



Good Shepherd Church

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 19 & 20, 2017



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday August 19
4:00PM Deceased Members of the Tarnopolski & Shovarsky Families ~ Family

Sunday August 20
8:00AM Joseph, Theresa, & Ray Kisacky ~ Don & Fran
10:00AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd

Monday August 21
8:00AM Regina Brozyna ~ Monica & Michael Washko

Tuesday August 22
8:00AM Joseph J. Generose, Jr. ~ Ange Michelin & Family

Wednesday August 23
8:00AM Lawrence Lisnock ~ Marie Cudwadie & Family

Thursday August 24
8:00AM Ashleyann Temborski ~ Good Shepherd Catechist Team

Friday August 25
8:00AM Constance Spadell ~ Paul & Charlotte Cecchetti

Saturday August 26
4:00PM Parishioners of Good Shepherd

Sunday August 27
8:00AM Marissa Tait ~ Mother, Jeanette
10:00AM Jim Lucas (31-Year Anniversary) & Deceased Members of the Lucas Family ~ Carol Balliet

The Rose for Life this week is in honor of the **Deceased Members of the Tarnopolski and Shovarsky Families** by family

A **second Rose for Life** this week is for **Jean Mayton** by daughter, Marsha Krings.

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:

The Baseball Hall of Fame, Saints, and Doctors of the Church: Many of us who know the history of baseball feel that, on the one hand, some of the players enshrined are not deserving of the honor, and others who have not been selected to the Hall merit induction into it. Three players I believe deserve the honor are Ed Ruelbach, a Notre Dame man and great Chicago Cub pitcher of the dead ball era, and Jake Daubert of Shamokin who won 2 batting titles and was the best-fielding first baseman of his day and had excellent speed. My all-time favorite Yankees pitcher, Allie Reynolds, had a great winning percentage and was as successful as anyone pitching in the World Series, primarily against the loaded Brooklyn Dodgers lineups of the late '40s and early '50s. Ruelbach, Daubert, and Reynolds had the misfortune of being player representatives in times when tyrannical owners had an unfair control of the players. I read quite a few articles and books by Doctors of the Church and especially found them useful in the field of spirituality. In the area of Scripture, with the exception of St. Jerome, St. Hilary, and some passages from a couple others, I did not find the Scripture interpretations that accurate or useful. Personally, I don't know why a person has to be a saint to be a Doctor of the Church. For example, I would consider the biblical knowledge of most of the Doctors of the Church, percentage-wise, in low single digits compared to someone like Fr. Raymond Brown. A saint many people have trouble accepting is St. Hippolytus, who set himself up as the first antipope. He was an extremely learned and holy man who gave us our best knowledge of early Church liturgy. Despite his intellectual contributions to Church scholarship, Hippolytus did not reconcile with the Church until his final year of life. The saint I have trouble accepting is St. Pius X whose feast day is August 21st. St. Pius had many good qualities. In addition to being the Pope of frequent Holy Communion, Pius X disdained luxury and instituted many needed liturgical reforms.

Stewardship

695 families received envelopes.

Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 8/12:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
8:00PM		\$ 772.00	229
8:00AM		\$ 955.00	138
10:00AM		\$ 946.00	234
	Loose	\$ 219.00	
	Total	\$2,892.00	601

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week in memory of **Paul Bonomo** by wife and family.

The downside of St. Pius X was that he often would not meet with world leaders including our own president, Theodore Roosevelt. Pope Pius X's glaring weakness was that he was a biblical literalist who basically opposed biblical scholarship simply because it was new. Among those who suffered the most under Pius X's biblical literalist regime was the great French scholar, Father Lagrange, who often was forbidden to publish under Pius X and his advisers who were biblical literalists without any decent scriptural background. Certainly, Pius X did the most of any person of the 20th century to discourage biblical studies. Many potential candidates in the field of biblical studies dropped out of the field rather than be censured by Pius X and his regime. Popes Pius XII, Paul VI, and John Paul II, who unlike Pius X, were well-read scholars, put the Catholic Church on the right track in the field of biblical studies and explained the weaknesses of biblical literalism.

Word

Theme – The Canaanite Woman: The first reading from Isaiah speaks about foreigners coming to worship the Lord at the Temple of Jerusalem. Isaiah sees Jerusalem as being a center of prayer for all people. Of all the Old Testament prophets, Isaiah stresses the salvation not just of Jews, but all peoples, the most of any prophet. St. Paul, in his classic letter to the Romans, speaks of God's mercy extending to both Jews and Gentiles. Today's Gospel from Matthew wishes to contrast last week's story of Jesus walking in the water with the Canaanite woman. The great faith of the Canaanite woman is contrasted with the shaky faith of Peter and the apostles. Jesus uncharacteristically gives a cool reception to the Canaanite woman who wishes Jesus to heal her daughter. This is very different than Jesus being hospitable to the Samaritan woman in John's Gospel. At first, Jesus gives the silent treatment to the Canaanite woman and states that He is sent only to the lost sheep of Israel. Also in Matthew 10:5-6, Jesus speaks of a mission limited to the Jews that does not include foreigners. The persistence of the Canaanite woman, however, wins Jesus' approval. Even Jesus' abrasive statement that "It is not right to take the food of children and give it to the dogs" does not discourage the Canaanite woman. Gentiles were referred to as dogs and surprisingly, Jesus uses that term. However, Jesus praises the faith of the woman and heals her daughter. Quite a few scholars see this as foreshadowing Matthew's great commission before Jesus' ascension where Jesus states, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations."

Praying With Scripture:

1. Think of people whose faith has led them to cross boundaries that keep people separated.
2. Do you feel the incident of the Canaanite woman actually inspired Jesus to reach out to foreigners?
3. Do you feel that your own circle of friends is limited? Is this a good thing?

The Diocesan Annual Appeal: This past week, we received a \$620 rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal. The rebate would have been close to \$2,000, but unlike other years, we had \$1,309 of pledges that were not redeemed. The theme for the 2017 Appeal is "Walk Together in the Light of Christ." Our goal remains at \$26,000 as does the diocesan goal of \$5 million. We could use a few volunteers to act as representatives of our parish. Please tell me as soon as possible if you would want to represent Good Shepherd. This would entail attending a few meetings and just offering some ideas to help us attain our goal. Appeal representatives have been helpful in assisting parishes attain their goal.

The Festival Committee unintentionally omitted Fr. McHugh's name from the list of parish festival sponsors.

Sponsor Requests: Recently, we had several requests for sponsors from people who have no affiliation with the parish. Please do not request a sponsor letter if you do not belong to Good Shepherd.

Community



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. Who are the only two Major League ballplayers to have batted .300 or more with 25 homeruns or more in the same season 14 times?
2. These 2 Philadelphia Eagle quarterbacks both received medals from Pope John Paul II when he visited Philadelphia in 1970. Can you name the players?

Last Week's Answers:

1. Topps introduced team cards in baseball and football in 1956.
2. The Pittsburgh Pirates were the first Major League team to use batting helmets. They did this in the early 1950s.

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).

If *playing* Bingo is not your cup of tea, we encourage you to join the Bingo team as a volunteer. Our staff includes kitchen, admissions, sales, and floor workers. We can accommodate your schedule with as little as one hour in our sales room or admissions table, or up to three or four hours as kitchen staff. We have four teams of volunteers that rotate each week so that most volunteers only work once a month.

Bingo at Good Shepherd Church is an important source of income for our parish. Please call the parish office at 570-788-3141 or Bingo Coordinator Carol at 570-788-5891 if you can volunteer to help.

VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults Program will be held at **Holy Family Academy, Hazleton**, on **Sunday, October 1**, beginning at **1:00 PM**. The session will take place in the school cafeteria. **This training session is required for all adult volunteers who have direct or routine interaction with children.** During the three-hour training session, a facilitator will incorporate techniques in a discussion format to help you recognize the warning signs of child sexual abuse and how to respond to it appropriately and effectively. If you are interested in attending the training session, please call the Holy Family office at 570-455-9431 to register.



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.

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.

You're Invited to a 50th Anniversary Celebration of Charismatic Renewal: Pope Francis says that "Charismatic Renewal is a great force at the service of the proclamation of the Gospel, in the joy of the Holy Spirit." Charismatics remind us that we have "received the Holy Spirit that made us discover the love of God for all his children and love of the Word." Please join us for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church on Saturday, August 26, from 6:00 to 10:00 PM in the basement of St. Gabriel's Church.

The Women of Good Shepherd

We had a fun time getting crafty at our meeting. We thank RoseAnn Ervin from Custom Designed Wreaths who showed us how to make beautiful wreaths. Everyone enjoyed adding their own special touches to their wreath.

Our next meeting is **Monday, September 11**, at **6:30 PM**. Membership is open to all women of Good Shepherd Church. Get ready for our Back to School Sub Sale!

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.

The next planning meeting for the parish's celebration of the 100th anniversary of Fatima has been rescheduled. It will be held this **Thursday, August 24**, following The Shepherd's Hands meeting, beginning at approximately **6:45PM**. See you there!

News From Hospitality

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, August 21**, at **6:30PM** 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.

We are looking for parishioners who can volunteer for our Fall Festival. Help will be needed not only on the day of the festival, but also beforehand for prepping food. **A sign-up sheet will be in the St. Joseph Room following all Masses this weekend.**

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: _____

Faith Formation News

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