



# Immaculate Conception Parish

## Feast of the Holy Family

### December 31, 2023



### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sat. 12/30 4:00 PM

Bob Hludzik by Mary Ann

Sun. 12/31 11:00 AM

John T. Grega and Emma S. Grega by Their  
Children Jackie and Mary

Mon. 1/1 7:00 PM

Maria Gallagher by Mary

Tue. 1/2 7:00 AM

Maria Gallagher by Rose Mattavi and Family

Wed. 1/3 7:00 AM

James McDermott by Stan and Fran Wysocky

Thur. 1/4 7:00 AM

Jean Branz by M/M Daniel Sarosky

Fri. 1/5 7:00 AM

Father Michael Kloton on His Birthday by His  
Parish Family

Sat. 1/6 4:00 PM

Michael E. Dias by Virginia Dias and Family

Sun. 1/7 11:00 AM

David Kopczynskie by Daniel Kopczynskie



OUR PARISH HAS A NEW USER-FRIENDLY  
PARISH WEBSITE.

Check us out at:

<http://sites.google.com/view/olichome-freeland-pa/home>

### OUR GIVING TREE GIFTS

were distributed to the parents of our needy children in our Freeland community this past Saturday. It is hard to put into words the gratitude of these parents for the Christmas gifts you provided. In today's world with so many insecurities, these parents are comforted knowing that there will be a gift for each of their children this year.



For those of you who called to register your gifts, we want to thank you so very, very much. You made our jobs so much easier! In the past, we often had many missing gifts which we had to scramble to provide so that no child would be disappointed on Christmas morning. This year there were very few, and we credit that to our wonderful parishioners who called the office and registered your gifts. Thank you, thank you, thank you!



THIS WEEK'S OFFERINGS  
WILL BE POSTED IN NEXT  
WEEK'S BULLETIN.



CANDLES ON THE ALTAR  
and OUR SACRISTY CANDLE  
are burning this week in  
Memory of Michael Dias by His  
Mother Virginia



MEMORIAL DONATION of \$20.00 in  
Memory of Agnes Ferreira by Simon and  
Aileen Kazinetz



Our Community-Service Team is  
requesting coffee, tea, and instant soup  
mix for January. We thank all our  
parishioners who support those in  
need in our community.





This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph. With any family, one of the most important values is the word PATIENCE. We learned about patience growing up in a home with only one bathroom. Imagine 5 children and two adults sharing one bathroom! Patience was a virtue in our home. “Hey, hurry up, I gotta go!”

In today’s Gospel we hear about Anna and Simeon, who came to the Temple everyday waiting for the promised Messiah. Mary and Joseph came with Jesus and they knew their prayer and patience had been answered. Anna and Simeon’s patience paid off.

I challenge you this week to think about your birth family and maybe your current family. What virtues did you learn from your family? How about the gift of patience in your home? I’m guessing at times there were moments when patience was running thin. We may not be the perfect family like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, but we are all family.

**MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS** will be at 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 11, 2024, in the St. Joseph Room at Good Shepherd Church. Please 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.



**MARIAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** will take place on Sunday, January 28th, from 2:00 until 4:00 PM. Come learn how to make a Marian High School education possible.

### Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

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. 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).

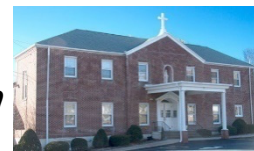
Aviso al Respecto de Reportar el Abuso Sexual de Un Menor de Edad Es la norma de la Diócesis de Scranton reportar cualquier alegación de abuso sexual de un menor de edad a las autoridades. Si usted es una víctima de abuso sexual cometido por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso o empleado laico, o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton, usted está obligado a reportar el asunto inmediatamente a las autoridades de la ley. Si algún sacerdote, diácono, religioso, empleado laico o voluntario de la Diócesis de Scranton tiene sospecha de que un menor de edad ha sido sujeto a cualquier forma de abuso, incluyendo abuso sexual de menor de edad, el asunto será reportado a las autoridades de la ley. Es la norma de la Diócesis defender todas las regulaciones civiles y del estado. Al fin de que la Diócesis esté comprometida igualmente a defender las normas del Código de Derecho Canónico y defender los principios de la Carta Para la Protección de Niños y Jóvenes (Conferencia de los Obispos Católicos de los Estados Unidos), lo cual incluye apoyar a las víctimas de abuso sexual en pos del bienestar emocional y espiritual. Por eso, información respecto a una alegación del asunto sexual de un menor de edad, debe ser reportada a la Coordinadora Diocesana de Asistencia para Las Víctimas, Mary Beth Pacuska, a (570-862-7551).



# Good Shepherd Church

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

### December 31, 2023



#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

##### Saturday, December 30

**6:00 PM** Michael Shewack ~ Wife, RoseMarie & Children

##### Sunday, December 31

**8:00 AM** Health & Blessings for Janet Amentler ~ Barbara Wydock & Family

**9:30 AM** Lucille & Robert Martin ~ Son, Robert & Kimberly & Family

##### Monday, January 1

**8:00 AM** Mary Louise Perilla ~ Doug & Maryellen Rudenko

##### Tuesday, January 2

**8:00 AM** Theresa Pfeil ~ Frank & Michelle Ciavarella

##### Wednesday, January 3

**8:00 AM** Marilyn Tedesco ~ Connie Marcino

##### Thursday, January 4

**8:00 AM** Theresa Melnick ~ Mary Marinock

##### Friday, January 5

**8:00 AM** James Hoffman ~ Wife, Claire & Family

##### Saturday, January 6

**6:00 PM** Michael Gentle ~ Wife & Sons, Mary Lou, Michael John & Nicholas

##### Sunday, January 7

**8:00 AM** Evelyn Rossi ~ Dolores & John Ruggiero

**9:30 AM** Frank & Anna Brown ~ Don & Fran Kisacky

#### Stewardship

**December 23 & 24:** Loose \$1,519; Offertory \$6,602; Dues \$1,324; Care & Education of Priests \$49; Holy Days \$111; Flowers \$87;; Retired Religious \$60

**December 24 & 25:** Christmas Loose \$1,828; Offertory \$6,883

Mass Attendance – 1270



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Stephen Michalochick** by Wife, Joan



**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**.

#### NO BREAKFAST FOR JANUARY

**No Faith Formation December 31 and January 1.**

We welcome **Tara & Noah Gennaro** as our newest members.

**2024 Calendars** and **Advent Booklets** are on the tables at both side exits of the church.



**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.

**Mark your calendar:** Halupki rolling- **January 13**. We will be rolling Halupki at **9AM**. Come and join us if you can! Thank you.

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.**



#### Combined Ministries Service Project:

Several of our parish ministries are working together on a **"Share the Love"** project to help local women in need. We are asking for donations of gently used purses, travel sized toiletries and any pieces of jewelry you no longer wear. We will gather in January to fill the purses and distribute them to women in need on Valentine's Day. If you have any items you'd like to donate, you can place them in the "Share the Love" box in the vestibule. Thank you!

**Women of Good Shepherd** will attend a Winter White Tea on Saturday, **January 20 at 1:00 PM** at The Garden Tea Room in Conyngham. The cost is \$35.00. To reserve your spot, please call Cathy Penkala at 570-436-5017. This event is open to WOGS members, parishioners and friends. RSVP by January 8. Seating is limited.

**Stitches of Love Ministry** is a crochet & knitting ministry that donates our work to those in need. We will not be meeting this Monday. We will resume Monday at **1:00 PM (Afternoon)** on **January 8** in the St. Joseph Room. If interested, or for more information, please call the office at 570-788-3141 or email the church at [gsch@ptd.net](mailto:gsch@ptd.net).

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