CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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

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Pastoral Minister for Parish Social Ministry Deacon John C. Newhall

Parish Business Manager Annemarie Camporeale

Contact Information

Parish Office

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Faith Formation Office (631) 981-3889

Parish Social Ministry Office (631) 585-4544

Church Website www.goodshepherdRCchurch.org

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00am - 3:00pm Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm Saturday 10:00am - 1:00pm Sunday Summer Hours* varies

Sacramental Life

Weekend Masses

Sunday 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.

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!

FATHER KEN'S CORNER



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

Some things in life can be hidden and obvious at the same time. I think you've heard of "something being hidden in plain sight", so what I mean is that in many aspects of life, we can know something without really being conscious of it. We know our hearts are constantly beating, yet only at specific moments are we aware of this. It's in this realm of thought that we can take many aspects of life for granted which requires greater reflection. While the summer season with the change of routine isn't really conducive to great philosophical thought – especially amidst all the recent heat and humidity perhaps we all can allow the following thoughts to trickle into and tickle our consciousness.

It seems obvious to say, but each of us has a body. This body might be large or small and a little bigger or smaller than we may wish, but this physical entity is OUR BODY, it is how the world sees us and we are obliged to take care of it. It is a gift from God and formed in that particular way for a reason. We may not like the form we possess OR we may love our physical attributes, but it's important to realize that we literally cannot exist on this earth without our bodies. Many thousands of people have physical limitations and deformities which modern science and technology can strengthen and aid and yet despite any type of handicap, who we are is not just a body, but mind and spirit as well.

Yet these lumps of flesh are the physical tether to our immortal souls. It is good that St. Paul reminds us that through our baptism our bodies become temples of the Holy Spirit in a similar way yet just as in an important way that the tabernacle in the sanctuary holds the Holy Eucharist. We are both physical and spiritual beings. We are body, mind and spirit, and each depends very much on the other. Our brains depend on our bodies to carry out its commands and the body and mind depend ultimately on the soul for the very gift of life. Paradoxically, when we're young, we may not appreciate the wonders of the human body and as we grow older that appreciation should grow immensely as most of us no longer can do what we once did with ease or without great thought. Put all that on hold for a moment.

Another obvious, but seemingly forgotten thought is that every day is a lesson in life, a lesson in living, a lesson in loving. Some of the lessons we learn are harsh, some of those lessons we may think irrelevant. There are some lessons which we will forget and need to learn over and over again, incorporating them into the fabric of our lives. Experience can make some of those life lessons easier to learn, but as the saying goes, we never stop learning. Again, it's said that failure is a great teacher; our mistakes shouldn't be seen as failures IF we learn from them.

That leads us up to connecting the *lessons of life* to what I've written above, the *immortal soul that each body holds*. We learn from the Book of Genesis that each of us is made in the image and likeness of God. We also learn from the gospels that *God came to live among us in a body* like we have. Those two realities are so important for us to keep together. First, because our God has experienced in the body all the aspects of life we've gone through (except sin) and, second, we are called while still in the body, to live in the image and likeness of God – WHO IS LOVE.

We may link the human form of a head, torso, arms and legs to be that image of God in whom we're created. But, rather, the correct thought is that Jesus is born in human form to teach us that the image of God we need to strive for isn't physical, but spiritual – to become the visible image of God (like Jesus was) on earth through our acts of love. This in turn gives greater emphasis and meaning to the "Great Commandment". And isn't this in essence what the Incarnation is all about? God becoming Man so that man might become One in God; a beautiful tenant of our faith both obvious and hidden.

Offerings



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
5:00 pm
Victoria Catone
Sunday
7:00 am
People of Good Shepherd
Lily McCarthy
10:00am
Mass Guild

10:00am Mass Guild
12:00 pm William Logan
5:00 pm Ann Belonzi
Monday July 17th

9:00 am Robert McDermott

Tuesday

O:00 am

July 18th

Mary Cost

9:00 am Mary Castellano **Wednesday July 19th**

9:00 am Michael Barhold

Thursday July 20th

9:00 am Melvin W. Smith

7:00 am William Reynolds
8:30 am Anthony Mazurkiewicz

10:00 am Mass Guild

12:00 pm People of Good Shepherd

5:00 pm Patrick Brooks

Mass Guild Members

July 16, 2023

In Memory of:

Alexandra Zecca Mary Bianchi Peter Ratzke Carol Morlock Michael Frustaci Alexis Lamb Erlinda Quelanete Cira Lofaso Ann Marie Imburgia

Gifts of Bread & Wine

The Gifts of Bread & Wine



Please call the Main Office at 631-588-7689 if you would like your loved one remembered in this special way.

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.



Sanctuary Light donated for...

Lord, Blessings on Your Eucharistic Revival

Donated by:

Patricia Meyer

God Speaks...

Called to be Church

Ordinary People Connecting Life & Faith

Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time July 23, 2023 Matthew 13:24-43

"The reign of God may be likened to one who sowed good seed...

good seed...
The reign of God is like a mustard seed...
The reign of God is like yeast..."

1. Jesus named himself as the farmer who carefully protected the seedlings from being pulled up with the weeds. In this, we see the good, forgiving, patient God who is always ready to grant another chance. How do you model the farmer to the people in your life?

2. Jesus likens the kingdom of God to a mustard seed and yeast, both of which start out very small, grow wildly, and eventually make an impact on their environment. This is very similar to our own growth. In what ways are you yeast to your family, friends, the kingdom of God?

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!

July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 / Romans 8:26-27 /
Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

We humans are a curious lot, a mixture of wheat and weeds, sin and grace, tolerance and intolerance. Uproot one and you might uproot the other as well. The one who is guarded and may seem superficial may also be the one who is fun to be with and makes us laugh. The one who is terribly impractical may also be the creative dreamer. The penny-pincher who finds it difficult to spend and enjoy life may also be the one who calms our own spending and encourages us to save.

The kingdom of heaven, says the parable, is about God, who allows the wheat and weeds to grow together; God, who recognizes in each of us both good and evil and seems able to love us that way. Some find it difficult to tolerate those who are still growing in the faith.

Over the years there have been different litmus tests to determine the truly faithful ones—usury and the lending of money for interest, being part of the military, nuclear arms use, the prohibition and use of alcohol, birth control, divorce. Consider the Inquisition, when heretics were burned at the stake. Being a believer does not mean any of us perfectly lives out the ideal.

God seems more tolerant of us than we are of one another. We vessels who hold the treasure of faith grow at our own pace, each quite differently. It is God who does the ultimate sorting, willing to gather the wheat from our personal gardens and leave the weeds behind.

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Parish Events

Readings and Saints of the Week

Monday, 7/17 Ex 1:8-14, 22 Mt 10:34 - 11:1 St. Francis Solano

Tuesday, 7/18 Ex 2:1-15a Mt 11:20-24 *St. Camillus*

Wednesday, 7/19 Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Mt 11:25-27 St. Mary Mackillop

Thursday, 7/20 Ex 3:13-20 Mt 11:28-30 *St. Apollinaris*

Friday, 7/21 Ex 11:10—12 :14 Mt 12:1-8 St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Saturday, 7/22 Sg 3:1-4b Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 *St. Mary Magdalene*

Sunday, 7/23 Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Bridget of Sweden)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 1:45 pm JULY 16th C/Baptism

MONDAY JULY 17th

TUESDAY JULY 18th

9:30 am FH/Senior Citizens 6:00 pm FH/Auction Mailing

WEDNESDAY JULY 19th
6:30 pm L/Hugs

THURSDAY JULY 20th

10:00 am L/Friendship Ministry 7:00 pm FH/ K of C

FRIDAY JULY 21

SATURDAY JULY 22nd

SUNDAY 1:45 pm JULY 23rd C/Baptism



FALL REGISTRATION 2023-24 IS NOW OPEN!!

REGISTER AT: goodshepherdRCchurch.org

NO REGISTRATIONS
WILL BE
ACCEPTED AFTER
SEPTEMBER 1ST!!

Basket Raffle & Craft Fair Mailing

Can You Lend a Hand? We can use all the help we can get!

The parish mailing for our Craft Fair will be on **Tuesday, July 18 - starting at 6PM.** Any time you can make that night would be greatly appreciated! Come at 7 if you can't make 6:00! The work involves folding and stuffing envelopes. The more hands that assist, the quicker the work goes, the more nice people we get to meet, and the more fun we have!!! We really can use your help!!





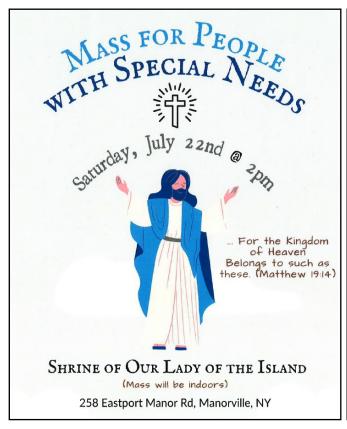
Confirmation Candidates WE NEED YOU!!

Please come with your catechist or parent. Bring your community service paper to be signed that night.

All are welcome!

You don't have to call and can just show up. If you have questions, contact Ann Hernandez at 631.275.7587 or email: annhernandez2000@gmail.com SUBJECT: Craft Fair

By the way, the Basket Raffle & Craft Fair is planned for Sept 30 & October 1. Mark your calendar!!! The Committee is now being formed. If you would like to help, please call or email the above.





Good Shepherd Parish

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND

The Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center of Long Island will be completed with collection of the filled bottles on the weekend of:

AUGUST 5TH AND 6TH



Please continue to say the prayer attached to the bottle.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. Be assured it is making a <u>BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE</u> with the mothers and fathers served by our pregnancy care centers!



On World Environment Day – June 5, 2023 – Pope Francis called on people "to move away from the throwaway culture toward ways of living marked by a culture of respect and care; care of creation and care of our neighbors, whether they be near or far from us either geographically or through time. Pope Francis has noted how science increasingly demonstrates that actions taken today will have an effect on the environment for thousands of years. This has also increased our sense of responsibility to God, who entrusted us with the care of creation, to our neighbors and to future generations."

What can we all be doing do to ensure the planet's livability for future generations?

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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May 21 and May 28 column Response from parishioner -

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?*

~All of mankind was born with the precious gift of FREE WILL.

As a woman I truly believe that I should be able to exercise this God given gift to make my own decision as to what happens to my body and with my life.

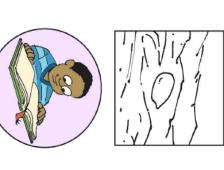
If the underlying question here is about abortion, I neither approve nor disapprove. This is a decision I alone should make for myself.

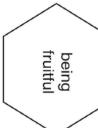
I understand that I will be accountable to God (and Only to God) for this, and all my choices be they good or bad.

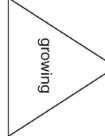
Children's Page

Some seed fell on good soil. It grew well. That's like people who hear God's Word and obey.

Match the shapes.

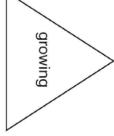


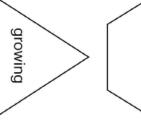




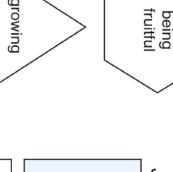
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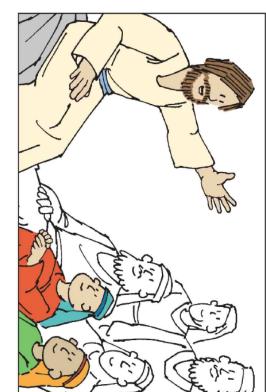
good soil















Ages 3+

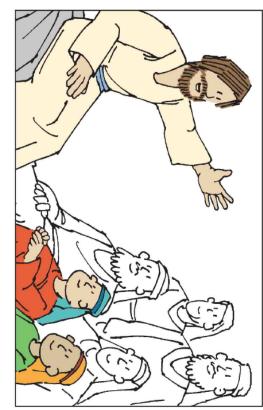
July 16, 2023 • Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



Jesus told a parable. The people listened.

Circle) the people's ears and count how many.

Trace the correct number.



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understanding God's Word





Tickets Now on Sale!

Tickets will be on sale during office hours and after most Masses during the weekend.

Only 300 Tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Prize winners will share 50% of the proceeds and the other 50% will go to the parish.

Family, friends, groups can pool together in purchasing a raffle.

Tickets are limited to 300 sold.

The drawing will at the end of the summer in August.

*25% of the Grand Prize will be deducted for taxes and remitted to the IRS on the winner's behalf.

PRIZES

Grand Prize: \$10,000

(66.67% of the Prize Fund)

Second Prize: \$2,500

(16.67% of the Prize Fund)

Third Prize: \$1,000

(6.67% of the Prize Fund)

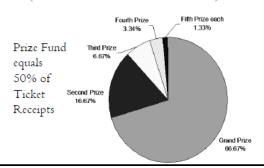
Fourth Prize: \$500

(3.34% of the Prize Fund)

and...

Five Fifth Prizes: \$200

(each is 1.33% of the Prize Fund)



If all 300 tickets are sold the prizes will be listed as above. If less than 300 tickets have been sold by the drawing the prize fund, equal to 50% of the ticket receipts, will be divided in the proportions listed above to yield nine prizes.

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

Birthdays this month are celebrated for Angela G. 7/1, Ann V. 7/7, Irene S. 7/8, Marie P. 7/11, Barbara S. 7/15 and Jo R. 7/1/. Happy Birthday to all. 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. Some of the ways we support our church community is by working together, and making baptismal blankets for the babies that will be christened in our parish. We also make lap blankets for the Veterans and local nursing homes. We will provide you with supplies for these items, and will teach you if you would like to learn. We also welcome you to work on your own projects. If crocheting or knitting is not your thing, just come and socialize with us; we would love to have the chance to meet you.

Nurse Ministry

Dear Parishioners of the Parish of Good Shepherd,

Recently we have had the good fortune of having a retired RN register as a parishioner. She has reached out and proposed the following as a way she could give back to you. If you think Susan might be able to assist you in the above, please call Parish Social Ministry office at 631-585-4544 with your contact information and we will pass it on to Susan.

Nurse Ministry

Purpose: To provide parishioners with information, assessment, referrals and advocacy in regard to their healthcare needs.

My background: Recently retired RN with 28 years working at St. Francis Hospital/Catholic Health of LI. This included bedside nursing, home care nursing and care management.

What I can provide to the parishioners:

- One home visit (if parishioner allows or requests) to listen to and assess home care needs and concerns.
- Assessment of home of: Patient safety, Need for medical equipment, Medication compliance, MD visit compliance
- Information of: How to obtain medical equipment under insurance, How to obtain home care services if warranted including visiting nurse, physical therapy, home health aide and social worker under Medicare guidelines.
- Education on: Safety precautions, Medication compliance, Nutrition
- Lend an empathetic ear to patient and caregiver concerns.
- Follow up phone call

What I CANNOT do:

Hands on care

Administration of medication



Community Bag Program



Church of the Good Shepherd Food Pantry has been selected again by the Store Leadership Team at Stop & Shop. As you know, this means that your organization will receive \$1 from every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag sold during the month of July 2023 at:

Stop & Shop

57-01 Sunrise Highway, Holbrook 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
"BEVERLY" Scott's mom..
Fr. Richard Bretone Gene Colangelo Nicole DiPietro Jeffrey DelGiorno, Sr. Gary Feres Kathy Stephens-Fusaro Lisa Gaveglia & Family NYPD, Kenny Gellineau Tommy Glackin Geraldine Halderman Susan Hellstrom Ibis Hernandez Anita Heuskin Bob Hustick Gene Iantuono Wayne & Nancy Johnson Karl Knoth

William Kouba Mark Kutch Christopher Leahy Ann Lodestro Anthony Maisano Marilyn Mallon Diane McKenna Thomas Mistretta, Jr. Luis & Miriam Nadel Mary Ann Nicholas David Pacheco Lorraine Rajkowski William Reynolds III Francine Richetti Claire Roberti Mary Rosa Rosé Edward Smith Thomas Swoboda Anne Temme Laurie Tiller Michael Tiller Rose Valentino Agnes Van Winkel Junior Verrilli Jaxx Violi Jimmy Vise 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
MAMI, Mark Novellano, US Navy
Daniel Schroeder, US Army
Michael Bizzoco, US Marines
James O'Brien, USAF
Billy O'Brien, 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....

July 2023

Arkyn Jack Podrang Amelia Catherine Siragusa Roman Albert Villalta Franklin Chase Condon VI Savannah Rose Picciano Nico Christopher Santiago Bernadette Mary Fitzpatrick

We Celebrate

We ask the family of Good Shepherd to pray for the following couple who will receive the Sacrament of Marriage in August 2023

Enrique Benito-Sanchez & Megan McGlynn Ryan McElhinney & Danielle Barclay Clyde Galan & Tarah Perez

We Remember

May the good Lord bless all the faithful departed.

May their souls rest in peace.

Walter Luchart John Romano



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

