



Good Shepherd Church



Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

Saturday, April 13

6:00 PM John Anthony Cameron ~ Father & Mother

Sunday, April 14

8:00 AM Joseph Generose ~ Family

9:30 AM Matthew R. Grieco ~ Grieco & Mellon Families

Monday, April 15

8:00 AM Rina C. Rebarchak ~ Debbie Donahue

Tuesday, April 16

8:00 AM Bruce Johnson ~ Lisa, Irene & Family

Wednesday, April 17

8:00 AM Monica & Andy Slavick Anniversary

Thursday, April 18

8:00 AM Tammy Marusak ~ Dr. Michael & Nancy Washinsky

Friday, April 19

8:00 AM Jimmy Murphy ~ Elaine Beltrami

Saturday, April 20

6:00 PM Anthony Clatch ~ Rebecca & Mark Knock

Sunday, April 21

8:00 AM Joseph Lombardi (80th Birthday) ~ Daughter, Kimberly, Robert, Rob & Desiree

9:30 AM Michael Donahue ~ Mother

Stewardship

March 30 & 31: Loose \$1,016; Offertory \$4,202; Dues \$1,813; Easter \$595; Flowers \$20; Capital Improvement \$140; Care & Education of Priests \$812.47; Holy Thursday \$45; Good Friday \$35; Rice Bowl \$10; Home Missions \$105
Mass Attendance – 554



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Joseph Generose** By Family



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 **5:45 PM (Evening)** on **April 15th** in the **Cry 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.



Please keep these recently departed: **Teresa Dropinski, Patricia Donahue and Norbert Moran** in your prayers along with their grieving loved ones. May they rest in eternal peace!

Father McHugh's Scripture Sessions will conclude on **April 24th at 9:00 AM** in the church hall. Topic will be The Resurrection in Mark. No registration is necessary.

REMINDER- Stitches of Love will meet **Monday, April 15th at 5:45 PM** in the cry room due to festival meeting in the St. Joseph Room.



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

The 2024 Festival Committee is asking for parishioner support to keep the expense down. For **April** we will be collecting: 1st week **ketchup**, 2nd week **mustard**, 3rd week **relish**, and 4th week **BBQ sauce**. Thank you for your support! Please check the expiration dates on all items for consumption.

The breakfast crew is looking for donations of silverware to use at our monthly breakfasts. A box will be in the cry room. Thank you!

Also, **Help is still 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!



As going to church each Sunday was ritual, so was sitting in front of the black & white TV on Saturday mornings watching the newest cartoons. Beginning in 1963 Casper The Friendly Ghost entertained us for hours. Who would have thought a ghost that was non-scary and friendly?

In this weekend's Gospel the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost when Jesus appeared to them after the Resurrection. They were terrified. Jesus immediately said to them: "*Peace be with you.*" Those words of comfort calmed the fear of the disciples (remember, one betrayed Jesus, one denied him and the others took off). It was an emotional time for the disciples, but it all came together. Jesus explained why he had to go through the Passion that led to the Resurrection. He opened their minds to understand of Scripture. He finally challenged them to spread the Good News. I long for those Saturday mornings watching a ghost on TV, but I am much more in tune with the Jesus I see every day.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION - Please consider giving your children a Catholic Education. Our parishes support Holy Family Academy in Hazleton. For more information on Holy Family Academy (Pre K to 8th grades) please call 570-455-9431 or go to website: www.holyfamilyacademy.info There are openings in all grades for the 2024-2025 school year.

Catholic Social Services will be holding our "Theme Basket/Tricky Tray" auction on **Sunday April 14th** at the CSS Family Center 106 S. Church Street, Hazleton. Doors will open at **11:00 a.m.** and drawing begins at **2:00 p.m.** You do not need to be present to win. Light refreshments will be available. There will be a preview sale **Saturday April 13th from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30.** CSS is a member agency of the Hazleton United Way. Proceeds benefit the programs and services of CSS.

The next **Charismatic Mass and Healing Service** at St John Bosco, Conyngham will be **Tuesday, April 16th at 7:00 PM.** Fr. Naftali will preside and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45PM. Any questions, please contact Arlene at 570-788-3643 or rgstagg@frontier.com.

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.



PARISH DIRECTORY:

The deadline for parishioners to register to be included in the joint parish directory is

April 28, 2024. Registration forms are available in our church entrances and can be returned in the collection baskets or at either church 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. 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.



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish April 14, 2024



On the Road to Emmaus

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 4/13 4:00 PM
Andrew Blasko, Jr. by Paula

Sun. 4/14 11:00 AM
Colleen Donlin by Her Parents and Brothers

Mon. 4/15 7:00 PM
Joseph J. Adams by Sandra and Bill Kuklis

Tue. 4/16 7:00 AM
Bruce Hopeck, Sr. by His Wife, Children, and Family

Wed. 4/17 7:00 AM
John Wilson and Mary Ann Maron by Jane and Rick Pshar

Thur. 4/18 7:00 AM
Raymond Dugan by Mary and Dave Figure

Fri. 4/19 7:00 AM
Anna Marie Kopczynskie by Cheryl and Jack Turri

Sat. 4/20 4:00 PM
David and Helen Mahon by Their Children

Sun. 4/21 11:00 AM
Angie Puzetti and Family by Jim and Michalene Eisenhart



ROSARY DEVOTIONS are being said every Saturday at 8:30 AM and after each of the weekday masses, and on Saturdays at 8:30 AM. This is a special time to increase your devotion to our Blessed Mother. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate.



OUR 2023 PASCHAL CANDLE and ALTAR CANDLES have been donated this year by Dan Ravina in Memory of Charles and Mary Ravina



and Daughter Jennie and Marie and Buddy Shovlin and by JoAnne Korol in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Batcha and Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol.



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

15th. Why not stop by and spend some time with your Savior.

Offering Envelopes

Sunday \$3,430.34; Loose \$210; Dues \$1,924.25; Care and Education of Priests \$472; Holy Thursday \$87; Good Friday \$107; Easter \$888; Easter Flowers \$45; Capital Improvement \$239; Other \$28; Poor Box \$82.52



Our Community-Service Team will be collecting ketchup, mustard, pickles, and BBQ sauce for the month of April. We thank all who support those in need in our community.



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory Of David and Helen Mahon by Their Children.



HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY will meet on Saturday, April 27th, at 9:00 AM in the rectory to sign greeting cards for May. If you have an hour to spare, you are most welcome!



Every month the HOUR OF KINDNESS ministry sends greeting cards to our beloved elderly and homebound parishioners and also remembers them on their birthdays. If you would like to be added to our list or if you know



someone whose day would be brightened by a cheerful greeting, please call the parish office at 570-636-3035 Monday through Thursday from 9:00 until 12:00. We will be most happy to include you!