



Good Shepherd Church

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 20 & 21, 2018



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday January 20
4:00 PM John & Angeline Yancus ~ Family

Sunday January 21
8:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd
10:00 AM Charles Eskin ~ Family

Monday January 22
8:00 AM Patricia M. Balas ~ Joe & Judi Yamulla

Tuesday January 23
8:00 AM Adrienne Davenport ~ Anita & Bob Kobilis

Wednesday January 24
8:00 AM Rocco Gentile ~ Wife, Marianne & Son, Randy

Thursday January 25
8:00 AM Connie & Joe Spadell ~ Family

Friday January 26
8:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory, Especially Deceased Members of Friends of Suffering Souls

Saturday January 27
4:00 PM Joseph E. & Catherine Yelo ~ Family

Sunday January 28
8:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd
10:00 AM Theresa (Cassarella) Panco ~ Brothers & Sisters

Anniversary Mass: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 10**. The event includes a 2:30 PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. **Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made by calling the parish office before March 12th.**



The Cherry-Tree Carol: At a recent Saturday evening Mass, Judi and Mary Jo sang "The Cherry-Tree Carol," a song I always liked even though its roots seem to be in non-canonical biblical literature. "The Cherry-Tree Carol," Child Ballads #54, was collected in Britain in the 17th century and is likely older. This song appeared in our country in the Appalachians and Ozarks, and also surfaced in Canada. The story may have appeared in the Infancy Gospel of Pseudo-Matthew, an apocryphal work of the 9th century written in Latin. In it, a miracle took place after Jesus' birth. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were fleeing from King Herod when Mary became faint from the heat, and Joseph had her sit under a palm tree to rest. Mary implored Joseph to get her some dates. The tree was too tall to climb, but the 2-year-old Jesus commanded the tree to bend down and refresh His mother with fruit, which it did. In the canonical Gospel of Matthew, chapter 1:18-25, we are told of Joseph's concern about Mary having conceived. I would conjecture the title "Mary, Queen of Galilee," was derived from the non-canonical Gospel – the Proto Evangelium of James, in which Mary is presented as a belle who has many suitors, and Joseph as an older man who actually wins her hand. Among the top folk singers who have recorded "The Cherry-Tree Carol" are Joan Baez and Peter, Paul and Mary.

Stewardship

680 families received envelopes.
 Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 1/13:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00 PM	81	\$1,431.00	206
8:00 AM	44	\$ 571.00	95
10:00 AM	54	\$ 663.00	209
	Loose	\$ 201.00	
	Total	\$2,866.00	510

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week in memory of John & Angeline Yancus by family.

The Rose for Life this week is in memory of Connie & Joe Spadell by Marie and Tony Bellizia.

Biblical Presentations on YouTube: I have different biblical presentations on YouTube. To view them, type in "Father Connell McHugh Biblical Narratives" on your computer. I currently have Infancy Gospel presentations on YouTube and they will be followed by Lenten ones.

The Campaign for Human Development: This will be the second collection on the weekend of January 27 and 28.

Christmas Collection: The Christmas collection received to date is \$12,650. Thank you for your generosity.

The kindergarten and first grade classes will sing at the 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday.

Christian Unity Week: This runs from January 18-25. Please pray for the unity of all Christian Churches.

February Breakfast: Hopefully, we will continue the good attendance we had at the November and December breakfasts. Our next breakfast will be on Sunday, February 4.

Word

Theme: God's Call Demands a Response: The first reading from Jonah relates "Jonah's Second Call" after rejecting God's first call. Jonah was asked by God to preach to the city of Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, which was the enemy of Israel. To Jonah's surprise, Nineveh repents at this preaching. Jonah actually hoped that Nineveh would not repent so that God would punish them. The story of Jonah reveals that God can work even through people who do not show much cooperation. The Jonah narrative also indicates that God's divine mercy even embraces one's enemies. The Book of Jonah is unlike any other prophet and might be regarded as a prolonged parable. Jonah is unique among the prophets for initially refusing God's call. The Book of Jonah, like the writings of Isaiah, is one of the best examples of God's universal love. Jonah, however, like many of the people of Israel, did not want to share God's love with foreigners. Nineveh's repenting is similar to the action of the Good Samaritan in Luke. Until Ash Wednesday, the Gospels of Cycle B are from Mark, chapters 1 to 3. Mark's Gospel contains the most human portrait of Jesus. Jesus is portrayed as always on the go. Today's Gospel from Mark relates the call of the disciples. The calling of the disciples seems to be influenced by the calls of the Old Testament prophets, especially Isaiah and Jeremiah. Jesus is not a solitary prophet, but one who calls companions. The disciples respond to Jesus immediately. Discipleship entails being with and doing things with Jesus.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Can you imagine God entering your life in a way that you drop everything to follow Him?
2. In your own life, how might God be calling you to repent and reform?
3. In what ways might God be calling you to minister to others?

First Friday: This occurs on February 2nd. Celebrate the Presentation of the Lord and Groundhog Day by attending the 8:00 AM Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Morning Praises, Divine Mercy Devotion, and closing Benediction

Blessing of Throats: St. Blaise Day falls on Saturday, February 3rd. We will have blessing of throats at all Masses of obligation that weekend.

Lenten Scripture Study Sessions: I will have this for the 11th consecutive year. My current agenda, subject to change, is:

February 15 – A Comparison of the Call of the Disciples in the Gospels

February 22 – The Cleansing of the Temple in the Various Gospels

March 1- Minor Gospel Figures in the Passion Narratives: The Good Thief, Barabbas, Simon of Cyrene, Pilate's Wife, etc.

March 8 – The Passion Narrative of Mark (the Gospel for Palm Sunday)

March 15 – The Agony in the Garden

March 22 – Make-Up Week

While walk-ins are welcome, I encourage registration to help us get an estimate of our attendance. Please fill out the coupon. You are more than welcome to bring guests for any presentation. Register even if you plan to attend only part of the program.

Lenten Scripture Study

Name _____

Phone Number _____

FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. This famous boxing referee was recently inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. He played for the Globetrotters, the Rens, and toward the end of his career, with the Hazleton Mountaineers pro basketball franchise in 1947. Can you name him? Hints – he was the first Afro-American to referee a championship heavyweight title fight and also worked "The Rumble in the Jungle."
2. This running back, born in Wilkes-Barre, PA, played for the Eagles from 1963-71. In high school, he played for Hanover Township and in college, for West Virginia. Can you name him?

Last Week's Answers:

1. Bob Hayes won gold at the Olympics as a sprinter and was a major star for the Dallas Cowboys, winning a Super Bowl.
2. Ollie Matson, who won bronze and silver medals in the Olympics, was the star fullback on the historic 1951 San Francisco 49ers, and a Hall of Fame NFL running back.

Community

Tuesday Night Bingo at Good Shepherd Church starts with our Early Bird game at 6:00 PM. We play 22 games each week and payouts range from \$50 to over \$500. Our regular games pay \$100 each.



The kitchen opens at 5:00 PM with special soups, sandwiches, beverages, ethnic foods and a variety of other goodies including fries, pretzels, candy, chips, and more. We also provide complimentary coffee, tea, and cake to our players (and volunteers).

If *playing* Bingo is not your cup of tea, we encourage you to join the Bingo team as a volunteer. Our staff includes kitchen, admissions, sales, and floor workers. We can accommodate your schedule with as little as one hour in our sales room or admissions table, or up to three or four hours as kitchen staff. We have four teams of volunteers that rotate each week so that most volunteers only work once a month.

Bingo at Good Shepherd Church is an important source of income for our parish. Please call the parish office at 570-788-3141 or Bingo Coordinator Carol at 570-788-5891 if you can volunteer to help.



The Valley Food Pantry helps those in need of food, paper products, and hygienic articles. We have been asked to collect tissues, tuna, stewed tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, rice and pancake mix and syrup. Please check expiration dates.

Holy Family Academy will sponsor a Night at the Races on Saturday, February 3rd. Doors open at 6:00 PM with races beginning at 7:00 PM. The cost is \$12 per person or \$20 per couple. Food and beverage are included in the price. Ticket orders are due by January 26th. For more information, please call 570-455-9431.

Marian Catholic High School is excited to host an Open House on Sunday, January 28, at 12PM. Please join them to learn more about the world-class education and experience that Marian has to offer. Call 570-467-0641 or email jcarlucci@mariancatholic.org with any questions.

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program will be held at **Annunciation Parish, Hazleton**, on **Sunday, January 28**, beginning at **2:00 PM**. The session will take place in the basement of St. Gabriel Church, 122 S. Wyoming Street. **This training session is required for all adult volunteers who have direct or routine interaction with children.** During the three-hour training session, a facilitator will incorporate techniques in a discussion format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively. If you are interested in attending the training session, please call the Annunciation Parish office at 570-454-0212 to register.

Valentine's Bingo: Diamond Fire Company #2 of Hazleton is sponsoring a cash and purse Bingo on Sunday, February 11, from 1:00–5:00 PM. Doors open at Noon. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. There will be 10 regular cash games, 10 purse games, and 4 specials. Specials are Longaberger baskets. Purses by Coach, Vera Bradley, Dooney & Burke, Tory Burch, and Michael Kors will be featured. Kitchen specials will benefit Good Shepherd Church. For advance tickets or questions, please call John Nilles at 570-459-2595.

Marriage Help: The Retrouvaille Program helps couples who may be experiencing tension, stress, and loneliness in the marriage relationship. This program helps couples, even those who are separated and divorced, to better communicate and resolve conflicts in their relationships. The next local program will be held **March 2-4** at the Ramada Inn, Clarks Summit. Registration is required. All calls are confidential and the cost is by donation. For more information or to register, please call 1-800-470-2230 or visit the website at www.helpourmarriage.org.



2017 Contributions

Please clip and place in the collection basket if you would like a statement of your 2017 contributions. Your statement will be mailed to you.

Name _____

Envelope Number _____

The Women of Good Shepherd

We had a fun time at our January meeting. We discussed upcoming events and fundraisers. We ended the meeting with a fun game called Scattergories. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, February 12**, at **6:30 PM**. Membership is open to all women of Good Shepherd.

Do you want to be ready for some football? If you do, then take a chance on our **Super Bowl cooler** filled with snacks and gift certificates. Everything you need to be ready for the big game is included. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The raffle will run until **Sunday, February 4**, and the winner will be chosen during the February breakfast. Tickets will be sold before and after masses in the church vestibule. Proceeds will benefit the Women of Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund.

South Pearl Girl

A boney black dot
In polka-dot dress
Against a gray sky.

After school
Walking home
Singing a child's song.

Climbing monkey bars
Swinging to the sun
Basking in playground heaven.

After night prayers
Sleeping restlessly
On a torn couch.

Little orphan
Who but darkness
Sees you?

Rev. Connell A. McHugh