



# Good Shepherd Church

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### October 14 & 15, 2017



#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

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

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

**Monday October 16**  
**8:00AM** Michael Ferrari ~ LaRocca Family

**Tuesday October 17**  
**8:00AM** Deceased Members of Dutzer & Elko Families ~ Family

**Wednesday October 18**  
**8:00AM** JoAnne Balas ~ Aloysius & Lilly Gallagher and Family

**Thursday October 19**  
**8:00AM** Catherine Gorga ~ Stanley & Brenda Merrick and Family

**Friday October 20**  
**8:00AM** Joan McGettigan – M/M Mark Plitnick & Sons

**Saturday October 21**  
**4:00PM** Catherine Yelo ~ Mark & Irene Falcone

**Sunday October 22**  
**8:00AM** Parishioners of Good Shepherd  
**10:00AM** Helen Rava ~ Don & Fran Kisacky

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

We will not have a Scripture session on October 19<sup>th</sup>. We will have a session on October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM entitled "Christian Viewpoints on Purgatory." I will examine traditional Catholic views on Purgatory and an alternative theory put forth by scholars after Vatican II. I also will look at some contemporary Christian faiths' understanding of Purgatory and those churches that reject Purgatory outright. I think this will stimulate an interesting discussion. To date, we have had a nice attendance at the sessions which have treated the different Church officers in the New Testament and how the roles of these officers have developed in the first several centuries in Church history.

**In-Pew Diocesan Appeal Commitment Sunday:** This Sunday, you are asked to participate in making a pledge or an outright gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal if you have not already done so. We appreciate any visitors making a pledge as well. If you have already made a pledge, indicate so on the pledge card and don't go any farther. We will walk you through the pledge card process that many of you are now familiar with. Our goal for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row is \$26,000. Try to give according to your means.

**Children's Mass:** The 6<sup>th</sup> grade will participate in a Children's Mass on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM. Also, the first grade and kindergarten classes will have a song after communion.

**Parish Council Meeting:** This is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25, at 6:30 PM in the St. Joseph Room.

**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.

## Stewardship

684 families received envelopes.  
 Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 10/7:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00PM	69	\$ 982.00	201
8:00AM	68	\$1,033.00	168
10:00AM	79	\$1,135.00	309
	Loose	\$ 305.02	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,455.02</b>	<b>678</b>

## Worship

*The Tabernacle Candle* burns this week in thanksgiving.

*The Rose for Life* this week is in honor of cancer patients going through or those who have completed radiation and chemo treatments by Val and Carey Gallagher.

**Mission Sunday:** October 22<sup>nd</sup> is Mission Sunday. The day invites us to reflect on mission being at the heart of Christian faith. The theme is "Celebrating the Mercy of God." Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday in 1926. 1,111 mission dioceses throughout the world benefit by Mission Sunday collections. Half of the money contributed throughout the year is donated on the Mission Sunday weekend. World Mission Sunday is a global sign of the Universal Church. Our donations and prayers aid the missions. Envelopes are in your packet.

## Word

**Theme – Wedding Invitations and Garments:** When envisioning how God's reign will come about at the end of history, the prophet Isaiah selects the image of rich foods and fine wines where God will destroy death forever and wipe away all tears as He invites all nations to a great feast. The first reading from Isaiah is one of the Old Testament sections for funeral Masses because of its vision of God destroying death, the veil that veils all peoples. Jesus also speaks of a king giving a great wedding feast for his son when He speaks of God's reign coming about. The Gospel from Matthew contains two parables lumped together – The Wedding Feast and The Wedding Garment. The Wedding Feast speaks about people rejecting the king's wedding invitations and how the king wipes out those people who beat up and kill his messengers who were sent to invite them to the wedding. The king then orders his servants to go and invite people from the highways and byways to come to the feast. Matthew, from whom we read today, Luke, and the apocryphal Gospel of Thomas employ different applications of the parable. In Luke, the substitute guests are the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame, which is in keeping with his message that Jesus brings good news to the poor. In the non-canonical Gospel of Thomas (a Gospel not included in the Bible), the guests do not come because of their business interests. Only Matthew speaks of the king's revenge and adds the parable of The Wedding Garment. Matthew's interpretation of punishing those who turn down the invitation has been allegorized where the Jews are those refusing God's invitations and in turn, suffering the destruction of their Temple. This viewpoint smacks of anti-Semitism. The Wedding Garment, too, is an allegory. At first glance, the parable seems absurd. How would a poor street person own a wedding garment? The meaning of the allegory is that once a person accepts Jesus' invitation, he/she is expected to perform good deeds.

### Praying With Scripture:

1. Pray Psalm 23 and think of God's love and care for you.
2. Share a meal with someone to strengthen your friendship with him or her.
3. Pray for the grace to be reconciled with someone from whom you might be alienated.

**We welcome** Josephine LaRock as our newest parishioner 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:** The Book Sale continues on **Sunday, October 15, from 11AM – 2PM.** The Sunday Special is \$5 per bag, and we'll supply the bags! Lunch items will be available for purchase.

The next **Charismatic Mass and Healing Service** at St. John Bosco Church will be held on Thursday, October 19, at 7:00 PM. Father Gus Camopli will preside, and Sue Shaw will begin her music ministry at 6:45 PM. Light refreshments will be served afterward in Room 3. Come and see!

## FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. This Berwick High School top basketball player was a star in the Eastern Professional Basketball League for many years with the Berwick Carbuilders and the Sunbury Mercuries and also played a season for the New York Knicks. Can you name him? Hint – he had a colorful nickname.
2. This small and slight player was a star in the Eastern Professional Basketball League in the mid-'50s and early '60s and was later a very successful coach with Cheyney State and Temple. Can you name him?

### Last Week's Answers:

1. John Kucab, of Olyphant, was the winning pitcher in the last game that Connie Mack managed and won. Kucab appears as a high number in the 1952 Topps set.
2. Bill Miller, of Minersville, pitched for the Yankees from 1952-54 and the Baltimore Orioles in 1955. He appears on several high-demand baseball cards. He was once the top pitcher in the International League.

**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.

**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 this 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 next 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.



**Church Women United** invites you to join us on World Community Day on **Friday, November 3**, at Black Creek Methodist Church. The theme of this year's program is "Kindling New Fires for Peace." As people of faith, we reach out to all peoples of all denominations with our focus on peace. The service begins at 1:00 PM with coffee and tea to follow. For reservations, call Andrea at 570-788-2002 by Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **The Women of Good Shepherd**

Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 13**, at **6:30 PM**. The Next Picasso, a trendy entertainment venue, will show us how to create an autumn sign made with wood and stencils. For more information about the event, please contact 570-401-5092. Pre-registration is a must so supplies can be provided. Join us for a fun evening. Membership is open to all women of Good Shepherd Church.

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 19<sup>th</sup>**. All proceeds will be put towards The Women of Good Shepherd Scholarship Fund. Come and join in the fun!

### **Children's Pumpkin Painting**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to volunteer to help out with the event.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_



### **This Weekend is In-Pew Commitment Weekend**

Thank you to those who have already joined us as we "**Walk Together in the Light of Christ**" by making a pledge to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. On behalf of all who benefit from your gifts, Bishop Joseph Bambera extends his sincere gratitude to everyone who has already made a pledge to the 2017 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Each gift truly matters. If you have not yet made your gift, please consider making a pledge this weekend – Annual Appeal pledge envelopes will be distributed at all of our Masses. 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 10:00AM. Your intentions 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!

## My 27 Blues

The blues of childhood  
Of youth, of young manhood  
The blues of all my years  
Make up my 27 blues.  
My 27 blues  
Are real deep blues  
The sum of my disappointments  
My failures, my depressions  
My inability to love  
My inability to be happy.  
My 27 blues  
Weigh my spirit down  
Telling me there will come  
30 blues, 40 blues  
Deeper, deeper blues.  
My 27 blues  
Illustrate the absurd  
They reveal emptiness, nothingness  
My 27 blues  
Are forever present blues  
They frighten me  
They exhort me to run faster  
To fly higher  
To look elsewhere.

Rev. Connell A. McHugh