



Good Shepherd Church

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 30 & October 1, 2017



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday September 30
4:00PM Joseph J. Generose, Jr. ~ M/M Timothy Gombeda & Family

Sunday October 1
8:00AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd
10:00AM Donna Generose ~ Larry & Gary Generose and Heather Generose Busch

Monday October 2
8:00AM Ruth Ferdinand ~ Lisa Leitner

Tuesday October 3
8:00AM Edmund G. Pinger, Sr. ~ George & Rosemarie Matusick

Wednesday October 4
8:00AM Patricia M. Balas ~ Bachman Family

Thursday October 5
8:00AM Louis J. Beltrami ~ Anella Beltrami

Friday October 6
8:00AM James & Claire Hoffman – 50th Wedding Anniversary ~ Children

Saturday October 7
1:00PM Christopher Joseph – Brittany Kreider Wedding
4:00PM Fred & Helen Escherich ~ Jim & Barb McGuire

Sunday October 8
8:00AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd
10:00AM Claire Shadie ~ Husband, George & Son, Alex

First Friday Devotions: On Friday, October 6, following the 8:00AM Mass, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Morning Prayer, Divine Mercy Devotions, and closing Benediction.



The Diocesan Annual Appeal: Try to support the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Not only does the Appeal help important causes like our own Shepherd's Hands, but it is scrutinized in determining a parish's viability. With the lack of vocations and priests my age retiring or reducing their roles to sacramental ministers or part-time helpers, there are insufficient numbers of priests to staff all of our parishes. Factors such as numbers attending Masses of obligation, being current on paying bills, having parish activities, reaching the Appeal goal, etc., are closely examined in determining if a parish merits independent status. By attending Mass regularly, contributing to the parish and the Appeal, and by being active in the parish, you are voting for keeping an independent parish. By not attending Mass, not supporting the parish or Appeal, and by non-involvement, you are voting against an independent status. Obviously, shut-ins, etc., are not able, in many cases, to help the parish, but they can pray for it. In the daily Masses, I include prayers for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the Parish of Good Shepherd and for vocations. Please consider my suggestions.

Stewardship

684 families received envelopes.

Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 9/23:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00PM	76	\$ 839.00	189
8:00AM	78	\$1,213.00	167
10:00AM	82	\$1,258.00	246
	Loose	\$ 257.73	
	Total	\$3,567.73	602

October Attendance: We do publish attendance every week. For October, the Diocese is asking us to submit our weekend attendance. Obviously, this is related to evaluating the future of our parishes. Just having a strong October attendance, if we are fortunate to have it, will have to continue. Our attendance for October cannot be like Confirmation, when attendance dwindled when the sacrament was administered.

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 **Louis Beltrami** by wife, Elaine. **A second Rose for Life** is for **Fran Lyons** by the Dubesky Family.

Scripture Sessions: This is one program that has continually flourished. Quite a few parishioners have stayed with this program for many years. Others have been hit or miss. Some have not given Scripture a try, which is certainly their prerogative. We have a fine number of people well-versed in Scripture in our program which augments my presentations. We will focus on bishops and popes in the New Testament and early Church. We will have this session at 9:00 AM on October 5th. We will also have presentations on October 12th and 26th. I will not conduct a session on October 19th. I plan to give an overview of St. Paul's theology on October 12th and offer viewpoints on

Purgatory on October 26th since we will be approaching All Saints and All Souls.

Fatima Week: Sunday through Saturday, October 8 through 14, there are various liturgies, devotions, and activities celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. Try to attend at least one service or activity.

Fr. Steven Brosk will substitute for me for the daily Masses from October 17th through October 20th. Please keep this in mind.

Word

Theme – Honor and Shame: For the next three weeks, we read parables from Matthew's Gospel which deal with the conflict between Jesus and the synagogue leaders. Stories about two sons are common in Jewish tradition and are employed by Jesus as well. In today's parable, the father orders the first son to work in his vineyard. The son asserts, "I will not," but later has a change of heart and goes to work in the vineyard. The second son tells his father that he will work in the vineyard, but does not do so. In the parable, Matthew is indicating that sinners initially said no to Jesus but then responded positively to His teaching. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, the evangelist asserts it is insufficient to merely say yes to God's Word; one must live it out. Matthew intends that his community understand the need to put God's Word into practice. The first son represents repentant sinners while the second son appears to be faithful but is not.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Can you remember saying yes to God's call, then not carrying it out?
2. Try to follow St. Paul's directive to look for the good of others, not to your own self-interests.
3. Meditate on the beautiful "Christ Hymn" in Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

Reminder: Those who plan to be confirmed in 2019 must attend our 7th grade sessions this year. We will not allow Confirmation candidates to skip grade 7 and jump into the Confirmation class.

Television Mass: Fr. McHugh will be the celebrant of the channel 13 pre-taped television Mass which will be shown this Sunday, October 1, at 7:00 and 9:00 AM and at 6:30 PM.

We welcome William Creasy and Maxine Balliet and family as our newest members of Good Shepherd Parish.

Community



The Valley Food Pantry helps those in need of food, paper products, and hygienic articles. We have been asked to collect coffee, mayonnaise, canned chili or stew, toilet paper, and tissues. Please check expiration dates.



Book Sale: Drop off your books, children's games, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, and records 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.

Cash Bingo: Diamond Fire Company #2 of Hazleton is sponsoring a Fall Bingo on Sunday, October 22, from 1:00 – 5:00 PM. Doors open at Noon. Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Special Bingo papers are special cash prizes. Kitchen specials will benefit Good Shepherd Church. For advance tickets or questions, call John Nilles at 570-401-1767.



FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. This baseball player was nicknamed "Hurricane" because in 1957, he was a late addition to the Milwaukee Braves, helping them to win the 1957 National League pennant, batting a torrid .403 in 41 games. He had only 2 hits in the World Series, but they were in the Braves' clinching game in their victory over the Yankees. Can you name him?
2. This West Hazleton High School star played in 2 Rose Bowls, one in 1954 as a backup fullback and the other in 1956 as an All-American starting back. He also played briefly for the Redskins. Can you name him? Hint – his relatives have been very successful playing for Hazleton Area in another sport.
3. **Bonus Trivia (Non-Sport):** Fr. McHugh owns several "Ladies of Fatima" which are not related to the Blessed Mother and pre-date her Fatima appearances. What are these "Ladies of Fatima" which date from 1909 and 1910?

Last Week's Answers:

1. Ruben "Hurricane" Carter had a murder conviction overturned and a fine movie made about his life.
2. Tommy "Hurricane" Jackson, a very feeble-minded boxer known for his nonstop attack, lost to Floyd Patterson in his bid for the heavyweight crown.

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.

Monthly Breakfast: Breakfast is this **Sunday, October 1,**

at Good Shepherd Church Hall. The menu includes ham, bacon, sausage, eggs to order, potatoes, pancakes, pastry, yogurt, orange juice, coffee, tea, and chocolate milk. The cost is



\$7.00/adult and \$3.00/child. Serving time is from 8:00 AM until 12:00 PM.

Community

Salvation Army Soup Kitchen: Good Shepherd Parish continues its mission to serve the needy of the area by providing a hot meal on the first Wednesday of each month at the Hazleton Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. In September, we served 54 people a hearty lunch consisting of sweet Italian sausage, pasta in sauce, tossed salad, buttered bread, and ice cream sundaes for dessert. Each person also received a "take home bag" filled with peanut butter crackers, a pudding cup, a banana, mints, and a new pair of socks. Our next lunch will be served on **Wednesday, October 4th.**

Special thanks go to our friends at Providence Place who package the "take home bags" monthly and to Fr. McHugh and our parishioners who continue to support this social justice project of our parish through your prayers, food and monetary donations, and time and talents in serving our community.

For more information on how you can participate in this parish service project, please contact the parish office.

- Respectfully submitted by Dorothy Stoffa Bezzo,
Project
Chairperson

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

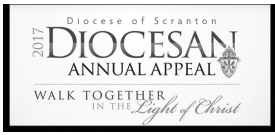
Name _____

Number of People Attending _____

Phone Number _____

The Women of Good Shepherd

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, October 9, at 6:30 PM.** Please bring a small bag of Halloween candy. We will be getting ready for our Children's Pumpkin Painting event which will be held on **Monday, October 23.** More information about the event will be forthcoming. Membership is open to all women of Good Shepherd Church.



CARE AND EDUCATION OF PRIESTS

“Answering God’s call to a life of service to His people”

Our priests and deacons unconditionally answer the call to serve God’s people by meeting increasing needs throughout our Diocese. Contributions to the Annual Appeal fund ongoing formation of our priests, permanent deacons, seminarians and deacon candidates. These funds also help us care for and support our 96 retired or ill priests, many of whom continue to generously assist with the celebration of Masses, the visitation of the sick, and by offering spiritual guidance to all in need. Appeal gifts also assist the Vocations Office, which has been blessed with encouraging growth, in guiding those who are considering priesthood through a comprehensive discernment process. We are grateful to currently have 13 seminarians pursuing the priesthood in the Diocese of Scranton. Your gift to the Annual Appeal directly supports the celebration of the Eucharist, men in clergy formation, proclamation of the Gospel, and administration of the sacraments within our parish communities.

One Beautiful Day

I want to live one beautiful day
A day on which I completely forget myself
When I appreciate the precarious preciousness
Of each moment
Marvel at the mundane
Experience ecstasy in the commonplace
Become totally overwhelmed by the heavenly.

I want to live one beautiful day
When the sun charms, the rain charms
The country delights, the city excites
When daydreams become a lived day
A day when I cannot look back
Nor see beyond joy.

I want to live one beautiful day
As a saint in the streets
A transfigured cosmopolitan
Overcome by happiness and harmony
Free from the fear of acting
Loving everything and everybody.

Rev. Connell A. McHugh