



Good Shepherd Church

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 28 & 29, 2017



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

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
Monday	October 30
8:00 AM	Veronica Astorino ~ Carberry Family
Tuesday	October 31
8:00 AM	No Morning Mass
4:00 PM	Sandra Wilma Rolls ~ Catherine Miller & Family
Wednesday	November 1 – All Saints Day
8:00 AM	No Morning Mass
12:00 PM	Dominik Krzysik ~ Joe & Jay
5:00 PM	Patrick Joseph Fay III ~ Joe & Irene Slebodnick
Thursday	November 2 – All Souls Day
8:00 AM	No Morning Mass
10:00 AM	Calvary Cemetery All Souls Mass
Friday	November 3
8:00 AM	All Souls Intentions
Saturday	November 4
4:00 PM	Parishioners of Good Shepherd
Sunday	November 5
8:00 AM	All Souls Intentions
10:00 AM	All Souls Intentions

All Saints and All Souls: The All Saints Day schedule will be:

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.



All Saints & All Souls: I encourage everyone to attend Mass on All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. While All Souls Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation and does not really fit into a category (feast or memorial), but is labeled The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, it is a good day to attend Mass and honor the deceased. The custom of offering prayers for the faithful departed is not present in the New Testament, but prayers and Masses for the deceased were offered in the early centuries of the Church. St. Augustine especially encouraged offering prayers for the departed. In the Old Testament, 2nd Maccabees, which dates from the second-century Christ, explicitly refers to prayers and sacrifices offered for the departed. A feast honoring Mary and the martyrs was celebrated on the 13th of May. The Irish celebrated All Saints on November 1st and this date spread to European countries and eventually to Rome. All Souls began to be celebrated in the 7th century, but had various dates. Odilo, of the monastery at Cluny, seems to have fixed the November 2nd date. Rome began using this date in the 14th century. Most Protestant Churches do not offer prayers for the departed and do not observe All Souls Day. They do have funeral prayers for the deceased. The Orthodox Churches are the only ones who pray for those in hell!

Purgatory: This is based on the Judeo-Christian concept that prayers of the living benefit the departed. Purgatory is the condition or state of those who have not reached a degree of being wholly open to God's love. Church teachings do not specify Purgatory as a place or state. The worst way to view Purgatory is that of a short-term hell. Protestant Reformers rejected Purgatory partly because of Catholicism's abuse of indulgences. However, rejecting Purgatory leads to rejecting any satisfaction for sins committed. While Purgatory is not a major doctrine of the Catholic Church, I think we can conclude that insufficient study of it has been the case in Christian churches.

Stewardship

684 families received envelopes.
 Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 10/21:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00 PM	80	\$1,055.00	202
8:00 AM	67	\$ 891.00	163
10:00 AM	77	\$1,037.00	286
	Loose	\$ 238.00	
	Total	\$3,221.00	651

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week for **special intentions**.

The Rose for Life this week is in memory of **Bernice Petrusky** by Mary & David Cressman.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: As of Monday, October 16, Good Shepherd donated \$9,205 outright to the Appeal with another \$2,723 pledged for a total of \$11,928, which is 45.8% of our goal. We are \$14,072 short of our \$26,000 goal. To date, we have 87 donors contributing to the Appeal. This figure does not include any donations from Commitment Weekend. We thank everyone who has donated to date. If you are new to the parish or a frequent visitor to it, Appeal envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church. Last year, several non-registered people did help Good Shepherd attain its goal.

Word

Theme – Loving God and Others: In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus declares that the whole law and the prophets depend on the command to love God with one's whole heart, soul, and mind, and your neighbor as yourself. Today's readings offer a fine introduction to All Saints and All Souls Days which we will observe later this week. Those days are ones that honor those people who truly loved God. In His answer to the Pharisees, Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. The first-century Jewish teacher, Philo, also affirmed that love of God and neighbor fulfilled the whole law. In the New Testament, there are frequent commands to love one's neighbor but surprisingly few to love God. Frequently, loving God is identified with loving or serving one's neighbor. Selfless love of one's neighbor is an image of the love of God for His people. The first reading from Exodus reveals the Lord commanding His people to take care of the needy. The people are to practice compassion if they wish to be pleasing in the Lord's sight.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Think of people who have been signs of God's love in your life.
2. What are some of the things you are doing or can do to alleviate the suffering of others?
3. Do you feel that you love your neighbor as yourself?

First Friday: Friday, November 3, is First Friday. Following the 8:00 AM Mass, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Morning Prayer, Divine Mercy Devotion and closing Benediction. Please join us if you are free.

November: Turn clocks back an hour on Saturday, November 4th. We are returning to Standard Time on November 5th.

Breakfast Sunday: November 5th is Breakfast Sunday. Breakfast runs from 8:00 AM until 12 Noon. The Men of Malvern will attend the 10:00 AM Mass and join us for breakfast.

Mass at Providence Place: Fr. McHugh's monthly Mass at Providence Place is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, at 10:00 AM.

Pennsylvania Dioceses Consecrated to the Blessed Mother: In conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, each Catholic diocese was consecrated to the Blessed Mother. In Scranton, Bishop Bambera consecrated the Diocese to the Blessed Mother at a Mass on Sunday, October 15, in the Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton.

Volunteer & Staff Christmas Party: This will be held on Wednesday, December 6, at The Pines in Hazleton, located on the corner of Broad and Wyoming Streets. There will be a cash bar from 5:00 to 6:00 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM. The entertainment will be by the Scranton duo "The Frost," who will perform music from the '60s, '70s, etc. They especially have a nice selection of Fleetwood Mac songs and also will have Christmas songs. "The Frost" duo consists of Christian Gratz and Leah Beth Evans. Volunteers and staff are free. The cost for non-volunteers and guests is \$25 per person. Please turn in the coupon by Tuesday, November 28, if you plan to attend. Specify volunteer, non-volunteer, or guest.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Volunteer _____

Non-Volunteer or Guest _____

FR. CONNELL'S TRIVIA

1. Who is the all-time leader in World Series homeruns?
2. What pitcher has won the most World Series Games?

Last Week's Answers:

1. Stan Musial broke Gus Suhr's record for consecutive games played in the National League.
2. Ed Walsh, of Plains, holds the record for most innings pitched in a single season since the beginning of the 20th century with 464 and the lowest ERA of hurlers who pitched 1,000 or more innings with a 1.82 mark.

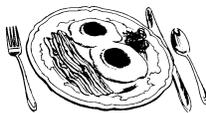
Community

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).



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.

Monthly Breakfast: Breakfast is next **Sunday, November 5**, 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.



Salvation Army Soup Kitchen: On the first Wednesday of each month, Good Shepherd Parish donates, prepares, and serves a hot meal at the Hazleton Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. We fed 56 people with our October meal which consisted of homemade barbeque, potato salad, baked beans, chips, and ice cream sundaes. Each person received a "take home bag" filled with a pudding cup, peanut butter crackers, a banana, a personal pack of tissues, and mints. For many, this "take home bag" is their evening meal. Our next lunch will be a Thanksgiving feast scheduled for November 1st from 10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon.

We extend continued thanks and prayers for Father McHugh and the parishioners of Good Shepherd parish who continue to support this mission project of our church. Your prayers and gifts of food, money, time and talents allow our team to share with the community our Christian faith in action.

We also thank our friends at Providence Place who help package our "take home bags" each month. For more information on how you can participate in this parish project, please call the parish office.

- Respectfully Submitted by Dorothy Stoffa Beozzo,
Chairperson

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 first Wednesday. The next meeting is on **Wednesday, November 1**, at **Providence Place** from **10 AM - Noon**. The meeting will be held in the sunroom on the 3rd floor. Beginners are welcome. For more information, call 570-788-3746. We hope to see you there!

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.

Election Day Pasta Dinner: Fr. Ric invites you to come to the Election Day Pasta Dinner at St. John Bosco Church on Tuesday, November 7, from 4:00 – 7:00 PM in their Parish Center. Take-outs will be from 3:30 – 7:00 PM. The dinner includes penne pasta, meatballs, salad, Italian bread, homemade desserts, beverage, and a complimentary glass of wine. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. Tickets may be purchased after the weekend masses, at the parish office, and at the door. A Raffle of Cheer and theme baskets will also be featured.

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 Shepherd's Hands

The next meeting of The Shepherd's Hands group will be on **Thursday, November 2**, at **6:30 PM** in the St. Joseph Room.

The Women of Good Shepherd

We had a great turnout for our pumpkin painting event. The children painted lots of colorful and creative pumpkins. Scott Mooney won the candy corn contest. Thank you to Maylath Farm and Thomas Farm for donating the pumpkins. We also extend a big thank-you to Wendy's, Vesuvio's of Drums, and the ladies who baked and helped out with the event. It was a fun night!

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.



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