



Good Shepherd Church

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Times

July 21, 2024



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

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

Monday, July 22

8:00AM Marie Yurkanin ~ Mary Lomax

Tuesday, July 23

8:00 AM Susan Seprish ~ Husband, Joe

Wednesday, July 24

8:00AM Mary Baran ~ Leo Wydock & Family

Thursday, July 25

8:00AM Richard Heiser ~ Marie & Tony

Friday, July 26

8:00AM Jozef Molitoris ~ Daughter

Saturday, July 27

6:00PM Ann Monaghan ~ Anne Amerise

Sunday, July 28

8:00AM Robert D. Barkus ~ Anita, Bobby, Julia & Jimmy

9:30AM Deceased Members of the Clatch & Nitka Families ~ Joe & Dolores Clatch

Stewardship

July 13 & 14: Loose \$733; Offertory \$3,795; Dues \$1,146; Capital Improvement \$10; Care & Education of Priests \$179
Mass Attendance – 490



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Kathy Zimmerman** by Sister, Elaine



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Kathy Zimmerman** by Sister, Elaine Beltrami



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 22nd** 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!

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.

We welcome **Gregory, Peggy & Zachary Fetchko** as our newest members.



Please remember **Anna Sabol, Ronald Demko, Anthony Mussoline, David Cressman, Denise Saraceno, Lillian Curry and Patricia Rinehimer** and their grieving loved ones in your prayers. May they rest in peace!



You may not know that it is required by Canon Law that all priests must take a yearly retreat. This is time away from all duties to focus on prayer, spiritual talks and reflection. It is meant to recharge our spiritual life and renew our personal commitment to God. Over my almost 37 years of priesthood I have had some wonderful retreats and look forward each year to that personal time alone. In this weekend's Gospel Jesus takes his disciples to a deserted place to rest a while. Although for many a week-long retreat to focus on our relationship with God may be difficult, I urge you to take some time to be alone with God. Maybe an hour alone in a special place or a quiet walk in the woods. Going away to that deserted place to be with God is the law of the heart. Take the time!

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.

Catholic Social Services is in need of volunteers for weekly food pickups and deliveries. Pickups/deliveries will take no longer than 1 hour to complete. Please call 570-455-1521

Marian Catholic High School Please join us for one of our information sessions. Tour the school and learn how to make a Marian education possible. **August 5th, 11:30-1:00 or August 7th, 2:30-4:00.** Please contact Mary Milosh to RSVP. 570-467-3335 ext. 117 or mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org



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.

Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death

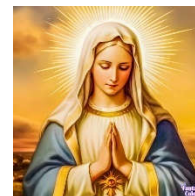
The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident. The Mass is scheduled for **Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM.** in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The mass will be televised on CTV. We ask that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on registration forms which are available in the parish office or on the Diocese of Scranton's website, www.dioceseofscranton.org. All forms must be received by July 19, 2024.

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 21, 2024



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

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

Mon. 7/22 9:00 AM TV MASS
Thelma Gallagher by Joe, Molly, and Kevin

7:00 PM
Marie Bias by Mary

Tue. 7/23 7:00 AM
Bruce Hopeck by His Wife and Children

Wed. 7/24 7:00 AM
Bruce and David Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie

Thur. 7/25 7:00 AM
Agnes Ferreira by Mimi and Butchie Zoshak

Fri. 7/26 7:00 AM
James McDermott by Mike and DeDe Maylath

Sat. 7/27 4:00 PM
Living and Deceased Members of the Nitka and Rapach Families by Linda Nitka-Moyer

Sun. 7/28 11:00 AM
Andrew Blasko, Sr. by Paula

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.



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.



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



MEATBALL AND PASTA DINNER will be held on **Sunday, August 25th**. Take-Outs will be available from 10:00 – 11:30 AM. Dinner will be available from 12:00 – 2:00 PM. **The cost is \$12.00**. We are looking for tricky tray donations. **Tickets go on sale Monday, July 22nd**, in the parish office and after the weekend masses. **Deadline for ticket purchases is Sunday, August 18th**.



Sunday \$4,892; Loose \$174; Dues \$776; Care and Education of Priests \$218; Capital Improvement \$218; Other \$65; Poor Box \$163.

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Bruce and David Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of the Living and Deceased Members of the Nitka and Rapach Families by Linda Nitka-Moyer



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.

On behalf of the Veterans and staff at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre, PA, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your donation of gift bags and canteen



books. We are so grateful for the donors who provided these items to our Veterans. Please pass along our appreciation to all members of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish, and again, thank you for your continued support of America's heroes.

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 21st, we pray for:

Rev. Charles Von Weldon
Rev. Edward F. Barrett
Rev. Robert T. Busteed
Rev. Louis Bobeck
Deacon James P. Feerick
Rev. John R. Ferguson
Rev. James W. Connolly
Rev. Simon J. Struckus

Deacon Clair J. Raisch
Rev. Joseph P. Bonner
Rev. Frank P. Mikus
Rev. Joseph E. O'Brien
Msgr. Connell A. McHugh
Rev. Joseph F. Fox
Rev. John Koury
Rev. Gerald M. Hughes

All Masses Online: Our camera system will allow you to watch **ALL MASSES** in both churches. This includes weekday, weekend, and holy days. The link for these masses is: [YouTube.com/channel/UCRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSysm3w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRogmn_HRMsPzAq4XSysm3w)

Having a summer party???

Please see us for 20# bags of ice. \$2.00 a bag. Call the church office.

Summer Festival Bake Sale: Thank you to all of our faithful bakers who supplied us with those delicious delicacies that made our Bake Sale so successful.

We wish to congratulate our 2024 Festival Raffle Winners:

1st Prize - \$1000.00 Josemarie Dvornicich
2nd Prize - \$750.00 Thomas Sterenchock
3rd Prize - \$500.00 Joyce Boyle
4th Prize - \$250.00 Barbara Somerdak
5th Prize - \$100.00 Robert Weeks
6th Prize - \$100.00 John Vetashick
7th Prize - \$50.00 Jackie Gorski
8th Prize - \$50.00 Helen James
9th Prize - \$25.00 Sandy Tunnessen
10th Prize - \$25.00 Shari Florida



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.

SCRANTON CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

HE IS OUR FREEDOM!

Come join hundreds of Catholics from all over the Northeast at the University of Scranton for an exciting weekend of teaching, preaching, praise, and prayer! International speakers will be sharing about our Freedom in the Lord! "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is FREEDOM" 2 Corinthians 3:17

August 2,3,4 - See ccrscranton.org for more information
Day and single-session registrations available at the conference

[For more information go to ccrscranton.org/conference](https://ccrscranton.org/conference)

VOCATION PRAYER CHALICE PROGRAM

Beginning on Sunday, August 4, 2024, our parish will be starting a new program called the "**Vocation Prayer Chalice Program**". This program encourages families to pray regularly for vocations to priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. Each week a family would receive the Vocation Chalice at Mass and take it home with a promise to "pray for vocations" during that week. The family would place the chalice in a prominent place in their home and gather each day to pray, asking God to help raise awareness for vocations. The following Sunday the family would bring the chalice back to the church where it was received no later than 15 minutes before Mass so the next family could take it home. We hope that through prayer, our parish may become a source of vocations to serve our diocese and the Church.

Please call the parish office at (570) 788-3141 (Good Shepherd) or (570) 636-3035 (Immaculate Conception) to register for the next available Mass date.

Schedule for weekly distribution of Chalice Program Mass times and worship sites are:

Good Shepherd Church – Sunday, 9:30 AM

Immaculate Conception – Sunday, 11:00 AM

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 7:00 PM

St. Peter's Cathedral

315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton, PA

***This Mass is offered for family and friends of those who have died in tragedy,
especially through murder, suicide, and accident.***

To register the name of your loved one for this liturgy, please complete the following form and mail to:

Office for Parish Life

C/O Mass of Remembrance

330 Wyoming Avenue

Scranton, PA 18503

All forms must be received by July 19, 2024

For questions or further information call 570-207-2213

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of Deceased: _____

(Please print)

(Please complete only if the name has not been registered)

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone: _____

Relationship to Deceased: _____