



# Immaculate Conception Parish

## Third Sunday of Lent

### March 3, 2024



### Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



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

Mon. 3/4 9:00 AM TV Mass  
Maria Gallagher by Rose Mattavi and Family  
7:00 PM  
Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne & Gerry, Jr.

Tue. 3/5 7:00 AM  
Deceased Members of the Poppalardo Family by Annette

Wed. 3/6 7:00 AM  
Victor and Orsala Monsarno by Their Great-Grandson John Shelly

Thur. 3/7 7:00 AM  
Anna Marie DellaCroce by the Paul Shock Family

Fri. 3/8 7:00 AM  
John Yencho by His Family

Sat. 3/9 4:00 PM  
Living and Deceased Members of the Nitka and Rapach Families by Linda Nitka-Moyer

Sun. 3/10 11:00 AM  
Richard Mladek and Thomas Mark Kopczynskie by Matthew and Debra Kopczynskie

### Offering Envelopes



Sunday \$3,403; Loose \$169; Dues \$1,408; Care and Education of Priests \$5; Capital Improvement \$105; Initial Offering \$40; Other \$109; Poor Box \$145.56



**OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning in Memory of the Living and Deceased Nitka and Rapach Families.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be this Monday, March 18th. Exposition will also take place at 6:00 PM before each of the 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross each Friday in Lent.

**EASTER BINGO** will be held on Sunday, March 17th, in our Parish Center. Early Birds and Specials are \$1.00 each. The kitchen opens at 12:00 PM. Early Birds start at 12:30 PM. Regular Bingo starts at 1:00 PM; \$35 Cash Prize Per Game 4 Specials with a \$50 prize each Last Special \$100 prize. Tricky Trays Will Be Available!!



**FREELAND SONS OF ERIN ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY BANQUET** will be held on Saturday, March 16th, with a parade starting at noon. This year's banquet will be held at Sand Springs in Drums starting at 3:00 PM with cocktails; dinner will follow at 4:00 PM. Entertainment will be DJ Rockin'Ray. Honored guests will be: Citizen of the Year Ben Evancho and the Sons of Erin Irishman of the Year Award Winner Jeff Murphy, The Main Speaker will be State Representative Mike Cabell. The program and dancing will follow dinner. Tickets are \$60.00 which includes beer, wine, and soda. To purchase tickets, call Bear Brogan at 570-650-7630 or Chris Flanagan at 570-582-3503. For table reservations, call Janet Brogan at 570-710-7330. Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, March 10th.

**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR** is burning in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Bzdil and Soroko Families by Helen Anne and Gerry, Jr.



The Freeland Fire Department will be holding a potato cake sale on March 8th and March 22nd at the fire station from 3:00 to 6:00 PM or until sold out. The cost will be \$1 each. This will be a first come, first served event with no pre-orders.





I get angry a lot. Just small stuff like when a driver does not use a turn signal or when I do something stupid. I have a great Spiritual Director who helps me get past these "anger moments." In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus gets mad at those selling items outside of the Temple (when you came to the Temple you had to offer a sacrifice like a turtle dove. These folks were selling the items at inflated prices). They showed no respect for the Temple. His anger was justified. Anger itself is not a sin, how we HANDLE the anger could be sinful. Think about the times you've gotten angry. Is it justified? How did you react? Was it appropriate? Have you asked for forgiveness if you've acted inappropriately? Lent is a time to deal with your anger. Please don't get angry at me for challenging you to do this (LOL).

### **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.

**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 GoodShepherd 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.**

**A Charismatic Mass and Healing Service** will be held at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham on Tuesday, **March 19th at 7:00 PM**. Fr. Neftali will preside, and Fr. Sudhir will concelebrate. Sue Shaw will begin her MusicMinistry at 6:45 PM. Any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3643.

**A Deanery Lenten Penance Service** will be hosted by Father Kevin Miller at the Church of Saint Gabriel on **Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 PM**. There will be several Priests available to hear confessions in both English and Spanish.

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.



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#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

##### 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

##### Monday, March 4

**8:00 AM** Connie Mervine ~ Andrea Tarnopolski

##### Tuesday, March 5

**8:00 AM** Joanne Marsicano ~ The Bazewicz Family

##### Wednesday, March 6

**8:00 AM** Eugene R. Sobolewski ~ Jay & Jamie Passon

##### Thursday, March 7

**8:00 AM** Jose Jardim ~ Robert & Joanne Katarsky

##### Friday, March 8

**8:00 AM** Esther Zelenak ~ Elaine Beltrami

##### Saturday, March 9

**6:00 PM** Mark Bergamo ~ Dr. & Mrs. Michael Washinsky

##### Sunday, March 10

**8:00 AM** Margaret Kostanesky ~ Kostanesky Family

**9:30 AM** Patrick Donahue ~ Dr. & Mrs. Michael Washinsky

#### Stewardship

**February 24 & 25:** Loose \$776; Offertory \$3,837; Dues \$640; Holy Days \$34; Easter \$77; Flowers \$388; Care & Education of Priests \$32; Capital Improvement \$127; Eastern Europe \$58; Annual Appeal Supplement \$55; Latin America \$10; Ash Wednesday \$145; Rice Bowl \$10; Catholic Relief \$5  
Mass Attendance – 481



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Margaret Generose** by Louis & Sharon Turse



The **Rose for Life** this week in memory of **Jude Pastorella** by Grandmother, 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**.

**Women of Good Shepherd** will meet on Monday **March 11 at 6:00 PM** in the St. Joseph Room.



**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 **5:45 PM (Evening)** on **March 4th** 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!

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!



**Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is this Sunday, March 3,** 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.**



## **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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Hunting Heritage Banquet:** The Honey Hole Longbeards Chapter of the NWTF will hold its annual banquet on **Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**, at Edgewood in the Pines in Drums. Doors open at **4:00 PM**, with dinner at **5:30 PM**. Enjoy a night with food, refreshments, auctions and raffles. For more information contact Mark Ferdinand 788-6362.

**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.

**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 600 PM Friday, March 15 until 2:00 PM 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](http://www.beacatholicman.com) or contact Joe Adcroft at [jadcroft@kknepa.com](mailto: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 – 4:30 PM.**



**Shepherds Hands:** Shepherds Hands is a service ministry of our parish. Some of our projects are the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen, Divine Providence Homeless Shelter, Catholic Social Services, monthly mailings to our home bound parishioners and those in nursing homes together with Pro-Life activities. We meet on the first Thursday of each month. We will meet again on **Thursday, November 2 at 3:00 PM** in the St. Joseph's Room of the church. As always, new members are always welcome.



### 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](http://www.holyredeemerhs.org)

### Marian Catholic High School

Information Session

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

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](mailto: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](http://WWW.DIOCESEOFSCRANTON.ORG)  
OR CALL (570) 207-2238**