CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm Sunday 9:00am - 1:00pm

Sacramental Life

Weekend Masses

Sunday Evening 5:00 PM 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 *

First Tuesday from 9:30am - 12:00Noon *(temporarily suspended)*

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.

Our Lady of Fatima Home Visitation

Every Saturday. Call Vicki:868-0954

FATHER KEN'S CORNER



Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Parish of the Good Shepherd,

This past Thursday, we observed the 40th day of the Easter Season with the celebration of Ascension Thursday; the day, according to St. Luke both from the last words of his gospel and in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, which tells of Jesus giving his apostles their last instructions before he ascends up into the skies and into heaven. Ascension Thursday signals the last days of the Easter celebration as we, like the apostles, wait for the promise of another advocate, the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. You and I will celebrate that second greatest (after Easter itself) feast in the church (liturgical) calendar next Sunday – the 50th day of the great Easter celebration – the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

So, the question today is this – "How has this year's celebration of the greatest event in human history touched your life? How has this year's celebration of Easter affected your prayer and your relationship with God? Has the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus made any true difference to you over the past six weeks?"

My sense is that except perhaps for those first few days after Easter Sunday, not much has changed for the great majority of us. We wake up and we don't continue to wish each other "Happy Easter". We take our meals, but the food doesn't taste any different. We go to work or to school, we do our daily chores, we keep on rooting for our favorite teams and nothing has substantially changed for us. And yet, you and I know that there *should* be some effect, however minimal, toward an increase in the recognition of the wonder of the central mystery of our faith as followers of Jesus Christ each day of our lives.

Now, don't get me wrong; I'm not criticizing or picking on you (and me) and the present generation. The world would be far different if Christians both in far past centuries all the way till today truly allowed the Easter celebration to affect the daily routine of how we live and how we interact with each other. Simultaneously, as we look out at the world and all the ills we complain about, we do in fact need something to shake us up. We need something to change us, to motivate us rather than accepting that we're doomed to continue down the present path of intolerance, prejudice, hatred, injustice, violence on all levels and the continued pollution of the earth, our home.

Could it be that we understand what 'resurrection' means only in our heads, but we haven't internalized that understanding within our hearts? Certainly, 'rising from the dead' can be as confusing for us as it was when Jesus first mentioned this to his apostles. Without a doubt, we find it easier and more comfortable to live in the present (and for some people to live in the past) than to look toward an endpoint in the future. We try to look ahead and plan for our 'golden years' and that task of looking at ten or thirty years into the future is difficult enough. To plan for eternity is still more difficult but, truthfully, that's exactly what our annual celebration of Easter – The Resurrection of Jesus – from the dead and his promise that we too shall rise – is all about. The Easter Season is that potent reminder that we are called to share in a wonder that's almost unimaginable; eternal life, eternal joy, eternal peace with God.

Perhaps the thought and frightening acceptance of our own death is what prevents us from fully embracing the Easter Mystery. We may not want to go there just yet since it is difficult enough to accept the deaths of those closest to us even if we can take comfort that on the Last Day our loved ones will be raised to eternal life. In these next few days before Pentecost, perhaps we can live a little more consciously in awe of the wonder of what Easter is. Perhaps we can use these next days before Pentecost to contemplate and to rejoice that Our God calls us to explore and accept more deeply the wealth of why we choose to be followers of Jesus; not for the gifts of this earth but for the gift of heaven.

Offerings

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
5:00 pm
Laura Clampitt
Sunday
7:00 am
May 20th
Laura Clampitt
May 21st
Mother's Day Novena
Maureen Cestare

8:30 am Maureen Cestare
10:00am Mass Guild
12:00 pm Elizabeth Reimer
& Elizabeth V. Cusack

5:00 pm Maureen R. Cestare

Monday 9:00 am May 22nd John Cacace

Mother's Day Novena

TuesdayMay 23rd9:00 amJoseph PalumboWednesdayMay 24th

9:00 am
Thursday
9:00 am
Priday
May 24th
Nancy Tirelli
May 25th
Mary Munda
May 26th
May 26th

9:00 am Margaret Brown

Saturday May 27th

9:00 am Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Palumbo 5:00 pm Vincent Mogavero, William

Reynolds

SundayMay 28th7:00 amAna Suarez8:30 amLucy Peters10:00 amMass Guild

12:00 pm People of Good Shepherd 5:00 pm Nicoletta Scicchitano

Mass Guild Members

May 21, 2023

In Memory of:

Michael Frustaci Alexis Lamb

Carmela Frasca Marino Abbondandolo
Felisa Berlingieri Vincent Varisano
Emmanuel D'Andrea Alanna Lika
Jacqueline Sangiamo
Luigi DiMeglio Lucia DiMeglio

Maria Balestriere

Angelo Christopher Uliano People of Good Shepherd

Intentions of:

Lisa Gaveglia & Family

Gifts of Bread & Wine

The Gifts of Bread & Wine



In Loving Memory:

Elizabeth Reimer

Donated by:

Loving Family

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 Memory of:

Elizabeth Reimer

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God Speaks...

Called to be Church

Ordinary People Connecting Life & Faith

Pentecost Sunday May 28, 2023 John 20: 19-23

"Receive the Holy Spirit."

- 1. The gift of the Holy Spirit has been given to you through your Baptism. How will you use your gift to draw others to God this day, this week at home, work, or school?
- 2. On the first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came as a powerful wind and blew away the disciples' fears. On this Pentecost what fear of yours may be turned over to the power of the Holy Spirit and transformed into positive action?

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: https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc

Good News!

May 28, 2023
Pentecost (A)

Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 / John 20:19-23

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Fear can be a most powerful imprisoning force. Like the apostles who locked themselves behind closed doors after the resurrection for fear of the local leaders, there are times when our own fears lock us out of the future and into our past.

We find ourselves choosing not to be generous for fear that if we are, we will find ourselves empty-handed with no one to care for us because all of our resources have been used up. And so, because of our fear, we lock ourselves into our own selfishness. At other times, we hesitate to be kind for fear that our care will be misconstrued or, worse, will be taken advantage of and abused. And so, for fear of continual demands upon our kindness, we lock ourselves into indifference. At other times, we find ourselves too cautious to speak out in the face of injustice because of a misguided respect for "someone else's business" or because we are afraid anger or rejection will come down upon us. So, we lock ourselves into silence.

It is always the Spirit, however, that enables us to unlock those doors once locked by our fear. While that new power enables us to venture into a sometimes-shattering world, it does not promise we won't be shattered in the process. All that Jesus promised is that the Spirit would bring us peace. Such peace happens to us whenever we choose not to succumb to our fears. It is indeed a new creation taking place in us, even now.

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Parish Events

Readings and Saints of the Week

Monday, 5/22 Acts 19: 1-8 Jn 16:29-33

St. Rita of Cascia

Tuesday, 5/23 Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a

St. Gregory V11

Wednesday, 5/24 Acts 20:28-38 Jn 17:11b-19

St. Mary Magdelene de' Pazzi

Thursday, 5/25 Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Jn 17: 20-26

St. Bede the Venerable

Friday, 5/26 Acts 25: 13b-21 Jn 21:15-19

St. Philip Neri

Saturday, 5/27 Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Jn 21:20-25

St. Augustine of Canterbury

Sunday, 5/28 Acts 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20: 19-23 PENTECOST SUNDAY

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY MAY 21st

7:45 am N/Chair Memorial Sale

1:45 pm C/Baptism

MONDAY MAY 22nd

TUESDAY MAY 23rd

9:30 am FH/ Senior Mtg.

7:00 pm L/RCIA

WEDNESDAY MAY 24th

THURSDAY MAY 25th

9:30 am L/Friendship Garden 6:30 pm FH/ Chosen Season 2

7:00 pm C/Choir

FRIDAY MAY 26th

6:30 pm BSC/ Heart to Heart Mtg.

SATURDAY MAY 27th

9:30 am L/Faith Formation 11:00 am C/Memorial Mass

SUNDAY MAY 28th

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Communications Collection

This weekend is our special collection that supports the Catholic Communications Campaign.
This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Rockville Centre to fund local communications efforts. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc.

Daily Rosary Prayer Group

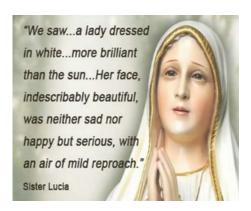
Starting on Thursday, June 1st

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!

"My Immaculate heart will be your refuge and the way which will lead you to God."

All Are Welcome!



Vacation Bible School



TWISTS & TURNS VBS: JULY 17-21 FROM 6-8:30 PM

CALLING ALL GAMERS AGES 6-10!!

Kids will play their way through VBS in fun locations such as the Bible Study Game Room, Wild Card Crafts, Ready Set Rec, Skip Ahead Snacks and Level Up Music!!

COME JOIN THE FUN!!

SIGN-UP NOW AT: goodshepherdRCchurch.org!!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AGES 14+ SIGN-UP ON THE GOOD SHEPHERD WEBSITE

2023 Ordination to the Priesthood



Rev. Mr. Steven McClernon (Diocese of Rockville Centre)



Rev. Mr. Jinwoo Michael Nam



Rev. Mr.
Ditto Subin Wilson
(Idente Missionaries)



Let us pray for the three men who will be ordained by Bishop John O. Barres to the Holy Priesthood of Jesus Christ on Saturday, June 10, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. in the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre.

The Ordination will air live on Catholic Faith Network (CFN). It will be replayed later that evening at 8:00 p.m. CFN can be viewed on Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS TV channel 296 and Time Warner Cable channel 471. CFN is also available on select cable and satellite systems and through live stream on cfntv.org. You may also view CFN on Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire TV, Android, or by downloading the CFN iOS mobile app at the app store by searching "Catholic Faith Network" or "CFN".



Pope Francis said - "We have to tell the truth, the fight for women's rights is an ongoing fight because in some places women have equality with men but in other places they do not."

Pope Francis was referring to political and social equality for women in nations. Do you believe that women have the right to decide what happens to their own bodies?

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.

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First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion Children!



Vincent Ahrens Kenneth Alveari Sean Atkins Vincent Belluscio Avery Bennett Vittoria Bergen Abigail Besendorfer Alessandra Bifolco Lily Blatt Aidan Bottillo Caden Burns Harrison Cacciatore Adriana Cadena Madeline Caravello Jack Carlos Benjamin Carlton Matthew Carrieri Mila Cinquemani Vivienne Comeno Jameson Costello Jocelyn Cremmins Peyton D'Auria Luciano Danza Maeve DeFazio Antonio Del Rio Nicholas DeLauro Harper DeMott Harper Desautels

David DeSerio Leah Dias Kassidy Dilluvio Jackson Dzierzawski Luke Enea Natalie Fay Abigail Fenton Charlotte Ford Nicholas Gioeli Anthony Graziano Natalia Greco Vincent Grisafi Max Guerra Blake Hamel Bradlev Hamel Brenna Hamel McKayla Hamel Ava Harding-Gref Savannah Hartley Lyla Hassett Derek Heinsman Brianna Illingworth Colin Jinks Patrick Jinks Nico Kalogeras Cameron Koch Mia Laidlaw Allie LaMariana

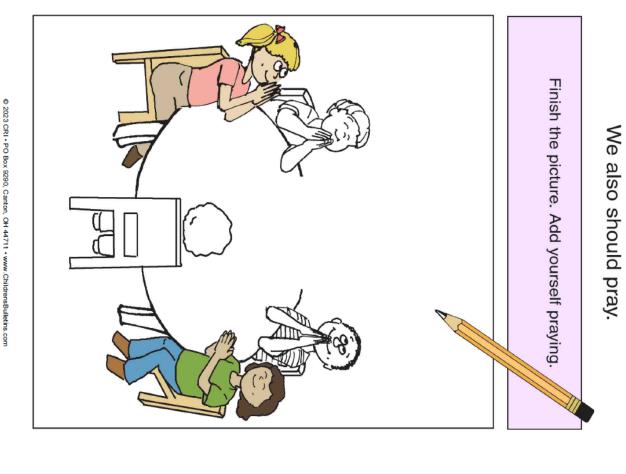
Delia Lee Alexander Lepore Alexander Lichte Mia Linders Amelia LoCasto Austin Lohr Dominic Loiacono Casey Lyons Jameson Maguire Emilia Mancino Keira Mattis Malayna McDonald Mason McGarvey Maximus McGarvey Clara McKeough Nathan Mendonco Matteo Merone Liliana Messina Gabriel Miller Giselle Minella Giada Montalbano Maci Murphy Austin Nicolini Aiden Noll Giovanni Noto

Lucianna Ottaviano Nico Passarelli Cody Pereira Jackson Perl Leo Pinto Skyelar Ptaszynski Coralynn Rago McKenna Regan Adriana Rivera Makenzie Roeder Braeden Schnidt Tyler Seitz Fiona Serrado Molly Sesack Dimitri Small Colton Smith Mason Spevak Christian Stocchetti Nicholas Tagliamonte Laila Toal Luca Totino Jake Trested Michael Vellucci Cooper Wittekind

Thank you to their catechists!

Catherine Ahrens, Cythia Cinquemani, Erica D'Auria, Marisa DeSerio, Jennifer Enea, Christie Greco, Jaime Hamel, Meghan Mancino, Elisa Merone and Veronica Miller

Children's Page



Ages 3+

Jesus Prays

May 21, 2023 • John 17:1-11

Jesus prayed to His Father in heaven.

Circle 5 differences in the 2nd picture.







Good Shepherd Church "Please Take a Seat!"

Memorial Fundraiser

Remember???

Do you remember being in school and the teacher would say...

Please Take a Seat !!!

(Well WE Remember!)

Usually that meant sitting in a hard uncomfortable chair until the class or meeting was over. We want to invite all who come to learn more about our faith to a comfortable and welcoming space! Now that our tabernacle has moved to the center of our church sanctuary, we will be able to use the small chapel for prayer, meetings, presentations, and devotions. We have replaced the heavy wood chairs with lightweight, moveable, padded ones. Here is your chance to help... We are asking that you "please take a seat" (or two or more!) By helping us cover the cost of the chairs, you can have a chair memorialized and a "memory plate" will be

placed on the chair. The donation is \$ 50.

Order forms available at the parish Office.

Orders will be taken after all the masses on the weekend of May 20/21.

Cash, check or charge card accepted.

Orders can also be taken at any time at the parish office

Cash or check accepted
Thank you for your continued support of Good Shepherd!

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, temporary financial help, 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. We celebrate birthdays this month for Donald T. on May 18th and Georgette S. on May 28th. Best wishes for a wonderful blessed day.

Friendship Garden

Friendship Garden is a place where women come to share love and laughter. We meet each Thursday morning after the 9:00 am mass in Fellowship Hall.

The Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang

The **Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang**, whose mission is to serve those in need and provide an opportunity for others to serve, will be meeting on **June 10, 2023 at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.**This will be our last meeting until September.

At this time, we ask that you hold all donations until we meet again in September. When you come to volunteer, if you are able to, please bring a jar of peanut butter (Jif spreads very easily), jelly and/or 1 loaf of white or whole wheat bread. We meet from 8:30-9:30 and if needed, 1 hour of community service will be given to those who attend.

Please help us to help those in need and support us with your time.



Just a reminder that for all of May 2023, Church of the Good Shepherd Food Pantry will receive \$1 from every \$2.50 Community Bag sold at:

Stop & Shop - 425 Portion Road, Lake Ronkonkoma NY

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

Pray for the Sick

Baby Lucas Alexander Tyson
Baby Mila Tyson
Baby Charlotte Cordell
Baby Easton Clark
Baby Oliver
Anthony
Brooke
Kathy Alegre & Family
Amanda Algiere
Caroline Antonicelli
Joseph Benevento
Fr. Richard Bretone
Nicole DiPietro
Jeffrey DelGiorno, Sr.
Kathy Stephens-Fusaro
Lisa Gaveglia & Family
NYPD, Kenny Gellineau
Tommy Glackin
Geraldine Halderman
Susan Hellstrom
Ibis Hernandez
Anita Heuskin
Bob Hustick
Gene lantuono
Wayne & Nancy Johnson
Karl Knoth

Mark Kutch Ann Lodestro Anthony Maisano Marilyn Mallon Thomas Mistretta, Jr. Luis & Miriam Nadel Mary Ann Nicholas Marie Puerro Lorraine Rajkowski William Reynolds III Francine Richetti Claire Roberti Rose Edward Smith Rodger SpeZio Thomas Swoboda Anne Temme Michael Tiller Rose Valentino Agnes Van Winkel Junior Verrilli Jaxx Violi Kathy Young Margherita Zaharatos

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 Navy
Frederick W. Luebke, 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
Samantha M DiBenedetto-Army
USAF Airmen 1st Class-Sean Mullins
James A Lee, Gunney Sgnt, USMC,
USS America
SSG Jeffrey Nilssen, US Army
HM1 Matthew Belmonte, US Navy
Carson Nagle - USAF
Samuel Matuszewski, US Coast Guard
Lisette Granada Marines (GSYG)
Brent Mazurkiewicz, USAF
Brian Hunter Army (GSYG)

PFC Matthew Judson Pace, USMC

SN Ronald Martiny

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

We Welcome

We welcome to our faith community those Children to be Baptized....

May 2023

Kellan Michael Hernandez
Alexandra Lemma
Theodore Joseph Wellbrock
Mae Everlee Diodato
Giovanni Gerard Faraone
Wells Casimir Piwowarski
Ava Rose Giordano
Derynn Rae Minella
Paloma Grace D'onofrio Pajares
Anthony Gregory Reardon
Talia Osarugue Odigie
Raegan James Presta
Charlie Ryan Miller
Thomas Edward MacMonigle III

We Remember

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

Salvatore Borelli Rose Tracey



Pictures of Parish Events In color—Inside back cover (separate file)

