



Good Shepherd Church

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

Saturday, February 24

6:00 PM Mary Ellen Lobitz ~ Judi & Joe Yamulla

Sunday, February 25

8:00 AM Mary Lou Fetterman ~ Husband & Children

9:30 AM Barry Fogleman ~ George & Anna Marie Yatsko

Monday, February 26

8:00 AM Patrick Donahue ~ Theresa Holly

Tuesday, February 27

8:00 AM Jerry Meholick ~ Jeff, Ruthie, Chris & Matt Jones

Wednesday, February 28

8:00 AM Gladys Haganey ~ Tom & Bernie Mitchell

Thursday, February 29

8:00 AM Dorothy Melnick ~ The Ustonofski Family

Friday, March 1

8:00 AM Dolores Assenmacher ~ Linda Mantz

Saturday, March 2

6:00 PM Margaret Generose ~ Louis & Sharon Turse

Sunday, March 3

8:00 AM Marie Yackanich ~ Nick & Sandra Dellarcipreta

9:30 AM Agnes Marie Sotack ~ Albert & Ava Javage

Stewardship

February 17 & 18: Loose \$522; Offertory \$3,234; Dues \$515; Holy Days \$25; Christmas \$40; Flowers \$120; Care & Education of Priests \$70; Capital Improvement \$256; Campaign for Human Development \$20; Eastern Europe \$40; Annual Appeal Supplement \$256; Retired Religious \$20; Latin America \$66; Ash Wednesday \$30

February 14 Ash Wednesday: Loose \$110; Offertory \$472

Mass Attendance – 492



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Bernard Stratchko** by Cathy, Tina & Amy



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.



The Valley Food Pantry helps those in need. We have been asked to collect: vegetable soup, Manwich or sloppy joe mix, and canned carrots. 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.

The Valley Food Pantry will be making **Easter boxes** for needy families in the area. Good Shepherd has been asked to contribute brown sugar, coffee and regular tea for the boxes. The deadline for contributions is **Wednesday, March 20**. Thank you for your generosity!

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 **1:00 PM (Afternoon)** on **February 26th** in the St. Joseph Room. We hope to see there. We delivered 110 soap mitts, 25 hats, 11 scarves and 15 fingerless gloves to Divine Providence Shelter in Hazleton. 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 available for purchase in the church office for \$20.00 during normal business hours.

The Hazleton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life will be opening space at St Gabriel's Church to help "Families in Need" with material goods for babies and toddlers. We are in need of diapers of all sizes and are asking the parishioners of Good Shepherd if they could help with this by having a Diaper Drive. All you would need to do is purchase some diapers and return them to Good Shepherd Church by **Sunday, March 9**. There will be a box in the vestibule. As a prolife community while it is extremely important to educate on the horrors of abortion it is also important that we help those in need who chose life. Any assistance with this would be greatly appreciated. God bless. Carol Matz, President Hazleton Chapter, Pennsylvanians for Human Life. Thank you!

Church Women United invites you to attend World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 1st at 2:00 PM. Come join us and our friends at Providence Place to celebrate this day of prayer. Any questions call Andrea at 570-788-2002.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction **Fridays** from **3:00 to 3:55 PM**
and Stations of the Cross at **4:00 PM**

Join us for the next Lenten Movie Night to watch "**NOAH**" **Friday, March 8th at 4:45 PM** in the St. Joseph Room following the Stations of the Cross

We are looking for members of the Congregation to participate in the **Washing of the Feet ceremony** during the **Holy Thursday Mass** on **March 28 at 7:00 PM**. If you are interested in participating, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

Share the Love - Thanks to the generosity of our faith community, we were able to fill and donate 50 purses to the women's shelter in Hazleton. We also donated 25 purses and jewelry to Dress for Success in Wilkes Barre. Thank you to all who donated. Also thank you to our volunteers who helped sort items and pack the purses. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

Help is needed... Waitresses & Waiters are needed for Breakfast Sundays as well as people to set up and clean tables. Call Barbara at 570-436-6596. Thank you!

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.

Our Lady of Fatima council 8613 - Recently our council conducted a Name that Tune fundraiser at Good Shepherd Church to raise money for our scholarship program. The Knights were extremely happy with the results. Dale Gregorin was the DJ for the night and did an outstanding job. The total number of participants for this event was well over eighty people with a profit of **\$1170.00** for the scholarship program. The Knights of Columbus are so very thankful to the parishes of Good Shepherd and St. John Bosco, and Sacred Heart of Jesus for their wonderful support and commitment. We are blessed to be a part of this community. Thank you for all that you do.

LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN: All men, ages 18 years and older, are invited to participate in an overnight Lenten Retreat titled "Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost, I'm Wondering" from 6:00 p.m. Friday, March 15 until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 16 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton. Participants will examine the spiritual journey of men in our world, moving from wandering to wondering about God's will in their lives. There will be talks by Fr. Pio Mandato, Fr. Stan Fortuna, and Fr. Brian Van Fossen, Mike Donovan, opportunities for Adoration and Confession, and Holy Mass offered by Bishop Joseph Bambera. This will be a great way to renew one's heart and mind before Easter. The cost of the retreat is only \$75, which includes meals and overnight accommodation at the retreat center. If you have not already registered you can use this link <https://beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1>
For more information visit www.beacatholicman.com or contact Joe Adcroft at jadcroft@kknepa.com or call 570-380-5070. The retreat is sponsored by Be A Catholic Man, Inc., a nonprofit "on a mission to encourage and empower men to deepen their relationship with Christ, to be spiritual leaders in their families, their church, and their community, and to live their faith in everyday life."



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





FESTIVAL CORNER – UPDATE

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 and Cans of soda i.e. Coke, Diet Coke, 7Up or Sprite.** For the month of March we will be collecting paper products. Thank you for your support! Please check the expiration dates on all items for consumption.

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.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

159 South Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre
SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Join us for a school tour, meet our teachers, and become a ROYAL!!

Saturday, March 9, 2024 from 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Call to register @ 570-829-2424
www.holyredeemerhs.org

Marian Catholic High School

Information Session

Monday, March 11th, 4:00-6:00

Tour the school with our Student Ambassadors and learn how to make a Marian education possible. Contact Mary Milosh with any questions: mmilosh@mariancatholichs.org or 570-467-3335 ext. 117

Diocese of Scranton

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

TRAINING SESSIONS

In English and Spanish

Sat., Aug. 19, 2023--9AM-3PM
Diocesan Pastoral Center
330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton
English & Spanish

Sat., Oct. 14, 2023--9AM-3PM
Saint John Parish
5171 Milford Rd., East Stroudsburg
Spanish only

Sat., Nov. 11, 2023--9AM-3PM
Saint Jude Parish
420 S. Mountain Blvd., Mountain Top
English & Spanish

Sat., Mar. 9, 2024--9AM-3PM
Holy Rosary Parish
240 S. Poplar St., Hazleton
English & Spanish

Sat., Jun. 8, 2024--9AM-3PM
Saint Nicholas Parish
226 S. Washington St., Wilkes-Barre
English & Spanish

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL
2022-2025

TO REGISTER: VISIT WWW.DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG
OR CALL (570) 207-2238



I remember the first time I went on a mission trip to Haiti. I thought I was going to a Caribbean Country – instead I was transported back in time to a place of unbearable poverty. Every sight was new: we walked out of the terminal and there were hundreds along a large fence asking for money. Locals were trying to grab our bags to carry them for money. Fr. Tom Hagen noticed the American with the short high-top haircut. He gathered our group together and we made it to the van. Everywhere we looked there was poverty: women and children in ragged clothing, wrecked vehicles along the side of the road, a young man pushing a wheel barrel with an elderly person in it. We had been transported to a different world! Those 10 days in Haiti were transforming. I saw more poverty and death than I had ever seen in my life. We had gone with the false hope that we would transform Haiti. Haiti had transformed us! In this weekend's reading Jesus Transformed himself into his divine nature in the presence of his disciples.

HOW WILL GOD TRANSFORM YOU THIS LENT?

Lenten Scripture Series at Good Shepherd Church

Rev. Connell A. McHugh, Pastor Emeritus of Good Shepherd, will for the 18th consecutive year offer a series of Scripture presentations in the church hall for the next 4 consecutive Wednesdays. The presentations will begin at **9:00 AM** and Fr. McHugh's topic will be the Gospel of Mark. 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.

OUR ROAD TO RESURRECTION RETREAT will be held **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26th to THURSDAY, February 29th**. 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). It will remain posted there throughout the entire Lenten Season for those who would like to view it again or later.

MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 11th, in the lower level of Immaculate Conception Church. Use the Chestnut Street entrance (through the garden). 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.



CALVARY CEMETERY

Diocese of Scranton

Attention Lot Holders

Notice of Spring Clean Up

Spring clean up will take place on Monday, March 4, 2024. Please remove any and all desired items from graves prior to March 4. Any remaining items left on graves on March 4 will be removed and discarded by cemetery personnel. Any questions can be directed to the cemetery office at 570-788-2150.

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 reporting 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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FOR THE WEEK



Sat. 2/24 4:00 PM
Russell and Carrie Smith by Carol and Family

Sun. 2/25 11:00 AM
Anthony Delucca by His Children

Mon. 2/26 7:00 PM
Gerald Soroko by the Ambrose Family

Tue. 2/27 7:00 AM
Jean Iorio by Her Daughters Susan, Janet, & Ruth

Wed. 2/28 7:00 AM
Mary Arnold by Her Grandson John Shelly

Thur. 2/29 7:00 AM
Rocco and Elizabeth Bellezza by Steven and Mary Rushen

Fri. 3/1 7:00 AM
John McDermott by the Stefanick Family

Sat. 3/2 4:00 PM
Andrea L. Marsicano by the Ambrose Family

Sun. 3/3 11:00 AM
Deceased Members of the John Barna and John Brezina Families by Their Family

Offering Envelopes



Sunday \$2,334; Loose \$210; Dues \$1,753; Care and Education of Priests \$15; Capital Improvement \$25; Eastern Europe \$190; Ash Wednesday \$463; Poor Box \$129

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Their Family



OUR SACRISTY CANDLE is burning this week in Memory of Deceased Members of the John Barna and John Brezina Families by Their Family

PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR UPDATED ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS EVEN IF NOTHING HAS CHANGED IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD. YOU CAN ALSO CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO UPDATE.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS in Memory of Mary Jacko: \$100 by Thomas and Marlene Stelmock; \$100 by James and Marilyn Perchak; \$100 by William and Catherine Hauze; \$100 by Daniel Ravina; \$100 by Dennis Scatton; \$50 by JoAnne Korol; \$50 by Ronald and JoAnn Rosato; \$50 by David and Lee Lynn and Family; \$50 by David, Lynn, and Carly Schaaf; \$50 by John Chuckra; \$25 by Barbara Batcha; \$25 by John and Anita Hreha; and \$25 by Nancy Maylath

EASTER BINGO will be held on Sunday, March 17th, in our Parish Center. Early Birds and Specials are \$1.00 Each. Kitchen opens at 4:30 PM. Early Birds start at 5:30 PM. Regular Bingo starts at 6:00



PM. \$35 Cash Prize Per Game. 4 Specials with a \$50 prize each. Last Special \$100 prize. Tricky Trays Will Be Available!!



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be this 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. Why not stop by and spend some time with your Savior

FORGET-ME-NOT GIFT BAGS are due on the altar or in the parish office no later than March 17th. Please register your bag. WE HAVE 28 UNREGISTERED TAGS. THAT'S 28 PEOPLE WHO MAY OR MAY NOT RECEIVE A GIFT BAG.



JUST A REMINDER: Every Friday during Lent is a day of abstinence from meat. Everyone ages 14 and older must abstain from eating meat.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be offered every Friday during Lent at noon and again at 7:00 PM. The evening Stations will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacrament and Benediction from 6:00 to 6:55 PM and Stations at 7:00 PM

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is offered Monday evenings before the 7:00 PM mass (6:00–6:50 PM); every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning from 6:15–6:50 AM; and Saturday afternoon from 3:00–3:30 PM. Father Mike is leaving the light on for you!



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation