

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

Saturday Evening 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

Every Tuesday from 12Noon - 1:00pm

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,

“Peace on Earth, Good Will to All!” It may be the language of the angels on Christmas, yet no matter what language we use, somehow it’s gotten lost in translation. The war between the Russian invaders and the Ukrainian defenders goes on. The War between Israel and Hamas continues after a very brief cessation of hostilities for the exchange of prisoners. North Korea continues to be bellicose, issuing all sorts of threats against the U.S. and China hasn’t softened its hostile activities on the South China Sea.

In our own country and around the world, antisemitism continues now coupled with acts of violence against people of Palestinian origin and Muslims in general. It doesn’t take a detective to trace stories almost every day of other acts of violence against members of LGBTQ+ community. Violence against members of Asian communities goes unchecked. Road rage in one form or another seems to be all the rage as drivers point guns, beat up and do worse to other drivers who have ticked them off. Peace on earth? Good will toward all? Everywhere we look, there is no peace. There is little or no good will, so why do we continue in our celebrations of the birth of the Prince of Peace?

It is reasonable to posit that each generation faces its own unique problems. Four or five thousand years ago and today, the challenges of life may have been very different, but they still needed to be overcome. Two thousand years ago it might have been a little better (amazing but probably true) for Mary and Joseph as they made their journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, but they still had to make the journey. It is more than possible that they wondered about how Roman soldiers would treat this carpenter and his pregnant wife when they arrived. They may have worried about being accosted along the way by thieves or robbers, but as they were poor, there were fatter targets on the road than themselves also going to be registered for the census. Mary and Joseph merely looked to have enough to eat on the journey and perhaps wondered with all the people traveling whether there’d be enough room for them at the inn – and we know the answer to that question.

Both Mary and Joseph had unique experiences which strengthened them in facing the unknowns of their journey. It was a journey of faith, yet a journey with no guarantees, despite the knowledge that they both were told, “Do not be afraid.” It is with that message that you and I continue our Advent journey. Each of us has had a unique experience of God’s presence in our lives (though admittedly not as powerful as Mary’s encounter with the Angel Gabriel and Joseph’s powerful dream), which has brought us to this moment in the life of faith. Nonetheless, that internal and personal experience is no less demanding for us as we too need to make the journey without fear. In our baptism, we too “have found favor with God”. As St. Paul writes, “In Him (Christ) we were also chosen” for some personal mission (perhaps big, perhaps small) as were Mary, Joseph, Peter, Paul, your aunt Margaret and your brother Steve. Advent is the church’s way of reminding us to ‘stay on point’ no matter what is going on in the world.

The point is, this Advent as every Advent, we have a choice, just as Joseph and Mary had a choice. We can say “Yes”, as they did, to all of the challenges and obstacles in moving our hearts from wherever we are at this moment to the spiritual Bethlehem which is our destination. The events of the world – while important and historical – are merely the backdrop which are little different than the historical events that this holy husband and wife experienced. God is calling all of us to be a type of Mary and Joseph. Truly hear the readings for this Second Sunday of Advent. May they convey what they intend - comfort in these times of discomfort; personal preparation for the one mightier than John who has already baptized us with the Spirit of God of love. In that love we are to serve Him by being heralds of Good News – “Crying out to the cities of Judah (and beyond), Here is your God!”

Offerings

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for the Week

<u>Saturday</u> 5:00 pm	<u>December 9th</u> William Perkins (<i>1st Anniv.</i>)
<u>Sunday</u> 7:00 am	<u>December 10th</u> People of Good Shepherd
8:30 am	Joyce Quinn
10:00am	Mass Guild
12:00 pm	Joseph Zappulla
5:00 pm	Intentions of Ava Cervini
<u>Monday</u> 9:00 am	<u>December 11th</u> Betty Begley
<u>Tuesday</u> 9:00 am	<u>December 12th</u> Luciano Pinto
<u>Wednesday</u> 9:00 am	<u>December 13th</u> Frank Zaniewski
<u>Thursday</u> 9:00 am	<u>December 14th</u> Mary & Lou Costa
<u>Friday</u> 9:00 am	<u>December 15th</u> Intentions of Paul & Staci Ryan
<u>Saturday</u> 9:00 am	<u>December 16th</u> Guy Russo
5:00 pm	Judy Martinetti
<u>Sunday</u> 7:00 am	<u>December 17th</u> Mariano Ortiz-Ruiz
8:30 am	Joseph Montemurro
10:00 am	Mass Guild
12:00 pm	James David Evans
5:00 pm	People of Good Shepherd

Mass Guild Members

December 10, 2023

In Memory of:

Michael Frustaci
Alexis Lamb
William Perkins
Aleta M. Dalrymple
Sebastiano Zuppari
Jeff Barker
Jairo Arias
Giovanni & Palmira Berlingieri
Antonio & Giuseppe Berlingieri

Intentions of:

Arturo Bautista
Tommy & Kim Vogel

Gifts of Bread & Wine

The Gifts of Bread & Wine



In Loving Memory of:
Lorraine Uhl

Donated by:
Loving Husband, John Uhl

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:
Dr. Anthony Granato

Donated by:
Loving Cousin, Melinda & Family

With the number of COVID and FLU cases rising across Long Island, we ask parishioners who are not feeling well or have tested positive for COVID or FLU to please stay home until they are no longer ill. Please follow past protocols regarding masks. Daily Mass is live-streamed at 9am on weekdays and at 10am on Sunday mornings.



God Speaks...

Called to be Church Ordinary People Connecting Life & Faith

**Third Sunday of Advent
December 17, 2023
John 1:6-8, 19-28**

"I am a voice in the desert, crying out:
Make straight the way of the Lord!"

1. John the Baptizer prepared the world for the coming of Jesus. How can you prepare for your meeting with Jesus?
2. In a world full of so many distractions, how will you make time to visit with Jesus?

**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!

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent (B)

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 / 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 /

John 1:6-8, 19-28

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The story of **John the Baptist** is the story of taking a back seat to Jesus, of fading into the background so that Jesus might be the light. Fading out of the picture is something we may find ourselves doing more than once in our lives. Sometimes it's also a choice we have to make, even when it's painful.

Actor Nick Nolte talked about what it was like for him when he turned seventy; how his body would hurt and how painful it was to get out of bed some mornings. He told of how he cried when a longtime friend passed away and of the sadness death brings. But the worst part, he said, is coming to the realization that your children have grown up, are on their own, and don't need you the way they once did. His son has a family, and for him the family comes first, as it should. That's the painful part, Nolte says, the letting go of your children because they are no longer yours; in reality, they never were.

From the perspective of faith, why do we need to fade into the background? To leave room for the hand of God in life, that's why. So that God can do what God does best, and so that we don't get in the way of it all. That is a task not only at the end of life but for all of life. ●

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Parish Events

Readings and Saints of the Week

Monday, 12/11 Is 35: 1-10 Lk 5:17-26

St. Damasus I, Pope

Tuesday, 12/12 Rv 11:19a, 12:16a, 10ab

Lk 1: 29-47 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Wednesday, 12/13 Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30

St. Lucy

Thursday, 12/14 Is 41: 13- 20, Mt 1:11-15

St. John of the Cross

Friday, 12/15 Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

Blessed Mary Frances Schervier

Saturday, 12/16 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a,

10-13 *Blessed Honoratus Kozminski*

Sunday, 12/17 Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 1 Thes

5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 Third Sunday

of Advent (*St. Hildegard of Bingen*)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

8:00 am

11:00 am

1:45 PM

MONDAY

4:00 pm

5:00 pm

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

TUESDAY

9:30 am

12:00 pm

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

11:00 am

4:30 pm

4:30 pm

6:30 pm

7:30 pm

THURSDAY

10:00 am

4:15 pm

6:00 pm

6:45 pm

FRIDAY

12:00 pm

4:00 pm

7:00 pm

SATURDAY

8:00 am

9:30 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

SUNDAY

11:00 am

DECEMBER 10th

G-Wreath Pick-up

FH/FF Hospitality after

10 am Mass

C/Baptism

DECEMBER 11th

L/Faith Formation

L/Faith Formation

FH/C Pageant Rehearsal

L/PF Meeting

DECEMBER 12th

FH/ Seniors

C/Adoration

C/Pageant Rehearsal

L/RCIA

C/Choir Rehearsal

FH/ The Chosen/Nativity

DECEMBER 13th

FH/Craft Club

L/Faith Formation

CPC/ Faith Formation

L/Hugs

C/Folk Group

DECEMBER 14th

L/Friendship Garden

L/ Faith Formation

C/Junior Choir

C/Family Sing-Along

DECEMBER 15th

C/Convalidation

PL/Hockey

C/Christmas Pageant

DECEMBER 16th

G/Garden Club Ministries

L/Faith Formation

PL/Hockey

C/Baptism

DECEMBER 17th

FH/(FF) Hospitality after

10am Mass

Coordinators Needed

The Rockville Centre Diocese Division of the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA will be conducting a tour to visit parishes in our Diocese in June 2024.



In order to be able to host the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue at Good Shepherd, we need 2 volunteers to be coordinators and work with the Long Island WAF committee.

Please contact Annemarie at the Main Office if you are interested - 631-588-7689 or email goodshepherdstaf@aol.com

Thank you!

K of C Clothing Drive



Knights of Columbus

Good Shepherd Council 8607

Annual Clothing Drive



Sat, Jan 6th &
Sun, Jan 7th
Collections Before/
After All Masses

Look For U-Haul Truck
In Good Shepherd's
Side Parking Lot

What's In Your Closet?

Accepting Clothing/Shoes, Accessories & Household Items

PLEASE PUT ALL ITEMS IN WELL TIED TRASH BAGS.

Your donations matter.. We are working with Savers, and receive a small monetary donation based upon total weight of the items collected. These funds allow us to continue our charitable works. Additionally, your donations are used by Savers to fund Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island. And thank you to U-Haul of Holbrook for the generous truck rental donation.

Any questions, call the Grand Knight @ 631-471-1996



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday, December 18th

1:00pm - 2:00pm and 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Saturday, December 23rd

11:00am - 2:00pm and 4:00pm - 5:00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Sunday, December 24th

4:00pm, 5:30pm and 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday, December 25th

8:30am, 10:00am & 12Noon (*No 5pm Mass*)

NEW YEARS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Sunday, December 31st at 5:00pm

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Monday, January 1st

8:30am, 10:00am & 12Noon (*No 5pm Mass*)

Parish Events



Come join the children of Good Shepherd as they present the story of the First Christmas!

Friday, December 15th

7:00 pm



Coming Soon: Christmas with the Chosen, The Messengers (The Story of the Nativity)– Join us on December 12th at 7PM at Good Shepherd Fellowship Hall to view this beautiful episode of the Chosen. You will experience the Nativity Story like never before. Come and experience the Birth of Jesus through the Eyes of Mary and Joseph. This is a great way to prepare yourself for the Christmas Season. Please bring your family, friends, and fellow parishioners. All are welcome.

Children's Page

Confessing their sins,
the people were baptized.

Circle the 5 differences in the 2nd picture.



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Children's Worship
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Ages 3+

December 10, 2023 • Mark 1:1-8

Preparing the Way for Jesus

God sent John to
prepare the way for Jesus.

Find and circle these hidden objects in the picture.



DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

Is it the voice of an angel? Perhaps. Is it the voices of a choir? Maybe.



I hear YOUR VOICES, the people of GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH, singing Christmas hymns of praise to God in our church on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH AT 6:45 PM in the church.

Children of all ages are invited to come and learn to sing some of the wonderful and beautiful Traditional Christmas Carols like “The First Noel” and “O Come All Ye Faithful.” We’ll sing a couple of fun songs like “Jingle Bells” and “Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.”

Parishioners are invited to come together and sing in praise of God for the gift of Jesus whose birth we will celebrate this year on Monday, December 25th.

Parents, Grandparents, and Adults of every age are invited to help guide the children in this festive sing-along with Hot Chocolate and Candy Canes served by our Knights of Columbus in the Parish Hall afterward.



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.



Pope Francis speaks out against his critics in the U.S. Catholic Church

Pope Francis' comments came in a meeting with fellow Jesuits in Portugal, where one of the priests remarked that he had spent a year in the United States and was shocked by the anger directed at Pope Francis and where he often witnessed criticisms of Pope Francis' leadership by American bishops.

Pope Francis replied "The situation in the United States is not easy: there is a very strong reactionary attitude. It is organized and shapes the way people belong, even emotionally. Some people opt out; they go backward; they are what I call *'indietristi'*." When you go backwards, you form something closed, disconnected from the roots of the church and you lose the sap of revelation. If you don't change upward, you go backward, and then you take on criteria for change other than those our faith gives for growth and change. And the effects on morality are devastating."

Pope Francis concluded his remarks to the priest by saying "Those American groups you talk about, so closed, are isolating themselves. Instead of living by doctrine, by the true doctrine that always develops and bears fruit, they live by ideologies. When you abandon doctrine in life to replace it with an ideology, you have lost, you have lost as in war."

What do YOU see as the upward change the Pope is speaking about?

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.

Brick Program

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The Church of the Good Shepherd has a beautiful way to commemorate a loved one, a special event, or share a special message.

For a donation of \$100 a commemorative 4" x 8" brick will be custom engraved and placed at the base of one of the Stations of the Cross.

To order your brick fill out the order form and submit to Parish Office.

Make checks payable to the Church of the Good Shepherd

Name: _____




















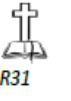










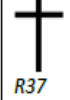

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We Pray...Celebrate...Remember...

Pray for the Sick

Baby Madison Schreiber
 Anthony
 Janine
 Sybil
 Kathy Alegre & Family
 Amanda Algieri
 Arturo Baulista
 Joseph Benevento
 "BEVERLY" Scott's mom..
 Alicia Calderon
 Dorothy Clifford
 Laurie Cohen
 Javier Dahl
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 Joy G.
 Dorothy Grosso
 Geraldine Halderman
 Susan Hellstrom
 Anita Heuskin
 Bob Hustick
 Angela Jacobs
 Wayne & Nancy Johnson
 Mark Kutch
 Damaso Larrondo
 Christopher Leahy
 Michael Loscalzo
 Ana & Julio Marmol
 Joe Mallon
 Joseph Mandaro
 Bill Mangan
 Herman Mantos

Diane Massaro
 Nicholas Maucelli
 Daniel & Paula McGlynn
 Thomas Mistretta, Jr.
 James Myer
 Don Neri
 Mary Ann Nicholas
 Rocco Porrino
 Bill & Mary Rabon
 Lorraine Rajkowski
 Francine Richetti
 Eva Roque
 Susan Rothaug
 Mary Rosa
 Rosie
 Sue Rossie
 Patrick Ripp
 Patrick S.
 Marilyn Sint
 Sal Spezio
 Heather Spiegelieri
 Phyllis Tagg
 Lee Tanzillo
 Laurie Tiller
 Michael Tiller
 Emely Uckert
 Thomas Vogel
 Tommy & Kim Vogel
 Keith Walsh
 Samantha Wixom

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
 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
 PFC Thomas Hirschey, USMC

Vincent Dalessandro, E-3, US Navy
 A1C, Colleen M. Sweeney, USAF
 William F. Sweeney III, US Navy
 Vanessa JiJón
 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
 Brian Acerno, USN
 Anthony Pino, US Navy



We Welcome

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

Jake Robert Long
 Amaya Lynn Marshall
 Samuel Joseph McDermott
 Avery Joleen Jewell
 Maris Rose Raimo
 Brooke Elise Appel
 Joanna Louise D'Onofrio

We Celebrate

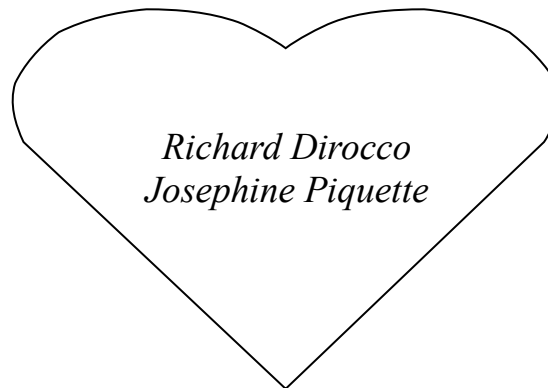
We ask the family of Good
 Shepherd to pray for the
 following couple who will receive the
 Sacrament of Marriage in
 November & December 2023



Nicholas Rakiec & Kelly Carey
 Adam Ciabattari & Celeste DeRosa
 Richard Kohler & Denise Lombardi
 George Greve & Deirdre Maynard
 Nicholas Alfino & Annemarie Staluppi
 Daniel Perkins & Ann Benoit
 Joseph Kara & Alexandra Bergen

We Remember

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



Richard Dirocco
 Josephine Piquette

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