# **CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

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## Sacramental Life

#### Weekend Masses

Sunday 5:00 PM Sunday 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon & 5 PM

#### **Holy Day Masses**

Evening before Holy Day 7:00 PM Holy Day 9:00 AM, 12:00 Noon & 5:00 PM

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM Saturday Morning 9:00 AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday from 12Noon - 1:00pm

#### **Baptisms**

Baptisms are celebrated twice a month on Sundays at 2:00 PM by reservation only. Please contact the parish office at least 2 months prior to desired date to make arrangements for this sacrament.

#### Marriages

Please contact the parish office nine months to a year in advance of your wedding.

#### Anointing of the Sick

Anyone who is seriously ill, elderly, or facing an operation should be anointed with the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Contact the parish office.

#### **Communion for the Homebound**

Anyone who cannot attend Mass due to illness or age may receive Communion at home. Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

#### **Rite of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM, or by appointment.

# Interested in becoming a Catholic or completing your Sacraments?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults are brought into the Catholic Church. If you have never been baptized, confirmed, or received First Holy Communion, or if you are a member of another Christian Church and wish to become a member of the Catholic Church, please contact the parish office.

#### **Pray the Rosary**

Please join us in the Church Monday through Saturday @ 8:30am. We will pray the Rosary aloud asking for the intercession of the Blessed Mother for the health and safety of our families, our parish community, and for peace in our troubled world!

## **Pastoral Staff**

**Priests and Deacons** 

Rev. Kenneth M. Zach - Pastor Rev. Rudy Pesongco - Associate Pastor Rev. Jerry Cestare - Associate Pastor Deacon Thomas O'Connor Deacon John C. Newhall Rev. Msgr. Thomas Spadaro - Pastor Emeritus Rev. Msgr. Gerard Ringenback - Pastor Emeritus

**Pastoral Minister of Faith Formation** Sister Ellen Zak, C.S.F.N.

**Pastoral Minister for Parish Social Ministry** Deacon John C. Newhall

Parish Business Manager Annemarie Camporeale

### **Contact Information**

**Parish Office** (631) 588-7689 or 588-7651 (631) 588-7603 (fax)

**Faith Formation Office** (631) 981-3889

**Parish Social Ministry Office** (631) 585-4544

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### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday



# Offerings

# Mass Intentions

## **Mass Intentions for the Week**

February 10th Saturday 5:00 pm Mary & Lou Costa Sunday **February 11th** 7:00 am Antonio & Marino Abbondandolo 8:30 am Joseph & Patricia Kass 10:00am Mass Guild Baby Deirdre Abraldes 12:00 pm People of Good Shepherd 5:00 pm February 12th Monday 9:00 am Michael Weissman Tuesday February 13th 9:00 am Frank Donroe Wednesday February 14th 9::00 am For the People 12:00 Mary Rieger 3:00 pm **Prayer Service** Praver Service 4:30 pm **Prayer Service** 7:00 pm Thursday February 15th 9:00 am Joseph Durso Friday February 16th 9:00 am Robert Archer Saturday February 17th 9:00 am **Richard DiBernardi** Lorraine Merkle 5:00 pm Sunday February 18th 7:00 am Patricia Gullickson 8:30 am People of Good Shepherd 10:00 am Mass Guild 12:00 pm **Edward Wojtas** 5:00 pm Frank Hupfer

# **Mass Guild Members**

#### February 11th at 10am

In Memory of:

Aleyamma Pappy Michael Frustaci Alexis Lamb Valeria Emond Daniel Rivituso Sharon Knowles Robert & Diane Carleton <u>Intentions of:</u> German "Art" Bautista

# Gifts of Bread & Wine

# The Gifts of Bread & Wine



If you would like to remember your loved one in this special way, please call the Main Office at 631-588-7689

## **Sanctuary Lamp**

The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns near the Tabernacle in the Church, is the reminder of the Lord's Presence in the Most Holy Eucharist.



In Loving Memory of: Mary Rieger

> **Donated by:** *Christine Burns*

# God Speaks...

**Called to be Church** Ordinary People Connecting Life & Faith

#### First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024 Mark 1:12-15

"This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Reform your lives and believe in the good news!"

1. Describe a time when you were challenged to confront a weakness in your life.

2. Talk about an obstacle in the recent past that could be keeping you from becoming a better person. What might such an obstacle be in the weeks ahead?

> OUR PARISH VISION STATEMENT Welcoming All...Awakening Faith.. Serving Others...

#### OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the disciples of Jesus Christ who Worship at Good Shepherd, accept the privilege and responsibility of supporting one another in love and service, of giving witness to the Good News of salvation, thus enabling others to experience the loving presence of Our Risen Lord..

#### **Important DRVC Information**

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use, can be found by clicking on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <u>https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc</u>

# Good News!

February 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent (B) Genesis 9:8-15 / 1 Peter 3:18-22 / Mark 1:12-15

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**Deserts come in all shapes and sizes.** For Noah, it turned out to be a desert of water, an endless, dreary expanse. For Jesus, it was also without end, one of rocks and sand; it was a harsh existence. In our lives, deserts might be a debilitating illness, a dried-up marriage, grief over lost love, a job that seems to tax our sanity, or a childhood scarred by abuse. Not long ago, the world found itself in a pandemic desert. For many, it was one of cabin fever that isolated us from family and friends. Deserts are not alluring places. They are places from which we tend to run.

Some people deal with the inevitable deserts of life by becoming angry; others grow bitter and turn inward; others blame God and walk away from faith. Yet deserts can also be the very forces that reshape lives. With nothing else to distract us, in the desert we come face to face with ourselves, with who we really are and whose voice it is that we follow. There we take a stand on life, as Jesus did. It was the Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert, and it was there that he realized the future to which he was being called. So also with us. Deserts become places where we discover what God is asking of us and where we need to go, all discoveries that may otherwise never have occurred. In some strange and curious way, then, deserts may be blessings in our lives. ●

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# **Parish Events**

#### **Readings and Saints of the Week**

Monday, 2/12 Jas 1: 1-11 Mk 8: 11-13 St. Apollonia Tuesday, 2/13 Jas 1: 12-18 Mk 8: 14-21 St. Giles Mary of St. Joseph Wednesday, 2/14 J1 2: 12-18 2 Cor 5:20—6:2 Ash Wednesday (Sts. Cyril & Medhodius) Thursday, 2/15 Dt. 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25 St. Claude de la Colombiere Friday, 2/16 Is 58: 1-9a Mt 9:14-15 St. Gilbert of Sempringham Saturday, 2/17 Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order Sunday, 2/18 Gn 9:8-15 1Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15 First Sunday of Lent (Blessed John of Friesol

<b>CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK</b>						
SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 11th					
11:00 am	FH/ Hospitality (FF)					
<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 12th</u>					
4:00 pm	L/FF					
5:00pn	L/FF					
6:00 <sup>°</sup> pm	C/FF (Ask a Priest)					
7:00pm	L/PF Mtg					
7:30 <sup>°</sup> pm	C/Journey Rehearsal					
7:00 pm	Rm 1/ Liturgy Mtg					
TUESDAY	<u>FEBRUARY 13th</u>					
9:00 am Mass	40 Days for Life Opening Mass					
9:30 am	FH/ Seniors					
12:00 pm	C/Adoration					
1:00 pm	FH/ Reserved					
7:00 pm	FH/ Mardi Gras					
7:00 pm 7:00 pm	L/RCIA					
7:00 pm	C/Journey Rehearsal					
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>FEBRUÁRY 14th</u>					
	Distribution of Ashes					
9:00 am	C/Mass					
12:00 noon	C/Mass					
3:00 pm	C/Service					
4:30 pm 7:00 pm	C/Service					
7:00 pm	C/Service					
THÚRSDAY	FEBRUARY 15th					
10:00 am	L/Friendship Ministry					
5:00 pm 6:00 pm	C/ Wedding Rehearsal C/Junior Choir					
7:00 pm	C/ Choir					
7:30 pm	Rm 1/ K of C					
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 16th					
3:00 pm	C/Wedding					
6:30 pm	BSC/ Heart to Heart					
	C/Stations of the Cross					
7:00 pm						
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 17th					
9:30 am	L/Faith Formation					
10:00 am	PL/Hockey					
12 noon	C/Private Baptism					
4:00 pm	C/Confessions					
<u>SUNĎAY</u>	<u>FEBRUARY 18th</u>					



We begin the Holy Season of Lent on Wednesday, February 14th. These 40 days are a time for all of us to be on a Lenten journey to Holy Week and Easter.

Ash Wednesday Masses will be held at: 9am & 12 Noon.

## There will be prayer services at: 3pm, 4:30pm, 7pm

## Lenten Guidelines

1) Abstinence on all the Fridays of Lent, and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

• No meat may be eaten on days of abstinence.

• Catholics 14 years and older are bound to abstain from meat. Invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt. (Fish is the usual substitute meal)

2) Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

• Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should not together equal the one full meal. Eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics who have reached the completion of the eighteenth year to the beginning of the sixtieth year are bound to fast. Again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

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# **Parish Events**

The Small Church Communities along with some of our Parish Ministries are again hosting Mardi Gras this year. Sample foods, desserts & drinks from many different countries & cuisines There is no cost except to your waistline! Join Us!

February 13 at 7pm in Fellowship. Hall

# 40 DAYS FORLIFE.

#### Sign up to save lives in the Patchogue area. Spring Campaign begins soon!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- · Over 20.000 babies saved
- · Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

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Vigit location: sidewalk near Planned Parenthood (450 Waverly Ave., Patchogue).

Vigit hours: Mon/Wed/Sat, 10am - noon, and/or Wed, 3 -5pm.

Local contact: Bob at 631-615-1735 or WaverlyAvenueRespectLife@gmail.com.

Learn more...get involved...sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at

40daysforlife.com/Patchogue.

Show your support for life by praying with us at the Opening Mass for our Spring Campaign:

Tuesday, Feb. 13th 9am Mass Good Shepherd Church (1370 Grundy Ave., Holbrook)



Calling all parishioners...



Monday, February 26, 2024 7:00 PM

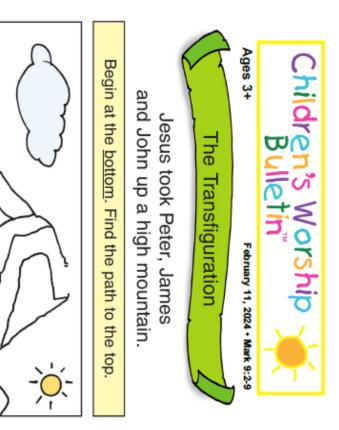
<u>Price:</u> \$35.00 per person Includes all art materials to create this beautiful spring painting. MUST PRE-REGISTER TO ATTEND RSVP by Monday, Feb 19

Please reserve your spot by emailing <u>gswomensauxiliary@gmail.com</u> with your name and to make your total payment. Make checks out to Cash. Thank you in advance and we look forward to a great night!



# **Children's Page**





A cloud covered the mountain.

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## <u>Pope Francis has defended his controversial decision</u> <u>to let priests bless same-sex couples</u>

The Vatican's declaration restated traditional church teachings that marriage is a lifelong union between a man and woman. But it allowed priests to offer spontaneous non-liturgical blessings to same-sex couples seeking God's grace in their lives, provided such blessings aren't confused with the rites and rituals of a wedding.

Pope Francis acknowledged, in his first comments since the uproar, the "resistance" the decision has generated. He said "Sometimes decisions are not accepted, but in most cases, when you don't accept a decision, it's because you don't understand" The danger, he said, is when people don't understand and refuse to enter into a "brotherly discussion" and instead harden their hearts, resist and "make ugly conclusions."

Pope Francis said "The Lord blesses everyone."

#### How open am I to "brotherly discussions" that make me uncomfortable or challenge previously held opinions?

If you would like to share your personal response with the parish in a future bulletin, please fill out the section below and drop it in the box in front of the main office. All submissions will remain anonymous. You can also email goodshepherdstaf@aol.com with your response

# CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS JOURNEY CROSS & CRUCIFIXION

Ash Wed. 02/14 St. Joseph Church - Ronkonkoma 7:30PM Fri. 02/16 St. Joseph RC Church – Babylon 8:00PM Fri. 03/01 Our Lady of Hope – Carle Place 8:00PM Sun. 03/03 St. Kilian Parish – Farmingdale 3:00PM Wed. 03/06 St. Gertrude RC Church – Bayville 7:30PM Fri. 03/08 St. Mary Magdalene – Springfield Gardens 8:00PM Sun. 03/10 St. Saviour Church – Brooklyn 3:00PM Thurs. 03/14 Our Lady of Lourdes – West Islip 8:00PM Fri. 03/15 Good Shepherd – Holbrook 8:00PM Fri. 03/22 St. Fidelis – College Point 8:00PM Sun. 03/24 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Centereach 3:00PM CM Performing Arts Center 12PM, 3PM, 7PM Good Fri. 03/29

for more information, visit www.CMPAC.com or call (631) 218 - 2810

# **Parish Social Ministry**

Our office is reaching out to you or anyone you know in our area that is in need of assistance for food, financial guidance, counseling, advice or referrals or is sick, home bound, lonely and hurting. If in need of our services, please call our office at 585-4544. All information taken is treated privately and confidentially except where disclosure is made at your request or with your permission.

#### **Food Pantry**

Please call 585-4544 and leave a message if you need assistance.

#### Senior Group

If you are 55 years of age, or older, come join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9am mass in Fellowship Hall. We are men and women who help support each other and the parish through many social activities.

#### **Friendship Ministry**

Friendship Ministry is a group that meets every Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until Noon in Fellowship Hall. If crocheting or knitting is not your thing, just come and socialize with us; we would love to have the chance to meet you.

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# **Diocesan** News

# The Diocese of Rockville Centre GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of Marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

#### Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

#### Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

#### Register online at drvc-faith.org

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at (516)678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at Irobustelli@drvc.org





The Catholic Faith Network (CFN) will continue our immense Telethon tradition this year! This exciting event will commence on **Saturday, February 24th from 2 PM and continue through Monday, February 26th at 8:30 AM**. Guaranteed to be the most engaging telethon to date, the entertainment will continue with many surprise guests along with our on-air family that you have come to know. Please join the excitement and consider pledging! The process is easy, you can pledge securely online by visiting www.CFNtv.org or by scanning the QR Code below, using a smartphone or any smart device. We know we can continue to count on you, as we always have! CFN is available throughout the Tri-State Area on Optimum, channel 29/137; Verizon FiOS TV channel 296; Spectrum, channel 162/471. Additionally, you can tune in nationwide on the following streaming services – Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Roku, Android TV, and Apple TV.

# We Pray...Celebrate...Remember...

# **Pray for the Sick**

Baby Madison Schreiber Anthony Janine Svbil Greg A. Frank Albergo Kathy Alegre & Family Amanda Algiere Arturo Bautista Caroline & Dan Berkitt Joseph Benevento Phyllis Brenna Alicia Calderon Dorothy Clifford Laurie Cohen Richard Conrad Javier Dahl Jeffrey DelGiorno Debra Devine Anthony Doll Dolores Barbara Esposito Richard Feramisco John Fitzgerald Kathy Stephens-Fusaro Joy G Dorothy Grosso Geraldine Halderman Susan Hellstrom Anita Heuskin Bob Hustick Angela Jacobs Wayne & Nancy Johnson Mark Kutch Damaso Larrondo Christopher Leahy Michael Loscalzo Joe Mallon Joseph Mandaro Bill Mangan Jane Martinez Diane Massaro Nicholas Maucelli Daniel & Paula McGlynn Anthony Misano Thomas Mistretta, Jr. James Myer Don Neri Howard Newan Mary An Nicholas Rocco Porrino Bill & Mary Rabon Lorraine Rajkowski Francine Richetti Eva Roque Mary Rosa Rosie Sue Rossie Heather Spiegeliere Thomas Swoboda Phyllis Tagg Lee Tanzillo Laurie Tiller Michael Tiller Emely Uckert Keith Walsh Samantha Wixom Kathy Young Pam Z.

Please call the Main Office at 631-588-7689 if you would like to place a loved one on our sick list.

Names will be placed on the sick list for a period of 3 months. Once removed from the sick list, their names are placed in our Prayer Book and they will continue to be prayed for.

# **Pray for Our Military**

Sgt Christopher DiSanto USAF Pvt. Dylan Gianlanella, US Army Major Thomas J. Burke, USMC Capt Christine M. Cahill, US Army AMI, Mark Novellano, US Navy Daniel Schroeder, US Army Michael Bizzoco, US Marines James O'Brien, USAF Billy O'Brien, USAF Billy O'Brien, US Army Michael F. Bizzoco, US Navy Frederick W. Luebke, US Navy Sgt. Rory Allen, US Army Capt Brian Kevin Walsh, US Army Pvt. 1st Class Joseph Cara - Army Petty Officer David Eckert, USCG Samaniha M DiBenedetto-Army USAF Airmen 1st Class-Sean Mullins James A Lee, Gunney Sgnt, USMC, USS America SSG Jeffrey Nilssen, US Army HMI Matthew Belmonte, US Navy Carson Nagle - USAF Samuel Matuszewski, US Coast Guard Lisette Granada Marines (GSYG) Brent Mazurkiewicz, USAF Brian Hunter Army (GSYG) SN Ronald Martiny Matthew Judson Pace, USMC

Vincent Dalessandro,E-3, US Navy AIC, Colleen M. Sweeney, USAF William F. Sweeney III, US Navy Vanessa JiJon Pvt. Kevin Arpino, US Army(GSYG) Pvt. Andrew Wright, Army (GSYG) Major Patrick Murphy, Army Pvt. Kevin Long Capt. Brian Gallagher, US Army Rocco Yannucci, USAF Gavin Alexander Samuelsen, USAF Sergeant Glenn Richards Capt. Christopher Hackett, US Army Thomas B. Cetin, US Navy Specialist Michael F. Gallina Tommy Killian, USAF Christen Wolffer, US Navy (GSYG) Austin DeRosa, 2nd LTD Army Ronald Marginy, US Navy, Seaman Eric Schreck, US Coast Guard Brian Acerno, USN Anthony Pino, US Navy



## We Welcome

#### We welcome to our faith community those Children to be Baptized... February 2024

Foster Thomas Lipski Molly Anne Newins Jackson Daniel Doherty Vito Anthony Demola IV Nolan Eugene Doherty

## We Celebrate

We ask the family of Good Shepherd to pray for the following couple who will receive the Sacrament of Marriage in January & February 2024

Kyle Crean & Kimberly Sexton Connor Murray & Amelia Montleon Ryan McMahon & Erin Walsh James Kolokathis & Amanda Guida

## We Remember

May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed. May their souls rest in peace.

> Teresa Keresztes Barbara Maniaci Louise Mascia

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