



# Good Shepherd Church

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

### March 10, 2024



#### † MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK†

##### Saturday, March 9

**6:00 PM** Mark Bergamo ~ Dr. & Mrs. Michael Washinsky

##### Sunday, March 10

**8:00 AM** Margaret Kostanesky ~ Kostanesky Family

**9:30 AM** Patrick Donahue ~ Dr. & Mrs. Michael Washinsky

##### Monday, March 11

**8:00 AM** Souls of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society

##### Tuesday, March 12

**8:00 AM** Czeslawa Kwoka ~ Jamie Popso

##### Wednesday, March 13

**8:00 AM** Mary Louise Perilla ~ Joseph & Joanne Gelgot

##### Thursday, March 14

**8:00 AM** Charles Malloy ~ Maria & Grace Badger

##### Friday, March 15

**8:00 AM** Joan Nortavage ~ Ustonofski Family

##### Saturday, March 16

**6:00 PM** Mr. & Mrs. Edward Stanek ~ Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stanek

##### Sunday, March 17

**8:00 AM** Patsy Belusko ~ Barbara Deaton

**9:30 AM** Judith A. Zellner ~ Don & Linda Veglia

#### Stewardship

**March 2&3:** Loose \$754; Offertory \$3,938; Dues \$1,902; Easter \$220; Flowers \$180; Care & Education of Priests \$597; Capital Improvement \$70; Eastern Europe \$70; Ash Wednesday \$32; Rice Bowl \$267; Holy Thursday \$80; Good Friday \$80  
Mass Attendance – 535



The **Tabernacle Candle** burns this week for The **Souls of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society**



The **Rose for Life** this week in memory of **Margaret Kostanesky** by Kostanesky Family



**Tuesday Night Bingo:** Come join us for Bingo at Good Shepherd Church on Tuesday evenings. The kitchen opens at

**5:00 PM** with special soups, sandwiches, beverages, ethnic foods and a variety of other goodies. Our Early Bird game begins at **6:00 PM**.

Signed copies of Father McHugh's poetry book, **Kaleidoscope of the Heart**, will be available for purchase in the church office for \$20.00 during normal business hours.



**The Valley Food Pantry** helps those in need. We have been asked to collect: vegetable soup, Manwich or sloppy joe mix, and canned carrots. Thank you for your donations. If you wish to send a monetary donation, the address is: Valley Food Pantry, PO Box 187 CUCC, Conyngham, PA 18219. Also, to the anonymous donors who have been sending money we greatly appreciate your generosity.

**The Valley Food Pantry** will be making **Easter boxes** for needy families in the area. Good Shepherd has been asked to contribute brown sugar, coffee and regular tea for the boxes. The deadline for contributions is **Wednesday, March 20**. Thank you for your generosity!

**Stitches of Love Ministry** is a crochet & knitting ministry that donates our work to those in need. You could meet with the group or stitch from home. Work on your own projects or help with items we wish to create and donate. All are welcome. Our next meeting is Monday at **1:00 PM (Afternoon)** on **March 11th** in the St. Joseph Room. We hope to see there. **We donated 19 afghans to the Gift of Life Donor Program.** We accept donations of yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles, patterns, stitch markers, etc. Items can be dropped off in the tote in the cry room **Thank you to ALL** who have been generously donating to our ministry!

**The Hazleton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life** will be opening space at St Gabriel's Church to help "Families in Need" with material goods for babies and toddlers. We are in need of diapers of all sizes and are asking the parishioners of Good Shepherd if they could help with this by having a Diaper Drive. All you would need to do is purchase some diapers and return them to Good Shepherd Church by **Sunday, March 10**. There will be a box in the vestibule. As a prolife community while it is extremely important to educate on the horrors of abortion it is also important that we help those in need who chose life. Any assistance with this would be greatly appreciated. God bless. Carol Matz, President Hazleton Chapter, Pennsylvanians for Human Life. Thank you!

#### Sacred Heart of Jesus Purgatorial Society

The next monthly mass is **Monday, March 11 at 8:00 AM**, it will be the **second Monday of each month for 2024**. Our Friday rosary is offered for our loved ones prior to the mass at **7:30 AM**. Please join us if you can. If you have not already done so you can enroll your loved ones, simply by submit their names and your loved ones will be permanently enrolled. There is no charge and you are not obligated to become an active member. **Forms to enroll your loved ones are on the table in the vestibule.**

**Women of Good Shepherd** will meet on Monday **March 11 at 6:00 PM** in the St. Joseph Room.

## **GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
and Benediction **Fridays** from **3:00 to 3:55 PM**  
and Stations of the Cross at **4:00 PM**

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We are looking for members of the Congregation to participate in the **Washing of the Feet ceremony** during the **Holy Thursday Mass** on **March 28 at 7:00 PM**. If you are interested in participating, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule.

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**Hunting Heritage Banquet:** The Honey Hole Longbeards Chapter of the NWTF will hold its annual banquet on **Saturday, April 6th**, at Edgewood in the Pines in Drums. Doors open at **4:00 PM**, with dinner at **5:30 PM**. Enjoy a night with food, refreshments, auctions and raffles. For more information contact Mark Ferdinand 788-6362.

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**Help is needed...** Waitresses & Waiters are needed for Breakfast Sundays as well as people to set up and clean tables. Call Barbara at 570-436-6596. Thank you!

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### **SAVE THE DATE**

Our spring rummage sale will be on **June 8 & 9**. If you are spending time this winter cleaning out and purging, the rummage sale committee will gratefully accept your donations. Call Cathy Penkala (570-436-5017) or Diane Lindsay (570-599-7626) with any questions. Information about renting spaces and/or tables will be posted in April.



Please keep these recently departed: **Eleanor Lashock, James Fisher, Richard Snyder and Frank George** in your prayers along with their grieving loved ones. May they rest in eternal peace!

Forms are available in the vestibule for the **Knights of Columbus Scholarship Application**. See bulletin for details.

**LENTEN RETREAT FOR MEN:** All men, ages 18 years and older, are invited to participate in an overnight Lenten Retreat titled "Spiritual Direction: I'm Not Lost, I'm Wondering" from 6:00 PM Friday, March 15 until 2:00 PM Saturday, March 16 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center in Dalton. Participants will examine the spiritual journey of men in our world, moving from wandering to wondering about God's will in their lives. There will be talks by Fr. Pio Mandato, Fr. Stan Fortuna, and Fr. Brian Van Fossen, Mike Donovan, opportunities for Adoration and Confession, and Holy Mass offered by Bishop Joseph Bambera. This will be a great way to renew one's heart and mind before Easter. The cost of the retreat is only \$75, which includes meals and overnight accommodation at the retreat center. If you have not already registered you can use this link <https://beacatholicman.com/register-for-retreat-1> For more information visit [www.beacatholicman.com](http://www.beacatholicman.com) or contact Joe Adcroft at [jadcroft@kknepa.com](mailto:jadcroft@kknepa.com) or call 570-380-5070. The retreat is sponsored by Be A Catholic Man, Inc., a nonprofit "on a mission to encourage and empower men to deepen their relationship with Christ, to be spiritual leaders in their families, their church, and their community, and to live their faith in everyday life."

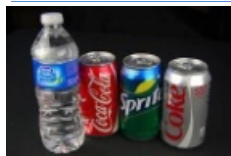
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**The Knights of Columbus** Conyngham/Drums will be selling Statewide Chance of a Lifetime Tickets for sixteen prizes worth \$65,000.00 after all masses on **Saturday March 16th and Sunday March 17th** at Good Shepherd Church. The cost of a ticket is \$5.00 each. Proceeds benefit state and local charities.

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**Have a song in your heart??? We need you in our choir. No experience necessary. Practice on Thursdays from 3:30 – 4:30PM.**



#### **FESTIVAL CORNER – UPDATE**

The 2024 Festival Committee is asking for parishioner support to keep the expense down. For the month of March we will be collecting paper products. Thank you for your support! Please check the expiration dates on all items for consumption.

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**Shine Women's Center** is in need of help. Valerie White, the center director, will be retiring. They need to fill her position. This is a part-time 20 hour per week position. If you or someone you know is interested there are details about the job requirements posted on our bulletin board. You can also contact Valerie White at 570-582-6840 with any questions or recommendations. Thank you for your attention and prayers. In addition they are also recruiting for a receptionist.



Temptation....Transfiguration....Anger....See the Light. These words mark our journey through the Lenten Season. In this weekend's Gospel Jesus has an encounter with Nicodemus. Nick (for short) was a member of the Sanhedrin, a ruling body for the Jews. He was probably a secret admirer of Jesus – He liked the miracles, but was not fully convinced he was the Messiah. The conversation was Jesus' attempt to get Nick to see the light. Our Lenten theme is: How will you be Transformed – Darkness to Light? Like Nick in today's Gospel, Jesus is calling you to see the Light! One of the best ways to see the Light is to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation – the Light will be on for you!

### **Lenten Scripture Series at Good Shepherd Church**

Rev. Connell A. McHugh, Pastor Emeritus of Good Shepherd, will for the 18th consecutive year offer a series of Scripture presentations in the church hall for the next 4 consecutive Wednesdays. The presentations will begin at **9:00 AM**, and Fr. McHugh's topic will be the Gospel of Mark. The scripture sessions are open to the public free of charge. Because of the large attendance at these sessions, we ask that you register since notes will be provided. You may register by calling the office at 570-788-3141 or by stopping in the office.

**A Charismatic Mass and Healing Service** will be held at St. John Bosco Church, Conyngham on Tuesday, **March 19th at 7:00 PM**. Fr. Neftali will preside, and Fr. Sudhir will concelebrate. Sue Shaw will begin her Music Ministry at 6:45 PM. Any questions, please call Arlene at 570-788-3643.

**MANDATORY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS** will be at **6:00 PM on Thursday, April 11th**, in the lower level of Immaculate Conception Church. Use the **Chestnut St entrance (through the garden)**. Register by calling the **Immaculate Conception Parish Office at 570-636-3035 or the Good Shepherd Parish Office at 570-788-3141**. Please plan to attend the **Baptismal Preparation class well in advance of your baby's birth so that you are aware of all the information necessary to schedule your baby's Baptism**.



**A Deanery Lenten Penance Service** will be hosted by Father Kevin Miller at the Church of Saint Gabriel on **Thursday, March 21st at 6:30 PM**. There will be several Priests available to hear confessions in both English and Spanish.

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis). To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.





# Immaculate Conception Parish

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### Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sat. 3/9 4:00 PM  
Living and Deceased Members of the Nitka and  
Rapach Families by Linda Nitka-Moyer

Sun. 3/10 11:00 AM  
Richard Mladek and Thomas Mark Kopczynskie  
by Matthew and Debra Kopczynskie

Mon. 3/11 7:00 PM  
Virginia Katsonis by Her Family

Tue. 3/12 7:00 AM  
Deceased Members of the Dudinyak Family by  
Liz and Rich

Wed. 3/13 7:00 AM  
Paul McKinley by the Feussner Ford Family

Thur. 3/14 7:00 AM  
Health and Blessings for Janet Amentler by Her  
Brother John

Fri. 3/15 7:00 AM  
Mary Ann McGeehan by Bob and Theresa Ayers

Sat. 3/16 4:00 PM  
Daniel Chitswara by the Chitswara Family

Sun. 3/17 11:00 AM  
Sons of Erin

### Offering Envelopes



Sunday \$5,782; Loose \$241; Dues  
\$1,270; Care and Education of Priests  
\$692; Initial Offering \$50; Easter  
Flowers \$100; Capital Improvement  
\$398; Other \$170: Poor Box 152



**CANDLES ON THE ALTAR and OUR SACRISTY  
CANDLE** are in Memory of Richard Mladek  
and Thomas Mark Kopczynskie by Matthew  
and Debra Kopczynskie



**ROSARY DEVOTIONS** are being said  
after each of the weekday masses and  
on Saturdays at 8:30 AM. This is a  
special opportunity to increase your  
devotion to our Blessed Mother.

Are you looking for a summer job? We  
are hiring weed whackers for our four  
local cemeteries at a rate of \$15 per  
hour. You must be 15 years old. If  
interested, please contact the rectory at  
570-636-3035



**Eucharistic Adoration** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every  
third Monday at 6:00 PM before evening  
mass. The next devotion will be on  
Monday, March 18th. Exposition will also  
take place at 6:00 PM before each of the  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross.

**EASTER BINGO** will be held next  
Sunday, March 17th, in our  
Parish Center. Early Birds and  
Specials are \$1.00 each. The  
kitchen opens at 12:00 PM. Early  
Birds start at 12:30 PM. Regular  
Bingo starts at  
1:00 PM; \$35 Cash Prize Per Game 4 Specials with  
a \$50 prize each Last Special \$100 prize. Tricky  
Trays Will Be Available!!



**FREELAND SONS OF ERIN ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY BANQUET** will be held on Saturday, March 16th,  
with a parade starting at noon. This year's banquet  
will be held at Sand Springs in Drums starting at  
3:00 PM with cocktails; dinner will follow at 4:00  
PM. Entertainment will be DJ Rockin' Ray. Honored  
guests will be: Citizen of the Year Ben Evancho and  
the Sons of Erin Irishman of the Year Award Winner  
Jeff Murphy, The Main Speaker will be State  
Representative Mike Cabell. The program and  
dancing will follow dinner. Tickets are \$60.00 which  
includes beer, wine, and soda. To purchase tickets,  
call Bear Brogan at 570-650-7630 or Chris  
Flanagan at 570-582-3503. For table reservations,  
call Janet Brogan at 570-710-7330. Tickets must  
be purchased by this Sunday, March 10th.



The Freeland Fire Department  
will be holding a potato cake  
sale on March 22nd at the fire  
station from 3:00 to 6:00 PM or until  
sold out. The cost will be \$1 each. This will be a  
first come, first served event with no pre-orders.



Our Community-Service Team will be  
collecting napkins, toilet paper,  
paper plates, and paper towels for  
the month of March. We thank all  
who support those in need in our  
community.

