



Good Shepherd Church

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 24 & 25, 2017



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday June 24
4:00PM Josephine & Angelo Matz ~ Family
Sunday June 25
8:00AM M/M Angelo Greco ~ Dr. & Mrs. Victor Greco
10:00AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd
Monday June 26
8:00AM Abramowicz Family ~ Janet
Tuesday June 27
8:00AM Madeline Yannes ~ St. Joe's Baking Crew
Wednesday June 28
8:00AM Edith & James O'Donnell ~ Granddaughter, Diane Cortese
Thursday June 29
8:00AM Constance Spadell ~ Angie Michelin & Family
Friday June 30
8:00AM Donna Generose ~ JoAnn & Al Miller
Saturday July 1
4:00PM Anthony Gunzerath ~ Sister, Lorraine
Sunday July 2
8:00AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd
10:00AM James A. Hoffman ~ Wife, Claire & Family

What you hear...
 proclaim



from the housetops.

FROM THE PASTOR... Fr. McHugh.

Weekend Attendance a Concern: Starting with the Memorial Day weekend, our attendance has plummeted. The Memorial Day weekend is traditionally a low-attendance one although the Memorial Day Mass on Monday does draw very well. Especially noticeable is the small number of students present since Faith Formation concluded. I would hope that people will make the effort to attend Masses of Obligation and make sure that children attend as well. I also encourage people to remain for the conclusion of the Mass. An hour a week is certainly not too much to give to God. We need to improve in these two areas.

Father Steven Brosk will be substituting for me this weekend, and Monday through Friday of the following week.

Peter's Pence: The second collection this weekend will be for Peter's Pence, which supports the Holy Father's charities and his evangelizing trips to foreign countries. Peter's Pence began in the 8th century as a tax of one penny on each household. The amounts collected are now sent to Rome by diocesan bishops. Some dioceses incorporate the Peter's Pence collection into the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our diocese does not.

Skin Cancer Treatments: I have begun skin cancer treatments which will be 5 times a week and will last to near the end of July. Please keep me in your prayers. I have the appointments scheduled for the afternoon to avoid inconvenience to the parish as much as possible. The treatments may affect my availability some afternoons and evenings.

Breakfast Cancelled for July: Because of all the work involved in the festival, there will not be a breakfast held in July. Please tell any friends who are not parishioners.

Stewardship

693 families received envelopes.
 Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 6/17:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
8:00PM	74	\$ 979.00	202
8:00AM	62	\$1,113.00	146
10:00AM	60	\$ 823.00	204
	Loose	\$ 211.00	
	Total	\$3,126.00	552

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week for Josephine & Angelo Matz by family.

The Rose for Life this week is in memory of all deceased family members by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Proske.

Holy Day Attendance: This has been poor the last few years. I will make one more adjustment for the upcoming holy day, the Assumption, on August 15th. I will keep the 5:30PM Vigil Mass and the 12:00 Noon Mass on the day itself. I will drop the 8:00AM Mass which has been the weakest and add 5:00PM on the day itself. If attendance continues to be poor, I will consider reducing the holy day schedule to two Masses, which many parishes have already done.

Providence Place Mass: Fr. McHugh usually offers Mass at Providence Place on the first Tuesday of the month. Because the July 4th holiday falls on the first Tuesday of the month, at the request of Providence Place, Mass will be scheduled for July 11th. The Mass at Fritzingertown will be offered on Thursday, July 20, at 10:15AM.

Word

Theme –Stand Firm in the Faith: When the late Pope John Paul II died, people of different religious affiliations gathered in Rome and in other cities across the world to show respect for their highly-regarded hero. Even people who did not follow his moral teaching or doctrine respected his integrity. Particularly noteworthy was the large number of young people present for his funeral. Pope John Paul II showed respect for all men and women. Today's scriptural readings deal with integrity and commitment. Despite facing persecution, Jeremiah spoke his message fearlessly. His preaching alienated family and friends. Despite being persecuted, Jeremiah remained faithful to his vocation. Responsorial Psalm 69 reveals that God's faithful ones suffer persecution often, and many times from close friends. The psalmist is confident that God will respond to those who call upon Him. The Gospel from Matthew is part of Jesus' missionary discourse. Jesus encourages His disciples to stand up for their faith in time of persecution.

Praying With Scripture:

1. In your situation, how are you challenged to show integrity?
2. Who are some people you admire for standing up for important values?
3. Can you think of any areas where you are called upon to stand up for moral values?

Scripture Presentations on YouTube: If you wish to view any of my Scripture presentations on YouTube, simply type in "Fr. Connell McHugh Biblical Narratives" on your computer. Usually a few different ones are available for viewing.

Help Wanted: Good Shepherd Parish is looking for lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, and also people to join our Building and Grounds Committee. You may contact the parish office if you are interested or complete the coupon and drop it in the collection basket.

VOLUNTEER RESPONSE FORM

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Area(s) of Interest _____

Scripture Study Transcripts: Father McHugh's lectures on Scripture, the person of Christ, Jesus' teachings, updates on important topics and persons, etc., are available for a low cost of \$15. The text is over 300 pages plus a detailed index. These have been moving well. 83 topics are included in the transcript. To order, fill out the coupon and return it to the parish office.

SCRIPTURE SESSION TRANSCRIPT REQUEST

Name _____

Phone Number _____

FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. Who was the Phillies' announcer when the team lost 23 straight in 1961? Despite announcing for the Phils for over 30 years, he never had a pennant winner and had double-digit last place teams.
2. What two pitchers from the 1950 Whiz Kids pennant-winning team for the Phils are still living?

Last Week's Answers:

1. Hugh Mulcahy once won 25 games for Hazleton, the Phil's first farm club, but was nicknamed "Losing Pitcher" because of a career 45-89 record with the Phillies, twice losing 20 or more games.
2. John Buzhardt won the game before the Phils lost 23 straight in 1961 and won the game that broke the losing streak.

Community

Bingo at Good Shepherd Church Hall is held every Tuesday evening. Doors open at 5:00 PM; games start at 6:00 PM. Food and refreshments are available.



The Valley Food Pantry helps those in need of food, paper products, and hygienic articles. We have been asked to collect peanut butter and jelly, fruit cocktail, toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues. Please check expiration dates.



Natural Family Planning is a way of life, and a way of love. To hear about the benefits of Natural Family Planning, call diocesan-approved instructors and parishioners Eric and Bernadette Jespersen at 570-788-4560.

Attention: Lot Holders in Calvary Cemetery:

Summer cleanup will take place on **Wednesday, July 5th**. Please remove all log planters, artificial and plastic flowers, and any desired holiday decorations from the graves prior to Wednesday, July 5th. Only one live plant is permitted on the graves. All remaining items left on the graves on July 5th will be removed and discarded by cemetery personnel. Calvary Cemetery will not be responsible for items not claimed prior to cleanup. If you have any questions, please call the cemetery office at 570-788-2150.

The Shepherd's Hands

The next Shepherd's Hands meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 29, at 6:00PM** in the St. Joseph Room. **There will not be a meeting in July.** We will be preparing for our tables at this year's parish festival. If anyone is interested in helping, please come to the meeting or call Jean Klinger at 570-788-3958. We would love to have some post-Confirmation students to help fill balloons and hand them out at the festival.

The Good Shepherd Pro-Lifers

The Rosary of the Unborn will be prayed on **Saturday, July 1, after the 4:00PM Mass.** The Rosary will be prayed in church. All are welcome!

We will be praying one decade of the Rosary before Mass during the month of July. We will start 20 minutes before Mass. We will try to do this for all Masses as long as we get volunteers for the 8:00AM and 10:00AM Masses.

- Respectfully submitted by Mary Cressman

The Women of Good Shepherd

There will not be a July meeting of The Women of Good Shepherd. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, August 14, at 6:30PM.** Membership is open to all women of Good Shepherd Church.

The Hunchback

Day after day passing out papers
Without close friend or relative
Up and down the city streets
Delivering the news of the day.
Looking at beautiful women
And laughing young children
Knowing that he will never be a part of them.
Night time and a night alone in one room
Of a boarding house
Or a night alone drinking coffee after coffee.
Unable to cut the curtain
Which separates him from humanity.
Doomed to a life of little happiness.
What a tower of strength he is!
He who dares to face reality
Plagued with such a handicap.

Rev. Connell A. McHugh

Festival Corner

The 50/50 raffle ticket stubs are being returned. **\$3,493** has been collected, making the lucky winner's share **\$1,746.50** as of June 20th. Thank you for your support! Please return any unused raffle tickets to the parish office. Tickets are available for purchase in the parish office during business hours.

Co-chairs Connie Marcino, Linda Kraynack, and Andrea Tarnopolski will be accepting donations of baked goods for the festival. Please call Connie at 570-788-6216, Linda at 570-788-5954, or Andrea at 570-788-2002 if you can help by donating or by working either day of the festival.

We will hold festival sign-ups again in the St. Joseph Room after all the Masses this weekend. Anyone who signed up for the Pulled Pork and Pierogies stations – please check the sheets as we made some changes. If you need to move, please change the sheet.

FESTIVAL WEEK AT A GLANCE – IF YOU CAN HELP, WE'LL BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU:

Wednesday, July 5: 9:00AM - We will be shredding cabbage and preparing the haluski. Bring your electric fry pans, sharp knives, and large cutting boards if you have them.

Thursday, July 6: Starting at 9:00AM – Help is needed setting out the chairs.

9:00AM – We'll continue frying cabbage. Bring your electric fry pans!

5:00PM – We are looking for men and women to help set up the festival stands.

Friday, July 7: 9:00AM – Someone with electrical experience is needed. If you can help, please call Bob Olaski at 570-401-3441.

12:00 Noon – We will prepare the peppers and onions and de-silk the corn on the cob.

Saturday, July 8: -8:30AM – We will prepare the corn for smoking.

Tricky Trays: Please call Jackie Gorski at 570-788-0964 for more information or for tricky tray donations.

Sign Sponsorships: If you haven't sent in your sign sponsorship, please do so by **Wednesday, June 28th**.

Faith Formation News

Confirmation certificates and photos are available for pickup in the St. Joseph Room before or after all the Masses.

