



Good Shepherd Church

Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Times

July 7, 2024



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

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

Monday, July 8

8:00AM Souls of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, July 9

8:00 AM W. Kevin O'Donnell ~ Daughter, Erin, & Jason & Chase Rudalavage

Wednesday, July 10

8:00AM Michael & Helen Hayden ~ Gerald Fetterman

Thursday, July 11

8:00AM Health & Blessings for Brian Gerard ~ Friend

Friday, July 12

8:00AM Janet Cherba ~ Elaine Beltrami

Saturday, July 13

6:00PM John & Dorothy Renaud ~ Family

Sunday, July 14

8:00AM Mary Lou Fetterman ~ Husband & Children

9:30AM Patrick Donahue ~ Bob & Lorraine Anderson

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 **Dorothy Marcinko & Leonard Good** by Daughters, Donna & Debbie



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Bernard Stratchko** by Daughters, Tina & Amy

HELP NEEDED: **July 10th, 9AM** Onion chopping bring your knives, cutting boards and food processors. **July 11th, 9AM** halushki making.

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**.

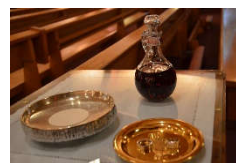


The Valley Food Pantry helps those in need. We have been asked to collect: spaghetti o's, peanut butter and pop tarts.

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 1 PM (afternoon)** on **July 8th** 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.

The Miracles of Jesus

When I go to Belmont Park the town I grew up in from the age of five people know me as Michael. They do not know me as Father Mike Kloton. These are family and friends. Jesus went to his hometown where they knew him as Jesus the son of the carpenter. They heard about his great deeds but they just didn't get it! He could not perform any miracles because of their lack of faith. They looked at Jesus and didn't see the son of God, they looked at Jesus and saw him as the kid from town. Your challenge this week is to look and find Jesus in all that you meet.

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) and Immaculate Conception (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

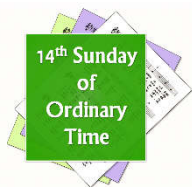
PARISH DIRECTORY - Good Shepherd and Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parishes have a combined membership of over 1,300 households. Because only 34 families registered to be included in the joint parish directory, our Community-Service Teams **will not** be pursuing this directory as a service project.



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.

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.



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish July 7, 2024



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- Sat. 7/6 4:00 PM
Corey Feickert by Angie Dwyer
- Sun. 7/7 11:00 AM
Rupert and Bette Sweet by the Turri Family
- Mon. 7/8 7:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne and Gerry, Jr.
- Tue. 7/9 7:00 AM
Terry M. Schiavone, Sr. by His Wife Joyce and Children
- Wed. 7/10 7:00 AM
Deceased Members of the Charnigo and Lapchak Families by John and Kathy Feschuk
- Thur. 7/11 7:00 AM
David Kulina by John and Anna Timcho
- Fri. 7/12 7:00 AM
Skippy Rish by His Mom and Dad
- Sat. 7/13 4:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Leo Ravina Family by Their Family
- Sun. 7/14 11:00 AM
Stephanie Iben by Her Father John and Sister Jessica

MEMORIAL DONATION of \$40.00 was made in Memory of Martha Carr by Mary and Tom Myers



Every Saturday at 8:30 AM and after each of the daily masses, the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Mother will be read in Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mary by the Legion of Mary.

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 supplies. Let's not let any of our kids start school without the supplies they need. Backpacks are due on the altar steps or in the parish office by Sunday, Aug 11th.



DUE TO THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY, CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE RECORDED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne & Gerry, Jr.



A DONATION TO OUR CEMETERY FUND of \$500.00 was made in Memory of Leo Wydock by Barb, Pat, and Leon.



2024 MASS INTENTION BOOK is open. Forms are available 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 your forms as quickly as possible.



HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY will meet on Saturday, July 27th, at 9:00 AM in the rectory to sign greeting cards.

On Thursday's we will pray the **Litany for Priests** at 7:15 AM prior to the rosary and mass. We will pray for the souls of the deceased priests of the Diocese of Scranton and ask their intercession for vocations. This week, July 7th, we pray for:

Rev. Felix J. Lafaj Rev. Patrick T. Roche Msgr. Edward L. Collins Msgr. Lawrence P. Weniger Msgr. John M. Puskar Rev. Vincent J. Mahon Rev. Charles W. Rokosz Rev. John F. McLaughlin	Rev. Thomas M. Yuen Msgr. James J. Kowalewski Rev. Daniel H. Green Rev. Patrick D. Healey Rev. James W. Loftus Rev. Francis H. Kraemer Rev. Joseph Kloss

Festival Corner Updates

For those volunteers who could not make the meeting on Wednesday the 26th the following reminders and updates are: Please arrive at least 15 minutes before your shift and report to the signup table downstairs in the parish hall. You will be given your food tickets for each shift you work per day. Volunteer parking is again behind the church. Your 2024 Festival Committee

Everyone looks forward to our **Summer Festival Bake Sale**. This year our sale will be extended to 3 days! We call upon all of our faithful bakers to volunteer and supply us with those delicious delicacies that make our Bake Sale so successful. Thank you ahead of time for saying, "YES"! Call Connie at 570-788-6216, Andrea at 570-788-2002 or Joanne at 570-788-2469.

Sign up sheets are in the St. Joseph Room after all masses and during the week.

Tricky Trays – To date we have 80 tricky trays donated for the festival. Thank you! The due date for donations is Monday, July 8th. Call Cathy Penkala (570-436-5017) or Aniela Ross (570-582-5623) if you have any questions. Tricky trays can be dropped off at Good Shepherd during office hours (Mon – Fri 8AM to 12PM).

Attention students in need of service hours:

Students in middle school and high school all need service hours if they want to participate in the junior national honor Society and the national honor Society, that's grades seventh through 12th. It's also good for your resumes for college to show you were helping your community and church, especially if you're an altar server. If you are interested in helping during the festival please call the office and leave your name and phone number.

This weekend, **July 6th and 7th** before and after the masses you'll be able to purchase advance food tickets for the festival. NO MORE WAITING IN LONG LINES. You can purchase them in \$10 or \$20 envelopes.

For those who attend Mass in the parking lot, please note these changes for weekend Masses during our Festival (**Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14**). Since the festival will be set up in the lower parking lot, you are encouraged to park along the tree line in the upper parking lot. Communion will be distributed at the end of the sidewalk in front of the church (closest to where you will be parked). You will be able to exit via the road to the cemetery on the other side of the church. Please be cautious of those exiting church! Thank you for your cooperation.

Shepherds Hands: Shepherds Hands is a service ministry of our parish. We assist with projects within our parish and community such as Shut-Ins, Divine Providence Homeless Shelter, Catholic Social Services and Pro-Life Activities. Due to the Fourth of July Holiday our next meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 11th at 3PM** in the St. Joseph's room. New members are always welcome.

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen: Twice a month, our parish donates, prepares and serves a hearty meal to approximately 40 people at the Hazleton Salvation Army Soup Kitchen located at the rear of Broad and Mine Streets (by Giant Supermarket). The Soup Kitchen is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11AM to 12 noon and offers a free meal to anyone who is in need of food and fellowship. Our next meal will be on **Wednesday July 11th**. Team members are asked to arrive by **10:30**. Special thanks goes to all those parishioners and friends of the parish who support this parish service project to the community with their prayers, time, cooking talents, monetary and food donations. Together, we are making a difference and sharing our Catholic faith! For more information on how you can participate, please contact the parish office or Dorothy Beozzo at 570-764-6359.

Calendar Corrections: There is **NO Word & Worship** meeting on **July 18** at Good Shepherd. The next meeting will be **August 22 at 4PM** in the St. Joseph Room. There is **NO Breakfast** for July. Breakfast will resume in August.

ST. JOHN BOSCO TO HOST "CATHOLIC MYSTICISM" AUTHOR

Catholic Mysticism will be the topic when the Saint John Bosco Roman Catholic Church hosts paranormal author Maxim Furek. The event will be held on Wednesday, July 17, at 6:00 pm at the Saint John Bosco Church, 573 State Rte. 93, Conyngham, PA 18249. The author will discuss aspects of Catholic Mysticism such as miracles and exorcisms, St. Theresa of Avila, Padre Pio, Pope John XXIII, Pope John Paul II, the existence of evil, and the author's friendship with Roman Catholic demonologists Ed and Lorraine Warren. Maxim Furek is the author of the Award-Winning Coal Region Hoodoo: Paranormal Tales from Inside the Pit and The Sheppton Mythology, which investigated one of the miracles of Pope John XXIII and was the 2023 Book of the Month for St John Bosco's Book Club. The author, a Mocanaqua resident, and a Vietnam Veteran brings a unique perspective and a personal connection to Catholic Mysticism, making this event a true community affair. The program is free and open to the public.