CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Sacramental Life

Weekend Masses

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

Holy Day Masses

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

Weekday Masses

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament *

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!

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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Parish Social Ministry Office (631) 585-4544

Church Website www.goodshepherdRCchurch.org

Church Email goodshepherdstaf@aol.com



Parish Office Hours

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

FATHER KEN'S CORNER



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

THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD...WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

Words that are very familiar to us, but which of those words do Catholics (and all Christianity) not understand? There is nothing in those words spoken at the Last Supper (a meal when bread and wine are consumed) which can in any way be misunderstood.

The 2019 Pew Survey on the Eucharist strongly suggested that 69% of Catholics in the U.S. believe that the Eucharist we celebrate is merely "Symbolic" of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Just 31% of Catholics in the U.S. say that they believe that the **bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Jesus**.

Granted that these numbers are four years old and if anything, a new poll today may reveal even more alarming numbers. Nevertheless, even with the possibility of error, the results say a great deal. Certainly, there are times in the gospels when Jesus is using what is called "Semitic exaggeration". Without thinking, we also do it today when we speak about an athlete who is performing extremely high level by saying "he's on fire". It's a figure of speech which we commonly understand in the figurative sense. At times Jesus does the same in making an important teaching point. A notable and recognizable example of this is when Jesus says that if your eye or hand causes you to sin – cut it off. It is better to enter the Kingdom of God (Heaven) blind or crippled than Gehenna (Hell) with both eyes or hands. Jesus is teaching that the eye or the hand is not at fault for the commission of the sin of lust or stealing, but a person's inner heart, spirit and desires. We are not to abuse ourselves in this way, otherwise we'd all be blinded or crippled.

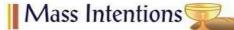
Yet this is NOT the case on Holy Thursday. Jesus speaks of giving the gift of himself which is TO BE TAKEN LITERALLY and exactly. The Eucharist is truly and completely Christ's presence in the visible forms of Bread and Wine. During the first centuries of Christianity, there wasn't the slightest doubt that this is exactly what Jesus meant. And yet in the 6th chapter of John's Gospel Jesus states that he is the "LIVING BREAD" come down from heaven AND unless "YOU EAT THE FLESH OF THE SON OF MAN AND DRINK HIS BLOOD YOU HAVE NO LIFE WITHIN YOU". What is it in those words which are unclear? For Jesus lost a number of his followers who could not accept what he said.

I'm fairly certain that you've heard it said in church the teaching of the Second Vatican Council that "the Eucharist is the source and summit" of our Catholic Identity and our spiritual lives. Those seven words may seem fairly pedestrian, but in reality, through the death and the resurrection of Jesus, they state the foundation of everything which comes afterward in our faith, the body which is GIVEN UP for us is RAISED UP so that we might participate in his life. So how is it that this foundational teaching seems to be brushed aside?

There are a number of reasons (none of them pretty) for this lack of faith, this lack of knowledge and understanding which we can explore in depth in coming days. I write this column, however, not to be pessimistic, but to provide the opportunity for members of our parish to demonstrate their belief in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist by coming together for Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every TUESDAY at noon to 1pm beginning on Tuesday 12 September.

The Universal Church has come to the realization that we cannot assume that the youngest generation of Catholics (and their parents) believe what Catholics have taken for granted for centuries. The time has come when we who do acknowledge Christ's REAL PRESENCE in the EUCHARIST gather to ask his intercession and strength in proclaiming his true presence in the sacrament by word and action. I invite everyone who is able to come and live the words we sing, perhaps without thought during the Christmas Season, "Come, Let Us Adore Him!"

Offerings



Mass Intentions for the Week

August <u>26th</u> Saturday 5:00 pm Edward Quinn Sunday August 27th 7:00 am Chris Watts People of Good Shepherd 8:30 am 10:00am Mass Guild 12:00 pm Jesus N. Turla Sebastian & Judith Accardi 5:00 pm Monday August 28th 9:00 am Arthur Toohig, Jr. Tuesday August 29th 9:00 am Naida Mariano Wednesday August 30th Ann Marie Imburgia 9:00 am Thursday August 31st 9:00 am Joseph & Johanna Raygada Friday September 1st 9:00 am Elizabeth Murphy Saturday September 2nd 9:00 am Vinny Sarnicola William Perkins 5:00 pm Sunday September 3rd 7:00 am People of Good Shepherd 8:30 am Intentions of: Micucci-Litts Family 10:00 am Mass Guild Joseph Zappulla 12:00 pm **Charles Schubert** 5:00 pm

Mass Guild Members

<u>August 27, 2023</u>

In Memory of:

Joseph Morelli Robert Thomas Lyons Michael Frustaci Alexis Lamb Ronald Mincio Marie Vecchio Jerry Rominski Margaret Richards Diane Castiglione

Gifts of Bread & Wine

The Gifts of Bread & Wine



In Loving Memory of: Joseph Morelli

> **Donated by:** Loving Wife

Sanctuary Lamp

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



In Loving Memory of: Joseph Morelli

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Dear Parishioners of Good Shepherd,

Because of the increasing number of people testing positive for Covid and a similar increase of hospitalizations, with sadness, beginning today, we will no longer be offering the chalice with the precious blood. I feel it prudent to take this precaution in the light of the number of warnings from health professionals advising greater caution and awareness at this time. Fr. Ken

God Speaks...

Called to be Church Ordinary People Connecting Life & Faith

Twenty-second Sunday of Ordinary Time September 3, 2023 Matthew 16:21-27

"What profit would anyone show if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life?"

1. Reflect on your list of life's priorities. Where does your relationship with Jesus fit in?

2. What does your relationship cost you? Can you tell Jesus today that you are willing to pay the cost?

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

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

Important DRVC Information

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

Good News!

September 3, 2023 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Jer 20:7-9 • Rom 12:1-2 • Mt 16:21-27

In 1937, *The Cost of Discipleship* by a German Lutheran pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was published. The book reflected on the Sermon on the Mount, and the demands it outlined led to Bonhoeffer's arrest and eventual death at the hands of the Nazis. It can be very dangerous to be faithful to Jesus' way of life. This shouldn't surprise us. Jesus' teaching cost Jesus his life.

Though the Gospel reading does not provide us with a program of action, it repeats Jesus' charge to take up our cross and follow him. This cross is different for each of us; it makes very personal demands. We are called to lose our life for his sake. This was true at the time of Jesus; it is true today.

This was true at the time of the prophet Jeremiah as well. He was called to proclaim God's word to his own people. They would not listen. Instead, "I am an object of laughter; / everyone mocks me" (Jeremiah 20:7). The prophet wants relief from his prophetic responsibility. Who wouldn't? What follows is quite moving. He makes up his mind that he will stop talking about God—but he can't. "It [the word of God] is as if fire is burning in my heart... / I grow weary holding back" (Jeremiah 20:9). That is the cost Jeremiah had to pay. The cross was the cost Jesus paid. And what of us?

-Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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Parish Events

Readings and Saints of the Week

Monday, 8/28 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22 St. Augustine Tuesday, 8/29 1 Thes 2: 1-8 Mk 6:17-29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist Wednesday, 8/30 1 Thes 2: 9-13 Mt 23:27-32 St. Jeanne Jugan Thursday, 8/31 1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51 Sts. Joseph of Arimathea & Nicodemus Friday, 9/1 1 Thes 4:1-8 Mt 25:1-13 St. Giles Saturday, 9/2 1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30 Blessed John Francis Burte Sunday, 9/3 Jer 20: 7-9 Rom 12: 1-2 Mt 16:21-27 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (St. Gregory the Great)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

<u>SUNDAY</u>	AUGUST 27th
MONDAY 7:00 pm	<u>AUGUST 28th</u> FH/GSWA
<u>TUESDAY</u> 9:30 am	AUGUST 29th FH/Seniors
<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	AUGUST 30th
<u>THURSDAY</u> 10:00 am 5:30 pm	<u>AUGUST 31st</u> L/Friendship Ministry C/Wedding Rehearsal
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 1st
<u>SATURDAY</u> 1:00 pm 3:00 pm	<u>SEPTEMBER 2nd</u> C/Baptism C/ Wedding
<u>SUNDAY</u>	SEPTEMBER 3rd

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.

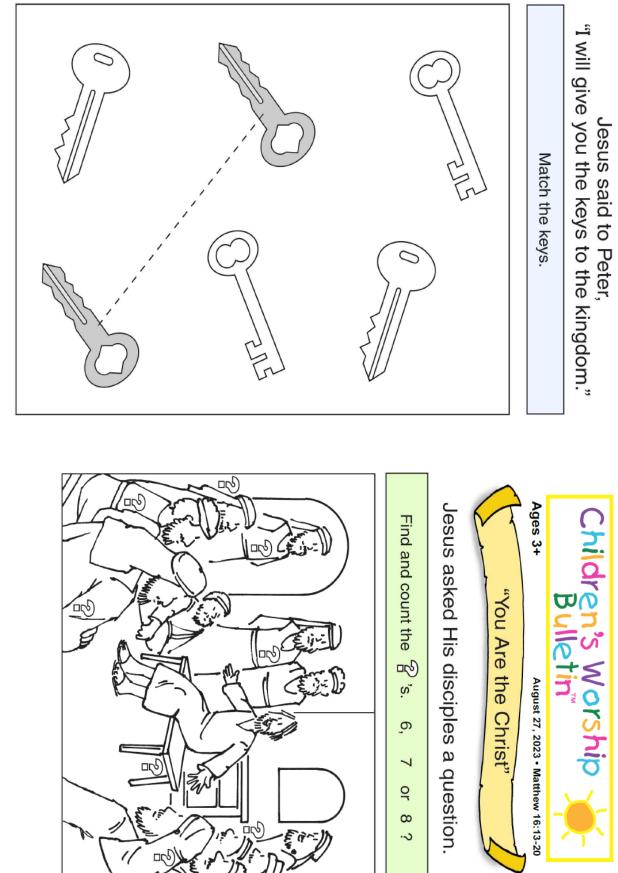
The RCIA Journey of Faith begins on Tuesday September 26th right here at Good Shepherd Church. We meet in the church library between 7 & 8pm for instruction, discussion and guidance. During this hour, by participation in Sunday Mass (we begin attending mass formally as a group on the 1st Sunday of Advent 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.

Children's Page



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Mass for Peace

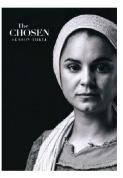


Voices throughout our parish speak of a desire for peace. As we remember the events of September 11, 2001, let us put those words into action.

Join us on **September 10, 2023 at the noon mass** as we gather as one to light a candle and pray for peace in our communities and in the world.

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it." John 1:15

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: "There is a great need to listen to and to hear one another. It is the most precious and life-giving gift we can offer each other. Listening without prejudice and openly, gives rise to speaking according to God's style, nurtured by closeness, compassion and tenderness. We have a pressing need for communication that kindles hearts, that is balm on wounds and that shines light on the journey of our brothers and sisters."

How are we doing at really listening and hearing each other according to God's style?

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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Eucharistic Revival



Have You Heard? GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW—AND HE IS CALLING

YOU TO BE A PART OF IT! We are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival. Why?

Because the Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.

Scan the code to learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what's happening in this unprecedented national movement!

eucharisticrevival.org



Community Garden Project

Let's get the children more connected to what God has created for everyone to enjoy and appreciate! The Garden Ministry proudly announces



The Good Shepherd Community Garden Project

<u>The plan</u>: 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 <u>Ronki79@icloud.com</u> or Joan Mulhall at <u>Pcmulhall@verizon.net</u>.



Summer Shepherds

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.

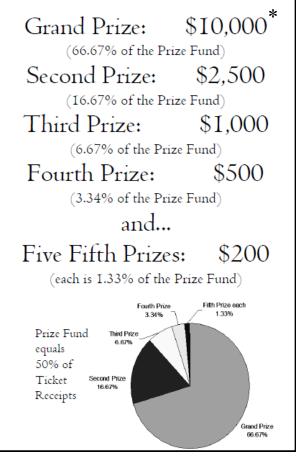
Family, friends, groups can pool together in purchasing a raffle. Some of the funds raised will be used to move the "Jesus with the Children" statue to the Chapel.

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



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.

Basket Raffle HELP NEEDED

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Craft Supplies

OVER 200 Baskets

od & Refreshments for Sale ome Baked Cakes & Brownies

ept. 30 & Oct. Rein Datas Oct.7 & 8

Sat,12pm - 6pm Sun. 8:30am - 6pm

Church of the Good Shepherd

1370 Grandy Ave. Holbrook good shephordrechurch org Homemade Crafts

Homemade Baked Goods – Please wrap and seal all food. If you are feeling ill, please <u>don't</u> bake. We especially need individual items like brownies, cupcakes, cookies, and full cakes. All wrapped individually for sale.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

• Help us publicize the event by posting it on your social media accounts. The flyer can be shared through the GS Basket & Certificate Auction Facebook page. Search: @GSChineseAuction

• **Create a theme basket for raffle**. If you or your religion class/ministry/group/small church would like to put together a basket, that would be greatly appreciated. Please wait until at least September 21 to drop off your basket at the main office. Baskets will be accepted until the last minute.

- If you craft, donate some of your creations to the fair.
- If you bake, donate some of your baked goods to the fair.
- Please don't forget to turn in the raffle tickets you received in the mail.
- We will need help on Saturday, Sept 30 at 9am for setting up the Fair.
- We will need help at the Fair selling crafts & raffles.
- We will need help on Sunday, October 1 at 6pm for breaking down the Fair.

If you have questions, contact Ann Hernandez 631.275.7587 or email: annhernandez2000@gmail.com SUBJECT: BASKET RAFFLE HELP

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

Pray for the Sick

Baby Lucas Alexander Tyson Baby Mila Tyson Baby Charlotte Cordell Baby Charlone Corden Baby Oliver Baby Serafina Marie Babies Madison & Sophia Schreiber Anthony Brooke Janine Sybil Sybil Kathy Alegre & Family Amanda Algiere Çaroline Antonicelli Joseph Benevento "BEVERLY." Scott's mom.. Fr. Richard Bretone Fr. Kichara Bretone Gene Colangelo Nicole DiPietro Jeffrey DelGiorno, Sr. Gary Feres Kathy Stephens-Fusaro NYPD, Kenny Gellineau Tommy Glackin Gaudidowang 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 Joe Mallon Marilyn Mallon Joseph Mandaro Nicholas Maucelli Ray McDonnell Thomas Mistretta, Jr. Luis & Miriam Nadel Mary Ann Nicholas David Pacheco Henry Podufaly Rocco Porrino Lorraine Rajkowski William Revnolds 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

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 Navy Michael F. Bizzoco, US Navy Frederick W. Luebke, US Navy Sgt. Rory Allen, US Army Capt Brian Kevin Walsh, US 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

HMI Matthew Belmonte, US Navy E. Carson Nagle - USAF Samuel Matuszewski, US Coast Guard Lisette Granada Marines (GSYG) Brent Mazurkiewicz, USAF Brian Hunter Army (GSYG) SN Ronald Martiny Matthew Judson Pace, USMC

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



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 September & October 2023

Matthew Sommers & Leah Vasquez Sean O'Malley & Anna Gomez Carlo Belfiore & Kimberly Fazio

We Remember

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

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