CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Pastoral Staff

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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 Sisters and Brothers of the Parish of the Good Shepherd,

On Tuesday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. If you follow the first two seasons of "The Chosen", you may have noticed how our Blessed Mother is depicted – not as the beautiful, young maiden from the moment of the Annunciation, but as an aging Jewish Mother who is accompanying this special son of hers during the beginning of his ministry of preaching and teaching. If Jesus begins his ministry after age 30 (the age when a prophet is accepted as coming from God), his Mother should be in her mid 40's and well into middle age for that time in history. I think that sometimes with all the beautiful images from Christmas movies and paintings we have the impression that Mary didn't age as everyone else in life does going through that transformation. And with the process of getting older and a little more frail, especially in that era of history, death also approaches.

There is continued discussion and speculation as to whether Mary did not die but before she took her last breath, she was assumed BODY AND SOUL INTO HEAVEN – The meaning of this feast. This thought is held by scholars in the Orthodox Church and they name and celebrate this feast as the "Dormition of the Virgin Mary" – dormition meaning the "falling asleep" of Mary. The other view, which I personally prefer, is that despite being bestowed with the gift of Mary being conceived without Original Sin- the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8th) – that Our Blessed Mother did die in normal passing and again, to emphasize, Mary was taken BODY AND SOUL INTO HEAVEN after her death. Just as Jesus, the Word made Flesh, the Only-begotten Son of the Father experienced his death in his crucifixion, so too Blessed Mother experienced death but in a way that cannot really be explained, she was taken up into heaven so that just as spiritually her soul never knew the corruption of sin, so her body, that immaculate tabernacle for her son until his birth also would never know physical corruption AFTER her death.

I hope that you will be present Monday night or Tuesday to honor Mary, Mother of God. It is true that any honor or devotion we may bring pales in the sight of the many honors and blessings Our Father has bestowed upon her. At the same time, I believe that Mary finds joy in people turning to her and asking for her intercession. From her place as Queen of Heaven, we've been taught that the straightest path in coming to Jesus is simply, "To Jesus Through Mary". We all can remember the miracle at Cana, when, through Mary's intercession and insistence, Jesus performs his first public sign by changing the water into wine. Mary tells Jesus of a need and though he tells her that his "hour has not yet come", she tells the servants to "do whatever he tells you".

It is to our advantage that we gather together and remember that she is the ONLY one in heaven — excluding Jesus himself — to be present in the Kingdom of God both Body and Soul. Not St. Peter, not St. John the Baptist, whom Jesus says there is no one greater born of woman, not any other saint that you can think of, is present within and enjoys heaven as Our Blessed Mother does. Therefore, it is to our great benefit that we can approach Our Blessed Mother in our prayer and ask for her assistance. REMEMBER O MOST GRACIOUS VIRGIN MARY, THAT NEVER WAS IT KNOWN THAT ANYONE WHO FLED TO THY PROTECTION, INPLORED THY HELP OR SOUGHT THY INTERCESSION WAS LEFT UNAIDED. "The opening of The Memorare".

We welcome Father Paul Farin of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Offerings



Mass Intentions for the Week

August 12th Saturday

5:00 pm Sunday Donald & Kevin Reddy

August 13th

7:00 am People of Good Shepherd

8:30 am Neresa Sunga 10:00am Mass Guild 12:00 pm Mary Castellano

5:00 pm Timothy D'Archangelo

Monday August 14th

9:00 am Mary & John Flynn Sr. Christopher Donnelly, RSJ 7:00 pm

Tuesday August 15th 9:00 am Daniel Flynn

Frank & Rosemarie DiNoto 12:00 pm

Marie Oliver 5:00 pm **Wednesday** August 16th 9:00 am Sharon Flynn

Thursday August 17th 9:00 am Dennis Dowling August 18th Friday 9:00 am Charles Schubert Saturday

August 19th Jaime Samia 9:00 am

Catherine Pampinella & 5:00 pm

Alan Heinsohn

Sunday August 20th 7:00 am Janette Bengston 8:30 am Elizabeth Murphy

10:00 am Mass Guild 12:00 pm People of Good Shepherd

Vinnie Zaniewski 5:00 pm

Mass Guild Members

August 13, 2023

In Memory of:

Michael Frustaci Alexis Lamb Vincent Frasca Ellen Del Broccolo William Perkins Alexandra Zecca Millie Sullivan

Intentions of:

Rocco Porrino

Celebration of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of: Pat & Tom Bondi

Gifts of Bread & Wine

The Gifts of Bread & Wine



Intentions of:

Pat & Tom Bondi - In Celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

Donated by:

The Bondi 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.



Blessings of the Eucharistic Revival

Donated by:

Patricia Meyer

Tuesday, August 15th is The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.



Masses will be: Monday, 8/14 at 7pm Tuesday, 8/15 at 9am, 12Noon & 5pm

God Speaks...

Called to be Church

Ordinary People Connecting Life & Faith

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time August 20, 2023 Matthew 15:21-28

"The crowds were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the deformed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind able to see, and they glorified the God of Israel."

- 1. Who are the people who don't get your attention and often aren't included?
- 2. Relate an experience when your persistence had positive results in a way you did not expect.

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 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 / Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 / Matthew 15:21-28

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall," he tells how each spring he meets with his farming neighbor, and the two of them walk along on either side of the stone wall that marks their property to replace the stones toppled by the ice of winter. His neighbor loves the idea of a wall, inspired by his father's advice that "good fences make good neighbors." Frost, however, is not convinced and keeps suggesting that "something there is that doesn't love a wall," as if walls are not intrinsic to God's creation.

We humans seem to like our boundaries. As children, we divide ourselves between girl germs and boy germs and draw imaginary lines in the back seats of cars. Later we build walls everywhere—the Great Wall of China, the Berlin Wall, the structures at Mexico's border, backyard fences, and gated communities. We set up national boundaries, build emotional walls, relegate people to ghettos and the other side of the tracks, and we differentiate among religions, arguing over which is God's preference. We seem to use walls rather than love to give us our identity.

Some Scripture scholars suggest that this Sunday's Gospel event was a turning point where it became clear that Jesus came to save not only the Jewish people but all people, believers and unbelievers alike. Seeing her faith, Jesus willingly cured the Canaanite woman's daughter. With God there are no boundaries or walls—not those of nations, not those imposed by languages and customs, not those we use to divide people of faith. •

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Parish Events

Readings and Saints of the Week

Monday, 8/14 Dt 10:12-22 Mt 17:22-27

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Tuesday, 8/15 Rv. 11:19a 12: 1-6a, 10ab,

Lk 1:39-56 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, **8/16** Dt 34:1-12 Mt 15-20

St. Stephen of Hungary

Thursday, 8/17 Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17

Mt 18:21—-19:1 St. Joan of the Cross

Friday, 8/18 Jos 24:1-13 Mt 19:3-12

St. Louis of Toulouse

Saturday, 8/19 Jos 24: 14-29 Mt 19: 13-15

St. John Eudes

Sunday, 8/20 Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Bernard Clairvaux)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY AUGUST 13th

Fr. Farin Cross Catholic preaching at all Masses

MONDAY
7:00 pm Vigil Mass

TUESDAY
Assumption of Mary - Holy Day

Masses 9:00 am, 12:00 Noon & 5:00 pm

Offices Closed

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 16th

6:30 pm L/Hugs

THURSDAY AUGUST 17th

10:00 am L/Friendship Ministry 4:00 pm C/Wedding Rehearsal

7:00 pm FH/ K of C

FRIDAY AUGUST 18th

3:00 pm C/Wedding

SATURDAY AUGUST 19th SUNDAY AUGUST 20th

1:45 pm C/Baptism

The 2024 Mass Book will be open on



Friday, August 25th at 10am

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.

Calendar Request Form

Submissions for Good Shepherd Parish Event Calendar for September 1st, 2023 to August 31st, 2024

Please return this form to this parish office prior to August 23rd

Name of Organizaton/Ministry:		
Contact Person and Phone #:		
Staff Moderator:	Date:	
Please use this form to request dates and space for meetings, events (including dates for ticket sales), sales, special Masses, etc. Use it to schedule weekly, monthly and one time events.		
WEEKLY MEETINGS		
Day of Week:		
Time to Begin:	_Time to End:	
Room:Fellowship HallRoom 1	Room 2LibraryDaily ChapelChurch	
MONTHLY MEETINGS		
Please list date for each month:		
September:	March:	
October:	_April:	
November:	_May:	
December:	_ June:	
January:	_ July:	
February:	_August:	
Time to Begin:Time to En	d:	
Room:Fellowship HallRoom 1Room 2Library ChapelChurch		

Calendar Request Form

Masses	
Please use this box to request a Mass at which your of to speak at one or more Masses.	organization will be present, or a weekend at which your organization is requesting
1st Choice Date:	2 nd Choice Date:
Which Mass/es?	
Description of Event:	
(Youth Ministry recruitment speakers)	
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SPECIAL EVENTS	
	2 nd Choice Date:
	Time to End:
Room:Fellowship Hall Narthex	
Date/s of ticket sales at Church:	
Event:	
1st Choice Date:	2nd Choice Date:
Time to Begin:	Time to End:
Room:Fellowship Hall Narthex	
Date/s of ticket sales at Church:	

Please duplicate this sheet for more special events.

<u>Please return to the main office by August 23rd</u>. Requests returned after this date may not be accommodated.

A Note From Fr. Jerry...

My Dear Friends,

I just recently had a complete medical work up as I approach the **Fourth Anniversary** of my kidney transplant. I am very happy to say, that as of now, my doctors and surgeons are very pleased with my progress! All my numbers are in normal range or better than normal range. Having said that, they also seriously cautioned me about some aspects of my public ministry. Covid is on the rise again and while for most people it has become no more than a nuisance-like

the flu, for some of us it can still be a very serious thing. To put it in simple terms, I take medications that suppress my immunity so that my body will not discover that my transplanted kidney is not my own. As a result, I have to take precautions to prevent infection of any kind. **To that end....**

- 1. I am still restricted from hospitals, nursing homes and home visits.
- 2. While either form of reception of Holy Eucharist is acceptable, I cannot offer communion on the tongue.
- 3. I am still not yet able to greet people before or after masses.

I am grateful to Fr. Ken, Fr. Rudy, our deacons and staff who are supportive and aware of my restrictions.

Thank you for your continued understanding and your prayers...

Love, Fr. Jerry



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.

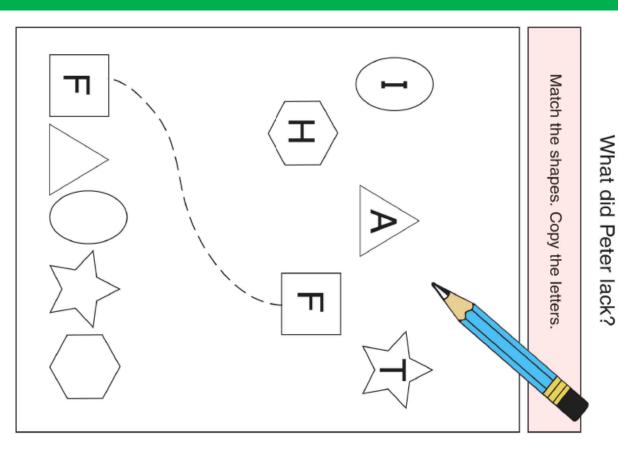
Senior Group

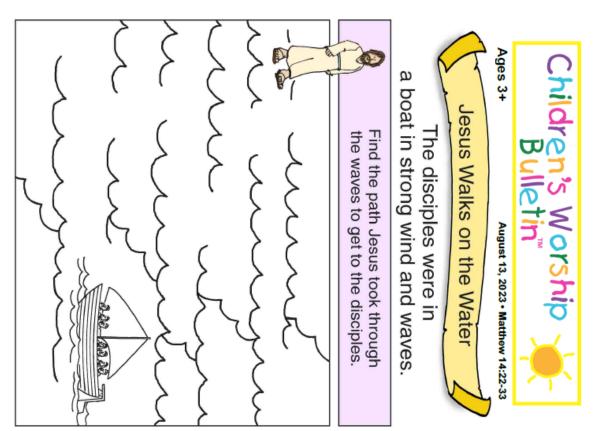
Our August babies are Donna P. 8/7, Rosemary M. 8/20 and Marty L. 8/23. Birthday Blessings to them all. If you are 55 years of age, or older, come join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9am mass in Fellowship Hall. We are men and women who help support each other and the parish through many social activities.

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.

Children's Page





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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 be held on **Tuesday, August 29th** during our Senior Group meeting. Winners will be contacted later that day!

*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:

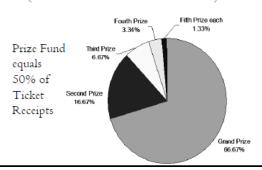
\$500

(3.34% of the Prize Fund)

and...

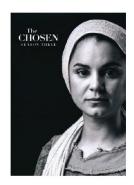
Five Fifth Prizes: \$200

(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.

The Chosen - Season 3



Coming soon – Season Three of The Chosen.

Starting September 14th and continuing for 8 weeks every Thursday Night at 7PM in Fellowship Hall. We invite all those who joined us to view season one and season two over the past two years to continue their journey. We also invite those who may have seen The Chosen "**on their own**" but would like to delve deeper and learn more about Jesus and the apostles. As we have said before, we are offering a guided tour of the program and we promise to give you many insights into the gospels, the connections to the Old Testament and what may have been going on in the life of Jesus and the Apostles at that time.



Pope Francis said: "The value of a person does not depend any more on the role they have, the work they do, the money they have in the bank. No, no, no, it does not depend on this. Greatness and success in God's eyes are measured differently; they are measured by *service*. Not on what someone has, but on what someone gives. Do you want to be great? Serve. This is the way."

Would I be thought of as great in God's eyes?

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.

Would I be thought of as great in God's eyes?		

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

Pray for the Sick

Baby Luças 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 Leahv Ann Lodestro Anthony Maisano Marilyn Mallon Nicholas Maucelli Thomas Mistretta, Jr. Luis & Miriam Nadel Mary Ann Nicholas David Pacheco Henry Podufaly Rocco Porrino Lorraine Rajkowski William Reynolds III Francine Richetti Claire Roberti Susan Rothaug Mary Rosa Rose 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

Set Christopher DiSanto USAF
Pvt. Dylan Gianlanella, US Army
Major Thomas J. Burke, USMC
Capt Christine M. Cahill, US Army
Malor Thomas J. Burke, USMC
Capt Christine M. Cahill, US Army
Mank Novellano, US Navy
Daniel Schroeder, US Army
Michael Bizzoco, US Marines
James O'Brien, USAF
Billy O'Brien, US Navy
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
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 Granda Marines (GSYG)
Brent Mazurkiewicz, USAF
Brian Hunter Army (GSYG)

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.

All Loved Ones



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

