



Good Shepherd Church

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11 & 12, 2017



† MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK †

Saturday November 11
4:00 PM All Souls Intentions

Sunday November 12
8:00 AM Robert Sukel ~ Wife, Marianne
10:00 AM Parishioners of Good Shepherd

Monday November 13
8:00 AM Richard James Hall ~ Ronald & Paulette Hvizda

Tuesday November 14
8:00 AM Deceased Priests of the Scranton Diocese

Wednesday November 15
8:00 AM Jean & Robert Miller ~ Bob & Evelyn Miller

Thursday November 16
8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Paternoster Family ~ Ferrari Family

Friday November 17
8:00 AM Ruth Ferdinand ~ M/M Bob Ritz

Saturday November 18
4:00 PM John & Angeline Yancus ~ Family

Sunday November 19
8:00 AM Biaggio Roselle ~ Wife & Children
10:00 AM Burton Balliet (6th-Year Anniversary) & Michael Balliet ~ Wife & Grandmother, Carol Balliet

Thanksgiving Mass: On Thursday, November 23, we will have the annual Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 AM. We encourage people to make the effort to attend. It is a great way to start Thanksgiving Day.



The 150th Anniversary of the Scranton Diocese: This occurs on March 4, 2018. Beginning in Advent, special events will take place until November 25, 2018. The opening Mass for the 150th Anniversary will take place at 12:15PM at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Scranton. The Diocese would like four parish delegates to attend. This could be from different ministry areas, different age groups, a family of four, etc. Notify me if you would like to be a delegate or have your family of four represent our parish. The event will especially reflect the legacy of those in our diocese who have gone before us. On March 4th, a member of both the Parish Council and the Finance Committee will be invited to attend. These groups can select someone to represent us. The parish also will be asked to send four delegates to the closing Mass at the Cathedral on November 25, 2018. Within the parish, we will have certain petitions to add to the Prayer of the Faithful (Universal Prayer). These petitions will be for the Advent, Christmas, Lenten, and Easter seasons. There will also be suggested hymns for the anniversary. Karl DeBoeser has been commissioned to compose a hymn for the anniversary which is scheduled to be made available in early February 2018.

Stewardship

680 families received envelopes.

Offertory Envelopes for the weekend 11/4:

MASS TIME	NUMBER OF FAMILIES OFFERING	AMOUNT OF OFFERING	ATTENDANCE AT MASS
4:00 PM		\$ 922.00	193
8:00 AM		\$1,100.00	157
10:00 AM		\$1,143.00	358
	Loose	\$ 229.38	
	Total	\$3,394.38	708

Parish Breakfast: Thanks to all who set up, prepared, cooked, and served the breakfast, and of course, to all who attended. Our attendance was 298 – 269 adults and 29 children. This was our best attendance in some time.

Worship

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week in memory of John & Angeline Yancus by family.

The Rose for Life this week is in memory of **Anthony Scatton** by wife, Sophia. The **second Rose for Life** this week is in memory of **Darlene Sweet Beck** by godmother, Lorraine and Bob Anderson.

Diocesan Annual Appeal: We thank those who have donated already to the Annual Appeal, and I encourage all others who are able to donate to do so. I mentioned that it is an area that is scrutinized by those evaluating the viability of parishes. Our total to date is \$19,588, which is 75.3% of our goal. To date, 189 people have donated.

All Souls Day Mass: The music ministry presented a nice program for the All Souls Day Mass in honor of those buried in Calvary Cemetery. About 40 attended. My feeling is that the Diocese should advertise and promote it if they wish to continue it. I put the Mass in the bulletin for several weeks and also in Hometown Happenings.

Parish Council will meet on Wednesday, November 15, at 6:30 PM in the St. Joseph Room. There will not be a council meeting in December.

All Saints Day Masses: We had attendances of 154 at the Vigil Mass, 106 at the Noon Mass, and 84 at the 5:00 PM Mass. This was a moderate increase over the last holy day, the Assumption. I will keep the same schedule for the December 8th Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Word

Theme – The Coming of the Bridegroom: The Gospel of Matthew offers us another parable of preparedness – that of the Ten Virgins or Bridesmaids as it is sometimes called. This parable is unique to Matthew’s Gospel. In biblical times, bridesmaids served both a ceremonial and a practical role. They added beauty and pageantry to the wedding and also served the practical purpose of leading the bridegroom from the city gates to the home of the bride. Roads were not paved and streets were not marked. The torches of the bridesmaids were important for the wedding party coming to the home of the bride. Failure to have torches ready created a serious problem. The groom had a right to be annoyed with the unprepared bridesmaids. Jesus likely told this story to teach people to be prepared for His Second Coming. The barring of the doors on the unprepared bridesmaids illustrates that God expects us to put His Word into action. The parable reflects judgment. Oil and light were often presented in Scripture as representing good works. Perhaps the bridesmaids not sharing oil might mean that the good deeds of others cannot be attributed to us. We must perform our own good deeds. This Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids is in keeping with Matthew’s contention that crying out, “Lord, Lord” is not sufficient. We must perform good deeds.

Praying With Scripture:

1. Think of people who put light into your life.
2. Do you search for wisdom in your life? Where are people and places you might find it?
3. Do you feel the Parable of the Bridesmaids expresses well the theme of preparedness?

October Mass Attendance: We had a fair overall attendance at the October weekend liturgies. The attendances on October 8 and 15 were good; the 22nd was poor, and the 29th fair. The diocese, unfortunately, did not want the attendance of September 30th and October 1st to be included in the report of October Masses. We did have a good attendance that weekend as luck would have it.

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. Baseball fans identify Shane Victorino as the “Flying Hawaiian.” The original “Flying Hawaiian” was All-American football player Herman Wedemeyer. From 1972-80, what character did Wedemeyer play in the original *Hawaii Five-O*?
2. What all-star football defensive end portrayed “Hunter” on the very successful show of the same name? The show also featured Stefanie Kramer.

Last Week’s Answers:

1. False. Kurt Warner led the St. Louis Rams and the Arizona Cardinals to the Super Bowl, but he only won with the Rams.
2. John Riggins was the first NFL player to rush for 20 touchdowns. He had 24 at the age of 34. He did this for the Washington Redskins in 1983.

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 will be making Thanksgiving boxes for needy families in the area. Good Shepherd has been asked to contribute pickles or olives, and cranberry sauce for 58 boxes. The local churches have also been asked to help with coffee, flour, and sugar. **The deadline for contributions is Wednesday, November 15.** Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You: Diamond Fire Company #2, Hazleton, wishes to thank Father McHugh and all the parishioners of Good Shepherd Church who helped in any way to make our Fall Bingo a success. The food was great and everyone had a good time. We hope to see you in the spring!

The next **Charismatic Mass and Healing Service at St. John Bosco Church** will be held on Thursday, November 16, at 7:00 PM. Fr. Michael Kloton 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!

Keep Christ in Christmas: The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Fatima Council 8613, Conyngham-Drums, will be selling **KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS** car magnets, bumper stickers, and Catholic Christmas cards **in the library** after the 4:00 PM Mass on **Saturday, November 18**, and the 8:00 and 10:00 AM Masses on **Sunday, November 19**. The profits will benefit local charities, the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas program, and the upkeep of the Knights' nativity set at the monastery along Route 93.



The Women of Good Shepherd

Our Thanksgiving Raffle has begun. A turkey wall hanging adorned with \$150 worth of gift cards and lottery tickets will be chanced off on **Sunday, November 19**, after the 10:00 AM Mass. Tickets are being sold in the church vestibule. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Proceeds will benefit The Women of Good Shepherd Scholarship fund.

The Shepherd's Hands

Fellow parishioners - your generous donations to the Sock Drives these past two years have been VERY appreciated by so many people in need! It is time for the **2017 Sock Drive**. New socks, especially for men, are now being collected in the bins located in the church vestibule. The sock collection will continue **through Sunday, December 3**. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity!



~ Submitted by Janet Kringe



Today is "Text to Give" Weekend

The Son of Fire

The Son of Fire will arise
 Speaking the word of God
 His words will be as honey
 Striking, startling, unlike those of men.
 The Son of Fire will be a chosen one
 Yet he will suffer, become confused
 His lips, for a time, will fall silent
 The burden of earth, the misery of being human
 Will temporarily overcome him.
 The Son of Fire will wonder
 If he really is the Son of Satan
 He will experience the desert of loneliness
 He will dream of retreating to mediocrity
 He will think of devoting
 His life to debauchery.
 From the dust the Lord will restore him
 His blindness will disappear
 He will resume his ministry
 Speaking with an eloquence of the heart
 Rather than with the erudition of intelligence.
 From his nothingness the Son of Fire
 Will become a leader.
 In word and deed
 He will lead his charges
 Forth from the forest of darkness
 His own vision recreated
 He will be a sentinel for the multitude
 From the abyss of constant temptation
 He will have grown strong and unflinching
 No longer will he be afraid to speak
 A new Jeremiah, a fiery Elijah
 He will condemn the unjust
 Imparting consolation to the oppressed
 From his failures and discontentment
 He will have grown bold
 Creating the universe
 In word and deed
 A solitary apostle
 Seeing beyond the mundane
 He will become our guide
 For sensing the heavenly in the earthly
 Though he will grow old
 His vision will never die
 He will be remembered
 As a prophet, a leader
 A Moses and Isaiah.

Rev. Connell A. McHugh