



Immaculate Conception Parish

Feast of the Holy Family

December 31, 2023



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- Sat. 12/30 4:00 PM
Bob Hludzik by Mary Ann
- Sun. 12/31 11:00 AM
John T. Grega and Emma S. Grega by Their Children Jackie and Mary
- Mon. 1/1 7:00 PM
Maria Gallagher by Mary
- Tue. 1/2 7:00 AM
Maria Gallagher by Rose Mattavi and Family
- Wed. 1/3 7:00 AM
James McDermott by Stan and Fran Wysocky
- Thur. 1/4 7:00 AM
Jean Branz by M/M Daniel Sarosky
- Fri. 1/5 7:00 AM
Father Michael Kloton on His Birthday by His Parish Family
- Sat. 1/6 4:00 PM
Michael E. Dias by Virginia Dias and Family
- Sun. 1/7 11:00 AM
David Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie



OUR PARISH HAS A NEW USER-FRIENDLY PARISH WEBSITE.

Check us out at:

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

OUR GIVING TREE GIFTS were distributed to the parents of our needy children in our Freeland community this past Saturday. It is hard to put into words the gratitude of these parents for the Christmas gifts you provided. In today's world with so many insecurities, these parents are comforted knowing that there will be a gift for each of their children this year.



For those of you who called to register your gifts, we want to thank you so very, very much. You made our jobs so much easier! In the past, we often had many missing gifts which we had to scramble to provide so that no child would be disappointed on Christmas morning. This year there were very few, and we credit that to our wonderful parishioners who called the office and registered your gifts. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



THIS WEEK'S OFFERINGS WILL BE POSTED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR and OUR SACRISTY CANDLE are burning this week in Memory of Michael Dias by His Mother Virginia



MEMORIAL DONATION of \$20.00 in Memory of Agnes Ferreira by Simon and Aileen Kazinetz



Our Community-Service Team is requesting coffee, tea, and instant soup mix for January. We thank all our parishioners who support those in need in our community.





This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph. With any family, one of the most important values is the word PATIENCE. We learned about patience growing up in a home with only one bathroom. Imagine 5 children and two adults sharing one bathroom! Patience was a virtue in our home. “Hey, hurry up, I gotta go!”

In today’s Gospel we hear about Anna and Simeon, who came to the Temple every day waiting for the promised Messiah. Mary and Joseph came with Jesus and they knew their prayer and patience had been answered. Anna and Simeon’s patience paid off.

I challenge you this week to think about your birth family and maybe your current family. What virtues did you learn from your family? How about the gift of patience in your home? I’m guessing at times there were moments when patience was running thin. We may not be the perfect family like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, but we are all family.

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.



MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE will take place on Sunday, January 28th, from 2:00 until 4:00 PM. Come learn how to make a Marian High School education possible.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

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. 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).

Aviso al Respecto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551).



Good Shepherd Church

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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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

Monday, January 1

8:00AM Mary Louise Perilla ~ Doug & Maryellen
Rudenko

Tuesday, January 2

8:00 AM Theresa Pfeil ~ Frank & Michelle Ciavarella

Wednesday, January 3

8:00AM Marilyn Tedesco ~ Connie Marcino

Thursday, January 4

8:00AM Theresa Melnick ~ Mary Marinock

Friday, January 5

8:00AM James Hoffman ~ Wife, Claire & Family

Saturday, January 6

6:00PM Michael Gentle ~ Wife & Sons, Mary Lou,
Michael John & Nicholas

Sunday, January 7

8:00AM Evelyn Rossi ~ Dolores & John Ruggiero

9:30AM Frank & Anna Brown ~ Don & Fran Kisacky

Stewardship

December 23 & 24: Loose \$1,519; Offertory \$6,602;
Dues \$1,324; Care & Education of Priests \$49; Holy
Days \$111; Flowers \$87;; Retired Religious \$60

December 24 & 25: Christmas Loose \$1,828;
Offertory \$6,883

Mass Attendance – 1270



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for
Stephen Michalochick by Wife, Joan



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 BREAKFAST FOR JANUARY

No Faith Formation December 31 and January 1.

We welcome **Tara & Noah Gennaro** as our newest
members.

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



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.

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!

Women of Good Shepherd will attend a Winter White
Tea on Saturday, **January 20** at **1PM** at The Garden
Tea Room in Conyngham. The cost is \$35.00. To reserve
your spot, please call Cathy Penkala at 570-436-5017.
This event is open to WOGS members, parishioners and
friends. RSVP by January 8. Seating is limited.

Stitches of Love Ministry is a crochet & knitting
ministry that donates our work to those in need. We will
not be meeting this Monday. 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.

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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
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