



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish July 28, 2024



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- Mon. 7/29 7:00 PM
Jean Branz by Jacqueline Mistichen
- Tue. 8/30 7:00 AM
Michelle Branz by Her Father Joseph Branz and Family
- Wed. 8/31 7:00 AM
Bruce Hopeck by His Wife and Children
- Thur. 8/1 7:00 AM
David Kulina by Michele Houser and Family
- Fri. 8/2 7:00 AM
James McDermott by James and Anna McDermott and Family
- Sat. 8/3 4:00 PM
John A. Dias by His Mother Virginia
- Sun. 8/4 11:00 AM
Joseph and Anna (Fedorsha) Falatko by Anna Plaksa and Family



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. Or you can make a donation and the Messengers of Hope will do your shopping for you! 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, August 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.



Sunday \$2,844; Loose \$174; Dues \$1,860; Care and Education of Priests \$85; Capital Improvement \$5; Other \$5; Poor Box \$97.10



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



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of Michelle Branz by Her Father Joseph Branz and Family

MEMORIAL DONATION OF \$500.00 was made in Memory of Ann Marie Della Croce by Bill and Phil Smith's Daughters Debbie Smith, Karen Bigelow, Nancy Biddle, and Linda Hackett; \$100.00 was made in Memory of Martha Carr by Shawn, Marsha, Kevin, and Elaine Carr.

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.





For the next few weeks we will hear about the "Bread of Life" theme in the Gospel. Jesus begins this journey with the classic Loaves and Fish miracle. He takes a small amount of food, blesses them and feeds thousands. What I find interesting is that the disciples collected the leftovers. There has to be a reason. When you walk into church, look beyond the altar to the Tabernacle. There you will find the answer. Jesus is present in the Bread of Life. The Catholic church is the only Christian tradition that believes in the True Presence in the Eucharist. For the next few weeks as we focus on the Bread of Life theme, look at the Tabernacle and you will know the real meaning of this weekend's Gospel.

The next **Charismatic Mass and Healing Service** at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham will be **Tuesday, September 17th at 7PM**. Fr. Naftali will preside, and Fr. Christian will con celebrate. Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45PM.

Parking Lot Masses: All weekend Masses at Good Shepherd Church will be available over your car radio. We ask that you park in the lower lot and tune your car radio to FM 98.3. You will be able to listen to the Mass over your radio in the comfort of your car and remain socially distant. At the end of Mass, an Extraordinary Minister will come to the parking lot to distribute Holy Communion. If you bring your envelopes, those will also be collected.

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)

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@mariancatholics.org

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

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Times

July 28, 2024



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

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

Monday, July 29

8:00AM Geraldine Porpiglia ~ Thomas & Georgina

Tuesday, July 30

8:00 AM Peter Dzakonski ~ Antonio & Nersa LeGrande

Wednesday, July 31

8:00AM Health & Blessings for Joe & Irene & Helpers

Thursday, August 1

8:00AM Elizabeth A. Christino ~ Infusion Girls

8:00AM Margaret Generose ~ Steve Kichka

Saturday, August 3

6:00PM Edward Verbonitz ~ Wife, Marie & Sons, Richard & Robert

Sunday, August 4

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

9:30AM Patrick Donahue ~ Wife

Stewardship

July 20 & 21: Loose \$874; Offertory \$4,048; Dues \$935; Capital Improvement \$293; Care & Education of Priests \$67; Easter \$10; Christmas \$10

Mass Attendance – 583



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for the **Cipriano Family**



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. **We WILL NOT be meeting this Monday.** We will resume meetings on August 5th at 5:45 PM (Evening) and then on August 19th at 1PM (Afternoon). 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 would like to thank everyone who donated items for our festival tricky tray auction. This year due to the kindness and generosity of so many wonderful parishioners and friends we had 150 items! We are overwhelmed and full of gratitude! We would also like to thank our wonderful set up crew who helped put it all together, as well as the volunteers who helped sell tickets. We couldn't do it without all of you.

Submitted by Cathy & Aniela

Women of Good Shepherd will meet on **Tuesday, August 13 at 6PM** in the St. Joseph Room. We hope to see as many members as possible as we will be discussing the future of this group. We are looking for a new chairperson willing to commit to leading our group for the next year or so. Even if you don't want to lead the group, please plan to attend if possible. We need your input. Thank you.

Submitted by Cathy Penkala