



Good Shepherd Church

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8 & 9, 2017



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

- 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
Monday July 10
8:00AM Blanche Yanuzzi ~ M/M Allen Spotts
Tuesday July 11
8:00AM Elmer Poncheri ~ Wife & Children
Wednesday July 12
8:00AM Wesley Deaton ~ M/M John Wawrzyn
Thursday July 13
8:00AM Gene Collins ~ Wife, Marie
Friday July 14
8:00AM Joseph Magro ~ Richard & Jean Gerenza
Saturday July 15
4:00PM Joseph J. Generose, Jr. ~ Wife & Children
Sunday July 16
8:00AM Special Intentions of Dr. & Mrs. Victor Greco
10:00AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd

Baptism Sunday: Sunday, July 16, will be a baptism Sunday.



St. Ann's Novena: I will say the St. Ann's Novena prayers after the Masses on weekdays and after the Saturday evening Mass. On Sundays, people can say the prayers on their own. I will provide the booklets which I obtained directly from the Passionist Fathers at St. Ann's Basilica in Scranton. The Novena to St. Ann will begin on Monday, July 17. We will say the prayers after morning Mass on July 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21, and after the Saturday, July 22, Mass. We also will say the prayers after Mass on Monday, July 24, and Tuesday, July 25, and on St. Ann's Day itself, July 26th. Some parishes say the Novena prayers on St. Ann's Day, others do not. Perhaps some who are making the novena may want to go to St. Ann's Basilica for one of the services. On a personal note, the first spiritual program that I conducted was the St. Ann's Novena in 1972 at St. Mary's in Wilkes-Barre, at which I spoke on different titles of Christ each night. That event took place when Monsignor Francis Costello (Joe Dash), a very congenial man, was pastor of St. Mary's. Monsignor Costello was the first pastor of Good Shepherd, and the brother of a former Hazleton mayor. My first St. Ann's Novena seems light-years away. I also conducted the St. Ann's Novena each year when I was pastor of St. Francis of Assisi from 1994 – 2007.

Stewardship

695 families received envelopes.
Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 7/1:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
8:00PM		\$1,068.00	227
8:00AM		\$ 871.00	169
10:00AM		\$1,248.00	226
	Loose	\$ 240.00	
	Total	\$3,427.00	622

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week for **Marian Matusick Chavez** by Patsy Rinehimer and family.

The Rose for Life this week is in memory of **Jean Mayton** by Bill and Janet Kringe.

Nursing Home/Personal Care Home Masses: Fr. McHugh will offer Mass at Providence Place this Tuesday, July 11, at 10:00AM, and at Fritzingertown on Thursday, July 20, at 10:15AM.

Parish Festival: I encourage all to support the parish festival which is our largest fundraiser throughout the year, but also an opportunity to enjoy some good times with family and friends. We have fine entertainment arranged for both Saturday and Sunday. We always have a large selection of tricky trays and baked goods inside the parish hall, and of course, a wide variety of food for sale outside. We had beautiful fireworks the past two years, and we anticipate the same this year. Plan on attending and supporting the parish and having an enjoyable time.

YouTube Presentation: Fr. McHugh has several Scripture presentations on YouTube. Simply type in "Fr. McHugh Biblical Narratives" on your computer to view the presentations.

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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.

Call for Altar Servers: Any boy or girl who has received Holy Communion and wishes to become an altar server is asked to fill out the coupon below. We will run the appeal for servers throughout July and hopefully begin practicing in August if there is a response.

ALTAR SERVER REGISTRATION

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Grade _____

Word

Theme –Jesus Bids Us to Turn to Him: I am sure today's Gospel is quite familiar to many of us. It is the Gospel employed for the Feast of the Sacred Heart and is one of the optional Gospels for funerals. Jesus encourages people to turn to Him, especially when they feel troubled. He promises us His help – assistance that will not take away our burdens, but make them bearable. Two virtues that Jesus encourages in the Gospel are gentleness and humility. The learned and the clever referred to by Jesus are the scribes and Pharisees who are smug in their knowledge of Scripture and the Law and feel that Jesus has nothing to offer them. The "mere children" in the Gospel are not little tots, but those who have hearts open to God. This category includes the poor and the humble. Jesus also deals with the theme of yoke. In the Old Testament, yoke was a symbol for the Law and the precepts of God and are primarily contained in the first five books of the Bible. The scribes and Pharisees added many manmade laws that proved burdensome. Many people were overwhelmed with the demand of the Law. Jesus' teaching freed people from the suppressing laws. When we are united with Jesus, our yoke is easy and our burden light.

Praying With Scripture:

1. What burdens are present in your life? Do you turn to Jesus for help?
2. What teachings of Jesus and the Church do you find burdensome and difficult to accept?
3. Express your gratitude to God in prayer today.

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.

**FR. CONNELL'S
TRIVIA**

1. This player, not a pitcher, played in 105 games without a hit. Can you name him? This is a trick question involving an unusual, creative owner.
2. In 1960, the tallest player in the American League was traded for the tallest player in the National League. Can you name the players? Hints – both were pitchers. The National League pitcher played quite a few years in the NBA and is the only player to have a World Series ring and an NBA Championship one. The American League pitcher who had some success went 3-16 with the 1961 Phils.

Last Week's Answers:

1. Christy Mathewson, the great Giants pitcher and boxer John L. Sullivan are considered the first American sports heroes.
2. Frank "Pancho" Herrera was the regular first baseman for the Phils in 1960 and '61 and was always concerned about attending Sunday Mass. A card of his without the final "a" is worth around \$10,000. I can still hear By Saam say, "Strike three. Pancho strikes out."

VOLUNTEER RESPONSE FORM

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Area(s) of Interest _____

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.



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!

Grief Support Ministry Training: Sr. Jane Connolly, IHM, pastoral associate at St. Rose & Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Carbondale, will conduct a workshop on **Saturday, August 5, from 10AM – Noon at St. John Bosco Parish** for those who wish to become grief support ministers, as well as those who would like to develop further their abilities to walk with the grieving. Topics will include the grief process, common emotions in grieving, complications and grief history, and listening skills. Sr. Jane will also provide an outline for a five-session grief support group. Please call Marie Guza at 570-455-3874 to register. The workshop is free.

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The next **Charismatic Mass and Healing Service** at St. John Bosco Church will be held on Thursday, July 13, at 7:00 PM. Fr. Gus Riccardi will preside and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45PM. Light refreshments will be served afterward in Room 3. Come join us!

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

Bus Trip: The Polonaise Society of Hazleton is running a bus trip on Tuesday, September 12, to tour the John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC. A Noon Mass will be held at the shrine. Also included is a stop at the Immaculate Conception Basilica and a buffet dinner on the way home. The cost is \$60.00. If interested, call Joann at 570-636-2756 or Michalyn at 570-454-3124.

The Shepherd's Hands

We extend a note of gratitude to everyone who supported the recent pretzel sale. A profit of \$322 was realized, which will be used for the pro-life work of our ministry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!
- Respectfully submitted by Janet Kringe

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.

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, please pray for the families, especially the children, of military personnel. Also, please pray for the safe return of their loved ones. Thank you!

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

Festival Corner

The 50/50 raffle ticket stubs have been returned. **\$4,408** has been collected, making the lucky winner's share **\$2,204** as of July 3rd. Thank you for your support and good luck!

Peacetime Around a Little Harbor

Slowly flow the waters of the little pool
As the sun streaks westward,
And the first breezes of evening cool.
Children's happy faces are the object of
Proud parents' eye.
The little pool swims slowly
But how the time does fly.
The manifold colors of the boats
Are veiled by the dark.
Brightness fades while the North Star
Gazes down on the quiet park.
Young life with its blessed unawareness
Concentrates on the magical sea
Innocence now shields the children
But how time does flee.
The pint-sized pilots have nearly sailed
The silent stream.
Little captains guide their vessels to port
While parents dream
And dream more of the fruitful fortunes
The future will unfold,
How their daughters will be beautiful
And their sons brave and bold.
Parents whisper sweet thoughts and hopes
To each other
About the innocents who are the pride of Dad
And joy of Mother.
Let them make a last wish
Before the boats reach their port.
Life is hard and times for dreaming are short.

Rev. Connell A. McHugh

I can vividly remember this early childhood experience, probably in 1950 or the very early 1950's. Perhaps this took place at the old Lakewood Park. Somehow, this incident is deeply imbedded in my memory.