



Good Shepherd Church

The Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 3 & 4, 2018



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- 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
- Monday February 5**
8:00 AM Katherine Gallucci ~ Aunt Rita Ganc & Family
- Tuesday February 6**
8:00 AM Melanie Ann Yencho ~ Dr. Mike & Nancy Washinsky
- Wednesday February 7**
8:00 AM Cynthia Pecora ~ Marilyn Horlacher
- Thursday February 8**
8:00 AM Victoria LaSota ~ Joe & Irene Slebodnick
- Friday February 9**
8:00 AM Health & Welfare of Donna Yascavage ~ Jeff, Ruthie, Chris & Matt Jones
- Saturday February 10**
4:00 PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd
- Sunday February 11**
8:00 AM Pina & Renato Castiglione ~ Family
10:00 AM Glen Rinehimer ~ Wife, Patsy & Family

FROM THE PASTOR... Fr. McHugh.

St. Blaise Day, which occurs on February 3rd, is a reflection of Jesus' own healing ministry. Jesus' healing ministry is so prominent in the Gospels, especially that of Mark. We know little about St. Blaise other than he was a bishop in Armenia (present-day Turkey). He lived in the 4th century. St. Blaise is known for the incident of curing a boy choking on a fish bone by reciting a prayer and making the sign of the cross. For that reason, St. Blaise is known for healing diseases of the throat. In many Roman Rite churches, two blessed candles are held or tied together in the form of a St. Andrew cross and applied to the throat. We actually know more about the history about devotion to St. Blaise than we do about the saint himself.

The Presentation of the Lord: This feast occurs on February 2nd and commemorates the presentation of the Infant Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem by His parents. Since it coincides with the 40th day after Mary's giving birth to Jesus, it was also called the Purification of Mary. Since 1969, the focus of the feast has stressed the presentation of the Lord Jesus, who is the Light of the World. The feast has also been called Candlemas Day because of the emphasis on Jesus as the Light of the World. In Luke's infancy narrative, Simeon prophesied that Jesus would be a light for the revelation to the Gentiles and for the glory of Israel. The Purification of the Blessed Mother was based on the Jewish law of ritual cleansing after childbirth found in Leviticus 12:1-8. At one time, the Catholic Church adopted this custom which was called churching. Pope St. Gregory the Great (d. 604) objected to the notion that any kind of defilement was incurred by childbirth. In the current Book of Blessings, the emphasis is on the dignity of women who gave the gift of new life to the world.

Blessing of Throats: Throats will be blessed after all the Masses this weekend. Please leave in silence if you do not want your throat blessed.

Ash Wednesday Masses: I will offer three Masses on Ash Wednesday: 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, and 5:30 PM. Ashes will be distributed after the homily.

Ash Wednesday Responsibilities for Good Shepherd: We are asked to distribute ashes at Providence Place and The Gardens at Butler. I ask that our ministers take ashes to both places on Ash Wednesday.

Stewardship

680 families received envelopes.
 Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 1/27:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00 PM	100	\$1,302.00	235
8:00 AM	62	\$ 762.00	129
10:00 AM	67	\$ 878.00	207
	Loose	\$ 161.00	
	Total	\$3,103.00	571

Worship

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

The Rose for Life this week is in memory of **the Gunzerath Family** by Lorraine.

Children's Mass: The 4th and 5th grades will participate in the 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday. The 2nd grade class will sing.

Ash Wednesday Collection: The Diocese has instructed us to take up a collection for the Churches of Eastern Europe on Ash Wednesday. The collection will be taken up following the distribution of ashes.

Word

Theme: Health and Concern for the Future: Among our main concerns today are healthcare and possible debilitating illnesses. The first reading from Job speaks about his concern for the troubles he is experiencing. Job offers a bleak outlook on his own life. He views life as drudgery. Job seems to wallow in misery and is quite restless. Hope appears to be totally absent in Job's life. Job despairingly remarks that he does not expect to experience happiness again. Responsorial Psalm 147 contrasts with the reading from Job. It praises the Lord who brings healing to the brokenhearted. The lowly can expect help from the Lord. The Gospel from Mark relates Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law. When told about Peter's mother-in-law, Jesus immediately healed her. We are told that many people came to the home of Peter's mother-in-law expecting to be cured of physical disease, handicaps, or mental illness. In Mark's Gospel, the identity of Jesus is a big issue. His own apostles and disciples have difficulty understanding who He is. After the crowds came for healing, Jesus sought solitude to pray.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Pray for all you know who are suffering from serious illness.
2. Do you truly believe that Jesus brings healing to the brokenhearted?
3. Does it surprise you that the healing ministry of Jesus is so prominent in Mark?

Liguori Catholic Updates: We will again employ the weekly updates from Liguori as part of our Lenten bulletins.

Stations of the Cross: We will recite the public Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent, excluding Good Friday. The Stations of the Cross will begin on Friday, February 16, at 4:00 PM. We will have benediction following the Stations. The Stations are an excellent meditation on the Passion of Jesus. I encourage all who are able to participate in the Stations throughout Lent.

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 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.

Scripture Sessions Change: I will have to change the date of my scheduled Scripture presentation on February 22nd because of a mandatory Diocesan Day of Recollection on the same day. I think February 21st would be a good day, but I would like to consult with those attending the Scripture classes. I will ask when we have our first session on February 15th.

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 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.**

FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. Who is the leading pass receiver in the history of the Philadelphia Eagles?
2. Which NFL commissioner initiated the Super Bowl and Monday Night Football?

Last Week's Answers:

1. The Minnesota Vikings lost 4 of the first 11 Super Bowls played.
2. False. Tom Brady was a 6th, not a 1st, round draft pick.

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 **this 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, applesauce, stewed tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, rice and pancake mix and syrup. Please check expiration dates.

The Valley Food Pantry has asked us to collect canned red beets and brown sugar for the Easter boxes which will be given to 60 area needy families. The deadline for donations is **Wednesday, March 21**. Please check expiration dates.

The staff of the Valley Food Pantry really appreciates the support of Good Shepherd Parish. Thank you for your generosity!

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 16th**. **No pre-orders for take-outs will be accepted.** Walk-ins are welcome!



Fish Dinner Desserts: If anyone would like to donate baked goods for the fish dinner, please call Connie Marcino at 570-788-6216, Andrea Tarnopolski at 570-788-2002, or Sarah Gibbons at 570-788-7453.



Good Shepherd Golf Tournament: On **June 8th**, Good Shepherd will be hosting our 12th 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.

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.

The Southern Luzerne Deanery presents “The Road to Resurrection” with Rev. Paul McDonnell, O.S.J., Provincial Superior of the Oblates of St. Joseph, Pittston, as guest celebrant and homilist. Services will be held on February 19 at Most Precious Blood Church, Hazleton; February 20 at Holy Rosary Church, Hazleton, February 21 at St. Gabriel’s Church, Hazleton, and February 22 at St. Joseph’s Church, Hazleton. All services begin at 7:00 PM. Please plan to join us in this special regional Lenten celebration of Mass with a special homily by Father McDonnell. Several priests will be available each evening following the service for Confession in preparation for Easter.

Catholic Social Services Night at the Races has been rescheduled to Saturday, February 10, at Queen of Heaven Parish (Our Lady of Grace) Madonna Hall. Doors will open at 6:15PM, with post time at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. The cost includes a buffet dinner and soft drinks (BYOB). Horses can be purchased for \$10 and if your horse wins, you win \$50! For more information, please call Catholic Social Services at 570-455-1521.

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

Start each day with a grateful and healthy heart! February is Heart Month. Please bring a heart-healthy recipe to our next meeting on **Monday, February 12**, at **6:30 PM**.

Membership is open to all women of Good Shepherd.

This weekend is your last chance to purchase a raffle ticket for 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 winner will be chosen at 11:30 during the February breakfast on **Sunday, February 4th**. There will also be 4 additional drawings for packs of quarterback cards. Tickets will be sold before and after Saturday Mass in the church vestibule and during the breakfast on Sunday. Proceeds will benefit the Women of Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund.

The Shepherd's Hands

In December, a donation of \$325.00 was made to the Pregnancy Resource Center of Greater Hazleton. Valerie White, director of the center, was very grateful for our support. The money came from past pretzel sales. Thanks to all who purchased pretzels and thanks to the Kringe family, who spearheaded the sale.