



Good Shepherd Church

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 12 & 13, 2017



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday	August 12
4:00 PM	Blanche Yanuzzi ~ Richard & Helen Yesilonis
Sunday	August 13
8:00 AM	Parishioners of Good Shepherd
10:00 AM	Jean Mayton ~ Kim Kringe
Monday	August 14
8:00 AM	Michael F. DeMelfi ~ Cousin, Danny DeMelfi & Family
5:30 PM	Irene Falcone ~ Mary Lou Scala
Tuesday	August 15 – The Assumption
8:00 AM	No Mass
12:00 PM	Madeline Yannes ~ George & Anna Marie Yatsko
5:00 PM	Sandra Wilma Rolls ~ Kathy & Ed Kimmel
Wednesday	August 16
8:00 AM	Rosemary Lisnock ~ Marie Cudwadie & Family
Thursday	August 17
8:00 AM	Leonard Guznerath ~ Daughter, Lorraine
Friday	August 18
8:00 AM	Mary Washinsky ~ Son, Michael & Wife, Nancy
Saturday	August 19
4:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Tarnopolski & Shovarsky Families ~ Family
Sunday	August 20
8:00 AM	Joseph, Theresa, & Ray Kisacky ~ Don & Fran
10:00 AM	Parishioners of Good Shepherd

The Rose for Life this week is in honor of **Corinne Snell** by Aunt Lori. A *second Rose for Life* this week is for **Helen Louise Duggan** by Mary-Lynn McBride.

Attention Lectors: The 2018 Lector Workbooks are in the sacristy on the bookshelf. Please pick up your copy at your earliest convenience.

FROM THE PASTOR... Fr. McHugh:

Faith Formation Coordinator Judy Whitaker has retired after enthusiastically and faithfully serving Good Shepherd's program for 9 years. Over the years, Judy designed many of our programs for the various sacraments. She worked on the First Penance, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation programs. She assisted with the different plays and religious presentations of Faith Formation and was actively involved with the different student retreats over the years. Judy often planned refreshments for Faith Formation events. She often provided refreshments for groups at her own expense. Judy had a real interest in our Faith Formation students and we owe her a huge debt of gratitude. We also thank her for her support of our teachers and Faith Formation staff. I myself am very thankful for her support of me. Katie Ventra will become our Faith Formation Coordinator and will also remain our Youth Minister. Let us do our best to support her!

The Solemnity of the Assumption: Tuesday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be offered at 5:30 PM on Monday, August 14, and at Noon and 5:00 PM on Tuesday, August 15th. I know it is not easy for working people to attend holy day Masses, but try to make the effort to do so. There will be a daily 8:00 AM Mass on Monday, August 14, but there will not be an 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesday.

Stewardship

695 families received envelopes.
 Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 8/5:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
8:00 PM	82	\$1,360.00	232
8:00 AM	63	\$ 942.00	174
10:00 AM	57	\$ 706.00	196
	Loose	\$ 215.00	
	Total	\$3,223.00	611

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week in memory of **Ashleyann Temborski** by her mother.

The History of the Assumption: In its early observances, the Assumption had various names, such as the Feast of the Dormition in the East. Another name was the Pausatio. In the 8th century, the feast was called the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The faithful, for many centuries, believed that Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven after her death. On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII promulgated the dogma of the Assumption after polling Catholic bishops throughout the world. There are three themes in the Mass: first, that Mary really died and there is a reference to Mary's Immaculate Conception and her divine maternity. Secondly, there is the theme that Mary's body did not decay. The third theme is the link between Mary and the Church.

Baptismal Sunday: Sunday, August 20, will be Baptism Sunday. Baptisms will take place after the 10:00 AM Mass.

Breakfast: Thanks to all who prepared, served, and attended the breakfast last Sunday. I thought it was especially good. We had 223 people attend.

We welcome Lisa and Kevin Dindoffer and family and Stephen Brindamour as our newest members of Good Shepherd Parish.

Word

Theme – Even the Holy Experience Anxiety: The prophet Elijah, in the first reading from the 1st Book of Kings; the apostle Paul, in the second reading from Romans; and the disciples, in the Gospel from Matthew, all experience anguish. After defeating the 850 prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel, Elijah becomes a fugitive in the wilderness. Paul is the greatest missionary of the Church, yet he, too, experienced a good deal of opposition. Both Elijah and Paul must have, at times, wondered if their work was in vain. Even though the apostles spent a good deal of time with Jesus, they did not fully grasp His message and were afraid of the storm despite Jesus' presence among them. Two of Matthew's favorite phrases are present in his Gospel. Jesus calls His apostles "men of little faith" and those in the boat do Jesus "homage" (one of Matthew's favorite words) and confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Peter is more prominent in Matthew's Gospel than any other. Today's Gospel is one of sea rescue. In the Old Testament, God controlled the sea. Peter is a model for all of Jesus' followers. He, too, suffers from doubt and uncertainty and, at times, is a man of "little faith." Today's Gospel is intended to reveal to the apostles that Jesus is God. From the incident, the Church began to see itself as the bark of Peter on a turbulent sea. The Church is challenged to believe that God is always with us in difficult times.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Think of how, at times, you are a "person of little faith." Ask for the grace to trust in God.
2. Ask for the grace to be open to the surprises God gives you in your life.
3. Think of the sacrifices you are challenged to make in your life.

Parish Life Coordinator (PLC): Unlike deacons, Parish Life Coordinators are usually assigned to parishes other than their own. Becoming a Parish Life Coordinator does involve considerable work. People with a strong background in ministries make the best candidates, such as parish Directors of Education, liturgy planners, RCIA personnel, parish finance administrators, etc. People who have a strong theological background also have an advantage.

Diocese of Scranton Certificate in Lay Ministry: I have applications for this. The Diocese is offering, through the Parish Life Office, in conjunction with Dayton University Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation, certificates to persons serving as DRE, RCIA personnel, Directors of Music Ministry, Parish Council members, catechists, outreach ministers, and Finance Council members opportunities to obtain these certificates.

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.



dates.

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

FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. In what year did Topps introduce cards of teams into both baseball and football? The answer is the same since baseball and football team cards appeared in the same year.
2. What Major League team first employed batting helmets?

Last Week's Answers:

1. Eddie Mathews, in 1953, set the road record for the time with 30 homers.
2. Herb Score set the rookie record for the time for strikeouts in 1955, but was never the same after being struck in the eye by Gil McDougald's line drive.

Community



Start saving your books, children's games, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, and records that you don't need anymore for the **Book Sale** being held on **October 14 & 15**. More details will appear in future bulletins.

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.



Are You Ready to Rummage? On **Saturday, September 9, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**, Good Shepherd Church will hold its annual Fall Community Flea Market/Rummage Sale in our parking lot.

We will supply the place and tables for a fee. A table and space is \$20; just a space is \$10. Donations to the Good Shepherd table will be accepted during the hours of 8:45–11:30 AM and 12:30–2:00 PM in the church basement. Contact Diane Lindsay at 570-599-7626 for more information or to reserve your spot.

The Women of Good Shepherd

It's time to get crafty... Roseanne Ervin from Custom Design Wreaths will be our guest speaker at our **August 14th** meeting beginning at **6:30 PM**. She will show us how to make mesh wreaths. The wreaths will be a neutral color and you will have the opportunity to customize your wreath. Please bring with you any decorative ribbon or holiday add-ons (Fall, Halloween, Christmas, etc.) that you would like to attach to your wreath. Roseanne asks that we pre-register for the event so she can bring enough supplies. The cost of the event will be \$5.00, payable that evening. To pre-register, please call 570-401-5092 by August 9th. We hope to see you there! Membership is open to all women of Good Shepherd Church.

The Shepherd's Hands

A special meeting of The Shepherd's Hands will be held on **Thursday, August 24, at 6:00 PM** in the St. Joseph Room.

Pro-Life News



Rose for Life: Requests for 2018 are now being accepted. If you are unfamiliar with the Rose for Life, the Good Shepherd Pro-Lifers will place a red rose for life near the altar each week. Anyone can request the rose in honor of or in memory of someone by filling out the request form below and

placing it, with a donation of \$5.00 minimum, in an envelope marked "Rose for Life" and putting it in the collection basket at Mass. The request may also be dropped off at the parish office. Any money left over after the purchase of the roses will be used for Pro-Life activities. Please pick an alternate date in case your first choice is taken. Include your phone number in case both dates are taken. The rose is for one week, from Saturday to Friday. The red rose is a known symbol for life. Having the rose near the altar reminds us that all life is precious. If you have any questions, please call Jean Klinger at 570-788-3958.

Request for Rose

Rose in honor/memory of:

Requested by:

Phone Number _____

Dates

First Choice: _____

Second Choice: _____

News From Hospitality

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, August 21, at 6:30 PM** in the St. Joseph Room. All parishioners are invited to attend and take part in the committee.

Save the date! **Saturday, October 21, from 12:00 – 8:00 PM**, will be our Fall Festival. More details will be announced shortly, but this year's inaugural event will include a variety of foods, desserts, tricky trays, crafters/vendors/LuLaRoe, children's games with prizes and a Halloween costume contest!

We are looking for vendors and crafters for our upcoming Fall Festival to be held on October 21st from 12:00 – 8:00 PM. The fee for a table is \$10. If interested, please contact Lynn Kujat at 570-401-8145.

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation registration packets are available in the St. Joseph room. Classes will begin on **Monday, September 11**. An opening Mass and teacher meet and greet will be held on **Sunday, September 10, at 10:00 AM**. All students need to be registered by September 1st so sufficient supplies can be ordered.

**Interested in joining Good Shepherd Parish
Family?**

We welcome you and are happy you're here!

Good Shepherd Church is a warm and welcoming family of faith that offers many opportunities to enrich spiritual life, reach out to those in need, liturgical education and to belong to the family of Christ.

Regardless of where you are in your journey of faith, you are welcomed and embraced in Good Shepherd Parish family. ***How to get started.....***

- Contact the Good Shepherd Parish office to register
- Contact Good Shepherd Church via parish email at gsch@ptd.net
- Bookmark our parish website:
www.goodshepherd-drums.org
- Take and read a copy of our weekly parish bulletin
- Talk with Marydonna Portonova about our parish opportunities to become involved in at least one ministry or event
- Take home a copy of our parish brochure located in our church foyer.

Please take time to discover this warm and energetic parish community!

To Be Touched, To Be Called

To be touched, to be called
To be really wanted
To sense that one really belongs
Feelings which make life a heaven.

To be ignored, to never be chosen
To be unwanted
To perceive endless alienation
Feelings which make life a hell.

To be touched, to be called
To feel the finger of God, to hear His voice
To be part of His creation, His community
Sensations beyond measurement.

Rev. Connell A. McHugh