



Good Shepherd Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday, December 23

6:00PM Genevieve Krasko ~ Karen Thomas

Sunday, December 24

8:00AM Leona Price – Al & Ronnie Olshefski

9:30AM Stephen Michalochick ~ Wife, Joan

4:00PM Stefanick Family ~ Linda, Diane & Family

9:00PM Kristine Roig ~ Daughter, Jennifer Stone

Monday, December 25

8:00AM Kathleen Carr ~ Joseph & Maureen Umbriac

9:30AM Patrick & Anna Mae McAfee ~ Children & Grandchildren

Tuesday, December 26

8:00 AM Homebound & Nursing/Personal Care Home Parishioners ~ Parishioners of Good Shepherd

Wednesday, December 27

8:00AM James Wilson ~ Family

Thursday, December 28

8:00AM Patrick Donahue ~ Jennifer & Michael Joseph

Friday, December 29

8:00AM Felix & Christine Kusiak ~ Robert & Lee Kusiak

Saturday, December 30

6:00PM Michael Shewack ~ Wife, RoseMarie & Children

Sunday, December 31

8:00AM Health & Blessings for Janet Amentler ~ Barbara Wydock & Family

9:30AM Lucille & Robert Martin ~ Son, Robert & Kimberly & Family

Stewardship

December 16 & 17: Loose \$876; Offertory \$4,712; Dues \$698; Care & Education of Priests \$47; Holy Days \$221; Christmas \$976; Flowers \$143; Campaign/Human Development \$10; Capital Improvement \$322; Retired Religious \$103; Communications \$15; Peter's Pence \$25
Mass Attendance – 514



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Helen Zelenak** by Family



The Rose for Life this week in memory of **babies who lost their lives through miscarriage, premature birth and were stillborn** by Good Shepherd Pro-Lifers



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**. **NO BINGO DECEMBER 26, will resume January 2.**

No Faith Formation December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.



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.

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.

Mark your calendar: Halupki rolling- **January 13.** We will be rolling Halupki at **9AM**. Come and join us if you can! Thank you.

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.



Have a song in your heart??? We need you in our choir. No experience necessary. Practice on Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30PM.



Combined Ministries Service Project:

Several of our parish ministries are working together on a **"Share the Love"** project to help local women in need. We are asking for donations of gently used purses, travel sized toiletries and any pieces of jewelry you no longer wear. We will gather in January to fill the purses and distribute them to women in need on Valentine's Day. If you have any items you'd like to donate, you can place them in the "Share the Love" box in the vestibule. Thank you!



Throughout Advent, there will be **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** for a half hour prior to **ALL** weekend mass. Please come spend time with Jesus!

Stitches of Love Ministry is a crochet & knitting ministry that donates our work to those in need. We will not be meeting the next two Mondays. We will resume Monday at **1 PM (Afternoon)** on **January 8** in the St. Joseph Room. If interested, or for more information, please call the office at 570-788-3141 or email the church at gsch@ptd.net.

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



This weekend we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Advent. The gospel message is one that we've heard many times over. An angel appears, Mary is confused, the angel reassures her and eventually Mary says that all important YES!

In just a few hours after the celebration of the fourth Sunday of advent, we will begin our celebration to Christmas season. It all seems to run together. With all that's going I encourage all who are reading this message to take just a few moments of quiet time. Don't let the rush the season take away from the spirituality of the moment.

On behalf of myself, Father, Binesh, Father, O'Rourke, and Deacon Jim, we would like to wish you all a blessed and merry Christmas, and a happy new year!

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.



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.

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



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 FOR THE WEEK 

Sat. 12/23 4:00 PM
 Buzzy Peters and the Deceased Members of
 the Freeland High School Class of '66 by the
 Class of '66

Sun. 12/24 11:00 AM
 Rose M. Quinn by Virginia Dias
 4:00 PM Christmas Eve
 Russell and Elizabeth Shupp by Sally and Les
 Shupp

10:00 PM Christmas Eve
 John Grega and His Wife Emma Grega by
 Their Children Jackie and Mary

Mon. 12/25 7:30 AM Christmas Day
 Magdaline Kislán by Her Husband Bob

11:00 AM
 Colleen Donlin by Her Family

Tue. 12/26 7:00 AM
 Henry Kopczynskie, Jr. by John Kopczynskie
 and Family

Wed. 12/27 7:00 AM
 Anne Marie Ceriani by Walter & Eleanor
 Golab

Thur. 11/28 7:00 AM
 Anna Marie Kopczynskie by M/M Joseph
 Grega

Fri. 12/29 7:00 AM
 Peter and Stella Amentler by Janet and John
 Amentler

Sat. 12/30 4:00 PM
 Bob Hludzek by Mary Ann

Sun. 12/31 11:00 AM
 John Grega and His Wife Emma Grega by
 Their Children Jackie and Mary



Last Weekend:
 Sunday \$3,660; Loose \$245;
 Dues \$1,802; Care and
 Education of Priests \$20;
 Christmas Flowers \$272;
 World Mission \$100; Human
 Development \$100; Immaculate
 Conception \$300; Religious Retirement
 \$244; Capital Improvement \$130; Poor
 Box \$124

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



**OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning
 this week in Memory of Steve Korol
 by JoAnne**



**OUR PARISH HAS A NEW USER-
 FRIENDLY PARISH WEBSITE.**

Check us out at:

<http://sites.google.com/view/olichome-freeland-pa/home>

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24th

Immaculate Conception: 4:00 and 10:00 PM
Good Shepherd: 4:00 and 9:00 PM
**St. Patrick's: 4:00 and 6:00 PM (Children's
 Nativity Story)**

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25th

Immaculate Conception: 7:30 and 11:00 AM
Good Shepherd: 8:00 and 9:30 AM
St. Patrick's: 10:15 AM