CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Pastoral Staff

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Rev. Rudy Pesongco - Associate Pastor

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Contact Information

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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,

In any number of movies, television programs and stories, you would encounter a person of a certain, senior age – retired from earning a living and well past the age of raising children – on a porch, slowly rocking, perhaps smoking a corn cob pipe, observing life from a rocking chair. That person – man or woman – in the rocking chair was presumed to have a certain wisdom, a certain experience of life with clarity of vision so that there was an insight into all the many problems, all the experiences, all the uncertainties that come in any life. And many would stop by to talk for a while and probably to seek some advice, some answers along with a little bit of comfort and assurance. Wedded to the 'old ways', from their rocker, they offered a certain stability and prudence you could trust.

Conversely, there are those of that same senior certain age, who have refused to take up the rocking chair and to quietly watch the rest of their lives pass them by. They possess what's been described as having vim and vinegar, a certain rebelliousness and confidence which comes with surmounting life's obstacles and not letting anything get in their way of what they want to accomplish. They've been called annoying, cantankerous and obnoxious when they don't fit into the image or picture of how we think they should act – and yet, they're able to be a secret inspiration to us.

I believe we've known people who fall into either category, the wise and steady elder, the hell raising senior and I wonder which of these categories you and I fit into as Catholics and followers of Jesus Christ. No matter what our age spiritually, do we tend to sit in a rocking chair of comfortable faith – and yes – with a certain solidity and wisdom - and watch the changes that are present in the world? Do we have both the energy and the vitality to take all the experiences of life and to use them to plot a new, unexplored course in our spiritual lives? OR is it possible to meld both aspects of our spiritual journey into one of energetic leadership and humble service?

I think, (you can agree or disagree, but tell me why) that many Catholics tend to sit comfortably in their rocking chair of faith and tend to be fairly passive. We come to church and bring those rocking chairs with us. We listen to the scriptures, we listen to the homilies, we listen to the music – but that's all we do – we listen without acting on what we've heard. I wonder if no matter what our biological age may be, we've become old spiritually.

St. James in his one and only letter simply writes that faith without actions is dead. "You say you have faith and I have good deeds. I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds." Faith – the wisdom of the rocking chair - needs to be paired with the deeds of activity. We know that it takes only a little flame to start a big fire and the church is looking for those little flames to set the world on fire with the wonder of what Jesus has given to us in his preaching, in his death, in his resurrection and in the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

In our first reading today from the Book of Kings, in his dream that God will give him whatever he requests, Solomon prays for wisdom. And that wish is granted. Solomon receives a heart wise and understanding and without equal. YET – at the same time it is Solomon who uses this wisdom TO ACT - to build a great temple to the honor and glory of God who gave him this gift. In our journey of faith, each of us, younger and older, needs to remember that **Faith Requires Actions**. Taking a page from the parables of Jesus, it's not enough to plant the seed and hope that it grows. You have to actively water it, place it in the sun, fertilize it (and some say talk to it!) to have any success in making it grow. May each of us possess both the wisdom and the active strength of Solomon in our relationship with Christ.

Offerings



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday
5:00 pm
Frank DiNoto
Sunday
July 30th
Date of Communications

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5:00 pm
Frank DiNoto
July 30th

7:00 am People of Good Shepherd

8:30 am Mark McCandles 10:00am Mass Guild 12:00 pm Kelly Venturo

5:00 pm Louise E. O'Callaghan

MondayJuly 31st9:00 amElizabeth LynchTuesdayAugust 1st

9:00 am Charles Brannigan **Wednesday August 2nd**

9:00 am Mary Elizabeth Webb

Thursday
9:00 am
Salvatore Borelli
August 4th

9:00 am Nanette Napolitano
Saturday August 5th

9:00 am Guy Russo

5:00 pm Intentions of: Marie Tinti

SundayAugust 6th7:00 amAna Suarez

8:30 am People of Good Shepherd

10:00 am Mass Guild 12:00 pm Marie Arnone 5:00 pm Stella Squicciarini

Mass Guild Members

July 30, 2023

Faith Metralexis
T. J. Sullivan
Michael Frustaci
Alexis Lamb
Nanette Napolitano
Robert Thomas Lyons
Kevin Lovejoy
Ann Marie Imburgia
Intentions of the Living: Clemencia Naruta

Gifts of Bread & Wine

The Gifts of Bread & Wine



In Memory of: George Blozen

Donated by:Loving Wife and 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:
Ann Marie Imburgia

Donated by:Ginny DiPietro & Gene Colangelo

God Speaks...

Called to be Church

Ordinary People Connecting Life & Faith

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord August 6, 2023 Matthew 17:1-9

"And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light."

- 1. How does your relationship to God need to be transformed?
- 2. What person or what group of people does God call you to see "in a new light"?
- 3. Where do you need to see beyond misjudgments, failures, hurts, or lack of seeing to see as God sees?

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!

August 6, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord (A)

Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Peter 1:16-19 /

Matthew 17:1-9

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In life there are moments that some call transcendence, when the divine shines through the human and the veil that seems to cloak another world falls ever so briefly to reveal that there are not two worlds but only one wrapped in mystery. That is what took place on a mountaintop when Peter, James, and John realized that this Jesus with whom they talked and walked and shared meals, this friend, this very ordinary one, was so much more, was extraordinary, was "of God." While real, it seemed better not to tell anyone about what they had seen.

Are there also moments in our lives when the human glows with the divine, when we come to realize more clearly than ever before that there is another power at play in life than you yourself? Most assuredly. While we are powerless to create such experiences of transcendence, more than 100 years ago the psychologist William James described such moments when they do occur. He identified four qualities in such experiences: 1) they seem closer to being emotional than intellectual or cognitive; 2) they tend to bring us new understandings of life and of what is, akin to insights, though they cannot be found in a book or be taught; 3) they tend to be very brief, a few seconds for most people; and 4) there is a sense of being sustained by a superior power. This was the apostles' experience of the transfiguration, the feast we celebrate today.

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Parish Events

Readings and Saints of the Week

Monday, 7/31 Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Mt 13:31-35 St. Ignatius of Loyola

Tuesday, 8/1 Ex 33:7-11, 34:5b-9, 28 Mt 13:36-43 *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

Wednesday, **8/2** Ex 34:29-35 Mt 13:44-46 *St. Eusebius of Vercelli*

Thursday, 8/3 Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Mt 13:47-53 *St. Peter Julian Eymard*

Friday, 8/4 Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Mt 13:54-58 St. John Vianney, Priest

Saturday, 8/5 Lv 25: 1, 8–17 Mt 14: 1-12 *Dedication of the Basicilica of St. Mary Major* **Sunday, 8.6** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9 The Transfiguration of the Lord

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY JULY 30th

MONDAY JULY 31st

TUESDAY
9:30 am

AUGUST 1st
FH/Senior Citizens

5:00 pm C/Wedding Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY
11:00 am
AUGUST 2nd
FH/Craft Club

THURSDAY AUGUST 3rd

10:00 amL/Friendship Ministry3:30 pmC/ Wedding5:00 pmC/ Quinceanera7:30 pmRm 1 K of C

FRIDAY AUGUST 4th

SATURDAY 12:00 noon AUGUST 5th C/Private Baptism

SUNDAY 1:45 pm AUGUST 6th C/Baptism

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults – A journey in Faith Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist? Do you know someone who needs to complete the reception of their sacraments or is feeling spiritually lost?

Today, for various reasons, many people are interested or perplexed about what it is to be a Catholic. The Rite Of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process or the JOURNEY OF FAITH by which unbaptized adults are brought into the Catholic Faith OR adults who have never received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion are fully initiated.

The RCIA Journey of Faith begins on Tuesday September 26th right here at Good Shepherd Church. We meet in the church library between 7 & 8pm for instruction, discussion and guidance. During this hour, by participation in Sunday Mass (we begin attending mass formally as a group on the 1st Sunday of Advent December 3rd and every Sunday thereafter) and other celebrations, individuals will gradually be initiated into the community of the faithful, culminating in the celebration of the Easter Vigil and Pentecost.

If interested, please leave your name and number at the church office and we will be most happy to contact you and answer any questions you might have.

Peace,

your brothers and sisters in faith at Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church.

Good Shepherd Community Garden Project

Let's get the children more connected to what God has

The Garden Ministry proudly announces

The Good Shepherd Community Garden Project

The plan: Over the next few months, we will be adding garden beds behind the church with the hopes of providing an outdoor environment to nurture children's connection to the outdoor world. For the young members of our community this space will foster community involvement where they can actively participate in growing food that will be donated to those in need.

There are many ways to get involved!

We would like to collect potential volunteer contact information.

If interested, please email Veronica Miller at Ronki79@icloud.com or Joan Mulhall at Pcmulhall@verizon.net.









~ Basket Raffle & Craft Fair ~

Thank you!

You Responded to the Call!

Over 60 people showed up to help with the Parish Mailing!

What could take 3-4 hours, was finished in 1½ hours.

God Bless the people of Good Shepherd! If you would like to help with other jobs needed for the Basket Raffle & Craft Fair,

please contact Ann Hernandez <u>annhernandez2000@gmail.com</u> or check out the bulletin

ad for ways you can help.

Good Shepherd Parish

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN TO BENEFIT LIFE CENTER OF LONG ISLAND



REMEMBER TO BRING IN THOSE BABY BOTTLES!

Recently, Good Shepherd Parish kicked-off their Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit the Life Center.

THE WEEKEND TO BRING THOSE FILLED BABY BOTTLES IN IS:

August 5th and 6th

The Life Center consults women and men who are experiencing an unexpected pregnancy. They provide free pregnancy test kits, free sonogram referrals, maternity housing with eligibility requirements referrals, medical care referrals, material aid, including car seats, cribs, clothing, diapers, and many other needed baby items.

Remember, all it takes is your change in a baby bottle and a heartfelt prayer to make a <u>BIG, POSITIVE DIFFERENCE</u> for all those we serve.

(Please make checks payable to the Life Center of L.I.)

May every drop of a coin remind you to pray to save a preborn baby from abortion and give a mother the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ!



Pope Francis said "It is necessary to remember that witness also includes *professed faith*, that is, convinced and manifest adherences to God the Father and Son and Holy Spirit, who created us out of love, and redeemed us. Witness cannot be separated from consistency between what one believes and what one proclaims, and what one lives. One is not credible by stating a doctrine or an ideology, no. A person is credible if there is harmony between what he or she believes and lives."

Are we being credible in living out what we say we believe?

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.

Are we being credible in living out what we say we believe?	

Community News



Upcoming Bereavement Support Program
Offered at St. Mary, East Islip
Eight Week Group beginning
Tuesday, September 12, at 7pm

Support Groups are opened to anyone who has suffered a loss at **least** three months prior to the start of the group. Loss must have

occurred prior to June 12, 2023. There is no cost but a commitment to attend each meeting throughout the program is required. Groups are offered in a closed and confidential setting with highly trained facilitators and limited to 13 people.

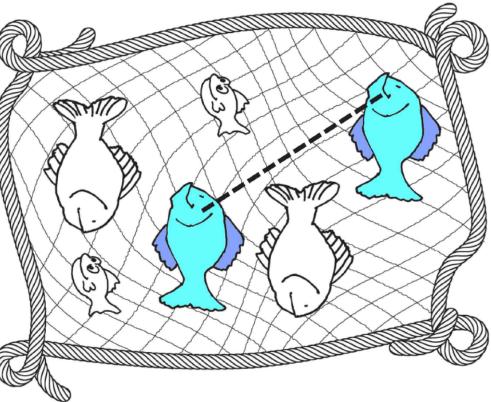
Pre-registration is required.

Please Call 631-581-4266 ext. 125 to register

Children's Page

The kingdom of heaven is like a net full of fish.

Match the fish below.

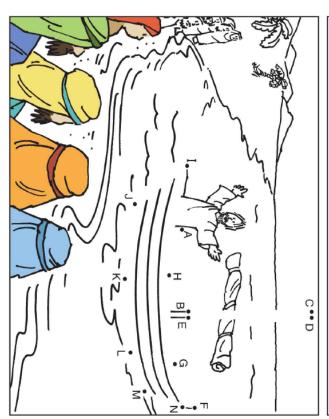


 \triangleright Connect the dots.

D E F G H I J K L M Z

Jesus taught about the kingdom of heaven

while He was in the boat.





Ages 3+



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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)

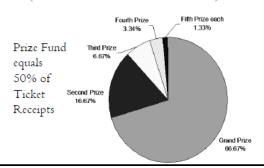
Fourth Prize: \$500

(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

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 Baby Serafina Marie Babies Madison & Sophia Schreiber Anthony Brooké 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 Nicholas Maucelli Thomas Mistretta, Jr. Luis & Miriam Nadel Mary Ann Nicholas David Pacheco Henry Podufaly Lorraine Rajkowski William Reynolds III Francine Richetti Claire Roberti Susan Rothaug Mary Rosa Edward Smith Thomas Swoboda 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
AM1, Mark Novellano, US Navy
Daniel Schroeder, US Army
Michael Bizzoco, US Marines
James O'Brien, USAF
Billy O'Brien, US AF
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
Pvt. 1st Class Joseph Ca

SN Ronald Martiny Matthew Judson Pace, USMC Vincent Dalessandro, E-3, US Navy A1C, 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....

August 2023

Leo Giovannettone Jase Anthony Stout Justin Louis Karshick Joseph Anthony Jones Callie Rose Maldonado

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.

Maria Florio Nanette M. Grasman



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

