



Good Shepherd Church

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21 & 22, 2017



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

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

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

Monday October 23
8:00 AM Madeline Yannes ~ Michael & Diann Harry

Tuesday October 24
8:00 AM Donna Generose ~ Frank & Priscilla Hardy and Family

Wednesday October 25
8:00 AM Frank Gorga ~ Angelo & Pat Gadola and Family

Thursday October 26
8:00 AM Charles Sr. & Linda DeCosmo ~ Ronald & Paulette Hvizda

Friday October 27
8:00 AM Connie & Joe Spadell – Family

Saturday October 28
4:00 PM Joseph J. Generose, Jr. ~ Ann Marie DellaCroce & Family

Sunday October 29
8:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd
10:00 AM Lawrence LaBuz ~ Good Shepherd Church Choir

Mass at The Laurels: Fr. McHugh will offer Mass at The Laurels at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 24th.



Scripture Offerings: We will hold our next Scripture session on October 26th at 9:00 AM. I will examine the different viewpoints on Purgatory; those of Catholics and other denominations, some of whom reject Purgatory. Catholics are required to believe in Purgatory, but we have a choice of accepting Purgatory as a place or process. I also will treat when belief in Purgatory began and what are the reasons for such a belief. For those who cannot attend our Scripture sessions, at least one or two of my Scripture presentations are always on YouTube. Just type in "Father Connell McHugh Biblical Narratives" on your computer to reach the site. Biblical presentations are divided into half-hour segments even though my sessions are each one hour long. On a particular topic, they are labeled Parts I and II.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: The Diocesan Annual Appeal got off to a good start on both the diocesan and parish levels. On the diocesan level, \$1,809,408 was received from 8,352 donors for 36% of the goal. On the parish level, \$8,083 was given outright and an additional \$2,510 pledged for a total of \$10,593, which is 40.7% of our goal. 66 of 616 mailed pledge cards were returned with donations as of October 12th. Pledge Sunday results were not included.

Children's Mass: The 6th grade is participating in the 10:00 AM Mass this weekend.

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 10/14:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00 PM		\$1,496.00	183
8:00 AM		\$ 910.00	158
10:00 AM		\$1,788.00	208
	Loose	\$ 113.00	
	Total	\$4,307.00	549

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week in thanksgiving.

The Rose for Life this week is in memory of **Jean Mayton** by grandchildren Jillian, Lacie, and Nathaniel Kringe.

World Mission Sunday: This weekend, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. The second collection will benefit the missions. Half of the money contributed to the missions throughout the year is given on the Mission Sunday weekend. The theme is "Celebrating the Mercy of God." Please support the missions by your prayers and donations.

First Friday: Following the First Friday Mass on November 3rd, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Morning Prayer, Divine Mercy Devotion and closing Benediction. Please try to join us if you are free.

Word

Theme – Jesus Resists Entrapment: The Pharisees, who despised Roman occupation and taxation, joined forces with the Herodians, who were loyal to Rome and supported their tax system, to entrap Jesus. These two groups, who were archenemies, became unusual allies to trip Jesus up. The Pharisees wanted to overthrow Rome while the Herodians desired to promote Rome.

The fact that those two groups worked together indicates how strongly those groups hated Jesus. Tax collectors, who bid for contracts to collect taxes for Rome, were despised because, for the most part, they were unmerciful and unscrupulous. The Herodians, who supported Herod, profited from their Roman connections. The Pharisees and Herodians tried to put Jesus in a bind by asking Him whether it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar. If Jesus answered yes, the Pharisees would report to the people that he was breaking the Mosaic Law. If Jesus answered, "Don't pay the tax," the Herodians would report that Jesus was stirring up trouble. Jesus shows His ingenuity by asking for a Roman coin that He himself did not carry. When his opponents pulled out such a coin, they were affirming that they were participating in the Roman system. By saying, "Render to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's," He skillfully dodges the trap question and avoids being perceived as a collaborator or an insurrectionist.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Pray for world leaders that they might render to God what is God's.
2. Try to bring an outsider into your circle of concern.
3. Do you give yourself any opportunities to learn about your faith?

October Attendance: The diocese has requested that we submit our attendance for each weekend of October. After two good weeks of attendance, we had a paltry 549 for the weekend of October 15th. Such a figure does nothing for helping Good Shepherd remain an independent parish. We need a weekly attendance of 650 to 700. We also need the financial support of more people than those currently contributing.

Hurricane Collections: In the Scranton Diocese, \$363,242.78 was contributed to aid victims of Hurricane Harvey. St. Thomas More Parish in Lake Ariel donated the most money for Hurricane Harvey - \$8,465. \$145,557.17 was contributed by Scranton Diocese parishes to Hurricane Irma. Again, St. Thomas More, Lake Ariel, a good-sized but not one of the larger parishes of the Scranton Diocese, led all parishes with \$6,682 donated.

November Breakfast: November 5th is Breakfast Sunday. Last month, 243 attended. Let's top that amount. Breakfast is served from 8:00 AM until 12 Noon. The Men of Malvern will attend the Mass and our breakfast as well. An early estimate is 30.

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.

FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. Gus Suhr, for many years, held the record for most consecutive games played in the National League. In the 1950s, one of the all-time greats broke his record. Can you name that player who had a long, illustrious career?
2. This pitcher from Northeastern Pennsylvania holds the record for innings pitched from the 20th century onward, and he also holds the Major League record for lowest ERA of hurlers who pitched 1,000 or more innings. Can you name him?

Last Week's Answers:

1. Joe "Bells" Cologne was a star for the Berwick Carbuilders and the Sunbury Mercuries of the Eastern Professional Basketball League and also spent time with the Knicks.
2. John Chaney, who played mainly for Sunbury but also for Hazleton in a fine Eastern Professional Basketball League, later became a volatile but successful coach for Cheyney State and Temple.

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.

Cash Bingo: Diamond Fire Company #2 of Hazleton is sponsoring a Fall Bingo this 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.



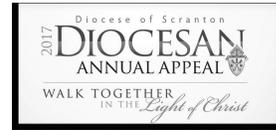
Church Women United invites you to join us on World Community Day on **Friday, November 3**, at Black Creek Methodist Church. The theme of this year's program is "Kindling New Fires for Peace." As people of faith, we reach out to all peoples of all denominations with our focus on peace. The service begins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

Thank You: We extend a note of deep gratitude to the parishioners who attended the events of the parish's closing celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions. Special thanks go to the students from Faith Formation who participated in the rosary distributions and the Sunday procession. Also, much appreciation is extended to the Holy Family Academy and Drums Elementary students who assisted with the rosary distributions, the Holy Hour, and those who made the Fatima play at Providence Place possible. The music provided by Mary Jo Cross and Judi and Katie Yamulla added much beauty to the services. The special Mass celebrated by Fr. McHugh was very much appreciated.

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.

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.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION IN OUR SCHOOLS AND PARISHES

"Educating the future generations of the faithful"

Shaping the next generation of the faithful through a Catholic education in our schools and parishes is an essential mission of the Diocese of Scranton. Last year, nearly 5,000 elementary, middle, and high school students benefitted from the academic programs and spiritual guidance offered by our Catholic Schools. More than 17,000 children received religious education in parish-based programs, instilling in them an intimate knowledge of the faith and the love of God, and fostering a desire to serve one another.

Festival Corner

2017 Festival Recap: All invoices have been received and the following is a recap of the income and expenses for this year's festival:

Our expenses for 2017 were \$39,026.26, up from 2016's \$32,970.33, for an increase of \$6,055.93. Included in the increase is the purchase of the storage container, several years' supply of game prizes, an increase in the fireworks cost, and extra rental costs. Our income for 2017 was \$54,057.20, down from the \$58,267.29 raised in 2016, leaving a difference of \$4,210.09. We saw a decrease in the number of raffle tickets, lottery tickets, and sponsorship purchases. So, our profit for the 2017 festival is \$15,030.94, down from \$25,297.17 in 2016.

The committee again thanks all our volunteers for their efforts and hard work. Every amount we raise for Good Shepherd helps us to continue as a parish.

Follow the Fire

Follow the fire
The great light,
The hazy blaze
Till all are ashes.

Follow the fire
The swift, ascending flames
Till the sparks are gone
Till the fire is out.

Follow the fire
Your only sun
Till it shines no more
Till only smoke remains.

Follow the fire
The new star
Till all have died
Till dust has returned.

Follow the fire
Let it guide you
Till the fire dies
Till the light returns.

Rev. Connell A. McHugh