



# Good Shepherd Church

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### September 2 & 3, 2017



#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

**Saturday September 2**  
**4:00PM** F. Jay Tarnopolski ~ Andrea

**Sunday September 3**  
**8:00AM** Marissa Tait ~ Mother, Jeanette  
**10:00AM** Parishioners of Good Shepherd

**Monday September 4**  
**9:00AM** Marijeanne Farley ~ Vic & Aggie Platania

**Tuesday September 5**  
**8:00AM** Michael Whitaker ~ Jeff, Ruth, Chris, & Matt Jones

**Wednesday September 6**  
**8:00AM** Joan McGettigan ~ Bill & MaryEllen Thornton

**Thursday September 7**  
**8:00AM** Angelo Spadell ~ M/M Michael Christina

**Friday September 8**  
**8:00AM** Ruth Ferdinand ~ Kathleen & Gail Ferdinand

**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

#### FROM THE PASTOR... Fr. McHugh:

**Catholic Communications Archives:** I recently requested and received permission to look at materials in the Scranton Diocese archives. I am primarily interested in the programs that were presented by Fr. Robert Barone. While Fr. Barone is probably best known for his in-depth studies of St. Paul and his onsite lectures at biblical cities, he also has fine material on the Gospels, especially the Infancy Gospels and the Passion narratives. Father Barone introduced us to the initial biblical scholars. It took to around the time of the Vatican II Council (early 1960s) for the U.S. to begin to develop our own Scripture scholars. Fr. Barone also had a great interest in the history of religions and comparative religion and offered summations of the various Gospels and pointed out the deficiencies of biblical literalism, among other topics. His VHS lectures have been transposed to DVDs. The Diocese does not have any notes of Fr. Barone. I am fortunate enough to have some, but not extensive, notes of his lectures as well as a number of his VHS tapes. If I acquire any materials from the Diocese, I will use my own funds and use them for my scriptural presentations for the parish and otherwise. I may use them as a substitute for the Parables, which I can do later.

## Stewardship

695 families received envelopes.  
 Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 8/26:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00PM	71	\$ 870.00	182
8:00AM	66	\$ 842.00	159
10:00AM	78	\$2,354.00	283
	Loose	\$ 268.00	
	Total	\$4,334.00	624

## Worship



**The Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Walter & Anna Heiser** by daughter, Janet Gaskill. A **second Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Anthony & Elizabeth** by Fran & Matty and family.

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

**Scripture Sessions** will begin on Thursday, September 21, at 9:00 AM. My first two presentations will be "The 1964 Historicity of the Gospels by the Pontifical Biblical Commission" and "Fr. Barone's Look at Interpretation of Scripture in the 1970s and '80s" in week 1 and "The Priesthood and Other Church Officers in the Early New Testament" in week 2. I will use Frs. Barone, Brown, and Witherup for that presentation. I also will have three October offerings. Fill out the coupon if you want to attend.

#### SCRIPTURE SESSION REGISTRATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

**No Breakfast:** This is just a reminder that we will not have a breakfast this Sunday due to the Labor Day holiday.

**Labor Day Mass:** Mass will be offered on Monday, September 4, at 9:00 AM rather than 8:00 AM.

## Word

**Theme – Accepting the Cross:** Denying oneself is difficult for all of us. Americans like to feel independent, even autonomous. The first reading from Jeremiah and the Gospel of Matthew both speak about discipleship and its challenges. Jeremiah relates in a very personal manner the rejection he has experienced since becoming God's spokesman. He declares that the Word of God has brought him constant derision and reproach. We know that Jeremiah's family and friends were alienated by his preaching and that caused the prophet great anguish. Despite considering giving up preaching God's Word, Jeremiah still feels compelled to announce it. In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus predicts His Passion. Peter, who had made a confession of faith, calls Jesus aside and stated that God forbid that such a thing would happen. Jesus, in turn, says to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan!" since Peter has, at this point, no room for the cross in the life of Jesus or in his own life. Jesus then proceeds to speak about denying oneself and taking up one's cross. We gain our life by losing it, as paradoxical as that seems. Jesus brings up final judgment and how we will be rewarded according to our conduct.

### Praying With Scripture:

1. Pray for Church unity on the parish, national, and universal levels.
2. Is your own type of leadership characterized by control or the service of others?
3. What is your attitude toward authority? Do you dislike authority in general?

**Mass at Providence Place:** Fr. McHugh is scheduled to offer Mass on Tuesday, September 5, at 10:00AM at Providence Place and also will offer Mass at Fritzingertown at a time to be determined since the usual day, the third Thursday of the Month, September 21, is the opening of the Scripture sessions.

**Opening Faith Formation Mass:** The opening Faith Formation Mass will be the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes will begin Monday, September 11, at 4:30 PM. We always can use help with Faith Formation classes, but volunteers must have the necessary clearances before beginning to take part in our Faith Formation program.

**Internet and YouTube Scripture Presentations:** Fr. McHugh made a presentation on Internet radio on Thursday, August 24, on the 1964 Pontifical Biblical Commission's landmark document on "The Historicity of the Gospels" and on Father Robert Barone's reflections on the development of scripture in the 1970s and '80s. The presentation is now available on YouTube. You can view it by typing in "Father McHugh Biblical Narratives" on your computer. Father will also have a presentation on the priesthood in scripture and early Church officers in the New Testament on Thursday, September 7, from 7:30 to 8:30 PM on

Catholicfmradio.com. The presentation will also be shown a few days later on YouTube. Contact Father if you wish to attend the Internet presentation.

## 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.

## FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. Willie Mays, early in his career, had a hard time remembering names. With what expression did Mays greet people? Hint – the greeting led to a nickname for Mays.
2. Louis Newsom pitched in the Majors for 20 years and was one of the most colorful and quotable players ever. He is one of only a couple of pitchers to win over 200 games and still have a losing record 211-222. He pitched for 15 teams, including 5 times for the Senators. He always referred to himself and everyone he spoke to with the same name. What was the name?

### Last Week's Answers:

1. Billy Gray, Bud Anderson of *Father Knows Best*, played Jim Thorpe as a young man in the 1953 movie *Jim Thorpe: All-American*.
2. Scranton's Edgar "Special Delivery" Jones led Pittsburgh to a huge upset of undefeated Fordham, 13-0, in 1941. Jones later starred for the Cleveland Browns who were led by Otto Graham, Marion Motley, Lou Groza, etc.

## 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.



**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



**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.

**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.

**Salvation Army Soup Kitchen:** On the first Wednesday of each month, Good Shepherd Church donates, prepares and serves a lunch to the needy of the area at the Hazleton Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. This August, we served 52 men, women, and children a hot meal of baked chicken, halushki, corn, bread and butter, and ice cream sundaes. Each person received a "take home" bag with peanut butter crackers, a pudding cup, a banana, mints and a personal tissue pack. For many, this becomes their evening meal. Each person could take a new pair of socks (donations from our parish fall sock drive). Special thanks go to our friends at Providence Place who help to package the "take home bags" monthly. My sincerest gratitude goes to Father McHugh and the members of our parish who continue to support this mission of mercy through your prayers, monetary and food donations, time and talents. Our next lunch will be held **Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**. For more information on how you can participate in this parish service project, please contact the parish office.

- Respectfully Submitted by *Dorothy Stoffa Beozzo* – Chairperson

**Craft Fair:** Fritzingertown Senior Living is having a Craft Fair to benefit the Hazleton Animal Shelter on **Saturday, September 9**, from 10 AM – 3 PM at their facility located at 159 South Old Turnpike Road.

**Drums Crochet or Knit for a Cause:** The Drums Crochet or Knit for a Cause Group makes baby hats and blankets for newborn babies of the Pregnancy Resource Center of Greater Hazleton. The meetings are held monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday. The next meeting is on **Wednesday, September 6**, at **Providence Place from 10 AM - Noon**. The meeting will be held in the sunroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Beginners are welcome. For more information, call 570-788-3746. We hope to see you there!

**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.



## Community

**Art Show:** From September 4 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. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, September 9, from 11A M – 7 PM.

## The Women of Good Shepherd

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

Please join us for our next meeting on **Thursday, September 7**, at **6:00 PM** in the St. Joseph Room.

**Bus Trip:** Seats are filling up for the **Monday, October 9**, bus trip to the Blue Army Shrine of Fatima in Washington, New Jersey. Please be sure to reserve your seat this weekend by completing a form available on the table in the church vestibule and submitting it to the parish office with the \$15 payment.



# **Faith Formation News**

Faith Formation registration packets are available on the table in the church vestibule 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 10:00 AM**. **All students need to be registered as soon as possible so sufficient supplies can be ordered.**

# **Youth Ministry**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW):** Children 4 years old through 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:youthofgsc@gmail.com).

# **Festival Corner**

**Raffle Winners:** Congratulations to the following winners in our festival raffles:

Early Bird: Jean Marinock - \$100

50/50: Janet Korinchock - \$2,645.50

Cash Raffle: John Bachman - \$750, Miriam Heverline - \$250, Marilyn Horlacher - \$150, Krista Rafalli - \$100, L. Quinn - \$100.

We wish to thank Tracey's Academy of Dance whose students performed at the festival on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.