



Good Shepherd Parish

Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

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

Monday, December 12

8:00AM Richard Zanolini ~ Wife, Judith & Family

Tuesday, December 13

8:00 AM Sass Family ~ Bob & Judy

Wednesday, December 14

8:00AM Mary Wilson ~ Richard & JoAnn Chura

Thursday, December 15

8:00AM Peggy Russo ~ Sylvia Borofski

Friday, December 16

8:00AM Mary Stefanovich ~ Wydock Family

Saturday, December 17

6:00PM Dorothy Marcinko ~ Daughter, Donna

Sunday, December 18

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

9:30AM Brigida & Daniel Zola ~ Daughter, Anna & Family

Stewardship

December 3 & 4: Loose \$704; Offertory \$3,583; Dues \$2,820; Holy Day \$77; Christmas \$155; Flowers \$384; Capital Improvement \$77; Care & Education \$370; Campaign Human Development \$15; Mission Sunday \$1; Retired Religious \$25
Mass Attendance – 497



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Fred & Eleanor Proske**, by Proske 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** and our Early Bird game begins at **6:00PM**.

Women of Good Shepherd will meet on **Monday, December 12** at **6 pm** in the Saint Joseph Room. We will be having a Yankee Swap Gift Exchange. Each member is asked to bring a \$10 to \$15 wrapped gift for the exchange. We will play a game and have light refreshments. This will be our last formal meeting until March. More information will follow about our Winter White Tea at the Garden Tea Room in January.

2023 Calendars are on the tables in the back of the church near the exits.



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.

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen: Our next meals will be held on 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.

Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception Faith Formation students will be performing a Christmas Play to be held this **Sunday, December 11**, following the **9:30 AM** mass.

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 just to name a few), you are invited to a **THANK YOU** dinner at Sands Springs on Sunday, January 8 at 2pm. This is an adult dinner. Your spouse (if not a volunteer) is welcome to come at a cost of \$25.00. We so value all of you who w to make our parishes a welcoming community. Deadline is January 1. We look forward to seeing all of you on the 8th of January.

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

Knights of Columbus Council 8613 will hold a Christmas dinner on **Monday, December 12** at **5 PM** at the Lookout House. Members and their guest are invited. Contact Bob Hoppy at 570-956-2419 if you plan to attend.

The Head Start Giving Tree: Return your wrapped gift and tag by **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**. Thank you for your generosity!

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

The Baptist Church on Ridge Street in Freeland will host a live Nativity on **Sunday** at **5:30 PM** and **7:30 PM**. All are welcome and encouraged to be present for this most holy presentation of the birth of our Savior.



An Advent Message from Father Mike...

This is the Third Sunday of Advent. It is traditionally called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. The celebrant usually wears a rose-colored vestment (not pink – LOL). The third candle of the Advent Wreath is lit – it too is rose-colored. The side banners on the altar areas proclaim the word: Celebration.

In this weekend’s Gospel, Jesus tells the disciples of John the Baptist to look around and see the good that is being accomplished: the blind see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, and lepers are cured. The signs are there, **YOU JUST HAVE TO SEE THEM**. The large banners in church proclaim: This Will Be A Sign For YOU!

The challenge this week will be for you to recognize the **SIGNS** around you that the Lord is coming. Once you see them, the Celebration will begin. Recognize Jesus as already present, then have that wonderful celebration!



Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception Faith Formation students will present a musical meditation on the Christmas Story which will be held this Sunday, December 11th, after the 9:30 AM Mass.

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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).



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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 perform 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.



Immaculate Conception Parish

Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday

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✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Saturday 12/10 4:00 PM
Thomas and Mary Ferko by Their Daughter Frances and Family

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

Monday 12/12 7:00 PM
George and Verna Soltis by Their Daughter Mary and Family

Tuesday 12/13 7:00 AM
Robert and Joseph Baran by Mary and Family

Wednesday 12/14 7:00 AM
Rita Babbish by Her Dad

Thursday 12/15 7:00 AM
John Uhrin, Sr. by Mary, John, Jr., and Debbie Uhrin

Friday 12/16 7:00 AM
Madeline Chuckra by Joan Steibler and Colleen

Saturday 12/17 4:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by JoAnne and Barbara

Sunday 12/18 11:00 AM
Louis Durange, Sr. by His Wife Anna Marie

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 quiet time with your Savior.

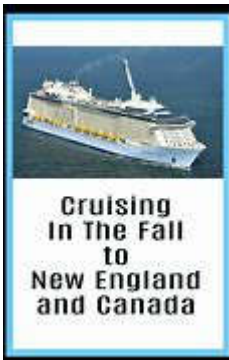
Please have your Giving Tree gifts on the altar steps or in the parish office by this Sunday, December 11th.



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.



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 \$3,449; Loose \$180; Dues \$746; Care and Education of Priests \$541; Christmas Flowers \$303; Capital Improvement \$530; Other \$117; Poor Box \$120

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR AND OUR SANCTUARY LAMP are burning in Memory of George and Verna Soltis by Their Daughter Mary and Family



2023 PARISH CALENDARS are available at the entrances of the church. Our calendars are donated through the generosity of Stanley Wilczek and Robert McNulty.



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



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



THE MESSENGERS OF HOPE are planning a new "CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING SERVICE" that will start during Advent next year. We are asking for donations of gift boxes, tissue paper, wrapping paper, scotch tape, and bows. There will be bins in the back of the church for you to drop your donations in. Any leftovers will be greatly appreciated.

