



# Good Shepherd Church

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### September 16 & 17, 2017



#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

**Saturday September 16**  
**4:00 PM** Clarence & Anna Zunski ~ M/M Michael Haraschak III

**Sunday September 17**  
**8:00AM** Wesley Deaton ~ Mike & Joan Dzanko  
**10:00AM** Parishioners of Good Shepherd

**Monday September 18**  
**8:00AM** Constance Spadell ~ Angela & Carmen Lagana

**Tuesday September 19**  
**8:00AM** Louis Beltrami ~ Leo Latella

**Wednesday September 20**  
**8:00AM** F. Jay Tarnopolski ~ John & Kathleen Mikula

**Thursday September 21**  
**8:00AM** Eddie & Marie Renzulli ~ Daughter, Patricia

**Friday September 22**  
**8:00AM** Peter Washinsky, Sr. ~ Son, Michael & Nancy

**Saturday September 23**  
**4:00 PM** Jean Mayton ~ Bill & Janet Kringe

**Sunday September 24**  
**8:00AM** Parishioners of Good Shepherd  
**10:00AM** Ashleyann Temborski ~ Mother, Ann & Daughter, Rhianna

**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:

**St. Jude Dedication:** St. Jude's Church will be dedicated this Sunday, September 17, at 3:00 PM. I congratulate Fr. Joe Evanko in bringing to completion this massive project. There will be more work to be completed on the church following the dedication. The church seats 800 and the huge vestibule is large enough to put in 200 chairs if needed. This will allow for a reduction in Masses, which is a welcome thing in light of the rapidly dwindling number of priests. The altar, lectern, and pulpit are the ones I used for 22½ years - 9½ as associate pastor and 13 years as pastor at St. Francis; kind of a bittersweet ministry. The altar and lectern (from which the cantor sang) are exactly the same while the pulpit has been expanded. The baptismal font was constructed from marble from St. Francis Church. As a recent article on St. Jude's stated, the new church has employed stained glass windows, statues, etc., from a variety of closed churches. Fr. Joe gave me a tour a while back, and I was very impressed.

## Stewardship

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

| MASS TIME | NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING | AMOUNT OF OFFERING | ATTENDANCE AT MASS |
|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 4:00PM    | 78                          | \$1,091.00         | 202                |
| 8:00AM    | 67                          | \$ 911.00          | 148                |
| 10:00AM   | 85                          | \$1,124.00         | 264                |
|           | Loose                       | \$ 257.00          |                    |
|           | Total                       | \$3,383.00         | 614                |

**Scripture Sessions:** Our first Scripture session will be held this Thursday, September 21, at 9:00 AM. I will examine the Pontifical Biblical Commission's landmark document "The Historicity of the Gospels" and distribute and comment on Fr. Robert Barone's notes on the interpretation of Scripture, which deals with the gradual emergence of U.S. biblical scholars after the II Vatican Council. While not required, we would appreciate people registering for the Scripture sessions. In session 2, I will deal with the priesthood and offices of the early New Testament Church. I plan to have 3 sessions in October: on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. If we finish "Offices in the Early Church" and "The Early Papacy," I will get into the parables.

## Worship

**The Tabernacle Candle** burns this week in memory of **Anthony Cameron** by wife and family.

**The Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Jason Christopher Rusnock** by M/M Stephen Michalochick.

#### SCRIPTURE SESSION REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish Council Meeting:** This will be held on Wednesday, September 20, at 6:30 PM in the St. Joseph Room.

**Faith Formation Registration:** We ask that those students who should register to please do so as soon as possible. Classes are held on Mondays at 4:30 PM.

## Word

**Theme – The Lord is Kind and Merciful:** The refrain from Responsorial Psalm 103 reflects the theme of the day. The first reading from Sirach emphasizes that we must forgive our neighbors' sins if we wish to be forgiven ours. The reading from Sirach stresses that anger is a hateful thing and that if we harbor anger, we cannot expect healing from the Lord. Sirach implores us not to hate our neighbors and put enmity aside. In today's Gospel from Matthew, Peter asks Jesus how many times we are to forgive our brothers and asks if 7 times is sufficient. Jesus responds by saying we should forgive 77 times, which is an unlimited number. Jesus continues by offering the Parable of the Unmerciful Servant. After a king mercifully forgives a huge debt, the servant then refuses to forgive another servant a small debt, and has the man thrown into a debtor's prison. When other servants call this to the king's attention, the king rescinds his forgiveness of the unmerciful servant. The message is quite clear: we must forgive others if we wish to be forgiven by God. Forgiveness is one of life's greatest challenges. God wants us to forgive others and forgive them readily.

### **Praying With Scripture:**

1. Try to overcome any hatred you have toward anyone.
2. How willing are you to forgive others who have hurt you whether deliberately or unintentionally?
3. Are you compassionate in your dealing with others?

**Blessing of Animals:** The Blessing of Animals will be held on Saturday, September 30, at 2:00 PM on the Prayer Garden side of the church. Animals should be on leashes or in cages. The blessing will be given along the side of the church.

**Parish Breakfast:** This will be held on Sunday, October 1, from 8:00 AM until Noon. Please try to support it.

**First Friday Devotions:** On Friday, October 6, following the 8:00 AM Mass, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Morning Prayer, Divine Mercy Devotions, and closing Benediction. Please join us if you are free.

**Hurricane Harvey:** Thanks to all who contributed to the collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

**We welcome** Simon Cabrera and Angela Farkus and family as our newest members of Good Shepherd Parish.

## Community



**Book Sale:** Drop off your books, children's games, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, and records beginning **Monday, October 2**, for the Book Sale being held on **Saturday, October 14, from 8 AM – 2 PM, and Sunday, October 15, from 11 AM – 2 PM**. Prices are: \$2 – hard cover, \$1 – soft cover, 4 for \$1 – children's, \$1 – CDs/tapes/records, and \$1 – kids' games. The Sunday Special is \$5 per bag, and we'll supply the bags! We are not accepting Reader's Digest, magazines, encyclopedias, or textbooks. Lunch items will be available for purchase.

**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.

## FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. This former Eastern Professional basketball player, who starred for Sunbury and Trenton, saw NBA action for a few years, and then had a solid ABA career, became the first ABA player to shoot 40% or more from 3-point range. Can you name him? Hint – he has tons of instructive videos on shooting.
2. This famous Swoyersville basketball star was from an outstanding basketball family. He later led the country in rebounding while starring for George Washington in college and averaged over 20 points a game for his varsity career. He later played in the NBA with the Syracuse Nationals and Detroit Pistons. In high school, he helped Swoyersville decisively defeat the 1950-51 Hazleton team, which was one of the greatest in school history. Can you name him?

### **Last Week's Answers:**

1. Al Dark was the featured LSU running back when Steve Van Buren began playing for the team. Dark was the National League's Rookie of the Year in 1948 and a very successful manager.
2. Pete Rozelle was the 1951 University of San Francisco's publicist who, of course, became a longtime commissioner of the NFL.

## 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.



**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.

## Community

**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.



The next **Charismatic Mass and Healing Service** at St. John Bosco Church will be held on Thursday, September 21, at 7:00 PM. Fr. Gus Riccardi will preside and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45 PM. Light refreshments will be served afterward in Room 3. Come join us!

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 Painting in the 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## The Shepherd's Hands

**Matinee Movie Presentation:** As part of our parish's closing celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fatima apparitions, a matinee movie about Our Lady of Fatima will be shown on **Sunday, October 8**, at the Cinema & Draffhouse 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

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: \_\_\_\_\_

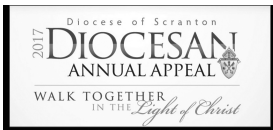
# of hoagies w/onions \_\_\_\_\_

# 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



**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES  
& PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANT**

*“STRENGTHENING OUR COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE  
AND TO THOSE IN NEED”*

Your gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal enables us to serve the poorest, the weakest and the most vulnerable among us through the ministries of Catholic Social Services that feed the hungry, clothe the naked and provide shelter, counseling and assistance for those most in need. Many more individuals in parish communities receive assistance through parish-based Social Justice Programs funded by the Appeal. Diocesan Grants were awarded to 45 parish programs this year including food and clothing pantries, monthly dinners for families in need and outreach to prison inmates.