CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Parish Office Hours

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

Welcome to the Labor Day Weekend, the "unofficial" end of summer and summer vacations and the 'unofficial" BEGINNING of our collaborative autumn spiritual journey. Labor Day, I think, is every child's most anxious holiday celebration (and for some adults as well) for it means that in the next day or two, school will begin. With those school days, there is the difficulty of getting up early for the bus after summer time lingering in bed. After a summer of fun, it's hard work to get used to sitting still, listening and learning from the teachers - and what I disliked the most at that age – having to do an hour or two of homework after six hours of trying to pay attention during classes!

Yet Labor Day is an important holiday above and beyond its association with the end of summer. We celebrate our work in life, we celebrate our work for life and we celebrate taking a short break from those labors. So many of you are still working long and hard in building a good life for you and your family. Whether we work with our hands or we work with our minds, whether we work as students doing homework and taking tests, or we work in staying sharp in retirement after many years of labor, the Labor Day Weekend is a timely reminder to praise God for the ABILITY to do the work we've been called to do. We are called to remember the necessity of thanking God for allowing us to participate in the continuing work of creation. As God created the universe so long ago, we are invited to be a part of protecting that creation today. We work together with God.

In the beautiful Psalm 127 (one of my personal favorites) we find the words: "If the Lord does not build the house, in vain do the masons toil; if the Lord does not guard the city, in vain do the sentries keep watch. In vain is your rising earlier or going to bed later you who toil for the bread you eat whiles he provide for his beloved as they sleep."

Jesus reminds us that "without me you can do nothing". The psalm is simply saying that we should not and cannot rely solely on our own strength in all that we do. We need to join our labors with our prayers asking for God's assistance in whatever we do. Whether we're a student, a professional, whether we earn a great deal of money or we're just getting by, we need God's help and we need to ask God's blessing in all we do.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew's Gospel (6:28) that we should "not worry about what we are to eat or what we are to wear...life means more than food and the body more than clothing...set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness and all these other things will be given you as well."

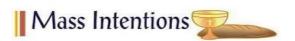
We need to understand that as hard as we work for all the things we need in life that we need to work just as hard in our spiritual lives. *Prayer, thanksgiving and worship is hard work.* It just doesn't magically happen at our whim. Just as any craftsman works hard to bring about a good product, just as any scholar must spend hours of time in research and writing to bring forth a thesis, it is the same in spending our time and effort with God. Just as any professional sports figure needs to practice and prepare, putting in hours of training and discipline, so too do we need to *practice praying* and in that time also to ask God to bring about something good from our hard work. Many people work very hard for the basic necessities of physical life; many people don't put the same effort into the basic necessities of spiritual life.

On this Labor Day, we also pray and assist those who are unemployed, those who are underemployed and those whose jobs do not give any satisfaction or dignity. We pray for each other, that we might inspire each other to greater efforts in the practice of our Catholic Faith. With all the activities that begin with the new academic year, PARENTS and GRANDPARENTS, I urge you to find the time to bring your children to Sunday Mass. The world, their coaches, and the children themselves may tell you that their activities are more important. What I remind you is that Our God says, "YOU SHALL KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH DAY."

A Note from Rev. Paul W. Farin

Thank you so much for having me and Cross Catholic Outreach to Good Shepherd. Spending time on Long Island always feels like a bit of home. The parishioners were very responsive to the message. Please thank them for me for their generosity. Continued Blessings. *Fr. Paul Farin*

Offerings



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday	September 2nd
5:00 pm	William Perkins
<u>Sunday</u>	September 3rd
7:00 am	People of Good Shepherd
8:30 am	Intentions of:
	Micucci-Litts Family
10:00am	Mass Guild
12:00 pm	Joseph Zappulla
5:00 pm	Charles Schubert
<u>Monday</u>	September 4th
9:00 am	Jaime Samia
Tuesday	September 5th
9:00 am	Donna Tizzano
Wednesday	September 6th
9:00 am	Eugene Higgins
Thursday	September 7th
9:00 am	Vincent DeCollibus
Friday	September 8th
9:00 am	Donald Bunora
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>September 9th</u>
9:00 am	Kathleen Callinan
5:00 pm	Joseph Galbo
Sunday	September 10th
7:00 am	Fay Lancetta
8:30 am	Alfred & Mary Esposito
10:00 am	Mass Guild
12:00 pm	People of Good Shepherd
5:00 pm	Matthew Blake

Mass Guild Members

September 3, 2023

In Memory of:

Michael Frustaci
Alexis Lamb
Michael Bermingham
Ronald Mincio
John Yierling
Josephine "Jo" Connors
Camilo Cuareros
Florence Rose
Mary Schumeyer
Intentions of: Gavin Lahann
Faustina Viri - In Thanksgiving

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:

Ronald Mincio

Donated by:

Good Shepherd Clergy & Staff

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

Congratulation to our Summer Shepherds 300 Club Winners. All Winners were notified. Thank you to all who purchased a raffle ticket!

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Grand Prize - #46
2nd Prize - #11
3rd Prize - #98
4th Prize - #226
5th Prizes
#161
#250
#53
#175
#125
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God Speaks...

Called to be Church

Ordinary People Connecting Life & Faith

Twenty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time September 10, 2023 Matthew 18:15-20

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst."

- 1. In what ways do you recognize the presence of Jesus and the power of prayer in your interactions with your family, friends, and small church community?
- 2. Through praying together we invite Jesus into our relationships. Invite a loved one, whom you are in conflict with, to pray with you for a resolution to your disputes. What could aid in your growth of understanding toward each other?

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!

September 10, 2023

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Ezekiel 33:7-9 / Romans 13:8-10 / Matthew 18:15-20

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

While the Scripture readings this week remind us we are responsible for one another, do any of us really want someone serving as our conscience, telling us what to do? A national insurance company once aired a TV ad in which "Cynthia" takes it upon herself to make sure everyone was abiding by the established regulations of the subdivision. She checks to make sure everyone is breaking down cardboard, cuts down hanging flower baskets that are contrary to regulations, and takes a chainsaw to mailboxes that are even two inches too high.

None of us want a "Cynthia" for a neighbor. It may be that it takes a community to raise a child, but once we have become adults—well, thanks but no thanks. So what do we do with these readings?

The Gospel adds the ingredient of community to the "cake batter." Praying with a faith community can help correct our personal opinion, remind us what we might be blind to, and broaden our vision by affirming that we are a part of a larger world, all from the perspective of faith.

A faith community that reflects "Cynthia" thinking is a church that seeks to control. It motivates by fear, discourages prayerful reflection, and expects everyone to march in unison. A healthy faith community is a church that respects everyone as serious individuals of faith, encourages study and dialogue to seek out truth, and recognizes that growth in faith occurs in different ways. Prayerful, respectful communities of faith are how God tweaks our lives. •

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Parish Events

Readings and Saints of the Week

Monday, 9/4 1 Thes 4:13-18 Lk 4::16-30

St. Rose of Viterbo

Tuesday, 9/5 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Lk 4:31-37

St. Teresa of Calcutta

Wednesday, 9/6 Col 1:1-8 Lk 4:38-44 Lk 4:38-44 *Blessed Claudio Granzotto*

Thursday, 9/7 Col 1:9-14 Lk 5:1-11 *Blessed*

Frederic Ozanam

Friday, 9/8 Mi 5:1-4a Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, 9/9 Col 1:21-23 Lk 6:1-5

St. Peter Claver

Sunday, 9/10 Ez 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary

Time (St. Thomas of Villanova)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3rd

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 4th

Labor Day—No Events—Office Closed

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5th

9:30 am FH/Seniors 12Noon C/Adoration

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 6th

11 am FH/Craft Club 6:30 pm C/Parent Orientation

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7th
10 am L/Friendship Ministry

7:00 pm C/Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8th

6:30 pm BSC/Heart to Heart

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9th

8:00 am FH/set-up 8:30 am FH/ PB&J

1:00 pm C/ Confirmation Retreat

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10th

1:45 pm C/Baptism



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

Liturgical Minister Training

Liturgical Minister Training-Fall 2023

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training in Spanish and English for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.

A Lector Workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and ocations for iturgical Minister Training

Training in SPANISH:

- Lector Workshop: Sat., Sept. 23 Our Lady of Loretto / Hempstead Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm
- Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Part A:
 Sat., Sept. 30 Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 1:00 pm
 (please arrive by 8:30 am for either training)

Training in ENGLISH:

• Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:

Tuesday, Oct. 10 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm.

(You may register for only one of these trainings this evening. Doors open at 6:30 pm)

Additional training opportunities in English will be coming soon.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions relating to the Spanish training, call Ingrid Oliva at 516-678-5800, ext. 560. For questions regarding the English training, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

Catholic University of America

Next weekend, the diocese will be taking up the National Collection for The Catholic University of America. Catholic University is a national research university with over 5,700 undergraduate and graduate students in more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington, D.C. By giving to the collection, you are supporting both future Catholic leaders, religious and lay, who are being formed by an exceptional, Faith-inspired education and the University's various research and training initiatives that support dioceses and parishes in responding to the most pressing needs of their faithful. The Catholic Project - an initiative that brings together clergy and laity to address the challenges that the Catholic Church faces in the U.S. contributing education, formation, research, events, and media, a master's program in Ecclesial Administration and Management, and a credentialing program that prepares recent graduates to serve as campus ministers are a few examples how the University is serving the Church and nation. Please give generously. Support the collection at: futurecatholicleaders.igivecatholictogether.org.

Basket Raffle & Craft Fair



Basket Raffle HELP NEEDED

www.facebook.com/GSRaffleFair **DONATIONS NEEDED:**

Craft Supplies Homemade Crafts

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

https://www.facebook.com/GSRaffleFair/

- 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.
- Help with Overnight Watch (we need volunteers to take one-hour shifts to watch the Fair from 8pm-7am) This makes it possible to keep everything out for Oct 1. Email Ann if you can cover a spot. Our goal is two people teams throughout the night. 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:

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?

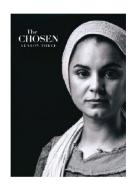
Today, for various reasons, many people are interested or perplexed about what it is to be a Catholic. The Rite Of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is the process or the JOURNEY OF FAITH by which unbaptized adults are brought into the Catholic Faith OR adults who have never received the sacraments of Confirmation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

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.

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

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

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.











At the Movies with Donna...

"Oppenheimer" – Based on the 2005 biography American Prometheus by Kari Bird and Martin J. Sherwin, this is the story of J. Robert Oppenheimer, the theoretical physicist who developed the first nuclear weapon as part of the Manhattan Project during World War II. This is one big history lesson: quantum mechanics, physics in theory and practice, politics, labor unions, and communism. The intelligent minds of these scientists from all walks of life brought together to work on one common goal. Storytelling at its best in one magnificent film. Expertly directed and written by master film maker, Christopher Nolan. Terrific cinematography by Hoyte van Hogteman, and score by Ludwig Goransson. Brilliantly acted by a cast that includes Cillian Murphy, Robert Downey, Jr., Matt Damon, Emily Blunt, Josh Hartnett, David Krumholtz, Rami Malek, Dylan Arnold, Tom Conti, just to name a few. Every performance was top notch. Look for multiple nominations come Oscar time. It is an excellent film but it may not be suited for everyone. There are a few scenes of strong sexual content and nudity. Just as this film has many story lines, there were many layers to the man himself. With intelligence comes much responsibility. "Now I am become death, the destroyer of worlds".

were many layers to the man himself. With intelligence comes much responsibility. "Now I am become death, the destroyer of worlds".

"Barbie" – This is the first live-action film based on the Barbie doll by Mattel. Here, Barbie and Ken live in Barbie Land and find themselves on a journey of self-discovery. In Barbie Land, Kens have no place, they do nothing all day but admire the Barbies, who are in charge of everything – from doctor, lawyer, supreme court to the presidency. Send them into the real world and they are in for a rude awakening. Directed by Greta Gerwig and co-written with Noah Baumbach. The cast includes Margot Robbie, Ryan Gosling and America Ferrara. This is not a movie for the young girls that Mattel originally created Barbie for in the first place. It most likely will be enjoyed by women in their 20s and 30s. As for me, not so much. The movie is silly, funny, weird, and exaggerated and does have its moments. I can appreciate the message that Gerwig was trying to send, however, I do think the opportunity to make a better film was sorely missed

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'Dreamin Wild" – Based on the lives of singer-musician brothers Donnie and Joe Emerson, who as kids produced and released their own album in 1979 only to find recognition and success 30 years later. A tender movie about the relationship between a father and son, the bond between two brothers, love of family, forgiveness and reconciliation. Well directed and written by Bill Pohlad. Strong, exceptional performances by Casey Affleck, Walton Goggins, Beau Bridges, Noah Jupe, Jack Dylan Grazer, Chris Messina and Zooey Deschanel. It is these performances that makes this film worth the price of admission.

"Jules" – This is the story of an elderly man who finds a crashed spaceship in his backyard and becomes friendly with its alien occupant. What? A spaceship and an alien? Yes, a spaceship and an alien! It's funny, quirky, sweet, sad, and endearing. It's about loneliness, getting old, becoming forgetful, friendship, family, bonding and understanding. Well directed by Marc Turtletaub, with a clever script written by Gavin Steckler. Sterling performances by Ben Kingsley, Harriet Sansom Harris, Jane Curtain, Jade Quon and Zoe Williams. This is a pleasant surprise. Treat yourself and add this one to your list.

Adoration

Eucharistic Revival 'Fall Back In Love With Jesus' - Adoration

Start the fall season by spending a little time with Jesus, in the quiet presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Beginning Tuesday, September 12th, a Holy Hour of Adoration at Good Shepherd will take place in the main Church every Tuesday, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Our pastor, priests and deacons will lead and inspire us in praise, worship and Eucharistic Adoration.

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic adoration is the beautiful practice in the Roman Catholic tradition in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed and adored by the faithful. Adoration is a sign of devotion to and worship of Jesus Christ who is truly present Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, under the appearance of the consecrated host. As a devotion, Eucharistic adoration and meditation are more than merely looking at the Blessed Host, but are believed to be a continuation of what was celebrated in the Eucharist.

Why Adoration?

- Eucharistic Adoration is the highest form of worship after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.
- Jesus is truly present in the monstrance on the altar. Yes! He is there in front of you. Veiled behind the host is his body, blood, soul and divinity.

He invites you by name to Adoration. How can you refuse this invitation from your very best friend? **Experience the Joy and Peace of Adoration**

- Adoration is a time to unplug from the hectic pace of life. You will come to crave the silence as you adore each week.
- During Adoration, you will be transformed by the infinite power of God's grace through this quiet time of prayer.
- You will develop more compassion and mercy for those you love and those that are suffering. Eternity is just around the corner. Adoration will help you prepare through the personal time you spend with Jesus.

Your Time in Adoration

- Simply relax and spend your hour just listening to his voice.
- Be okay with the silence, give it time. Trust and know that God is so pleased that you are in his presence.
- Praise and thank Jesus. Tell him your troubles, concerns, joys and desires.
- Pray the rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Scripture, traditional prayers or write in a journal. Spend time just "being." Ask Jesus what he is saying to you and how you can grow in relationship with him. He loves you! He is listening and giving you strength to carry your cross. Let the words of St. Therese of Lisieux inspire you to accept Jesus' call to spend time with Him in Adoration. All are welcome, and don't forget to bring your family, a loved one or a friend! "Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you for you alone? He burns

with the desire to come into your heart...don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love..." - St. Therese of Lisieux





"In exposition, adoration, and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, we have the contemplative extension or prolongation of the Eucharistic sacrifice itself."

Archbishop J. Augustine Di Noia, O.P.

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. If crocheting or knitting is not your thing, just come and socialize with us; we would love to have the chance to meet you.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang

The **Peanut Butter & Jelly Gang** whose mission is to serve those in need and provide an opportunity for others to serve will meet on Saturday, September 9th from 8:30 to 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.**

We need jars of <u>creamy</u> peanut butter (Jiff is easy to spread) and jars of jelly. We need <u>sample</u> size soap, shampoo and wash cloths for our wash-up kits.

These items can be dropped off in the library of the church; please label them- "For PB&J Gang." **DO NOT drop off bread.**

When you come to volunteer, if you are able to, please bring any of the above mentioned supplies and/or 1 loaf of white or whole wheat bread.

If needed, 1 hour of community service will be given to those who attend.

Our sandwiches and wash-up kits will be brought to
Lighthouse Mission located at 1543 Montauk Hwy, Bellport, NY 11713.

Please help us help those in need and welcome us back by supporting us with your time and needed supplies.

Community News

As a "public service announcement," I wish to alert you who drive and who have vehicle(s) registered in NYS and NYS DMV drivers' license(s) that SINGLE people (e.g., whether the individual is "single" or has a "partner" but is not officially "married") are being hit with an automotive insurance surcharge that you should OPT OUT OF immediately. [You might know someone who falls into this category to whom you might wish to forward this email]. YOU should download this PDF form, sign and date it, and mail it to your insurance company without delay. By doing so, you should save between \$20--\$84/year on your automotive insurance bill. But you must download the form, sign and date it, and submit it to your automotive insurance company post-haste to derive the benefit. Governor Hochul signed this bill into law earlier this year: https://www.dfs.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/02/auto insurers supp spousal liability insurance declination form.pdf



SEMINARY COMMUNION BREAKFAST – SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
The Friends of the Seminary invite you to their Annual Communion
Breakfast on Sunday, September 24, 2023. Mass at 10 am followed by
brunch and presentation by Fr. Matthew Browne, Director,
Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, Diocese of Rockville Centre.
Reservations required (\$60 per guest). Information/reservations, Seminary
Development Office, bmalone@icseminary.edu, (631)423-0483 x 102,
www.icseminary.edu/events.

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

Pray for the Sick

Baby Lucas Alexander Tyson
Baby Mila Tyson
Baby Charlotte Cordell
Baby Easton Clark
Baby Serafina Marie
Babies Madison & Sophia Schreiber
Anthony
Brooke
Janine
Sybil
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
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 Joe Mallon Marilyn Mallon Joseph Mandaro 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

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, 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 Granada Marines (GSYG)
Brent Mazurkiewicz, USAF
Brian Hunter Army (GSYG)
SN Ronald Martiny
Matthew Judson Pace, USMC

Private Thomas Hirschev, 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



We Welcome

We welcome to our faith community those Children to be Baptized....September 2023

Lucas Jacob Mulligan Keira Jean Mulligan
Frankie Marie Aprigliano
Averie Quinn Taylor
Noah Rosario Cracchiolo
Mila Rose Drescher
Averie Quinn Taylor
Mackenzie Elizabeth Gordon
Dylan Joseph Philip Parker
Amira Rose Arroyave
Santino Vincent Tandoi
Blakely Faith Schwingl
Jackson Tyler Csutor Hunter Dylan Csutor
Christopher James Marando
Riley Emilia Longo

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.

Victoria Versoza



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

