



Good Shepherd Church

The Third Sunday of Lent

March 3 & 4, 2018



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- Saturday March 3**
 4:00 PM Regina Brozyna ~ Lisa & Bill Yanoshik
- Sunday March 4**
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd
 10:00 AM Wesley Deaton & Rita Rocosky ~ Barbara, Bill, & Family
- Monday March 5**
 8:00 AM Madeline Yannes ~ Mary Margaret & Vincent Fratarcageli
- Tuesday March 6**
 8:00 AM Gloria & Louis Biundi ~ M/M A. R. Romeo
- Wednesday March 7**
 8:00 AM John Perillo ~ M/M Carl Butala
- Thursday March 8**
 8:00 AM Neil Lamana ~ Vito Vinceguerra
- Friday March 9**
 8:00 AM Anella Dianese ~ Joe & Sofia Renaud and Family
- Saturday March 10**
 4:00 PM Michael Whitaker ~ Joe & Irene Slebodnick
- Sunday March 11**
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd
 10:00 AM Joan S. Sauers ~ Bill, Janet, & Kim Kringle

The Rose for Life this week is in memory of **Louis (Booty) Beltrami** by wife, Elaine.

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.**



Looking Ahead: This year, the Lenten Sunday Gospels are from Cycle B. Thankfully, these are much shorter than those of Cycle A for those of us who have real difficulty standing for any length of time. The Cycle B Gospels are approximately one-third as long as the Cycle A ones for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent. The Passion narrative of Mark will be proclaimed on Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. Two more Sunday Lenten Gospels and the daily Mass Gospels will come from John, and there is an increasing opposition between Jesus and "the Jews." The Gospel readings for the next couple of weeks from John do have an anti-Semitic flavor. While we cannot change the Gospels, we should be conscious of this. The expression "the Jews" primarily stands for the Jewish leaders who were contemporaries of the author of John's Gospel which was written between 90-100 A.D. At times, the author of John's Gospel is harsh toward the Jews because not long before the Gospel was written, Christians were evicted from the synagogues. For about 50 years after Jesus' Passion, death, and resurrection, Christians would go to the synagogues to pray alongside the Jews and also to the Temple before it was destroyed by the Romans. Christians celebrated the Mass in private homes. The Jews eventually recognized that Christianity was not a strain of Judaism, but an entirely different religion. Matthew's Gospel also contains some anti-Jewish verses because members of his community also were no longer welcome in the synagogues.

Stewardship

667 families received envelopes.

Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 2/24:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00 PM	100	\$1,488.00	268
8:00 AM	53	\$ 652.00	89
10:00 AM	59	\$ 817.00	204
	Loose	\$ 143.00	
	Total	\$3,100.00	561

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week in memory of **Ashleyann Temborski** by mother, Ann and daughter, Rhiana.

Faith Formation Mass: The 6th grade class will be participating in the 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday. The 2nd graders will also have a song for the Mass. Our next Faith Formation Mass will be after Easter. Grade 7 will participate in the 10:00 AM Mass on April 8th. The First Communion class (grade 2) will also sing at the liturgy. The remaining children's Masses are April 22nd (the 1st grade class), and May 6th (the 3rd grade class). Both Masses are on Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Faith Formation Penance: I will have Faith Formation confessions at the regular class period on Monday, March 12th. I will have some help with the confessions.

Penance Services: Our Penance Service will be on Thursday, March 22, at 7:00 PM. St. John Bosco will have theirs on Wednesday, March 21, also at 7:00 PM.

Scripture Session: We will have our regular Scripture session on Thursday, March 8, at 9:00 AM. I will examine Mark's Passion narrative, the bleakest of all the Passion narratives. It is the Passion narrative for the upcoming Palm Sunday.

The second collection today is for the healthcare and education of priests as it is every first Sunday of the month.

Word

Theme: The Cleansing of the Temple: Today's Gospel from John is one of few narratives that appear in all four Gospels. The passage is referred to as "the cleansing of the Temple." In John, it occurs at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. In the Synoptic Gospels, the cleansing of the Temple occurs shortly before the Passion narrative. In those Gospels, it is the immediate reason for putting Jesus to death. The raising of Lazarus is the main reason for wishing to put Jesus to death in John's Gospel. Other groups besides Jesus criticized abuses in the Temple as well. The Temple was surrounded by massive walls to prevent invasion and also to have sacred space free from the noises, smells, and dust of the city. Inside the Temple gate was the Court of the Gentiles which was open to Jews and Gentiles alike, then the Court of Women where the Treasury was located, then the Court of Men where the altar was situated. Both of these areas were open only to Jews. In the next section was the Holy of Holies, God's dwelling place on earth. At the Passover time, the Temple was jammed and residents and pilgrims were required to pay the Temple tax in Jewish currency which was mainly worthless elsewhere. The moneychangers made exorbitant profits on changing Roman currency for Jewish money. Animals for sacrifice were also sold in the Temple and were

considerably more expensive than animals purchased elsewhere. Temple inspectors also often found fault with animals purchased elsewhere, necessitating buying animals sold in the Temple. Pilgrims were overcharged, to say the least. The smell of animals and the din they produced were large distractions to Temple prayer.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Do you feel that there is too much selling involved with churches today?
2. How meaningful are the Ten Commandments to you today?
3. The first reading for today is Exodus' version of the Ten Commandments. Use this version when preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

The Light Is On For You (Confessions): On Tuesday, March 6, I will have confessions from 5:00 to 6:00 PM in my office. Just go through the door to the library and my office is right there. If the response is good, I will have confessions again on Tuesday, March 13, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. If there is a poor response, I will pick another time for additional confessions. I will offer confessions after the daily Mass when we draw closer to Holy Week.

The Living Stations: These will be presented by Faith Formation students at 4:00 PM on Friday, March 23, in place of the regular Stations of the Cross. These Stations were very well received last year. Try to attend.

Easter Triduum and Easter Sunday Schedule:

Holy Thursday, March 29 – 7:00 PM – Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, March 30 – 1:00 PM – Service of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, March 31 – 11:00 AM – Blessing of Baskets

8:00 PM – Easter Vigil Mass
Easter Sunday Masses – 8:00, 10:00, and 11:30 AM
If someone is handicapped or is uncomfortable in crowds, the 11:30 AM Mass is your best bet.

We welcome Lewis Cassarella as our newest member of Good Shepherd parish.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal: Thank you to all who have contributed to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our parish goal is \$26,000 and to date, \$28,577.99 has been contributed or pledged. 40.61% of the pledge cards mailed by the diocese have been returned, including several taken from the rack. 253 of 623 have donated or pledged. \$25,806.99 has already been given and an additional \$2,771 pledged. Currently, we are at 110% of our goal contingent on all pledges being redeemed. 75% of the money contributed in excess of our goal will be rebated to our parish. As of February 20th, the Scranton Diocese has received \$4,875,567 in outright donations or pledges. The figure represents 97.5% of the diocesan goal. Pledge cards are on the table in the church vestibule for anyone who wishes to contribute. Gifts to the Appeal should be made by June and pledges should be redeemed by that time.

Easter Flowers and Easter Collection: Please try to contribute generously to the Easter and Easter Flowers collections.

FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. The 1957 Topps basketball set was the company's initial basketball one. The only regional player to appear in the set was from Swoyersville - one of several outstanding brothers. Can you name him?
2. Who is the first regional baseball player appearing in a card set? He appears in both the Gold Coin set (in color) and the 1887 Old Judge set (black and white). The Gold Coin set also came out in 1887.

Last Week's Answers:

1. The Dallas Mountaineers have the slogan "No superstars, no egos, no excuses, one goal" on their warm-up jackets.
2. The Yankees traded 4 players to Kansas City in 1959 for Joe Demaestri, Kent Hadley, and the much better-known Roger Maris!

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, March 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.



Community



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 Dinners: Good Shepherd Church is sponsoring a Lenten Fish Dinner on **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. Pre-orders are not necessary. Walk-ins and take-outs 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.

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.



Salvation Army Soup Kitchen: On the first Wednesday of each month, our parish donates, prepares, and serves a meal to the needy in the Hazleton area at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen on Broad Street. We plan our menu to serve approximately 60-70 people. Putting our "faith into action through service to our community" is one of the missions of this parish and our Shepherd's Hands Committee.

Special thanks to:

- * our volunteers who have braved the harsh winter weather to serve our meals
- * our volunteers at Providence Place for packaging "take home bags" containing peanut butter crackers, pudding cups, tissues, fresh fruit, and mints for each person attending the meal
- * Father McHugh and the parishioners who continue to support this parish project with your food and monetary donations, prayers, and your time and talents.

Our next meal will be served on **Wednesday, March 7th**.

For more information on how you can participate in this parish project, please call the parish office.

- *Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Stoffa Beozzo*

Queen of Our Hearts Rosary Group invites you to come pray with us on **Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM** at Good Shepherd Church. We will be praying the Infant of Prague chaplet, the Holy Rosary, and the Divine Mercy chaplet. Join us in praying for Our Lady's intentions, your intentions, and all those that have asked us to pray for them. All are welcome! This is a beautiful devotion to add to your Lenten activities. For any questions or comments, contact us at angelmia@ptd.net. We hope to see you there!

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.

Hunting Heritage Banquet: The Honey Hole Longbeards Chapter of the NWTF will hold its annual banquet on Saturday, March 24, at Capriotti's Catering in McAdoo. Doors open at 4:00 PM, with dinner at 5:30 PM. Enjoy a night with food, refreshments, auctions, and raffles. For more information, contact Mark Ferdinand at 570-788-6362.

The Shepherd's Hands

Rose for Life: Thank you to all who requested Roses for Life. There are still many dates open for 2018. Request forms are available on the table in the church vestibule. Many thanks go to Janet Kringe who picked up the rose every Saturday from October 2016 until January 2018.

The Women of Good Shepherd

The children's Easter Bingo will take the place of our monthly meeting. There will be no scheduled meeting on March 12th.

The Women of Good Shepherd will be hosting our annual Easter Bingo for the children of Good Shepherd Parish. It will take place on **Monday, March 19**, in the church hall following Faith Formation classes. The cost will be \$3.00 per child, payable that evening. Each child will be served a hot dog, drink, bag of chips, cookies, a Bingo card good for 5 games, and a chance to win a giant chocolate bunny. Please fill out the form below if your child is interested in attending. You can drop off the completed form in the Easter basket located in the church vestibule. Please return your form by Wednesday, March 14th. Proceeds go toward the Women of Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund. We hope to see you there!

Children's Easter Bingo

Name _____

Phone # _____

Child's name (s) _____

_____ I would like to volunteer to help out with the event.

Name _____

Phone # _____

Festival Corner

Raffle Tickets: Envelopes containing cash and progressive raffle tickets are available for pick-up in the **St. Joseph Room** before and after all the Masses. They are arranged in alphabetical order. Please stop by for your envelope – it will help lower our postage costs. Thank you!