



Good Shepherd Church

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of the Lord

March 31, 2024



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

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

Monday, April 1

8:00 AM MaryAnn O'Donnell ~ Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Menighan

Tuesday, April 2

8:00 AM Dorothy Rimshaw ~ Dorothy & Jerry Bezzo

Wednesday, April 3

8:00 AM Larry Sidari ~ Fiume Family

Thursday, April 4

8:00 AM Janice Zola ~ Bill & Sarah Yenkevich

Friday, April 5

8:00 AM George Leitner ~ Angela Ciappa

Saturday, April 6

6:00 PM Pina & Renato Castiglione ~ Family

Sunday, April 7

8:00 AM Gloria Markowski ~ Husband, Vince & Family

9:30 AM Adam & Marie Knelly ~ Sister, Ann & Husband

Stewardship

March 23 & 24: Loose \$1,288; Offertory \$3,974.50; Dues \$540; Easter \$295; Flowers \$40; Capital Improvement \$101; Care & Education of Priests \$86; Catholic Relief \$27; Holy Thursday \$52; Good Friday \$52; Rice Bowl \$20; Home Missions \$5
Mass Attendance – 645



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **The Marcinko, Good & Snyder Families**
By Donna & Debbie



The **Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **The Marcinko, Good & Snyder Families** by Donna & Debbie



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. **NOTE: We will not be meeting Monday, April 1st.** Our next meeting is Monday at **1:00 PM (Afternoon)** on **April 8th** 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.

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 welcome our newest members Cory & Desiree Lukacs, Jaclyn Vukson and Angel & Ethan Ayala.



OUR 2024 PASCHAL CANDLE has been donated this year by members of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society in Memory of the Souls of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society.

OUR 2024 TABERNACLE CANDLES have been donated this year by Donna & Debbie in Memory of The Marcinko, Good and Snyder Families.





Good Morning! Happy and Blessed Easter to all of you. On February 14, Ash Wednesday, we promised ourselves and God that we would do or not do something to be Transformed. Think back on your journey through the Lenten Season. Have you been Transformed? We hopefully have become a better person through the changes of Lent. It is now time to celebrate that new person. As Jesus rose from the Tomb and became the Christ, we too are new people. Although the Lenten Season has ended, the new beginning for us is to CONTINUE to live the promises we made back on Ash Wednesday. The gauntlet is now tossed to you.

On behalf of myself, Fr. O'Rourke, Fr. Binesh and Deacon Jim we would like to extend our blessing to you and your families for a holy Easter Season.

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.



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.

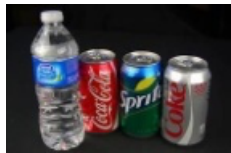
Hunting Heritage Banquet: The Honey Hole Longbeards Chapter of the NWTF will hold its annual banquet on **Saturday, April 6th**, at Edgewood in the Pines in Drums. Doors open at **4:00 PM**, with dinner at **5:30 PM**.

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

The 2024 Festival Committee is asking for parishioner support to keep the expense down. For the month of **April** we will be collecting **ketchup**. Thank you for your support!

Please check the expiration dates on all items for consumption.

JOINT MEETING of *Pastoral Council, Word & Worship & Community and Service* will be held on **Thursday at 5:30 PM** at Good Shepherd in the St Joseph Room.

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!

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen: Twice a month, our parish donates, prepares and serves a hearty meal to approximately 40 people at the Hazleton Salvation Army Soup Kitchen located at the rear of Broad and Mine Streets (by Giant Supermarket). The Soup Kitchen is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11AM to 12 noon and offers a free meal to anyone who is in need of food and fellowship. Our next meals will be on **Wednesday, April 3rd and Wednesday April 10th**. Team members are asked to arrive by **10:30**. Special thanks goes to all those parishioners and friends of the parish who support this parish service project to the community with their prayers, time, cooking talents, monetary and food donations. Together, we are making a difference and sharing our Catholic faith! For more information on how you can participate, please contact the parish office or Dorothy Beozzo at 570-764-6359.

Shepherds Hands: Shepherds Hands is a service ministry of our parish. We assist with projects within our parish and community. Our next meeting is on **Thursday, April 4th at 3:00 PM** in the St. Joseph's room. New members are always welcome.

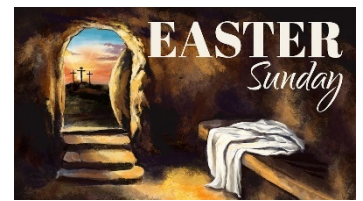
Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society will meet **Thursday, April 4th at 4:00 PM** in the St Joseph Room.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society

The next monthly mass is **Monday, April 8 at 8:00 AM**, it will be the **second Monday of each month for 2024**. Our Friday rosary is offered for our loved ones prior to the mass at **7:30 AM**. Please join us if you can. If you have not already done so you can enroll your loved ones, simply by submit their names and your loved ones will be permanently enrolled. There is no charge and you are not obligated to become an active member. **Forms to enroll your loved ones are on the table in the vestibule.**



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish March 31, 2024



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Sat. 4/30 8:00 PM Easter Vigil
Deceased Priests of the Scranton Diocese

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

11:00 AM Easter Sunday

Sara & Francis Fedor by the Famalette Family

Mon. 4/1 9:00 AM TV Mass
Thelma Gallagher by Joe, Molly, and Kevin

7:00 PM

Anna and George Pshar by Elsie Pshar

Tue. 4/2 7:00 AM
Mary Gombeda by Mary Ann, Lisa, and John


Wed. 4/3 7:00 AM
Mike Tulanowski by JoAnn Zynel and Jean
Medvitz


Thur. 4/4 7:00 PM
James McDermott by the Eleanor Golab Family

Fri. 4/5 7:00 PM
Shirley Nitka by Her Daughter Linda


Sat. 4/6 7:00 PM
Margie Serock by Her Sisters Anna Timcho and
Helen Lagana


Sun. 4/7 11:00 AM
Rev. Emil P. Haladay by the Ambrose Family

Offering Envelopes  Sunday \$3,671; Loose \$521; Dues \$1,148; RiceBowl \$5; Easter Flowers \$204; Holy Thursday \$154; Good Friday \$220; Easter \$652; Holy Land \$100; Home Mission \$30; Catholic Relief \$33; Other \$10; Capital Improvement \$45; Poor Box \$84

Memorial Donation  In Memory of Francis "Buddy" Shovlin: \$100 by Gerald & Stacey McLaughlin; \$50 by Janet Hartman; \$20 by David and Michele Young; \$50 by Carol and Paul Warner; \$100 by the Blose Family; \$200 by Joseph and Marguerite Crowne; \$50 by Raymond Eroh

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Shirley Nitka by Her Daughter Linda 

 **OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE** is burning in Memory of Henry Kopczynskie, Sr. and Henry Kopczynskie, Jr. by Daniel Kopczynskie

BREAD AND WINE to be Offered in the Consecration are in Memory of Mark and Bernadette Brasavage by Daniel Kopczynskie 



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



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

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, this is the perfect ministry for you! Everyone is welcome!



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 