



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish July 14, 2024



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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

Mon. 7/15 7:00 PM
Marie Biasi by Mary

Tue. 7/16 7:00 AM
Bruce Kopczynskie by Dan Kopczynskie

Wed. 7/17 7:00 AM
Ann Yagalla by Rick and Jane Pshar

Thur. 7/18 7:00 AM
Bruce Hopeck by His Wife and Children

Fri. 7/19 7:00 AM
Peter and Stella Amentler by Their Children

Sat. 7/20 4:00 PM
Lillian Strohl by Her Husband Oscar

Sun. 7/21 11:00 AM
Father Joseph Matthey by Jim and Michalene Eisenhart

MEMORIAL DONATIONS in Memory of Marth Carr: \$50.00 by Kathleen Haentjens; \$20.00 by Mimi Keba; \$30.00 by Roseanne Denion; \$50.00 by Gerald and Mary Feissner; \$50.00 by Daniel and Christine McBride



A DONATION TO OUR CEMETERY FUND of \$25.00 was made in Memory of Leo Hydock by Rosemarie and Rocco Amentler.



Every Saturday at 8:30 AM and after each of the daily masses, the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Mother will be said 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.



Weekend of June 29/30:
Sunday \$3,936; Loose \$169.25;
Dues \$583; Care and Education of Priests \$40;
Peter's Pence \$ 707; Capital Improvement \$95; Poor Box \$78

Weekend of July 6/7:
Sunday \$3,635.25; Loose \$250; Dues \$400; Care and Education of Priests \$494; Peter's Pence \$77; Ascension \$10; Capital Improvement \$257; Poor Box \$92



2025 MASS INTENTION BOOK is open. Forms are available online on our website and also in the parish office. Masses are filling up very quickly.



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

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of the Thomas Kislan Family by the Leo Decowski Family

OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by JoAnne and Barbara



Our Community-Service Team will be collecting pudding cups, Jell-o cups, and cereal bars for the month of July.





Scripture gives us many prophets, God's voice to us and encouraging us to become better persons. In the first reading Amos tried to get the Israelites to reform their lives and turn back to God. In the Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples out in groups of two to challenge folks to repent. Her name was Miriam. She was a local woman who was the voice of God for many. She raised a family as a good Catholic woman. She worked for the Church. She was responsible for taking young people on mission trips all over the world and giving them an experience of working with the poor. Some prophets we recognize in Scripture and some live among us. How about you? Do you know any prophets?

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 Freeland** (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.



Good Shepherd Church

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Times

July 14, 2024



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

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

Monday, July 15

8:00AM Anthony, Margaret & James Cipriano ~ Ron Cipriano

Tuesday, July 16

8:00 AM Larry Sidari ~ The Tom Delehanty Family

Wednesday, July 17

8:00AM God's Health & Blessings for Janet Amentler ~ Barbara Wydock

Thursday, July 18

8:00AM Janice Zola ~ Irene Mira

Friday, July 19

8:00AM Intentions of the Damico Family

Saturday, July 20

6:00PM Marcel Calarco Sr. ~ Wife, Lois & Children

Sunday, July 21

8:00AM Health & Blessings for Dr. Edward Polashenski ~ Friends & Former Patients

9:30AM Elizabeth Christino ~ Husband, Maurice & Daughter, Melissa

Stewardship

June 29 & 30: Loose \$802; Offertory \$3,755; Dues \$405; Capital Improvement \$172; Care & Education of Priests \$50; Communications \$10; Peter's Pence \$153; Mission Sunday \$2491.50
Mass Attendance – 527

July 6 & 7: Loose \$924; Offertory \$5,527; Dues \$2,527; Capital Improvement \$137; Care & Education of Priests \$658; Peter's Pence \$40
Mass Attendance – 549



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**.



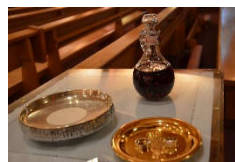
The Valley Food Pantry helps those in need. We have been asked to collect: spaghetti o's, peanut butter and pop tarts.

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 5 PM (afternoon)** on **July 15th** 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.

Parish Library: Good Shepherd Church provides a nice selection of faith-based books as well as books related to loss and grieving for use by parishioners. You may borrow a book to read at home and then return it when finished, or you may choose to sit and read in the library during open church hours and before the weekend Masses. The library is accessed through the door on the right-hand wall just before the confessional. **The library is open to both Good Shepherd & Immaculate Conception Parishioners.**

We welcome **Juan, Nelly, Katelyn, Hailey, Nicolas and Noah Pasten** as our newest members.



Vocation Chalice Program

The purpose of the ***Vocation Chalice Program*** is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. The consecrated Chalice is a tangible reminder of this special intention for the Church. The Second Vatican Council highlights the responsibility of the laity to pray for and support vocations. This urgent call has been strongly affirmed in the writings and addresses of Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

Praying for vocations is the most powerful way to support vocations. A vocation is a call from the Holy Spirit, a gift from God that is nurtured in prayer. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women whom He is calling to follow Him in a very special way. We hope that those who bring the cup home will continue to pray daily for vocations.

Each week after the Communion Prayer at the end of Mass, the family is called by the priest to come forward to receive the chalice bag and receive a blessing. The family takes the chalice home and puts it in a place of honor.

Then each day for a week, the family prays for an increase and perseverance of vocations. The following Sunday the family returns the chalice with bag prior to Mass and for another family to take home.

Daily Prayer for Vocations

Father, You call each of us by name to follow You.

Bless Your church by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve your people as priests, deacons and to the consecrated religious life.

Inspire us as we grow to know You and open our hearts to hear Your call.

We ask this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.