



Good Shepherd Church

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 9 & 10, 2017



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday	September 9
4:00PM	Jason Christopher Rusnock ~ Mother, Joan & Stepfather, Stephen Michalochick
Sunday	September 10
8:00AM	Parishioners of Good Shepherd
10:00AM	Deceased Members of Kovatch & Prochko Families ~ Daughter, Carol Balliet
Monday	September 11
8:00AM	Joanne M. Balas ~ George & Susan Yacina
Tuesday	September 12
8:00AM	Catherine Gorga ~ Judy Bonomo & Family
Wednesday	September 13
8:00AM	Donna Generose ~ Joe & Barbara Greech
Thursday	September 14
8:00AM	Richard Paulo, Sr. & Richard Paulo, Jr. ~ Wife & Mother
Friday	September 15
8:00AM	Marian Matusick Chavez ~ Barry & Linda Krainack
Saturday	September 16
4:00PM	Clarence & Anna Zunski ~ M/M Michael Haraschak III
Sunday	September 17
8:00AM	Wesley Deaton ~ Mike & Joan Dzanko
10:00AM	Parishioners of Good Shepherd

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



Scripture Sessions: These begin on Thursday, September 21, at 9:00 AM. Our initial sessions will treat the interpretation of Scripture with a look at the landmark 1964 Pontifical Biblical Commission's "Historicity of the Gospels" and Fr. Robert Barone's viewpoint on interpretation of Scripture in the 1970s and '80s, and a look at the various offices of the early Church. We will see how Church offices evolved and that, in many cases, there are not clear-cut roles for different Church officers. Fr. Raymond Brown's *Priest and Bishop* was one of the first U.S. biblical books to address this topic. I seem to have misplaced my copy of this book but remember quite a few things from it. Fr. Brown's *101 Questions on the Bible* has a section on officers in the early Church. Fr. Ronald Witherup's *101 Questions and Answers on Paul* was also very helpful. Another book that treats officers in the early Church is Fr. John O'Grady's *Catholic Beliefs and Traditions*, which has a chapter on "Pope, Bishop, and Hierarchy." The article treats apostolic succession and the different viewpoints on the relationship between apostles and bishops that Luke and Paul present. Paul and Luke differ on this subject.

Stewardship

684 families received envelopes.
Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 9/2:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00PM	87	\$1,129.00	218
8:00AM	62	\$1,004.00	138
10:00AM	56	\$ 774.00	226
	Loose	\$ 114.00	
	Total	\$3,021.00	582

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week in memory of **Louis Beltrami** by wife, Elaine.

The Rose for Life this week is in memory of **Beverly Corazza & son, Chris Corazza** by Judy Corazza.

SCRIPTURE SESSION REGISTRATION

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Hurricane Harvey Collection: The second collection today is for the victims of the Texas hurricane which has affected the lives of so many people. Try to support these victims as best you can.

Faith Formation Opens: Our opening Mass for Faith Formation is the 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday. We welcome all our students, teachers, and parents, and pray that our programs will be spiritually beneficial to all.

Fr. McHugh's Scripture Presentations on YouTube:

Two new scriptural presentations of Fr. McHugh are on YouTube: "Advances in Biblical Interpretation, Including a Look at the Pontifical Biblical Commission's Document on the Historicity of the Gospels and Fr. Robert Barone's Summation of the Growth of Biblical Interpretation in the 1970s and '80s," and another on "Early Church Officers in Scripture." Simply type in "Father Connell McHugh Biblical Narratives" on your computer to listen in.

Word

Theme – Fraternal Correction: In the first reading from Ezekiel, the prophet views himself as the watchman of the house of Israel. Ezekiel is told by God that he must confront the wicked. He realizes that he himself incurs guilt if he fails to call the wicked to repentance. As long as he speaks God's Word to the wicked, even if the wicked person does not repent, Ezekiel will not incur guilt. The Gospel from Matthew is Jesus' Sermon on the Church. Today's passage deals with the steps involved in fraternal correction. Initially, there should be a one-to-one confrontation followed by a meeting with several Church witnesses. If this fails, the sinner is to go before the Church. If he does not respond to the Church, then he is to be treated as a Gentile or tax collector. It appears evident that Matthew, like Paul, experienced situations that were a threat to the community. The power of binding and loosing, which was given to Peter in chapter 16, now seems to be bestowed on the Church community. The story of fraternal correction is surprisingly sandwiched between two stories of mercy: the Parable of the Lost Sheep and Peter's question about how many times we should forgive. Both Ezekiel and Jesus emphasize that we are responsible for the spiritual well-being of others. The good deeds and failings of individuals affect the entire community. Reconciliation is a real challenge for all of us.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Pray over the ways our parish may strive to overcome conflict.
2. With whom should you be reconciled? What steps can you take to bring about reconciliation?
3. Do you feel fraternal correction is a very touchy subject? Why?

Communion Ministers Needed: One of our prime needs currently is that of communion ministers. Several ministers want at least a temporary break and a couple can no longer be ones or have decided not to be a communion minister any longer. Call the office or mention it to me if you wish to be a communion minister. One has to be a good practicing Catholic. If anyone is divorced and remarried, an annulment should have been attained and the marriage blessed (convalidated in church). Although we do not have any RCIA candidates at this time, we are in need of an RCIA coordinator and RCIA team members.

October Mass Attendance Survey: We take Mass attendance every weekend. Throughout the month of October, the Diocese wants a survey of all the weekend Masses of obligation. Some of the attendances during the summer would not be impressive to the persons examining them. Sometime, we have fallen below 600. Some dioceses have developed guidelines where a Sunday Mass should not be celebrated if less than 200 attend. We should, in my opinion, have at least a 700 weekend attendance, especially if we want to make a real case for continuing to be an independent parish.

Do You Want to Know More about the Annulment Process? In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

Annual Appeal Video: This weekend, we will show the Diocesan Annual Appeal video at all the Masses. Bishop Joseph Bambera will look at several of the areas that the Appeal supports, including Catholic Social Services, Catholic education, support of the clergy, and parish life. This year, we benefitted with a \$4,000 grant from the Appeal for The Shepherd's Hands projects. The Appeal is necessary for the sustenance of the Diocese. A parish's response to the Appeal is an area that is scrutinized when evaluating its viability, along with membership, the ability to pay bills, activities, etc. Your donation not only helps others but is a vote in favor of keeping your own parish.

FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. When Steve Van Buren, the Eagle's great running back, played for LSU his initial year, he was not the team's featured running back. The man who was became a fine National League shortstop and was the League's 1948 Rookie of the Year and a very successful Major League manager. Can you name him?
2. Who was the publicist for the famous 1951 San Francisco Dons undefeated and untied team? The publicist became one of the most influential and powerful men in football. Can you name him?

Last Week's Answers:

1. Because he had difficulty remembering people's names, Willie Mays greeted everyone with the expression, "Say Hey." He was then called "The Say Hey Kid."
2. Louis "Bobo" Newsom always spoke of himself as "Bobo" and also called everyone else "Bobo."

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).



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.



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.

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.

Alzheimer's Association Support Group will meet on Thursday, September 28, at 6:00 PM at Providence Place. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVP by September 25th to 570-788-7555 if you wish to attend.

Art Show: Through October 27, GreenLeaf Gallery and Gift Shop (formerly St. Mary's Church) in Beaver Meadows is hosting an art show called "The Art of Jimmy Malady – Irish Genre Paining in the 20th Century." Drawings, watercolors, and oils will be on display from the now-deceased master painter and educator from our area, James Malady. The show comes through the graces of Jim's beloved sister, Aggie Platania. (Prints from the collection have been donated to the parish festival's tricky trays for the past few years.) Tours are free and refreshments are offered at no charge. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, September 9, from 11AM - 7PM.

Youth Ministry

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW): Children 4 years old through 1st grade are invited to attend this program during the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday mornings. The program will begin on **Sunday, September 17**. In order to prepare enough supplies, our Youth Minister needs to have a rough head count of interested children. For more information or to register your child, please contact Youth Minister Katie Ventra at 570-956-4481 or email her at youthofgsc@gmail.com.

The Shepherd's Hands

Matinee Movie Presentation: As part of our parish's closing celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima apparitions, a matinee movie about Our Lady of Fatima will be shown on **Sunday, October 8**, at the Cinema & Draffthouse in West Hazleton. **Doors open at Noon and the movie will begin at 12:30 PM.** Admission is free and door prizes will be given away at the conclusion of the movie. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. An approximate number of attendees must be known in advance to ensure enough servers at the venue. To reserve your ticket, please complete the coupon below and place it in the collection basket as soon as possible.

Matinee Movie Presentation	
Name _____	
Number of People Attending _____	
Phone Number _____	

The Women of Good Shepherd

Our next meeting is **Monday, September 11**, at **6:30 PM** in the St. Joseph Room. Come join us, meet new friends, and see what we are all about. Membership is open to all women of Good Shepherd Church.

September means it is back to school time. We will be holding our **Back-to-School Sub Sale** which will run from **Saturday, September 9, until Wednesday, September 20**. If you would like to order a delicious hoagie provided by Vesuvio's in Drums, please complete the form below and place it in the envelopes provided in the vestibule of the church. Completed orders, along with payment, should be placed in the Back-to-School box also located in the vestibule. The cost of the cold cut hoagie is \$4.00. **Pick-up will be on Saturday, September 23, at 5:00 PM, Sunday, September 24, at 9:00 and 11:00 AM, and Monday September 25, before/after Faith Formation.** Proceeds from the sale will benefit The Women of Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund. We would like to wish the students, teachers, administrators, and all school personnel a successful school year.

**Back to School Sub Sale
Cold Cut Hoagies- \$4.00 Each**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

of hoagies w/onions _____

of hoagies without onions _____

Amount enclosed: _____
(Cash or Check made payable to: Women of Good
Shepherd Church)

**Pick up after Masses or before/after Faith
Formation (please circle choice):**

Saturday, Sept. 23 at 5:00 Sunday, Sept. 24 at 9:00
or 11:00 Monday, Sept. 25 before/after Faith
Formation

**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

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