



# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish

## June 30, 2024



### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	6/29	4:00 PM
Lawrence Blasko, Jr. by Paula		
Sunday	6/30	11:00 AM
John B. and Helen E. Capozzelli by Their Son Lorenzo		
Monday	7/1	7:00 PM
Seth and Rose Wheeland by Steven and Mary Rushen		
Tuesday	7/2	7:00 AM
Raymond Dugan by JoAnn, David, and Nicolette Scheitrum		
Wednesday	7/3	7:00 AM
Anna Marie Dellacroce by Sue Farley		
Thursday	7/4	7:00 AM
God Bless America!		
Friday	7/5	7:00 AM
Eugene Zynel, Sr. by His Wife Joann and Family		
Saturday	7/6	4:00 PM
Corey Feickert by Angie Dwyer		
Sunday	7/7	1:00 AM
Rupert and Bette Sweet by the Turri Family		

MEMORIAL DONATION of \$40 was made in Memory of Martha Carr by Gary and Nancy Kapes

**BACKPACKS FOR OUR KIDS IN NEED** – The Messengers of Hope are collecting backpacks filled with school supplies for our needy children in our Freeland community. Backpacks are free of charge and available in a variety of colors in our parish office. Please stop by, pick one up, and fill it with the supplies. Let's not let any of our kids start school without the supplies they need. The backpacks are due on the altar steps or in the parish office by Sunday, August 11th.



2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK will open on MONDAY, JULY 1ST. Forms are included in this



week's bulletin, online on our website, and also in the parish office. Things you should know: the stipend for each mass remains at \$10.00; candles on the altar remain at \$15.00; sanctuary lamp remains at \$25.00. Because we are four parishes combined into one, you are asked to combine as many masses as possible. Please list an alternate date in the event your first choice is taken. Masses are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Because we are 4 parishes combined, mass requests fill up very quickly. To avoid being disappointed, please complete and return your forms as quickly as possible.

**RAFFLE TICKET WINNERS:** 1st \$500 Edward Rossi; 2nd \$500 Renee Sharkey; 3rd \$200 Rob DeJohn; 4th \$100 LDR Cooper; 5th \$100 Audrey Branz; 6th \$100 Kendra Petruce

**BOTH PARISH OFFICES will be closed on Thursday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. God bless America!!!**



**ALTAR CANDLES** are burning in Memory of Seth and Rose Wheeland by Steven and Mary Rushen



**OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning in Memory of Steve Korol by His Wife JoAnne

MEMORIAL DONATION of \$25.00 in Memory of Mary Baran by Dan Ravina.



A DONATION TO OUR CEMETERY FUND of \$200.00 was made in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Bzdil, Soroko, and Palya families by Helen Anne and Gerry Soroko, Jr.



**MEETING** on Monday, July 8th, after the evening mass for anyone interested in helping with a Meatball and Pasta dinner which will be held on Sunday, August 25th.



While in the seminary I first met Pat. He was from the Dallas area. We became great friends. Shortly after the beginning of our second year, Pat was diagnosed with leukemia. He eventually went into remission and continued his dream of becoming a priest. Sadly, after 4 years his cancer came back. Why would God do this to a man who wanted to become a priest. God does not give people cancer or make them die. In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that death is a normal part of life, but he also gives us a glimpse into eternal life. I know Pat lives forever with God.

**Catholic Social Services** has positions available for a Case Manager and Residential Support Staff in our Bridge to Independence Program, both full time and part time. For information on these opportunities, please call 570 450-7891 and ask for Ashley.

**Both Good Shepherd Church** ([www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdChurchDrums](http://www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdChurchDrums)) and **Immaculate Conception** ([www.facebook.com/ImmaculateConceptionFreeland](http://www.facebook.com/ImmaculateConceptionFreeland)) have Facebook pages. If you are on Facebook, please follow the pages! If you would like something posted on the page, please email Kelly at [kmmk1@ptd.net](mailto:kmmk1@ptd.net)

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Our parishes operate a combined Parish Pastoral Council to serve the members of both parishes. The Parish Pastoral Council guides and determines the direction of the parishes to fulfill the goals of our pastoral plans and the mission of the Church. Would you consider sharing your gifts as a member of the Pastoral Council? Do you know someone who would make a good member of the Pastoral Council? Nomination forms are available at the entrances to both churches and can be returned in the collection basket or to the parish office. Nominations will be accepted through **June 30**.

**PARISH DIRECTORY** - Good Shepherd and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parishes have a combined membership of over 1,300 households. Because only 34 families registered to be included in the joint parish directory, our Community-Service Teams **will not** be pursuing this directory as a service project.



**MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6PM on Thursday, July 25, at Our Lady Of Immaculate Conception, Freeland, downstairs in the Parish Hall Please use the door to the church located on Chestnut Street side when entering as**

**the main church doors will be locked. 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.**

**Cremation and Burial:** Did you know? The Catholic Church's attitude toward cremation has changed dramatically over time. The Church has changed its stance saying Resurrection is possible regardless of the method of final disposition. The process of cremation does in hours what nature does over hundreds of years. Cremation is an alternative method of burial. When it comes to burial and existing graves, most cemeteries allow for the burial of up to four cremated remains in an existing grave. What this means is this: if you have a family plot of 6 graves and each grave has a full body in it, you can place **UP TO 4** cremated remains on top of those graves. A family plot of 6 graves that appears to be full can now accommodate **UP TO** an additional 24 urns. Each cemetery individually makes their determination of exactly how many cremations can go into the graves in their particular cemetery. Families do not have to purchase additional graves. This method of burial may not work for everyone. The Cemetery Committee felt it was important for you to know that you do have options.

**Catholic Diocese of Sunyani** – This weekend, **June 29 & 30**, Rev. Stephen Kow Bosomafi of St. Thomas More Parish, Lake Ariel, on behalf of the Catholic Diocese of Sunyani, West Africa, will conduct their annual Mission Appeal at Good Shepherd and Immaculate Conception Parishes. The Catholic Diocese of Sunyani, West Africa is mostly situated in poor rural areas. The faithful are mainly young families who are mostly first and second generation Christians. The diocese believes in the holistic development of the human person. Part of its mission is to provide some basic development projects. Thus, it focuses on the following areas: primary evangelization, provision of safe drinking water, quality healthcare delivery, and education. Some of the funds we raise in both parishes would be used to support the mission of the Diocese including training of priests and religious. Additionally, funds raised in both parishes will enable them to better serve the people of God in their local churches. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!

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](http://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.



# Good Shepherd Church

## Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Times

### June 30, 2024



#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

##### Saturday, June 29

**6:00PM** Angelo & Josephine Matz & Matz Family  
~ Mary Jo & Bob

##### Sunday, June 30

**8:00AM** Bob Kobilis ~ Anita, Bobby & Julia  
Kobilis

**9:30AM** Anthony Gunzerath ~ Sister, Lorraine

##### Monday, July 1

**8:00AM** James Gendimenico ~ Richard & JoAnn  
Chura

##### Tuesday, July 2

**8:00 AM** Margaret Generose ~ Bob & Cathy  
Penkala

##### Wednesday, July 3

**8:00AM** Marie Yurkanin ~ Debbie & Kevin  
(Children)

##### Thursday, July 4

**8:00AM** The Sass Family ~ Bob & Judy

##### Friday, July 5

**8:00AM** Monica Kelly ~ Al & Veronica Olshefski

##### Saturday, July 6

**6:00PM** Charles Zaremba ~ Family

##### Sunday, July 7

**8:00AM** Dorothy Marcinko ~ Daughters, Donna  
& Debbie

**9:30AM** Morgan Karlick ~ Jackie, Mark, Chris,  
Ava & Amelia

#### Stewardship

**June 22 & 23:** Loose \$969; Offertory \$4,228;  
Dues \$440; Capital Improvement \$127; Care &  
Education of Priests \$6; Peter's Pence \$5  
Mass Attendance – 537



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week  
for **The Sass Family** by Bob & Judy



**The Rose for Life** this week is in memory  
of **Anthony & Esther Russo** by Cathy  
Stratchko

We welcome **John & Sonia Maslowski, Jeffrey  
Buckwash & Jean Belletiere** as our newest  
members.



**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**.



**The Valley Food Pantry** helps those in  
need. We have been asked to collect:  
spaghetti o's, peanut butter and poparts.  
Thank you for your donations. If you wish to send  
a monetary donation, the address is:  
Valley Food Pantry, PO Box 187 CUCC,  
Conyngham, PA 18219. Also, to the anonymous  
donors who have been sending money we greatly  
appreciate your generosity.

**Stitches of Love Ministry** is a crochet & knitting  
ministry that donates our work to those in need. All  
are welcome. Our next meeting will be Monday at  
**5 PM (Evening)** on **June 30th** in the St. Joseph  
Room. We hope to see you there. We accept  
donations of yarn, crochet hooks and knitting  
needles, patterns, stitch markers, etc. Items can  
be dropped off in the tote in the cry room **Thank  
you to ALL** who have been generously donating to  
our ministry!

Signed copies of Father McHugh's poetry book,  
**Kaleidoscope of the Heart**, will be **ON SALE** for  
**\$15.00. \$5.00** from the proceeds will go towards  
the parish festival. Books are available now in the  
office during normal business hours and will also be  
available at the festival.



Parishioners are always  
welcome and invited to take  
the gifts up during our  
weekend masses. If the mass  
intention is for your loved one or you sponsored  
the mass for someone or you would just like to  
volunteer, please let the ambassadors on duty  
know.