



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Parish April 21, 2024



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- Mon. 4/22 7:00 PM
Lena Kislán by Leo and Jane Decowski and Family
- Tue. 4/23 7:00 AM
Health and Blessings for Ruth Gonzalez by Her Sisters Susan and Janet
- Wed. 4/24 7:00 AM
Clare and Bob Correll by Michele and Marty Kimmel
- Thur. 4/25 7:00 AM
John, Anna, and Mary Grace Serock by Their Family
- Fri. 4/26 7:00 AM
Robert Iorio by His Daughters Susan, Janet, and Ruth
- Sat. 4/27 4:00 PM
James Breznitsky by His Wife Frances and Sons
- Sun. 4/28 11:00 AM
John Moyer by His Wife Janice and Son

Our Parish welcomes Noah Andrew Antosh, son of Mark and Brianna Antosh, who was baptized on Sunday, April 14th. May you always be as close to Jesus as you are this day.



MEMORIAL DONATION in Memory of Francis "Buddy" Shovlin: \$25 by Rocco and Rosemarie Amentler; \$25 by John and Pat Herkalo; \$100 by Joe, Gina, Joey, and Owen Crowne.

MEMORIAL DONATION in Memory of Mary Jacko: \$25 by Rocco and Rosemarie Amentler

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!



Every month the **HOUR OF KINDNESS MINISTRY** sends greeting cards to our beloved elderly and homebound parishioners and also remembers them on their birthdays. We also remember them at Easter with a Forget-Me-Not Gift Bag and a beautiful Easter Lily. 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 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!



Offering Envelopes



Sunday \$2,825; Loose \$246; Dues \$1,260; Care and Education of Priests \$137; Easter \$130; Capital Improvement \$95; Other \$45; Poor Box \$86

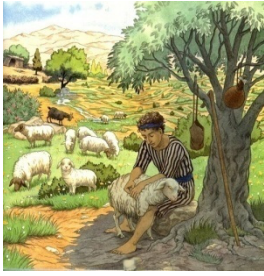
CANDLES ON THE ALTAR are in Memory of James Breznitsky by His Wife Frances and Sons



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening mass. The next devotion will be on Monday, May 20th. Why not stop by and spend some time with your Savior.



ROSARY DEVOTIONS are being said every Saturday morning at 8:30 AM and 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.



Many years ago I did my yearly retreat with a group of monks on a farm in the Southern Tier of New York. They were a holy group of men who supported themselves as farmers. They grew crops

and owned about 50 sheep. Retreatants were welcome to help on the farm if they wished. Although I knew nothing about sheep, I asked to help. The morning project was to trim the horns of a couple of sheep. One had maggots growing between the horn and the scalp and we removed the horn and treated the poor sheep. What an experience!

I learned a lot about being a pastor on that retreat: Sheep need care. You have to GO to the sheep. Sheep often bleat when in trouble. Sheep smell. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, challenges priests to not only know the sound of a sheep in trouble, but know the smell of the sheep. I am honored and humbled to be your pastor. Anyone need a horn removed? LOL

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.



The Church of Immaculate Conception welcomes Stephen Inman, Dale Jason Roberts and Kimball Cushman, each of whom completed the prescribed Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, and received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil on March 30th.

The Church of Good Shepherd welcomes Mark Knock who completed the OCIA program for Faith Formation. *Please keep these men in your prayers as they continue on their spiritual journey.*

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.



Good Shepherd Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

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

Monday, April 22

8:00 AM Chris Thrall ~ Pat & Fran Menighan

Tuesday, April 23

8:00 AM Margaret Generose ~ Donna & Dave Breshock

Wednesday, April 24

8:00 AM W. Kevin O'Donnell ~ Debbie & Larry Walko

Thursday, April 25

8:00 AM William P. Flaim ~ Nathaniel & Jennifer Altmiller

Friday, April 26

8:00 AM Barry N. Fogleman ~ Father & Mother In Law, Bill & Diane Lindsay

Saturday, April 27

6:00 PM Kovatch – Prochko Families ~ Daughter, Carol Balliet


Sunday, April 28

8:00 AM Victor F. Greco, MD ~ Theresa & Gary Allabaugh

9:30 AM Joseph Dvornichich ~ Wife, Josemarie

Stewardship

April 6 & 7: Loose \$981; Offertory \$6,476; Dues \$835; Easter \$245; Flowers \$5; Capital Improvement \$140; Care & Education of Priests \$34; Holy Thursday \$31; Good Friday \$11; Mass Attendance – 613



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for **Barry N. Fogleman** By Father & Mother In Law, Bill & Diane Lindsay



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 **April 22nd** 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.

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.

The Sugarloaf/Valley Chapter of Church Women United invite you to join us for May Friendship Day **on Friday, May 3, 2024** at St. John's UCC Church. The service begins at **1:00 PM** and light refreshments will follow. We will celebrate the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Please remember to wrap your pennies. If you plan to attend call Andrea at 570-788-2002 by April 29th.

We welcome our newest members **Emily Tavaris & Corey & Caleb Sweeney**.

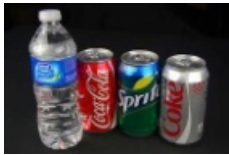


Our Spring Rummage Sale will be held on **Saturday, June 8 from 8:00AM – 3:00 PM**. (Sunday June 9 will be our \$5.00 per bag sale.)

Donations to the Good Shepherd tables will be collected starting on Wednesday June 5 until Friday June 7 from 8:00 AM -2:00 PM each day. Outside vendors can rent a space for \$10.00. Tables may be rented for \$10.00. Call Cathy Penkala (579-436-5017) or Diane Lindsay (570-599-7626) with any questions or to reserve your spot.

During the sale, the Drums Garden Club will have their annual plant sale. There will also be a Bake Sale. Proceeds from the Bake Sale will benefit the Women of Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund.

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!

St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham, will hold its "Spring Fling" Flea Market on **Saturday, May 11, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM** and **Sunday, May 12, from 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM**, in the Gym. Come and shop for "treasures" (housewares, jewelry, books, toys, holiday décor, and much more); enjoy breakfast or lunch (the kitchen will be open Saturday, May 11); treat yourself to home-baked delicacies from our Bake Sale; and take a chance on our tricky trays and cash raffle. Don't miss the St. John Bosco Spring Fling Flea Market! GPS Location: 573 State Route 93, Sugarloaf, PA 18249. Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/stjohnboscochurchconyngham>.

Most Precious Blood and Queen of Heaven Parishes Youth Volunteer Groups are asking for our aid in collecting items for care boxes to enhance the morale and well-being of the deployed troops worldwide. These packages will be so welcome especially outside of the established holidays. We will be collecting from **April 15 to June 2**. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness to the needs of the troops. *Please see the attached list of acceptable items.*

**MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
COMES TO THE DIOCESE OF SCRANTON!**

The Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a 4' x 6' exact digital replica of the original Miraculous Image "painted" by Heaven on St. Juan Diego's cloak in 1531.

The Rector of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Msgr. Diego Monroy, blessed the Missionary Image for the purpose of promoting sanctity of the family, solidarity of the Church in America, a culture of life, and a civilization of love.

We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to venerate the Missionary Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in our Diocese. Please see the parish Bulletin Board for the Public Visitation Schedule and other details.

THE MISSIONARY IMAGE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Public Visitation Schedule

May 10 -16, 2024

Holy Transfiguration Ukrainian Catholic Church, Nanticoke

May 10 (Friday) 10:00 am Divine Liturgy; 11:00 am Talk; 11:15 am Hour of Prayer; 12:15 – 2:00 pm Veneration of the Image

May 11 (Saturday) Noon to 4:00 pm Veneration of the Image; 6:00 pm Divine Liturgy; 7:15 pm Talk

Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Plymouth

May 12 (Sunday) 8:30 am Divine Liturgy; 9:45 am Talk; 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Prayer & Veneration of the Image

Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas

May 14 (Tuesday) 1:00 - 5:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Veneration of the Image

Our Lady of Fatima Grotto, North Street, Wilkes-Barre

May 16 (Thursday) 9:30 am Meet & Process with the Image to Planned Parenthood, 101 Main Street, to Pray for the Life of Unborn Children

Holy Spirit Parish – St. Mary Church, Mocanaqua

May 16 (Thursday) 1:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Veneration of the Image; 6:00 pm Holy Mass; 7:00 pm Talk; 7:15-8:30 pm Veneration of the Image

See bulletin board for more information about the missionary image