



Good Shepherd Church

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection

March 31 & April 1, 2018



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday March 31 – Holy Saturday
 8:00 PM Solemn Vigil of Easter

Sunday April 1 – Easter Sunday
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd
 10:00 AM M/M Connell A. McHugh ~ Son, Fr. Connell
 11:30 AM Pearl M. Sipple ~ Judith Whitaker

Monday April 2
 8:00 AM Madeline Yannes ~ M/M Bernard Simonovich

Tuesday April 3
 8:00 AM Marie Knelly ~ Sister, Ann

Wednesday April 4
 8:00 AM Platania Family ~ Vic & Aggie Platania

Thursday April 5
 8:00 AM Catherine Gorga ~ M/M Thomas Romanchak & Family

Friday April 6
 8:00 AM Louis Beltrami ~ Mary Kulig & Family

Saturday April 7
 4:00 PM Leo & Rick Pleban ~ Family

Sunday April 8
 8:00 AM Ruth Ferdinand ~ Joseph Chura
 10:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd

The Paschal Candle is in memory of Pearl Sipple by Judi and Katie Yamulla.

The Rose for Life this week is in memory of Marie Knelly by Tony and Ann Cameron.

FROM THE PASTOR... Fr. McHugh.

We wish everyone a very holy and happy Easter. Often after Easter Sunday concludes, it brings about a great deal of relief, especially for priests! The intensity of the Lenten season and the spirit of sacrifice that it brings out, however, should continue as we observe the Easter season. The first readings throughout the Easter season are taken from the Acts of the Apostles, which emphasizes the vibrancy of the early Church. The Gospels alternate between speaking of the empty tomb and Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances. These appearances are more important than the empty tomb narratives. The empty tomb narratives fail to produce faith while post-Resurrection appearance narratives do. Hearing of Jesus' post-Resurrection from others, like the empty tomb narratives, does not produce faith. Unlike the Passion narratives, the post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus, like the infancy narratives, differ greatly from one another. Both Mark and John have material added to their original endings. Mark ends at 16:1-8 and has 9 to 16 added to not have the Gospel end on a negative note. The original ending of John was chapter 20. Chapter 21 was added to John 20. Even the casual reader can recognize that there is no awareness of chapter 20 by the author of chapter 21.

The Women of Jerusalem: A new idea I got from my presentation of "Minor Characters in the Passion Narratives" was that the meaning of the term "women of Jerusalem" refers not to all the women citizens or some of them from Jerusalem, but rather to those who formed part of Jesus' entourage which continually supported Him throughout His public ministry. The women of Jerusalem were not a group who supported all who were condemned to death by crucifixion.

Stewardship

669 families received envelopes.

Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 3/24:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00 PM	98	\$1,503.00	277
8:00 AM	86	\$1,150.00	196
10:00 AM	83	\$1,296.00	238
	Loose	\$ 259.00	
	Total	\$4,208.00	711

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week in memory of Frank Fierro by Louise and Edward Quinn.

Scripture Supplement: In addition to 5 two-hour Scripture sessions this Lent, our group also viewed 2 presentations by Ronald Rolheiser on the Cross and Passion of Christ. Rolheiser is an excellent speaker who employs colorful examples to get his message across. His presentations fit in very well with the celebration of Holy Week. One of Rolheiser's main points was God's unconditional love for us. Another important idea was the need to accept the cross if we are going to be authentic followers of Jesus. Rolheiser stressed the importance of the cross in all Gospels, especially Mark.

Synoptic: This is a term I use frequently and refers to the fact that Matthew, Mark, and Luke have similar outlooks in their Gospels. Matthew and Luke employ Mark as a source for their Gospels.

Word

Theme: Jesus Christ is Risen Today: Today's Gospel from John relates that Mary Magdalene is the first person to arrive at Jesus' tomb. The tomb is empty and she tells Peter and the Beloved Disciple about the empty tomb. Both men race to the tomb. The Beloved Disciple arrives first but allows Peter to enter ahead of him. The Beloved Disciple appears only in John's Gospel (from chapter 13 to 21), which is not that unusual since quite a few New Testament figures appear only in John. In John, love is the greatest factor leading to belief. We are told that the Beloved Disciple enters the tomb and then believes. Characters in John believe only after they have encountered the Risen Jesus. The readings in the Easter Vigil prepare us for people entering the Church or renewing their baptismal promises. In our renewal of baptismal promises, we profess our belief in Jesus and our rejection of sin. In the various Gospels, the most ardent followers of Jesus do not expect Him to rise from the dead. The Easter readings focus on the effects of the Resurrection.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Think of how God's unconditional love has been given to you through family friends, etc.
2. Do you feel God is calling you to love others unconditionally?
3. What do you make of the Beloved Disciple who is present only in John's Gospel and bursts upon the scene in chapter 13 of that Gospel and is a key figure in the Gospel until its conclusion?

Thanks to Fathers Steven Brosk and Ric Polmounter:

They assisted with Faith Formation confessions on March 19th and with the adult Penance Service on March 22nd. Fr. Brosk also took the 8:00 AM Mass for Palm Sunday and is taking the 8:00 AM Mass for Easter Sunday.

First Friday: This occurs on April 6th. Following the 8:00 AM Mass, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Morning Prayer, Divine Mercy, and closing Benediction.

No April Breakfast: The first Sunday of the month falls on April 1st, Easter Sunday, and moving the breakfast date in the past has been unsuccessful. We will wait to the first Sunday in May to have breakfast.

YouTube Scripture: Father McHugh's presentation of "Characters in the Passion Narratives" is currently available on YouTube. Type in "Father McHugh Biblical Narratives" to view.

Priests' Convocation: This will take place from April 9th through April 12th at Skytop. I will be able to offer the Monday, April 9, Mass. Monsignor Kaschenbach has graciously consented to offer Mass from Tuesday, April 10, through Friday, April 13, provided there are no funerals at Holy Name of Jesus in that stretch. He will let you know if there are any funerals.

Faith Formation: There will be no Faith Formation on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Classes will resume on Monday, April 9th.

Living Stations: Thanks to all who organized and participated in the Living Stations. A nice crowd was present for the event and the music was uplifting.

We welcome Richard L. Steinbacher as our newest parishioner of Good Shepherd Parish.

FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. This fine pitcher, with over 200 career wins, successfully coached high school basketball for Montoursville this year. Can you name him?
2. This pitcher, who was very effective for the Red Sox and Phillies, once directed the Cardinal's Appeal for the Diocese of Boston. Can you name him? Hint – he became a dentist after retiring from baseball.

Last Week's Answers:

1. The old Catholic Basketball League consisted of Marymount, St. Mary's, and St. Nicholas from Wilkes-Barre; St. Vincent's, from Plymouth; Sacred Heart from Plains; St. Leo's from Ashley; and St. John's from Pittston.
2. Bob Mullery of St. Vincent's, Plymouth, led the Vinnies to a 27-0 record in 1957, scored 92 points against Sacred Heart, Plains, and dropped 40 in the state title game held at St. Joe's Gym which I attended!

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).



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, cereal, and pancake mix and syrup. Please check expiration dates.

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. For any questions or comments, contact us at angelmia@ptd.net. We hope to see you there!

Holy Childhood Missions: For Lenten giving, the children, except for third grade, received a "rice bowl" to put money in for the missions. Lent, just like Advent, is a special time to "do what Jesus would do." Jesus said, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me." **Please return the mission money by Monday, April 9th.** The total given for Advent was \$180. Thank you and have a blessed Easter!
- submitted by Jean Klinger, Missions Coordinator

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen: The winter weather has not been kind to the soup kitchen schedule. Nasty snow and ice storms have closed the soup kitchen on our scheduled dates for the past two months. We will try again this month and hope that April brings better weather for all. On the first Wednesday of each month, Good Shepherd Church continues to donate, prepare, and serve a hot meal to approximately 60 people at the Hazleton Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. This is the second year our parish has participated in this service to the need y of our community. Our next meal is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 4th**. For more information on how you can participate in this parish project, please contact the parish office.

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program will be held at **Holy Family Academy, 601 N. Laurel Street, Hazleton, on Sunday, April 8**, beginning at **1:00 PM**. The session will take place in the school cafeteria. **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 Holy Family office at 570-455-9431 to register.

Part-Time Summer Help Needed: Calvary Cemetery is looking for part-time summer help. The position is for 29 hours per week and involves cutting and trimming grass on the cemetery grounds. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and able to work from April 23rd until late September. The job pays minimum wage. For more information, or to apply, visit the Calvary Cemetery office Monday through Friday from 9AM to 3PM, or Saturday from 9AM to 11AM (no telephone calls, please.)

The 2018 Catholic Men's Conference - "Be A Man: Christ is Here, Come and See" – will take place on Saturday, May 5, at King's College, Scandlon Physical Education Center, 149 North Main St, Wilkes-Barre. Eucharistic Adoration with Rosary will be at 6:00 AM, registration/Continental Breakfast will be at 7:00 AM, and the conference main program will be from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Register online at www.BeAManConference.com (click the "Register" button), call the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 570-207-2213, or pick up a registration form on the table in the church vestibule. We are still looking for a parish captain. Please call the parish office if you are interested.

1st Annual Catholic Women's Conference – Refresh Your Faith: Does your faith need a boost? Are you looking to be inspired and uplifted? Join hundreds of women, at all levels of faith from Northeast Pennsylvania and beyond, as they gather at the 1st Annual Catholic Women's Conference. The conference includes Mass with Bishop Joseph Bambera, and keynote speakers include Judy Landrieu Klein, Father Richard McAlear, and Megan Murphy. "His Own" will provide music and ministry. Enjoy a continental breakfast, lunch, and shopping at the Catholic Vendor Marketplace. The conference will be held at the University of Scranton, Byron Complex, on Saturday, June 23, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. For registration and information, go to www.dioceseofscranton.org/catholic-womens-conference. A parish coordinator for Good Shepherd is needed. If you are interested, please contact the parish office for contact information.

Praying the Psalms: The Holy Dormition Byzantine Franciscans will host "Praying the Psalms" on Tuesday, April 17, and Tuesday, April 24, from 10:00 – 11:30 AM at the friary located at 712 State Highway 93, Sybertsville. Learn how the Psalms are laid out and a variety of ways the Psalms are used in prayer. The classes will be led by Dr. Phil Yevics, who is retired from the faculty of the University of Scranton. For more information, contact him at philyevics@gmail.com or 570-239-0611.

The Shepherd's Hands

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped deliver palm crosses to our homebound and personal care/nursing home parishioners. So many were deeply touched by the Holy Week gift and the visits!

The Shepherd's Hands will meet on **Thursday, April 5, at 6:00 PM** in the St. Joseph Room. New members are always welcome and needed! We are an outreach group. Before the meeting, some of us are going to visit the Hazleton Pregnancy Resource Center. We will meet at **4:45 PM on April 5th** in the church parking lot. Anyone is welcome to come along and carpool with us. Our parish has been supporting the Pregnancy Center since it opened.

The Women of Good Shepherd

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, April 9, at 6:30 PM**. Membership is open to all women of Good Shepherd Church.

Attention: Graduating Seniors: The 2018 Women of Good Shepherd Scholarship applications are now being accepted. Please visit the Good Shepherd Church website to download the application. **The deadline for submission is Monday, May 14th.**

The Corners

The young congregate at the corners
Coming from all sections of the city
To meet and greet their friends
Still fascinated by the world
Of hamburgers, french fries and cokes
By the thrill of flirting
By the group joy
Of merely being among friends,
On the copings they sit
Watching the cars cruise by
Waving to those they know
Waiting to be excited, to be delighted
Children of a continual friendly world
Far from cares and sorrows.
Let their days at the corners be long
For youth and joy pass so quickly.

Rev. Connell A. McHugh