

# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## NOVEMBER 26, 2023



### MASS INTENTIONS



Sat	11/25	5:00 PM	Aaron Norakus by Joe and Ellie Schwab
Sun	11/26	10:15 AM	William A. Reilly, Sr. by Elaine Gelezinsky
Wed	11/29	8:00 AM	Helen Jones by Celine Nauman
Thur	11/30	8:00 AM	Raymond Dugan by Celine Nauman
Fri	12/01	8:00 AM	Mark Maranuk by Liz Berger Family
Sat	12/02	5:00 PM	Mary Marotta by Dave and Bernadette Passeri
Sun	12/03	10:15 AM	Bernadette M. Senape by Atty James V. Senape, Jr. & Family

**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION is December 1. Sign-up sheet is on the table in back of the church.**

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Sat, 4:00 to 4:45 PM - Sun, 9:00 to 9:45 AM or by Appointment**

**OFFERINGS: Wkly \$3,191 Outreach \$263 Total \$3,454 Children's Missions: \$63  
Catholic Campaign for Human Development: \$205**



**Deacon Jim's Vocation Journey:** My journey to the Permanent Diaconate was interesting and was God's plan for me. I have been privileged to grow in my relationship with Christ by sharing the Sacrament of Marriage with my wife and having wonderful children. Following my graduation from college, I embarked on a successful secular career and raising my family. I picked up from my earlier days of being an Altar Server and as an Adult became and served in various lay ministries of the Church. Then one day, I recall seeing a married man serve alongside a priest at mass. The role of a Deacon became more noticeable to me. I thought to myself that this is where the Lord was calling me for a greater role in service to

Him and His flock. My initial thinking, as we find in Matthew, was "Lord, I am not worthy;" however, after much prayer to the Holy Spirit and spiritual direction and the support of my family, I was blessed to have answered the Lord's call to my next vocation (there was no dramatic event such as seeing a vision or being struck by lightning). My calling was confirmed on the day of my ordination as a Permanent Deacon to the clerical state in the Catholic Church with the laying on of hands. In the title of the hymn, "Here I Am, Lord", I responded to God's call and am faithfully serving Him and as a servant to His people.

**The VOICE of JOHN** ministry will hold its annual Christmas Card Sale on the weekends of November 26th and December 3rd. Cards are \$20 per pack of 15 cards, available in the foyer of the church. All proceeds will be used for our educational efforts, age specific programs for grades K through adult. John Frank announced the winner of the contest, Noah Bauder, a student at Marian Catholic High School who inspired the beautiful verse for this year's card. A special congratulations to Olivia Fritz, a 7th grade CCD student from St Patrick's White Haven who placed 2nd in the competition with her contribution of art and verse.

**Christmas Program** at the Episcopal Church in Eckley Miners Village on Saturday, December 2, Noon – 4 and Sunday, December 3, 1-4. Logan Buglio and David Cunfer, Organists with Bernie Perch, Soloist.



Please join us on Sunday, December 3, to celebrate the start of the Advent season. It will be an opportunity to relax and refocus with friends on the true meaning of Christmas. This year's program, "The Light to Brighten Your Christmas", will start at 5 PM in the church of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception & will include scripture readings, music and reflection, festive decorated tables, snacks, refreshments, and desserts. The program is open to anyone who would like to attend.

To host a table or reserve a seat, please contact Michalene Prokopovich at 570-788-6970 by Sunday, November 26. Please plan to join us for this beautiful & memorable Advent celebration. Hope to see you there.

**St. Patrick Choir Practice: Mondays, 6:30-7:30 PM. Adults & children, Grades 3 & Up are invited.**



St. Patrick's 150<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be Sunday, August 18, 2024. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fantastic event. Call Joan (570) 401-9815 or Ed Gower, (570) 401-9814 for more information. Our next meeting is on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30 in our Parish Center. Please come join us and take part in the planning.



The Giving Tree Project is an annual effort to serve families, who could use some extra caring for Christmas, in the White Haven Community. To participate, you take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift on the tag, place the tag on the wrapped gift with the Family Number showing, and put it under the Giving Tree by 11:15 AM on Sunday, December 17! IF the gift is a gift card of any kind for a family, or a monetary donation to the McAuley House, please put it in an envelope with the tag taped to it, & hand it to Joan or Ed Gower, Jean or Ed Price, or bring it to the Parish Office. We do not want to leave envelopes under the tree. **THANK YOU** in advance for participating & sharing with our neighbors. The McAuley House is a home for women and children. The staff provide counseling and resources to help Moms get back on their feet to care for and provide for their children, on their own, when they leave this home. St. Patrick's gives annually to this home through the Giving Tree.

St. Patrick Confirmation Classs will sponsor a bake sale on Sunday, December 3 to support the Giving Tree. The sale is from 8 to 10 AM in the vestibule of our Parish Center and then after the 10:15 mass in the Church vestibule. If anyone would like to donate baked goods, please contact Brenda Crosley at 570-751-3088. We appreciate your support to help us help others. Thank you in advance.



**SANTA IS BACK!** Sunday, December 17 from 9 to Noon - Adults: \$10 Children (5-12): \$5 Ages 4 and Under: Free  
**Breakfast Includes:** Pancakes, French Toast Sticks, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Tater Tots, Donuts and Beverages. There will be Tree Decorating, Gifts for the Children, & Pictures with Santa & His Elves. Come join the fun!

The Women of St. Patrick will have their Annual Holiday Dinner at Charlie Weaver's Restaurant on Wednesday, December 6 at 6 PM. The cost is \$30 per person. Payment is due at time of the reservation. Entrée choices are chicken picatta, grilled pork chop, or honey glazed salmon. Dinner sides are corn bread pudding & green beans. Salad & dessert is included. Reservations are due by November 29. Forms are on the table in back of the Church. Return them to the parish office when complete. You may also call the office at 570-443-9944 to make a reservation.



**CHRISTMAS SEASON** is fast approaching. Don't forget to place your gift card order early for your holiday gift giving! You can purchase or place your order **AFTER** weekend masses through DEC 10.

Advent Scripture Sessions on the Infancy Gospels: Rev. Connell A. McHugh, Pastor Emeritus of Good Shepherd will offer presentations on the Infancy Gospels of Luke and Matthew on Wed, Nov 29 and Wed, Dec 6 at 9AM in Good Shepherd parish hall. He will discuss the persons in the Infancy Narratives, the differences and similarities between Luke's and Matthew's versions and how the Infancy Gospels of Luke and Matthew fit the theology of their entire gospels. The Gospel Presentations are open to the community free of charge. Registration is preferred since notes will be provided. Call the parish office at 570-788- 3141 to register.



To dedicate a Rose for Life, call Roseann Kolensky, 570-443-8688.

PARISH HALL RENTAL: Contact Debbie, 570-406-9954 Email: [higgs158@icloud.com](mailto:higgs158@icloud.com)