



Good Shepherd Church

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14 & 15, 2018



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday April 14
 4:00 PM Joseph J. Generose, Jr. ~ Wife & Children

Sunday April 15
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd
 10:00 AM Donna Generose ~ Larry & Gary Generose, & Heather Generose Busch

Monday April 16
 8:00 AM Gerald McGuinness ~ Karin, Dana, Ed & Family

Tuesday April 17
 8:00 AM Judith Lorenzoni ~ Sister, Patty DiProspero

Wednesday April 18
 8:00 AM Angelo Spadell ~ Anna Grace Krusinski

Thursday April 19
 8:00 AM Chester Kois ~ M/M George M. Kudrick

Friday April 20
 8:00 AM Anthony Scatton ~ Wife, Sophia, and Mary, Dan, & Angela

Saturday April 21
 4:00 PM Joseph & Catherine Yelo ~ Family

Sunday April 22
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd
 10:00 AM Michael Donahue ~ Parents

The Rose for Life this week is for **Jeanette Dubesky** by her son and his wife and grandchildren. *The second Rose for Life* this weekend is for **Tom Dubesky** by his son and his wife and grandchildren.

FROM THE PASTOR... Fr. McHugh.

The Acts of the Apostles: The first reading throughout the Easter season, with the exception of feast days, is from the Acts of the Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles is the sequel to Luke's Gospel, taking up from where his Gospel ended. The Acts of the Apostles is totally different from any of the epistles. Perhaps Luke may have been disappointed that Acts was not categorized as a Gospel. The first part of Acts deals especially with Peter and John, while the longer second half treats St. Paul and his missionary activities. Acts is very upbeat and continually reports how the Church is growing by leaps and bounds. The Word of God is continually being spread. While the Acts reports the martyrdom of Stephen, it does not treat the martyrdom of Peter and Paul. The first half of the book relates many miraculous events while the latter part of the book has considerably less miraculous events. The Acts of the Apostles offers us the most on the history of the early Church.

Stewardship

669 families received envelopes.

Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 4/7:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00 PM		\$1,582.00	208
8:00 AM		\$ 728.00	137
10:00 AM		\$ 847.00	226
	Loose	\$ 228.00	
	Total	\$3,385.00	571

The Easter collection received to date is \$7,585.00.
 Thank you for your generosity!

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week in memory of Joseph J. Generose, Jr. by wife and children.

The Easter Vigil Gospel of Mark: A Totally Incorrect Way of Using Scripture: The person who arranged Mark 16:1-7 as the Gospel for the Easter Vigil certainly demonstrated an abysmal ignorance of Scripture by omitting verse 8 which cannot be separated from 16:1-7. Verse 8 reads concerning the women at the tomb, "They made their way out and fled from the tomb bewildered and trembling, and because of their great fear, they said nothing to anyone." The women disobeyed the command of the angel to announce the good news which led to an additional longer ending, verses 9-20, being attached to the Gospel. The person who set up 16:1-7 as the Gospel deleted a verse that was an integral part of the Gospel, which is totally unacceptable among biblical scholars. The person who arranged the passage was intellectually dishonest in doing what he did. I agree that verse 8 is negative, but

another passage should have been chosen rather than omit verse 8.

Care Home Masses: Father McHugh is scheduled to offer Mass at Providence Place on Tuesday, April 17, at 10:00 AM, and at The Laurels on Monday, April 23rd.

Internet Scripture: I will offer an internet Scripture presentation on Thursday, April 19, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM on Catholicfmradio.com. Simply type that phrase on your computer and listen in. The presentation will later be shown on YouTube. Type in "Father McHugh Biblical Narratives" to view.

Word

Theme: Forgiveness and Continuity Within the Developing Church: The evangelist Luke is fond of continuity. In his Acts of the Apostles, Luke tries to show continuity within the developing Church. Luke relates how the Church develops from the Hebrew Scriptures to Jesus, to His followers, and to the nations of the known world at the time. Despite our sins, God sustains the continuity. In his Pentecost sermon, Peter states that the Jews who participated in putting Jesus to death acted out of ignorance, but now they have an opportunity to repent. The second reading from the First Letter of John urges people not to commit sin, but if they do fall into sin, Jesus is their advocate before the Father. John encourages people to keep the Commandments. By doing so, they acknowledge God. The Gospel from Luke relates that the two Emmaus disciples told the apostles about their experience. Jesus then suddenly appeared to the disciples. Luke attempts to show that the risen Christ is the same person as the earthly one. Jesus shows His wounds, and then asks for something to eat. After he is given a piece of baked fish, Jesus consumes it. The continuity between the Acts of the Apostles and the Hebrew Scriptures is firmly established by the many Old Testament phrases which appear in Peter's addresses to the crowds. Peter employs many Old Testament titles for Jesus such as servant, the Holy One, the Just One, the Author of Life, etc. The Church continues the line of continuity from the Old Testament.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Recall the times you felt God's forgiveness present in your life.
2. Try to spend a short period of time each day meditating on the Scriptures.
3. How might you experience the presence of Christ in your ordinary meals?

Easter Mass from the Archives: To my surprise, I was the celebrant of the channel 13 Mass. I had the 5th Sunday of Lent Mass and did not pre-tape the Easter Mass. A few people remarked that I looked younger. They were correct! The Easter Mass shown on channel 13 was from a couple of years ago.

FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. Who is considered the best all-time NBA 3-point shooter? Hint – he is among those being inducted into the NBA Basketball Hall of Fame this year.
2. Who is the trio of Yankees aces who led them to World Series championships in 1949, '50, '51, '52, and '53, a feat that has never been duplicated?

Last Week's Answers:

1. Ralph Kiner married tennis star Nancy Chaffee and once dated Elizabeth Taylor.
2. Willie Stargell, in 1979, won the regular National League season MVP, the League Championship Series MVP, and the World Series MVP. Sister Sledge's "We are Family" was the theme song of the 1979 Pirates.

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!

The Sugarloaf/Valley Chapter of Church Women United is sponsoring a fundraising event at Panera Bread on **Wednesday, April 18, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM**. Won't you please participate by helping us make some "dough?" Bring the flyer inserted in this week's bulletin or show an electronic version to the cashier when you place your order. We will receive a percentage of the profits during the event. The proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the Salvation Army, United Charities, Valley Food Pantry, and Meals on Wheels. Thank you for helping us give back to our community. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions, call Andrea at 570-788-2002.

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.)

Join Altus for Women, a Catholic Women's Ministry, as we meet in small groups all over the diocese, reading *Mary's Way* by Judy Klein. Klein shows us how to be powerful intercessors for ourselves, our children, and those we love. Annunciation Parish will be hosting an Altus Group meeting for 6 sessions to be held at Brandon's Forever Home, 187 N. Church Street, Hazleton, on Tuesdays from 9AM-11AM, beginning on Tuesday, April 17, through Tuesday, May 22, with a tea party finale on May 23rd at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Scranton. Registration is \$20 plus the cost of the book. Online registration is open now at www.altusforwomen.com. Group size is limited, so sign up now. For more information, or if you do not have internet access, please contact Carol Matz at 570-956-0817 or carolmatz3@gmail.com.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life Craft and Vendor Show will be held at Good Shepherd Church hall on Saturday, April 21, from 10 AM – 4PM. There will be 25 vendors and handmade crafters, tricky trays (drawing at 3:30 PM), and refreshments available. For more information, email hazrflsurvivors@yahoo.com.

Christ Lutheran Church, 467 Main Street, Conyngham, will present a Spring Handbell Concert featuring "The Jubilation Ringers" from Asbury United Methodist Church, Allentown, on Sunday, April 29, at 4:00 PM. Admission is free and all are welcome.

The Sugarloaf/Valley Chapter of Church Women United invites you to attend **May Friendship Day** which will be held at Conyngham Christ Lutheran Church on **Friday, May 4th**. The service will begin at 1:00 PM with light refreshments to follow. The focus of this program will be "Child Hunger." We will also be celebrating the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Each time a woman prays for peace, a least coin is offered as a token of her prayer. These least coins will be given to an international fund to support women around the world. Please remember to wrap your least coins (pennies). Thank you! Call Andrea at 570-788-2002 for more information.

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.

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.

Companions on the Journey **Grief Ministry News**

On **Thursday, April 19, at 9:30 AM**, SpiriTrust Hospice representatives will speak on their experiences "walking with the grieving." The presentation will last about an hour and is open to any interested parishioner or friend. Pre-registration is not required and the group will meet in the St. Joseph Room.

The Women of Good Shepherd

Our guest speaker at our last meeting was Anita Kobilis, a certified energy healer. She spoke to us about chakras and how they relate to holistic practices and healing. She even demonstrated the use of sound energy and crystals and how they are used to naturally heal. Anita was very interesting and informative. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 14, at 6:30 PM** in the St. Joseph Room.

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 Jesus Drawers

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Bubbling with Post-Bultmannian exegetical energy
They redact and form criticize
Assaulting 3 dimensional living letters
Trying to resurrect the old, elusive historical Jesus.

But Jesus does as he pleases
And when each verbal painting is produced
At first the drawer delights
Off to the publisher, with the definitive Christ.
Till next year's new exegete slashes his idol
And carves his own.

All Jesus drawers start asking the question:
"How can we know the Son of Man?"
They cannot quite shape Him from paper
But if they abandon the book
The chimerical Christ will manifest His multi-forms.

So hack away, hack away, all day
Apply all the tools of critical scholarship
Jesus drawers, by necessity meekest of scholars.
If the camel can pass through the eye
Of the needle
Might not The Word through the alphabet?

Rev. Connell A. McHugh