



# Good Shepherd Church

*The Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

January 27 & 28, 2018



## † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

**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

**Monday January 29**  
**8:00 AM** Harry Sauers ~ Lew & Donna Grant

**Tuesday January 30**  
**8:00 AM** Joseph Patrick Ward ~ Fran & Tony Romeo

**Wednesday January 31**  
**8:00 AM** All Souls in Purgatory, Especially Deceased  
 Members of Friends of Suffering Souls

**Thursday February 1**  
**8:00 AM** Melane Pavlick Lafferty ~ Family

**Friday February 2**  
**8:00 AM** M/M Connell A. McHugh ~ Son, Fr. Connell

**Saturday February 3**  
**4:00 PM** Robert Sukel and Stephen & Nellie Bugda ~  
 Marianne Sukel

**Sunday February 4**  
**8:00 AM** Parishioners of Good Shepherd  
**10:00 AM** Gerard Grandzol ~ The Grandzol Family

## Stewardship

680 families received envelopes.  
 Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 1/20:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00 PM	95	\$1,514.00	238
8:00 AM	55	\$ 971.00	118
10:00 AM	71	\$1,128.00	219
	Loose	\$ 147.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,760.00</b>	<b>575</b>

## Worship

*The Tabernacle Candle* burns this week in memory of **Anna Quinn** by Louise and Edward Quinn.

*The Rose for Life* this week is in memory of **Harry Sauers** by wife, Ruthie and family. *The Second Rose for Life last weekend* was in memory of **all aborted babies** by the Good Shepherd Pro-Lifers.

**First Friday:** This occurs on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. I encourage you to attend the 8:00 AM Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Morning Prayers, Divine Mercy Devotion, and closing Benediction if you are free.

## FROM THE PASTOR... Fr. McHugh.

**Synagogues of Jesus' Time:** As referred to in my theme article, synagogues were established to be a place for serious study of Scripture, a source of prayer, and community-building for people who lacked access to the Temple. Synagogue services consisted of prayers, Scripture readings, and interpretation of the readings. There were no resident rabbis in Jesus' days. Anyone with decent Old Testament knowledge could be called upon to offer an explanation of the Scripture readings. Frequently, scribes were selected to perform the interpretation of Scripture. They often quoted those whom they considered the best interpreters. Jesus, however, was not greatly concerned with quoting others, but relied on His own interpretations. In Mark's Gospel, the evangelist, more than the other Gospel writers, presents Jesus as waging a battle against the forces of evil.

**Internet Scripture:** Fr. McHugh will offer an Internet Scripture presentation on Catholicfmradio.com on Wednesday, January 31, from 7:30 – 8:30 PM. The topic will be "The Infancy Gospels" and will be on YouTube within a week later.

**Blessing of Throats:** St. Blaise Day occurs on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Throats will be blessed at all Masses of obligation on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Collection:** The Christmas collection received to date is \$12,855. Last year's collection was 12,150. Thank you for your generosity.

**Ash Wednesday:** Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day, February 14<sup>th</sup>. This year, I will offer Masses at 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, and 5:30 PM. Ashes will be distributed during the Masses. A change this year is that there will be a Mass at Noon rather than just a Scripture service.

**Ash Wednesday Responsibilities for Our Parish:** We are asked by our deanery to distribute ashes at Providence Place and The Gardens at Butler. I ask that communion ministers go to The Gardens at Butler on Wednesday, rather than Friday, that week.

**The Diocesan Annual Appeal:** Thanks to all who donated to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. A late push has aided us in exceeding our goal of \$26,000. Currently, we are at \$27,377.99, which includes outright donations and pledges. Most contributors chose to make one-time donations and most of the total has already been submitted. We have attained our goal for the last 3 years in succession.

# Word

## Theme: Jesus Teaches in the Synagogue and Drives Out

“Unclean Spirits”: The readings for today are not closely connected, so I will concentrate on the Gospel of Mark. The whole Gospel of Mark is very much concerned about Jesus’ identity. A key question throughout Mark is “Who is Jesus of Nazareth?” In the very first line of the Gospel, Jesus is called the Son of God, but everyone else in the Gospel must discover Jesus’ identity on his own. The central idea in today’s Gospel is that Jesus is the Holy One of God. The Gospel for today tells us several things about Jesus. Jesus is shown driving out an unclean spirit. The crowd is amazed at Jesus driving out a spirit that is unclean. Today’s Gospel from Mark tells us that the crowd felt that Jesus taught with authority, a great improvement on their scribes. The Gospel passage begins with Jesus entering the synagogue to teach God’s Word, and it concludes with Jesus’ fame spreading everywhere throughout Galilee. Mark tries to emphasize that Jesus is the Holy One of God. Synagogues came into existence after the destruction of the Temple by the Assyrians in 722 B.C. Assyria conquered the ten northern tribes, which led to their faith dying out since they lacked a place of worship, and these tribes disappeared and became known as the ten lost tribes of Israel. When the 2 southern tribes were conquered by Babylon in 587 B.C., they established synagogues to preserve their religious identity. Originally, synagogues were schools to preserve and teach Scripture and gather people for prayer.

### **Praying With Scripture:**

1. What are the personal “demons” that you struggle with in your life?
2. Do you feel many homilists today offer any serious study of Scripture or only shallow thought, a kind of “junk scholarship?”
3. In what ways might God be calling you to minister to others?

**Lenten Inserts:** We will again have Lenten inserts in our bulletin for 6 consecutive weeks. Along with my Scripture presentations, this is part of our Lenten programs.

**Lenten Scripture Study Sessions:** I will have this for the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Agony in the Garden

**March 15** – The Passion Narrative of Mark (the Gospel for Palm Sunday)

**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.

## **Do You Want to Know More About the Annulment**

**Process?** In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more “user friendly” than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

### Lenten Scripture Study

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**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 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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.**

## FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. Which pro football team lost 4 of the first 11 Super Bowls played?
2. True or False: Tom Brady was a first round draft pick of the New England Patriots.

### **Last Week’s Answers:**

1. Zack Clayton was recently inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame. He once played for the Globetrotters, the Rens, and the Hazleton Mountaineers, and was the first African-American to referee a heavyweight title fight – “Jersey Joe” Walcott and Ezzard Charles. He also refereed “The Rumble in the Jungle.”
2. Tom Woodeshick, who was a running back for the Eagles from 1963-71, was born in Wilkes-Barre and graduated from Hanover Township.

## 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).





**Monthly Breakfast:** Breakfast is next **Sunday, February 4**, at Good Shepherd church hall. The menu includes ham, bacon, sausage, eggs to order, potatoes, pancakes, pastry, yogurt, orange juice, coffee, tea, and chocolate milk. The cost is \$7.00/adult and \$3.00/child. Serving time is from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM.



**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.

**Lenten Fish Dinner:** Good Shepherd Church is sponsoring a Lenten Fish Dinner on **Friday, March 2**, from **4:00 – 7:00 PM**, in the church hall. The menu includes breaded haddock, macaroni and cheese, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw, green beans, dessert, and beverage. The cost is \$11 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 10 and under. To pre-order, call Barbara at 570-788-1676 by **February 16<sup>th</sup>**. **No pre-orders for take-outs will be accepted.** Walk-ins are welcome!



**Good Shepherd Golf Tournament:** On **June 8<sup>th</sup>**, Good Shepherd will be hosting our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament to benefit our Youth Ministry and scholarship fund. In order to continually grow this event and make it our most successful yet, the golf committee is requesting your help. We need volunteers to assist on our prize committee, to help with identifying and following up with our sponsors, to recruit additional golfers, and to help with the operations on the day of the tournament. The committee will be meeting in early February to discuss these and other issues. If you would be interested in assisting with this effort, please contact either of our co-directors Chuck Jumpeter at 570-788-6977 (home) or 631-922-3764 (cell), or Joe Yamulla at 570-401-5324. You may also call the parish office and leave your contact information and we'll contact you. If anyone has any suggestions on how we could improve and grow this event, but doesn't have the time to actually volunteer, please email your ideas to Chuck at [chucksgolf@gmail.com](mailto:chucksgolf@gmail.com).

**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.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Collection for Divine Providence Homeless Shelter:** The Drums Lioness/Lions Club is collecting items for the Divine Providence Homeless Shelter in Hazleton. The following is a list of needed items that are used on a daily basis at the shelter. The list starts with the top items being the fastest movers to the bottom items lasting a little longer.

Coffee  
 Powdered Ice Tea or Juice Mix  
 Natrel or Agropur Milk (which have a long shelf life)  
 Sugar  
 Coffee Creamer (original only, no flavors)  
 Breakfast Cereal  
 Paper Napkins  
 Plastic Spoons and Forks (no knives needed)  
 Large and Small Plates and Large Bowls for Cereal (foam or hard paper)  
 Paper Towels (1/2-cut last longer)  
 Clorox Wipes  
 39-Gallon Trash Bags  
 Quart and Gallon Zip Lock Bags  
 Hand Sanitizer  
 Items will be collected through February 4<sup>th</sup>. Any item on the list will be greatly appreciated! Thank you very much for your consideration to the shelter.

## The Women of Good Shepherd

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.

## Youth Ministry

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)** will resume on **Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**.

# **Faith Formation**

**Weather Cancellation Policy:** We will follow the Hazleton Area School District for weather cancellations. If school is closed on a Monday due to inclement weather, there will be no Faith Formation. If there is an early dismissal due to inclement weather, we will also cancel Faith Formation. These announcements will be posted on the Good Shepherd Faith Formation page and also texted via the Remind system.

**Living Stations:** Practice for the Living Stations will be held on **Monday, January 29**, from **5:30 – 6:30 PM**. All students in grades 3 through 7 who are interested in participating are welcome to attend.