



Immaculate Conception Parish

Divine Mercy Sunday

April 7, 2024



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sat. 4/6 4:00 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

Mon. 4/8 7:00 PM
Deceased Sisters of the Kislán Family by Their Brother Bob

Tue. 4/9 7:00 AM
Michael and Anna Barna by Their Daughter Elsie T. Pshar

Wed. 4/10 7:00 AM
Anne Marie Ceriani by Wilma and Tony Leskosky

Thur. 4/11 7:00 AM
Ann Marie Dellacroce by Ben Hrino

Fri. 4/12 7:00 AM
David Kulina by the Bindas Family

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

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

MEMORIAL DONATIONS in Memory of Francis "Buddy" Shovlin: \$25 by Wally and Teresa Golab; \$50 by Bill and Cathy Hauze



OUR 2024 PASCHAL CANDLE has been donated this year by Dan Ravina in Memory of Charles and Mary Ravina and Their Daughters Jennie Bereznak and Marie and Francis Shovlin and by JoAnne Korol in Memory of the Deceased Members of the Batcha and Ceriani Families and Steve Korol.



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



Eucharistic Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be Monday, April 15th. Why not stop by and spend some time with your Savior.

Offering Envelopes



Sunday \$4,206.50; Loose \$676; Dues \$933; Care and Education of Priests \$50; Rice Bowl \$10; Holy Thursday \$571; Good Friday \$760; Easter \$4,494; Easter Flowers \$123; Capital Improvement \$35; Holy Land \$476; Other \$17; Poor Box \$507

CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of Wally Temposky by Dan Ravina



BREAD AND WINE to be Offered in the Consecration are in Memory of Henry B. Kopczynskie, Jr. by Mark and Bernadette Brasavage



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, please come! Everyone is welcome!



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Our phones have been ringing off the hook from our elderly and homebound parishioners thanking us for the beautiful Forget-Me-Not bags that you donated as well as the Easter lily and Palm. They were overwhelmed by your love and generosity. It is no small thing to be loved and remembered by your parish family. The Messengers of Hope want to thank you for your wonderful support. Sincere thanks to the Community-Service Coordinating Team of John Chuckra, Sarah and Jay Brogan, and Rose and Greg McKinley and to Paula Gallagher, Mary Lloyd, Barbara Tulanowski, and Anna Marie Kufro for delivering the bags and lilies.



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.





Thomas was not present when Jesus appeared to the Apostles after His resurrection. Thomas said he will not believe unless he sees Jesus and puts his hand into the nail marks on his

hands. He is known as Doubting Thomas for his lack of faith.

I remember a time in my life when I too doubted. It was September 5, 1987 – ordination day. I recall walking up the aisle and thinking: “I am not worth of this!” I knew I wanted to be a priest, but doubted I could be a priest. Throughout the ceremony the music, the readings, the words of the bishop and the presence of my family and friends calmed my doubt. It then dawned on me that this is not my choice, it was God’s choice. I felt the calm. It is Ok to doubt. Have faith and trust in God!

Dr. Larry Chapp will speak at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church; 215 Lackawanna Avenue; Dupont, PA 18641, on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30PM. His topic is “The Universal Call to Holiness in Our Times”. Dr. Chapp received his doctorate in theology from Fordham University. He taught theology at DeSales University and co-founded the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm. He is a renowned author of many articles with the National Catholic Register and Catholic World Report, among other critically acclaimed periodicals. He is also the author of many books, a YouTube and podcast host, and chief author of the blog, Gaudiumetspes22.com. The lecture is free of charge and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served; please join us. All are welcome.

MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS will be at 6PM 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.

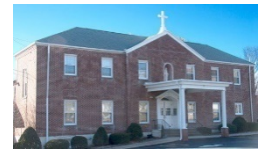


Good Shepherd Church

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy

April 7, 2024



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday, April 6

6:00PM Pina & Renato Castiglione ~ Family

Sunday, April 7

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

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

Monday, April 8

8:00AM Souls of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, April 9

8:00 AM Donald L. Lozzi ~ BML Friends

Wednesday, April 10

8:00AM Jim O'Sullivan ~ Lee & Jo Robbins

Thursday, April 11

8:00AM Dr. Thomas P. Smith ~ Dorothy & Jerry Beozzo

Friday, April 12

8:00AM Mary & Gary Leonard & Mary Breslin ~ Daughter, Maureen Umbric

Saturday, April 13

6:00PM John Anthony Cameron ~ Father & Mother

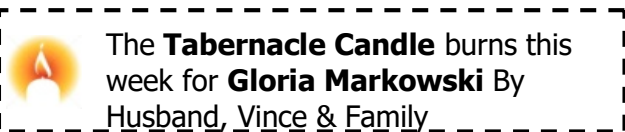
Sunday, April 14

8:00AM Joseph Generose ~ Family

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

Stewardship

March 28, 29, 30 & 31: Offertory \$4,664; **Easter** \$7885; Dues \$970; Flowers \$45; Capital Improvement \$87; Care & Education of Priests \$11; Catholic Relief \$16; **Holy Thursday** \$938; **Good Friday** \$979; Rice Bowl \$50; Home Missions \$10; Christmas \$50
Mass Attendance – 1,268



Tuesday Night Bingo: Come join us for Bingo at Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday evenings. The kitchen opens at **5:00PM** with special soups, sandwiches, beverages, ethnic foods and a variety of other goodies. Our Early Bird game begins at **6PM**.

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. **THANK YOU** for the Easter Donations!

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 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 6PM** in the St. Joseph Room. Light refreshments will be served. As always, new members are welcome.



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.





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 1st week 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 April 11th** at **5:30PM** 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! 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!

Divine Mercy Services will be held on **Sunday, April 7th at 2:30PM** at St Gabriel's Church/Annunciation Parish.

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

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 meal will be on **Wednesday April 10th**. Team members are asked to arrive by **10:30**.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society

The next monthly mass is **Monday, April 8 at 8 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 **7:30AM**. 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.**

Halupki Rolling: **April 13, 2024 at 9 AM**. If you are an early bird come at 8 AM. See you then!!!

Deadline for bulletin articles is Monday. Thank you!