



Good Shepherd Church

The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

February 10 & 11, 2018



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday	February 10
4:00 PM	Parishioners of Good Shepherd
Sunday	February 11
8:00 AM	Pina & Renato Castiglione ~ Family
10:00 AM	Viola T. Ritz ~ Good Shepherd Choir
Monday	February 12
8:00 AM	Michael F. DeMelfi ~ Eleanor Matz
Tuesday	February 13
8:00 AM	Butchko Family ~ Janet
Wednesday	February 14 – Ash Wednesday
8:00 AM	Louis Beltrami ~ Joseph & Patricia Gans & Son
12:00 Noon	Robert Marchetti ~ Bob Woodring Family
5:30 PM	Pearl M. Sipple ~ Jeff, Ruthie, Chris & Matt Jones
Thursday	February 15
8:00 AM	Veronica Astorino ~ Jim & Donna Cassarella
Friday	February 16
8:00 AM	Marian Matusick Chavez ~ Vic & Aggie Platania
Saturday	February 17
4:00 PM	Michael Haraschak, Jr. ~ Wife, Dorothy & Family
Sunday	February 18
8:00 AM	Parishioners of Good Shepherd
10:00 AM	Theresa (Cassarella) Panco ~ Sarah Gibbons

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 season of Lent is an excellent opportunity for spiritual renewal. The parish offers daily Mass, Scripture study, the Stations of the Cross, and bulletin inserts for the season. All of us can pray, fast, and give alms on our own. Taking the time to pray helps us not to be overwhelmed by the demands made upon us. Spiritual reading is also an excellent way to focus on the person of Christ. I exhort you to select some activity, or activities, of a spiritual nature that you would like to participate in throughout the season and perhaps beyond it. Almsgiving is an excellent way to aid the needy. The constant bombardment of countless charities, I feel, has dampened our resolve to assist others. Many of us are on innumerable lists of charities that constantly pelt our mailboxes. We can decide on what we feel are the most worthy charities and disregard the others.

Stewardship

680 families received envelopes.

Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 2/3:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00 PM	90	\$1,100.00	256
8:00 AM	62	\$ 836.00	128
10:00 AM	56	\$ 819.00	237
	Loose	\$ 282.00	
	Total	\$3,037.00	621

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week in memory of **Glen Rinehimer** by wife, Patsy and family.

The Rose for Life this week is in memory of **Walter Gaskill** by wife, Janet Gaskill.

Happy Birthday: I am very grateful for your birthday cards, remembrances in Masses, prayers, gifts, etc. I enjoyed the surprise birthday party after First Friday Mass which Pat Menighan spearheaded. The food for the party was excellent, to say the least. I also appreciate the music ministry acknowledgements at the weekend Masses. The birthday wishes were a real pick-me-up after battling illness for the past couple of weeks.

Congratulations to the First Penance Class:

Gage Allen	Ava Arendash
Isabella Boyle	Aryanna Brace
Mari Brobst	Jenna Chulock
Kali Eberts	William Flood
Jeffrey Guido	Sophia King
Sofia Klick	Kamryn Knittle
Gavin Lagowy	Madelyn Lamanna
Max Palmieri	Anthony Pilger
Anthony Shebelock	Rhianna Temborski
Aiden Wagner	Kayla Wysocky
Nickolas Yates	

TV Mass: Fr. McHugh will be the celebrant of the pre-taped TV Mass which will be shown on channel 13 this Sunday at 7:00 and 9:00 AM and 6:30 PM.

Ash Wednesday, February 14th: Masses will be offered at 8:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, and 5:30 PM. Ashes will be distributed after the homily. A collection will be taken up for the Church in Eastern Europe.

Stations of the Cross: Stations of the Cross, followed by closing Benediction, will be offered on all the Fridays of Lent, beginning this Friday, February 16th. I encourage your attendance.

Word

Theme: Leprosy in Biblical Times: In biblical times, leprosy carried a wide variety of meanings. It was not limited to modern day Hansen's disease, but referred to many scaly skin diseases. People with all kinds of skin diseases were branded as lepers and considered "unclean." Lepers were considered unclean because of their complexion, which had a white skin pallor, according to Father John Donahoe. The white skin pallor was identified with death. Lepers were ordered to be isolated from other people and call out "Unclean!" when they approached people. The first reading from Leviticus, which today makes a rare appearance in the lectionary, spells out how lepers should be treated under the Old Law. Lepers had a very difficult life in the Old Testament. In today's Gospel from Mark, a leper approaches Jesus with faith and asks that Jesus cure him. Jesus first touches the man, and then says the healing words. As is the case frequently in Mark, after He heals someone, Jesus tells the person not to go public with the healing miracle. Jesus desires that people not view Him just as a miracle worker, but as the Son of God. The leper's announcing how he was healed indicates that there is no harnessing the power of God. The healing touch of Jesus destroys both religious and social isolation.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Are you concerned about people who experience religious and social isolation?
2. Is there anyone you know whose courage and faith inspires you?
3. Have you ever experienced feeling like an outcast? How did you react to that?

Revised Scripture Schedule: Presentations will normally take place on Thursdays at 9:00 AM during Lent.

February 15 – a) The Call to Discipleship

b) The Cleansing of the Temple (time permitting)

I will look at the calls of the apostles and examine the different presentations of the cleansing of the Temple.

February 22 – (Date will have to be changed due to Priests' Day of Recollection.)

I will look at various minor characters in the Passion narratives such as the Good Thief, Barabbas, Simon of Cyrene, Pilate's wife, Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus, etc.

March 1- The Seven Last Words of Jesus from the Cross I will examine this devotion which scholars, preachers, spiritual writers, etc., have treated.

March 8 – The Passion Narrative of Mark

This is the one we will read for Palm Sunday. Mark is the bleakest of the Passion narratives.

March 15 – The Agony of Jesus in the Garden

I will look at the different versions in the Synoptic Gospels and why John does not include this event. I will also highlight the Passion narrative of John.

March 22 – Make-Up Week

If make-up is not necessary, I may present another topic or show a DVD that I have in mind.

Try to attend and bring a friend.

Lenten Scripture Study

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Scripture on YouTube: I currently have a detailed Infancy Narrative presentation on YouTube. I think it is one of my better ones. Type in "Father McHugh Biblical Narratives" to reach the site.

FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. What president said, "I watch a lot of baseball on the radio?"
2. Which broadcaster said, "The Mets have gotten their leadoff batter on base only once this inning?"

Last Week's Answers:

1. Harold Carmichael is the leading receiver in the history of the Eagles.
2. Pete Rozelle was the NFL Commissioner who began the Super Bowl and Monday Night Football.

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, 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!**

We have a name! **Companions on the Journey** is the name selected for the grief ministry of Good Shepherd. Thank you, Fr. McHugh, for your input. We will hold our next meeting on **Thursday, February 15**, immediately following Fr. McHugh's Scripture session (approximately 11:00 AM). The meeting will be held in the parish hall. New members are always welcome.

"When you are sorrowful look again in your heart, and you shall see that in truth you are weeping for that which has been your delight."

– Kahlil Gibran (from the book *The Prophet*)

Lenten Fish Dinners: Good Shepherd Church is sponsoring Lenten Fish Dinners on **Friday, March 2**, and **Friday, March 16**, 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 eat-ins only, call Barbara at 570-788-1676 by **February 16th for the March 2nd dinner**, and by **March 5th for the March 16th dinner**. Walk-ins and take-outs are welcome!



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



Valentine's Bingo: Diamond Fire Company #2 of Hazleton is sponsoring a cash and purse Bingo this 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.

Ash Wednesday Retreat: The Office for Parish Life will offer a retreat on Ash Wednesday, February 14, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. The day will begin at 9:00 AM and end at 2:30 PM. Fr. Thomas P. Looney, CSC, will lead the retreat with the theme "Create a Clean Heart in Me, O God." Fr. Looney is the College Chaplain and Director of Campus Ministry at King's College in Wilkes-Barre. The retreat day will include Mass celebrated in St. Peter's Cathedral with distribution of ashes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass, and lunch will be served after Mass. Cost is \$30, which includes lunch. To register, call Mary Anne Malone at the Office for Parish Life, 570-207-2213, ext. 1100.

Catholic Men's Conference: The 4th Annual Diocese of Scranton Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, May 5, at King's College. We need a team captain to represent Good Shepherd. If you are interested, please call the parish office to be provided with contact information.

Cancer Patients Need Your Help: The American Cancer Society needs volunteers to drive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatment appointments. To learn more about how you can get involved and help make a difference in someone's life, call the American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

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.

Congratulations to Fr. McHugh! He was our lucky winner of the Super Bowl cooler raffle. The winning ticket was drawn at the breakfast by Eagles fan, Alex Carlyon. It was a well-deserved prize for a super sports fan. Thanks to Butler Valley Beverage, Vesuvio's in Drums, and to The Women of Good Shepherd for the gift cards and snack donations. The following won the quarterback collector cards: Janet Kringe, JoAnn Brown, Margie Ward, Paul Zoshak, and John Bachman. Thanks to all who purchased tickets and supported our scholarship fund. **CONGRATULATIONS, EAGLES!!!!**

The Shepherd's Hands

Don't forget to pick up your donut orders in the St. Joseph Room after all the Masses this weekend. There are also extra donuts for sale while supplies last.

The Sadness in the Valentines

Annually they paint February a brilliant red
The color of hearts shines in mid winter
Valentine verses offer their theme of affection
Praising the beloved, pledging lasting love.
In profound poetry, in doggerel drivell
Always with an upbeat outlook
Truly believing the chances for love
Will one day be realities.

Though they talk of love and fail to speak
About broken, wounded and hurting hearts
There is a certain sorrow in the valentines
An awareness that many hearts will be drawn apart
That the lines do not reflect the relationships
That some hearts will be separated
Unwillingly, with great pain and sorrow
Though they wished to remain always together forever.

Rev. Connell A. McHugh