



Good Shepherd Church

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 7 & 8, 2017



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday October 7
4:00 PM Fred & Helen Escherich ~ Jim & Barb McGuire

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

Monday October 9
8:00 AM Donna & Gregory Polesko ~ Mother, Patricia

Tuesday October 10
8:00 AM Arlene Medvitz ~ Goddaughter & Sister

Wednesday October 11
8:00 AM Angelo Spadell ~ M/M Gerald Grink

Thursday October 12
8:00 AM Roy Corradini ~ Larry Generose & Family

Friday October 13
8:00 AM Angeline Yancus – Allen Fox

Saturday October 14
4:00 PM Charles R. Zaremba ~ Family

Sunday October 15
8:00 AM Lena & Michael Formica ~ Richard & Rosemary Stanek
10:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd

FROM THE PASTOR... Fr. McHugh.

I will conduct a Scripture session on Thursday, October 12, at 9:00AM. I will mainly concentrate on how the role of the pope evolved from New Testament and early Church times until it became somewhat similar to what it is today. New Testament books did not use the word *pope* and later, in post-New Testament times, the word *papa*, which means "father," was originally applied to both popes and bishops. It took several centuries for the Church to have an organizational structure that resembled the Church of today. I will not have a Scripture session on October 19, but will have one on October 26th when I will examine viewpoints on Purgatory, which will be in keeping with the upcoming feasts of All Saints and All Souls.

Father Steven Brosk will be substituting for me for most of the week of October 15th for daily Mass. I am sure you will enjoy Fr. Steven.

Change of Banks: Good Shepherd will be changing banks. First National is closing on November 10th, and we are in the process of transferring our accounts to BB&T. We ask that if you receive any checks from Good Shepherd's First National accounts to please cash them as soon as possible.

Breakfast: Our attendance at breakfast was better than the August one. 220 adults and 23 children attended for a total of 243. We thank all who set up, prepared, and served the breakfast, and all who patronized it.

Fatima Week Observances: I encourage people to attend at least one service or activity during the week in observance of the 100th anniversary of the Blessed Mother's apparitions.

Faith Formation News: We will not have class on Monday, October 9, Columbus Day. Classes will resume on October 16th. We will have a children's Mass with the 6th grade participating on October 22nd at 10:00 AM. The kindergarten and 1st grade also will have a song after Communion.

Stewardship

684 families received envelopes.

Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 9/30:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00 PM	71	\$ 794.00	183
8:00 AM	73	\$1,300.00	162
10:00 AM	90	\$1,466.00	317
	Loose	\$ 260.25	
	Total	\$3,820.25	662

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week for **Arlene Medvitz and Dorothy Marcinko** by goddaughter and daughter, Donna.

The Rose for Life this week is in honor of **sisters Ashleigh and Alexis Tremon** by Carey and Val Gallagher. **A second Rose for Life** is in memory of **Arlene Medvitz** by goddaughter, Donna Good.

All Saints and All Souls: Wednesday, November 1, is All Saints Day, and Thursday, November 2, is All Souls Day. Because of the darkness which many people, especially the seniors, dislike, the All Saints Day schedule will be as follows:
Vigil Mass on Tuesday, October 31 – 4:00 PM
Wednesday, November 1 – 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM
For All Souls Day, we will have the Calvary Cemetery Mass at 10:00 AM in Good Shepherd Church.

Word

Theme – God's Great Love is Rejected: Frequently in Scripture, a vineyard was employed as a symbol for Israel. Vineyards were highly valued, not only because they produced grapes which were a real treat in the hot summer, but also when they were dried as raisins for a fine winter treat. Before the era of painkillers, sedatives, and tranquilizers, the wine from grapes served as a major source of relaxation. Vineyards were highly esteemed, and that is why they were employed as an image of Israel. The initial reading from Isaiah is called "The Song of the Vineyard," since Isaiah produced it in the form of a ballad that could be sung. The song also resembled a parable. Isaiah speaks of the vineyard as being unproductive; not generating good fruit. Isaiah's friend is God Himself. In Scripture, fruit is a symbol of good works which Israel did not perform. Bloodshed and outcries refer to the oppression of the poor. Responsorial Psalm 80 also employs a vineyard as a symbol of Israel. The psalmist questions why God allowed the vineyard to be destroyed, especially since God took such care of His people in the past. The Gospel is usually called the Parable of the Wicked Tenants. Jesus relates a story about a vineyard owner leasing his vineyard to tenants. At vintage time, when the owner's servants are sent to collect the owner's share, they are beaten or murdered. Later, the vineyard owner sends more servants who are also abused. Finally, he sends his son, who is killed. The Parable of the Wicked Tenants has been turned into an allegory by the Church. The vineyard is Israel, the owner is God, the tenant farmers are the Jewish leaders, the first group of prophets are those before the exile, and the second group of prophets are those after the exile. The owner's son represents Jesus.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Meditate on the phrase "Father, your love for us surpasses all hope and desires."
2. Consider how you have received God's care and love in your life.
3. How do you see yourself as a laborer in God's vineyard?

In-Pew Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend: Next weekend is "In-Pew Commitment" weekend for the Diocesan Annual Appeal. We will join parishes throughout the Diocese inviting parishioners to make a donation to the Annual Appeal. Please fill out a pledge card even if you have already donated. If you have already given, check the box "I have already pledged" and go no further. Do not fill out gift information. Whether or not you give to the Appeal, you are invited to list your prayer intentions in the inside pledge form.

Mission Sunday: October 22nd is Mission Sunday. Half of the money generated for the missions given throughout the year is generated on the Mission Sunday weekend. Envelopes are in your packet. Try to be generous.

The Christmas Party for Volunteers: This will be held on December 6th at The Pines. Parish volunteers are free. Non-volunteers and guests are \$25. There will be a cash bar at 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM, with dinner starting at 6:00 PM. The entertainment will be by a very fine duo, "The Frost," from Scranton. Reservations will be taken in November when coupons will appear in the bulletin. Wait until then to make reservations.

FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. This Northeastern Pennsylvania pitcher had great years in the minors, but injuries and the World War II years curtailed his career. He had a 5-4 Major League record, but is famous for winning the last game that Connie Mack managed in his long career. Can you name this pitcher (admittedly a difficult question)? Hint – the only baseball regular-issue card he appears on is an expensive high number Topps 1952.
2. This pitcher from Minersville appeared in 36 games for the Yankees between 1952-54 and 5 games for the Orioles in 1955. Despite a short career, he appears as card #403 in the classic 1952 Topps set, card #100 in the 1953 Topps set, and also in the 1953 Bowman Black and White set, and the 1955 Bowman "television set" as card #245. Can you name this pitcher?

Last Week's Answers:

1. Bob "Hurricane" Hazel hit .403 for the Milwaukee Braves in 41 games and was a big reason why they won the 1957 pennant.
2. Gerald Planutis of West Hazleton played in 2 Rose Bowls for Michigan State and later, briefly, for the Washington Redskins.
3. Father McHugh's "Ladies of Fatima" are actress cards produced by Fatima Turkish Tobacco Cigarette Company. They are very colorful but scarce cards similar to the baseball cards of the era.

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. **Volunteers are needed to help set up books after 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 12, and after 9:00 AM on Friday, October 13.**

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).

Chance of a Lifetime Raffle: The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Fatima Council 8613, Conyngham-Drums, will be selling Chance of a Lifetime raffle tickets after all Masses at Good Shepherd Church on Saturday, October 14, and Sunday, October 15. This is a statewide raffle for sixteen prizes, including a car with a value of over \$62,000. The profits benefit state and local charities such as Hazleton Catholic Social Services, Valley Food Pantry, the council's winter coat project, hurricane relief, and other charities. The cost is \$1 per ticket and \$6 for a book of eight tickets.

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.



Diocesan Worship Convocation for Liturgical Ministers: The Office for Parish Life will hold a Worship Convocation for Liturgical Ministers on **Saturday, October 28**, from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM at the Swartz Center for Spiritual Life at Marywood University, Scranton. This day will be a gathering of prayer, reflection, and formation for priests, deacons, parish life coordinators, liturgical coordinators, liturgy committees, music directors, cantors, choir members, ministers of hospitality, lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, and anyone else who loves the sacred liturgy. The day includes Mass with Bishop Bambara, a keynote presentation by Dr. Elaine Rendler, author of several books on liturgical ministry and editor and columnist for the liturgical music resource *Today's Liturgy*, as well as breakout sessions and exhibits. The fee of \$35 includes lunch.

Visit www.dioceseofscranton.org to register by Monday, October 23. For more information, contact David Baloga, Director for Worship, at 570-207-2213, ext. 1158 or at David-Baloga@dioceseofscranton.org.

Catholic Social Services is hosting an Attic Treasures Sale consisting of household items, decorations, toys, jewelry and other treasures at its Family Center, 106 S. Church Street, Hazleton, on Saturday, October 14, from 9 AM – Noon. There will be a preview sale on Friday, October 13, from 6 to 7 PM with a \$5 entrance fee that night only. You will receive a Boscov's Friends Helping Friends ticket.

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.**

The Women of Good Shepherd will be hosting a **Pumpkin Painting** event for the children of Good Shepherd Parish. It will take place on **Monday, October 23**, in the church basement following the Faith Formation classes. The cost is \$3.00 per child, payable that evening. Each child will be served a hot dog, drink, chips, cookies, and a bag of candy. They will also receive a pumpkin to paint. Please fill out the coupon if your child is interested in attending. You can drop off the completed coupon in the pumpkin bucket located on the table in the church vestibule **by October 19th**. All proceeds will be put towards The Women of Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund. Come and join in the fun!

Children's Pumpkin Painting

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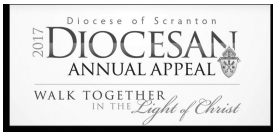
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Child's name (s) _____

_____ I would like to volunteer to help out with the event.

Name _____

Phone # _____



Next Weekend is In-Pew Commitment Weekend

Diocesan Appeal materials and pledge cards will be distributed to all parishioners during Masses celebrated next weekend. If you have not already done so, please make your pledge to help the thousands of people who will directly benefit from your caring support. Everyone at Mass will be asked to complete the pledge form, whether or not they have made a pledge or intend to pledge. You are also invited to list your personal prayer intentions on the inside pledge form and to attend a special Mass of Thanksgiving to be held at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on Sunday, November 26, at 10:00 AM. Your intention will be remembered at this Mass celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Prayer intentions are welcome whether or not you make a gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Thank you!