mon. 12/11 9:00 AM TV Mass  
 Mary Theresa Kopczynskie and Anna Marie  
 Zawatsky by Their Brothers Matt & Daniel  
 7:00 PM

Father Richard Zavacki by Mary

Tue. 12/12 7:00 AM  
 Mary Webb and John and Betty Correll by  
 Michele and Marty Kimmel

Wed. 12/13 7:00 AM  
 Anne Marie Ceriani by the Ashman Family

Thur. 11/14 7:00 AM  
 Anna Marie Kopczynskie by John  
 Kopczynskie and Family

Fri. 12/15 7:00 AM  
 Anna Marie Kopczynskie by Matt and the  
 Viechec Family

Sat. 12/16 4:00 PM  
 Deceased Members of the Batcha and  
 Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by JoAnne

Sun. 12/17 11:00 AM  
 John and Millie Durso by Terry, Gina, and  
 Melane



Weekly Offering Sunday \$3,881; Loose \$236; Dues 512\$;  
 Care and Education of Priests  
 \$549; Christmas Flowers \$816; Other \$27; Capital  
 Improvement \$94; Poor Box \$98

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS in Memory of David  
 Kulina: \$25 by Helen Lonczynski; \$25 by Joan  
 Chincola**

**MEMORIAL DONATION in Memory of Anne  
 Marie Della Croce: \$100 by Stella and Tom  
 Gabuzda**

**CHRISTMAS CARD ADDRESSES:**

Rev. Arun Lakra                      Rev. Rawel Toppo  
 612 Hudson Street                5700 Bear Creek Blvd.  
 Forest City, PA 18421            Bear Creek, PA 18602



**GIVING TREE GIFTS are due on the altar or in the  
 parish office by next Sunday, December 17th.**

**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 Community/Service Team is  
 requesting Canned sauerkraut, instant  
 mashed potatoes, rice, and paper  
 products this month. We thank all who support the  
 needy families in our community.**



**MESSENGERS OF HOPE ADVENT  
 GIFT WRAPPING SERVICE kicks off  
 this week. Here is the schedule for  
 wrapping. Wednesday from 1:00 – 4:00  
 PM; Saturday 12:00 – 3:00 PM**

**Sunday 12:00 – 4:00 PM. More hours  
 might be added depending on the  
 popularity and need. Anyone who enjoys  
 gift wrapping is welcome and encouraged  
 to join us.**



**\*\*\* Gift wrapping service is free of charge. If you  
 would like to make a donation, everything will be used  
 to purchase coats for needy children.**



**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR and OUR  
 SACRISTY CANDLE are burning this  
 week in Memory of Mary Theresa  
 Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie**



**OPLATKI WAFERS are available on the table at the  
 entrance to the church. Cost for each packet is \$3.00  
 each.**