



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

March 24, 2024



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 3/23 4:00 PM
Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol by JoAnne and Barbara

Sun. 3/24 7:30 AM Palm Sunday
Sonia and Stanley Wilczek by Their Son Stan

11:00 AM Palm Sunday
Jean Iben by Her Husband John and Daughter Jessica

Mon. 3/25 7:00 PM
Joan Yersevich Hall by Mary

Tue. 3/26 7:00 AM
Andy Bereznak by His Wife Carol

Wed. 3/27 7:00 AM
Joseph R. Malloy and Michael Malloy by Joyce

Thur. 3/28 7:00 PM Holy Thursday
Deceased Priests of the Scranton Diocese

Fri. 3/29 1:00 PM Good Friday
Deceased Priests of the Scranton Diocese

Sat. 3/30 8:00 PM Easter Vigil
Deceased Priests of the Scranton Diocese

Sun. 3/31 7:30 AM Easter Sunday
Henry B. Kopczynskie, Jr. by Daniel Kopczynskie

11:00 AM Easter Sunday
Sara and Francis Fedor by the Famalette Family

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR and OUR SACRISTY CANDLE are burning this week in Memory of Stephanie Iben Delese

MEMORIAL DONATION OF \$30 was made in Memory of Francis "Buddy" Shovlin by Bill and Mary Grace Maranki

ROSARY DEVOTIONS are being said after each of the weekday masses. This is a special time to increase your devotion to our Blessed Mother.

BLESSING OF THE BASKETS will take place at 11:00 AM on Holy Saturday, March 30th, in both parishes.

Eucharistic Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be on Monday, April 15th

OUR EASTER BINGO PROFIT WAS \$1,989.00. SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED AND HELPED TO MAKE OUR BINGO SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS!

SINCERE THANKS to everyone who donated a Forget-Me-Not bag for our elderly and homebound parishioners. The bags, along with an Easter lily and Palm, were distributed this weekend by our Community-Service Team and by Paula Gallagher, Mary Lloyd, Anna Marie Kufro, and Barbara Tulanowski. It is no small thing to be remembered by your parish family. Thank you for making this possible.

Offering Envelopes
Sunday \$3,549; Loose \$202; Dues \$1,754; Care and Education of Priests \$72; Rice Bowl \$778; Capital Improvement \$53; Easter Flowers \$700; Catholic Relief \$121; Other \$37; Poor Box \$170

Are you looking for a summer job?
We are hiring weed whackers for our
four local cemeteries at a rate of
\$15 per hour. You must be 15 years
old. If interested, please contact the
rectory at 570-636-3035





We often refer to Palm Sunday as the **Passion**. We can easily hear with our ears and imagine with our minds what Jesus went through....the trial...."crucify him"...the falls....the women....Veronica....Simon...his mother...his death. All combined these images emotionally touch our hearts for Jesus. Imagine how hurt he was!

The other word we focus on is: the **Cross**. Jesus physically carried his death bed. Imagine the weight of the wood, splinters digging into his shoulder and the sheer size. These images give of a glimpse of the physical pain Jesus went through. Imagine how hurt he was!

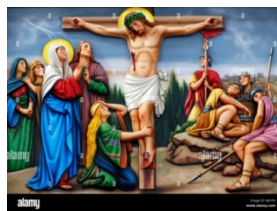
Enter Spiritually and emotionally into the events of this Holy Week.

SAINT JOHN BOSCO BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

Sharing the Journey "Grief Shared is Grief Diminished"

The Bereavement Ministry of St. John Bosco Church will provide the Spring Support Group Sessions starting in April that are open to all people who are grieving the death of a loved one and are having difficulty in their grief. The overall goal of the support group is to provide insight into one's grief and to help them to move toward a resolution of their grief. It is designed to be flexible. When the worst has happened and everything changes, get the support that you need to remember with more love than pain. The program consists of seven weekly sessions on Monday evenings from **6:00 to 8:00 PM** in the parish multi-purpose room, beginning on **Monday, April 1, 2024**. Registration is required to assure seating and materials. If interested, please call Marie (Bereavement Ministry) at (570) 455-3874 to register. Sessions are non-denominational.

MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at **6:00 PM on Thursday, April 25, at Good Shepherd Church in the St. Joseph's Room. 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.**



St. Patrick's Living Stations of the Cross will be on **Good Friday, March 29 at 7:15 PM**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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.

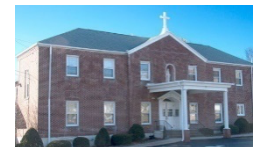


Good Shepherd Church

Palm Sunday

The Passion of the Lord

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Saturday, March 23

6:00 PM John Kalinovich Sr. & John Kalinovich Jr. ~ Louise Kalinovich & Family

Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM Dolores Ratchko ~ Family

9:30 AM Catherine & Henry Galucci ~ Dolores Clatch & Family

Monday, March 25

8:00 AM Joseph Dvornicich ~ Money Counting Group

Tuesday, March 26

8:00 AM Nellie & Stephen Bugda & Robert Sukel ~ Marianne Sukel

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 AM The Mira Family ~ Family

Thursday, March 28

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29

1:00 PM Service of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, March 30

8:00 PM Solemn Vigil of Easter

Sunday, March 31

8:00 AM Victor Greco, MD ~ Genetti Hotel & Suites

9:30 AM Patrick Donahue ~ Nancy Bertolini

Stewardship

March 16 & 17: Loose \$863; Offertory \$5,032; Dues \$1,192; Easter \$291; Flowers \$232; Capital Improvement \$313; Care & Education of Priests \$62; Catholic Relief \$30; Ash Wednesday \$17; Holy Thursday \$30; Good Friday \$25; Rice Bowl \$67; Holy Land \$25
Mass Attendance – 565



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Rita Marchetti** by Donna



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Rita Marchetti** by Donna



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**.



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.

Stitches of Love Ministry is a crochet & knitting ministry that donates our work to those in need. All are welcome. Our next meeting is Monday at **1:00 PM (Afternoon)** on **March 25th** 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.

Women of Good Shepherd – Our 2024 Women of Good Shepherd Scholarship applications are due no later than **Friday, May 31**. Please visit the Good Shepherd website to download the application. Only completed applications that meet requirements and are submitted on time will be considered.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS CAMPAIGN - Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Fatima Council 8613, will be holding its SPECIAL OLYMPICS GOLD COIN fund drive on **Holy Saturday, March 30th, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**, in front of Gould's Supermarket entrance. Anyone who donates will receive a golden wrapped coin made of chocolate as a token of gratitude. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause. We greatly appreciate Gould's management and employees for their support and assistance in this event. Thank you to our community for their continued generosity.

Women of Good Shepherd will meet on **Monday, April 8 at 6:00 PM** in the St. Joseph Room. Light refreshments will be served. As always, new members are welcome.



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 6th**, 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.



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.

Forms are available in the vestibule for the **Knights of Columbus Scholarship Application**. See bulletin for details.



FESTIVAL CORNER – UPDATE

The 2024 Festival Committee is asking for parishioner support to keep the expense down. 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.

Paper products still needed: paper towels and napkins.



The **Blessing of Easter baskets** will take place **Saturday, March 30th 11:00 AM** in both churches.