



# Good Shepherd Church

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Times

### February 4, 2024



#### + MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK+

##### Saturday, February 3

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

##### Sunday, February 4

**8:00 AM** Gloria Markowski ~ Bob & Judy

**9:30 AM** Frank & Louise Carlin ~ John & Karen Grandzol

##### Monday, February 5

**8:00 AM** Norman Kulig ~ Elaine Beltrami

##### Tuesday, February 6

**8:00 AM** Mary Louise Perilla ~ Brian Billig & Family

##### Wednesday, February 7

**8:00 AM** Jim Bertolini ~ Nancy, Tina & Tim

##### Thursday, February 8

**8:00 AM** Inez Bonsignore ~ Alex Perez & Ann Temborski

##### Friday, February 9

**8:00 AM** Donald Cook ~ The Popso Family

##### Saturday, February 10

**6:00 PM** John Ratchko ~ Family

##### Sunday, February 11

**8:00 AM** Elizabeth A. Christino ~ Infusion Girls

**9:30 AM** Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus of the Hazleton Area

#### Stewardship

**January 27 & 28:** Loose \$829; Offertory \$3,770; Dues \$369; Holy Days \$45; Christmas \$120; Care & Education of Priests \$51; Capital Improvement \$130; Latin America \$362

Mass Attendance – 466



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Jim Bertolini** Nancy, Tina & Tim



The **Rose for Life** this week in memory of **Walter Gaskill** by Wife, Janet Gaskill



**Tuesday Night Bingo:** Come join us for Bingo at Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday evenings. The kitchen opens at **5:00 PM** with special soups, sandwiches, beverages, ethnic foods and a variety of other goodies. Our Early Bird game begins at **6:00 PM**.

**2023 Contributions:** If you would like a statement of your 2023 contributions please contact the office.



**Monthly Breakfast:** Breakfast is this **Sunday, February 4**, at Good Shepherd Church Hall. The menu includes sausage, bacon, eggs to order, potatoes, pancakes, pastry, yogurt, orange juice, coffee, tea, and chocolate milk. The cost is \$9.00/adult and \$4.00/child. Serving time is from **8:00 AM until 11:00 AM**.



**The Valley Food Pantry** helps those in need. We have been asked to collect items for children: canned pasta, cookies, crackers, and Pop Tarts, in addition to bar soap. If you wish to send a monetary donation, the address is: Valley Food Pantry, PO Box 187 CUCC, Conyngham, PA 18219.

**Stitches of Love Ministry** is a crochet & knitting ministry that donates our work to those in need. You could meet with the group or stitch from home. Work on your own projects or help with items we wish to create and donate. All are welcome. Our next meeting is Monday at **5:45 PM (Evening)** on **February 5th** in the St. Joseph Room. We hope to see 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!

#### Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society

The next monthly mass is **Monday, February 12 at 8:00 AM**, it will be the **second Monday of each month for 2024**. Our Friday rosary is offered for our loved ones prior to the mass at **7:30 AM**. Please join us if you can. If you have not already done so you can enroll your loved ones, simply by submit their names and your loved ones will be permanently enrolled. There is no charge and you are not obligated to become an active member. **Forms to enroll your loved ones are on the table in the vestibule.**

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Email \_\_\_\_\_



#### Are you aware that we have a poor box?

These funds are used to help the less fortunate and also people in emergency situations. Your generosity is appreciated!

Signed copies of Father McHugh's poetry book, **Kaleidoscope of the Heart**, will be available for purchase in the church office for \$20.00 during normal business hours.



**Have a song in your heart??? We need you in our choir. No experience necessary. Practice on Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30 PM.**



Halupki Rolling: **February 17, 2024 at 9:00 AM**. If you are an early bird come at **8:00 AM**. See you then !!!

**Women of Good Shepherd** will meet on Monday, **February 12 at 6:00 PM** in the St. Joseph Room. Light refreshments will be served. As always, new members are welcome.

We welcome **Gregorio, Raquel & Monserrat Rosario** as our newest members.

## FESTIVAL CORNER

The 2024 Festival Committee is asking for parishioner support to keep the expense down. For the month of February, we are collecting Bottles of water. Thank you for your support! Please check the expiration dates on all items for consumption.

## SAVE THE DATE

Our spring rummage sale will be on **June 8 & 9**. If you are spending time this winter cleaning out and purging, the rummage sale committee will gratefully accept your donations. Call Cathy Penkala (570-436-5017) or Diane Lindsay (570-599-7626) with any questions. Information about renting spaces and/or tables will be posted in April.



Please remember **Margaret Generose** and her grieving loved ones in your prayers.  
May she rest in peace!

**Shine Women's Center** is in need of help. Valerie White, the center director, will be retiring. They need to fill her position. This is a part-time 20 hour per week position. If you or someone you know is interested there are details about the job requirements posted on our bulletin board. You can also contact Valerie White at 570-582-6840 with any questions or recommendations. Thank you for your attention and prayers. In addition they are also recruiting for a receptionist.

A movie poster for 'Collared Cooks' featuring a clapperboard icon, the text 'COMING SOON', and three devices displaying promotional text. At the bottom is a cartoon chef character and the Hawk Family Foundation logo.

**COMING SOON**

**YOUR FAVORITE PASTOR CHEFS TAKE TO THEIR KITCHENS A THIRD TIME  
- MAKING UP OUR LARGEST COLLAR-NARY CREW TO DATE!**

35  
collared  
cooks  
with 30+  
recipes ...

In an epic  
food fight  
vs.  
hunger and  
homelessness!

Which  
priests  
will  
prevail  
as top  
pastor  
chefs?

REC'DRY, SET, COOK! 2024

View the videos on any screen beginning Feb. 13, 2024.  
Support the anti-hunger and anti-homelessness initiatives  
of Catholic Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton  
by voting before 5 p.m. on March 26, 2024!  
Follow Diocese of Scranton on Facebook  
for live launch event and further details.

PRESENTED BY  
THE **HawkFamily**  
FOUNDATION

For sponsorship or other information, call Sandra Snyder at 570-591-5004  
or email Sandra-Snyder@dioceseofscranton.org.

## private prayer



Scripture tells us that Jesus often went off alone to pray. This weekend's Gospel shows that after healing many he needed some private time. You may not be aware that priests are required to go on a yearly retreat. The church recognizes that priests also need that private time. When I was ordained, someone gave me a 7-day retreat on cassette tapes (yes, it was THAT long ago). I went to a retreat center in upstate NY and each day wore my Walkman as I listened to words of wisdom. Here I am 37 years later and I can remember the impact of that retreat.

So, what does this mean to you? It would be nice to be mandated to make a yearly retreat – time for yourself in the presence of God, but we know that is improbable. What you CAN do is take small amounts of time to be alone with God. Jesus knew it was important to take the time, the church knows it's important for priests to take the time and YOU know it's important for you to take the time – do it!

## NAME THAT TUNE

### BINGO

**Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 2:00 PM**

Good Shepherd Church Hall

Scholarship Fundraiser sponsored by The Knights of Columbus

Our Lady of Fatima Council, No. 8613

The donation for the evening is \$10 which is payable at the door.



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 AM Mass

4:00 PM Service

7:00 PM Mass

### GOOD SHEPHERD

8:00 AM Mass

12:00 PM Service

6:00 PM Mass

### ST. PATRICK

6:00 PM Mass



**Just a Reminder: Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.** Everyone ages 18-59 should fast by eating only one full meal, and everyone ages 14 and older must abstain from eating meat. **Every Friday during Lent is a day of abstinence from eating meat.**



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MARDI GRAS WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, IN THE PARISH CENTER FROM 6:00 – 10:00 PM.**

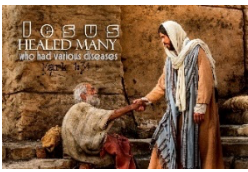


**OUR ROAD TO RESURRECTION RETREAT** will be held **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup> to THURSDAY, February 29<sup>th</sup>.** Mass will be celebrated each evening at **6:30 PM** at Saint Joseph Church in Hazleton. The service for each evening will be livestreamed, beginning at 6:30 PM, on our website ([sscmparish.com](http://sscmparish.com)). It will remain posted there throughout the entire Lenten Season for those who would like to view it again or later.

### Lenten Scripture Series at Good Shepherd Church

Rev. Connell A. McHugh, Pastor Emeritus of Good Shepherd, will for the 18<sup>th</sup> consecutive year offer a series of Scripture presentations in the church hall for 5 consecutive Wednesdays beginning on **February 21**. The presentations will begin at **9:00 AM** and Fr. McHugh's topic will be the Gospel of Mark. He will treat the identity of Mark, sources and date composition of the Gospel, major themes, Jesus' healing ministry, titles of Jesus in Mark, the original and added ending of the Gospel, theological ideas in the Gospel, The Messianic Secret, etc. Father McHugh will show how Mark's Gospel stresses the humanity of Jesus more than any other Gospel, his Passion Narrative, the most sorrowful and how Mark is the chief source for the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. A special session will be held on Mark's Passion Narrative. The scripture sessions are open to the public free of charge. Because of the large attendance at these sessions, we ask that you register since notes will be provided. You may register by calling the office at 570-788-3141 or by stopping in the office.

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.



# Immaculate Conception Parish

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#### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 2/3 4:00 PM  
John Lapchak by His Wife Mary & Family

Sun. 2/4 11:00 AM  
Michael Plaksa by Jim and Anna McDermott Family

Mon. 2/5 9:00 AM TV Mass  
Maria Gallagher by Mary

7:00 PM  
Father John Melnick by Jane and Rick Pshar

Tue. 2/6 7:00 AM  
Raymond Dugan by Joe and Coleen Weber

Wed. 2/7 7:00 AM  
David Kobza by Ben Hrino

Thur. 2/8 7:00 AM  
David Kulina by Mary Jane Cusatis

Fri. 2/9 7:00 AM  
Bruce Hopeck by His Wife Tracey and Children

Sat. 2/10 4:00 PM  
Emil Barna by His Wife Bernadine and Daughters Tina and Martha

Sun. 2/11 11:00 AM  
Shirley Nitka by Her Daughter Linda



Remember Your Offerings  
Sunday \$3,684; Loose \$225; Dues \$1,546; Care and Education of Priests \$50; Capital Improvement \$75; Initial Offering \$190; Latin America \$472; Other \$35; Poor Box \$151



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR and OUR SACRISTY CANDLE are burning this week in Memory of Father John Melnick by Jane and Rick Pshar



Eucharistic Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be on Monday, February 19th.

Exposition will also take place at 6:00 PM before each of the 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent.

FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS are due on the altar or in the parish office by Sunday, March 17th. If you have not called to register your bag, please do so as soon as possible. It is important that no one is forgotten.



HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY will meet at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 25th, to write Easter cards for our treasured elderly and homebound parishioners. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome!



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Landline \_\_\_\_\_

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