



Good Shepherd Church

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 1 & 2, 2017



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- 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
- Monday July 3**
8:00AM Joanne M. Balas ~ Raymond Zelenack, Jr. & Family
- Tuesday July 4 – Independence Day**
9:00AM Angeline Yancus ~ Marilyn Tedesco
- Wednesday July 5**
8:00AM Robert J. Bove, Sr. ~ Larry & Joan Slavick
- Thursday July 6**
8:00AM Angelo Spadell ~ Ed & Nancy VanBlargan
- Friday July 7**
8:00AM Carmen Fierro ~ Goddaughter, Anita
- Saturday July 8**
4:00PM Charles J. Zaremba ~ Family
- Sunday July 9**
8:00AM Jean Mayton ~ Faith Formation Catechist Team
10:00AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd

First Friday: Friday, July 7, is the first Friday of the month. Following the 8:00AM Mass, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Morning Prayer, Divine Mercy devotion and closing Benediction. Please join us if you are free.



FROM THE PASTOR... Fr. McHugh:

I encourage parishioners who are able and free to give some volunteer time to the parish festival. If you are not able to volunteer, I hope you will at least support the festival by your attendance. We have a nice lineup of entertainment with DJ Donnie Dee on Saturday afternoon and Kartune beginning at 6:00PM on Saturday evening, followed by fireworks to close the day. On Sunday, from 1:00 to 4:00PM, will have Lady A and Destiny and Tony Angelo and Bobby Seamon from 4:00PM to closing. I am sure you are familiar with Donnie Dee, Kartune, and Tony Angelo and Bobby Seamon, since they have appeared here multiple times. Lady A and Destiny is a trio featuring vocals by Lady A, a great saxophonist, and a fine keyboard player, Pete Carver. Although Lady A is from Long Pond, the group plays a good deal in the Harrisburg and Reading areas. Lady A will appeal to young and old alike. She features Motown music and also rock and roll. The group has appeared many times at The Pines in Hazleton and has been very well received. I saw the group perform at least five times.

August 8th: That day is the 19th anniversary of the death of Fr. Raymond Brown. I would like to make a Scripture presentation in his honor around that date. I would also like to honor Fr. Robert Barone who really popularized Scripture in our diocese. I consider Fr. Raymond Brown the most knowledgeable biblical scholar that I have ever read, and I have read an enormous number of people in the field of Scripture. While Fr. Brown is widely considered the top scholar on John's Gospel, I find him outstanding in several areas: the Infancy Gospels, the Passion and Resurrection narratives, Christology, and the early Church communities, to name a few. While Fr. Ray Brown is not an easy read, I do feel that he does break down intricate material to make it palatable to priests and lay persons with moderate backgrounds in Scripture. I will give at least two weeks' notice concerning the Scripture presentation or presentations I will make in honor of Frs. Brown and Barone.

Stewardship

693 families received envelopes.
 Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 6/24:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
8:00PM	75	\$1,000.00	209
8:00AM	72	\$ 940.00	176
10:00AM	67	\$1,319.00	207
	Loose	\$ 245.00	
	Total	\$3,504.00	592

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week for living and deceased members of the Krzysik Family by Frank & Anna Krzysik.

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

St. Ann's Novena: I used to have this when I was pastor of St. Francis, where attendance ranged from about 60 to 90. This year, I will lead the prayers to St. Ann after the daily Mass and provide novena booklets for you. I will have to see about what to do on weekends. Perhaps you will have to say the prayers on your own or have someone lead the prayers at one of the Masses (preferably before it). I think Saturday would be the best day. I will not have music this year and depending on the response, I will evaluate what should be done next year.

No Breakfast This Sunday: Due to work involved in the parish festival, there will not be a parish breakfast this Sunday.

Word

Theme –The Gospel is Demanding: Today's Gospel from Matthew picks up last week's theme of the cost of discipleship. Following Jesus entails a commitment to mission. The Gospel for today is part of Jesus' missionary discourse and in it, He does make strong demands on His followers. Disciples are to love Jesus more than their own parents. Jesus speaks of the need to take up our cross and follow Him. He even speaks of losing one's life for His sake. Jesus also speaks about the need to show hospitality to His disciples. People who do this are promised rewards. Jesus refers to assisting the little ones. The expression "little ones" usually means disciples - not small children. St. Paul, in the second reading from Romans, refers to our baptism, which involves sharing in Christ's life and death. The daily cost of discipleship and our surrender to God should be in gratitude for His gifts. The first reading from the Second Book of Kings relates the hospitality of a couple to the prophet Elisha whom they recognize as a holy man. Because of the hospitality extended to him, Elisha promises the childless couple a son.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Do you show hospitality to people on a regular basis?
2. To whom might you extend hospitality to people you have not shown any or little in the past?
3. How supportive are you of those who announce the Gospel whether you consider them worthy or not of your backing?

YouTube Presentation: Fr. McHugh has several presentations on YouTube including the latest dealing with the formation of the Canon and the false Gospels that were not admitted into the Canon of Scripture. In the presentation, I examine the criteria necessary for inclusion in the Canon. Simply type in "Fr. McHugh Biblical Narratives" on your computer to reach the site.

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. Stop by the parish office after Mass or during the week to pick up a copy.

July 4th Mass: Tuesday is the 4th of July holiday. Mass will be offered at 9:00AM rather than the usual 8:00AM time.

Daily Mass: Comparatively speaking, daily Mass, unlike the weekend liturgies, has been very well attended even though many of those who formerly attended have died or have become confined to their homes or nursing/personal care homes. 36 attended the June 23rd Mass of the Sacred Heart.

Baptism Sunday: Sunday, July 16, will be a baptismal one.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): If you or anyone you know wishes to join the Catholic Church, please call the parish office and leave your name and phone number. Adults who have been baptized or not baptized are welcome. We will start the RCIA program any time we have candidates. The program meets every other Wednesday night for one to two hours and at Mass every weekend for a discussion of the readings for that Sunday. We also welcome anyone who wishes to join as a catechist and help with our program which culminates at the Easter Vigil with the administration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. You need only be a practicing Catholic in good standing to help.

The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident. The Mass is scheduled for **Thursday, July 13, at 7:00 PM** in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. If not previously registered, the Diocese asks that the names of deceased loved ones are registered on forms which are available in the parish office or accessed on the Service and Social Concerns webpage on the Diocese of Scranton's website, www.dioceseofscranton.org. All registrations must be received in Scranton by Friday, July 7th. Questions may be directed to the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. What two men are generally considered the first American sports heroes? Hints – one was a baseball player and the other a boxer.
2. This Phils player was a regular on the poor teams of 1960 and '61. Though he struck out frequently, he did hit .271 for his career and had good power. To his credit, he was always concerned about getting to Sunday Mass and if any people were going, he would say, "Me go, too." One of his baseball cards is worth nearly \$10,000 because the final "a" is missing in his last name. Can you identify the player?

Last Week's Answers:

1. By Saam was the announcer for the Phils in 1961 when they lost 23 straight games. He probably is the announcer with the most 100-loss seasons and the most cellar finishes.
2. Bob Miller and Curt Simmons are the two pitchers from the 1950 Phils Whiz Kids who are still living.

Community

Bingo at Good Shepherd Church Hall **will not be held on Tuesday, July 4th.**

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.



The Hospitality Committee will meet on **Sunday, July 16, at 9:00 AM** in the St. Joseph Room. Anyone who is interested in joining the committee is welcome to attend the meeting.

Crochet or Knit for a Cause: The Good Shepherd Church Crochet or Knit for a Cause Group makes baby hats and blankets for newborn babies of the Pregnancy Resource Center of Greater Hazleton. **The meeting for July has been changed to Monday, July 10, at 10:00AM at Providence Place.** The meeting will be held in the sunroom on the 3rd floor. We hope to see you there!

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 Alzheimer's Association Support Group at Providence Place has changed its meeting date from July 27th to Thursday, July 20, at 6:00PM.

The Shepherd's Hands

We will have tables at this year's parish festival. We would love to have some post-Confirmation students help fill balloons and hand them out at the festival. If anyone is interested in helping, please call Jean Klinger at 570-788-3958.

Faith Formation News

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

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.

Festival Corner

The 50/50 raffle ticket stubs are being returned. **\$4,022** has been collected, making the lucky winner's share **\$2,011** 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.

Volunteers are still needed. Please call Diane Lindsay at 570-599-7626 for more information or to volunteer.

Please do not park in the lower parking lot after Tuesday, July 4th. We will be setting up the stands and tents.

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.

The Good Shepherd Pro-Lifers

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. If you would like to lead the decade before any 8:00 or 10:00AM Mass, please call Mary at 570-788-3271.

The Rosary prayed during the month of July will be for all aspects of the military. This week, we ask you to pray for those who fought to give us our freedoms and those military personnel who are serving our country to protect our freedoms. God Bless America!

In addition to the Rosary, we also pray the Fatima Prayer. This year is the 100th anniversary of our Lady’s appearance at Fatima. She asked that we pray the rosary daily for peace. This world certainly needs peace!

- Respectfully submitted by Mary Cressman