

YOU ARE MY HOPE,
MY TRUST, O LORD.

- PSALM 71:5

Hope



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Good Shepherd R.C. Church

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Saturday, November 26, 2022

5:00 PM Christine Jacobs

Sunday, November 27, 2022

8:30 AM Penelope E. Tomski

10:30 AM James Holian

12:00 Noon Barbara Songile

Daily Mass Nov. 28 - Dec. 2 @ 8:30 AM

Monday Cindy Savage

Tuesday Thomas Quinlan

Wednesday Lindy-Michael Brien

Thursday Agnes Marie Webber

Friday Bridget & Edward Dowling

Saturday, December 3, 2022

5:00 PM James DiCarlo, Sr.

Sunday, December 4, 2022

8:30 AM Sandra Smith Fredricks

10:30 AM Anna Giuseppa DiPiazza

12:00 Noon People of the Parish

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION



Please join **His Holiness, Pope Francis**, who has chosen the following intention to be prayed for during the month of **November**.

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Danielle Valente & Harrison Wright
Were united in the Sacrament of Matrimony
on November 11, 2022
*May the Lord Bless them with many years of a
faith-filled and happy life together.*

Good Shepherd joyfully welcomes our Newly Baptized:

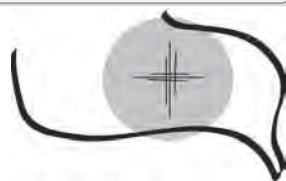
✠ **Tahlia Faye Reardon** ✠

Daughter of Sadye & Patrick Reardon
Rejoice, for now you are truly a child of God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The words of Isaiah urge all people to forsake war and to live in peace forever. The tone reaches a climax in the words, "One nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again."



Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Paul invites us to put away all the things of darkness and sin and to prepare for the coming of Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

A comparison is made between the destruction caused by the flood in Noah's time and the need to be prepared for the second coming of Christ. "You must be prepared in the same way. The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."



**Scripture Reflection
+ Pause + Reflect + Act +**

1. Both the first and second reading contain light imagery. When in your life do you need God's illuminating light?
2. The psalm calls us to joy in liturgy and in God's presence. Is anything keeping you from this joy?
3. How do you feel reading the gospel's description of Jesus's coming? How could you invite God into any anxiety you may be feeling?

COLLECTION BREAKDOWN

Due to early bulletin deadlines for the holiday, we are unable to report the collection information as usual. Our continued thanks to all of our parishioners who respond each week to the needs of our parish.

May God Bless you for your generosity!

PRIEST'S MASS SCHEDULE

NOV/DEC	5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 Noon
11/26-11/27	Fr. Emerson	Fr. Emerson	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim
12/3 - 12/4	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Emerson	Fr. Emerson
12/10-12/11	Fr. Emerson	Fr. Emerson	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim
12/17-12/18	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Emerson	Fr. Ed

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Peace and Tranquility

God our Father and giver of peace, you turn the forces of death into healing, as you fulfill your promises throughout time.

Encourage us to be alert for your presence and to hope when we are discouraged.

Turn our swords, our Wrongdoing, into instruments of peace so that one day we will rejoice as we walk to the house of the Lord. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



November 27, 2022 A PILGRIMAGE TOWARDS GOD

Advent begins with a vivid reminder to be ready at all times to meet God. "Therefore, stay awake," Jesus tells the disciples in

Matthew's Gospel account. Each day we must listen carefully to the message of Scripture. Our destination is the heavenly mountaintop, and our hope is for peace and justice for all.

As the Advent wreath is blessed and lighted on this Sunday that begins the liturgical year, keep within you the image of the burning flame. Allow the candle to reflect God's presence within each pilgrim that you encounter on your Advent journey.

December Food Pantry Needs Drop-off Sunday, December 4th @ GS

WE ARE VERY LOW ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

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| • Pasta sauce | • Canned fruit |
| • Peanut butter & jelly | • Macaroni & cheese |
| • Coffee, tea | • Instant potatoes |
| • Pancake mix & syrup | • Cookies/Snacks |
| • Cereal | • Dishwashing liquid |
| • Oatmeal | • Laundry detergent |



Our Forever Young Senior Group

has been newly formed!

We will hold events with both a spiritual & social emphasis, such as retreats, workshops, bus trips and more.

Look for a survey soon to tell us what you'd like to do.

The survey will be available after all Masses on December 3 - 4 & 10 - 11. Thank you.



On Thanksgiving Eve, we celebrated Mass and thanked God for his abundant blessings.

Thank You

Parishioners also participated in our tradition of **the Blessing of the Bread and Apples**. At the end of the mass, the food was blessed as a prayer of blessing for our families.

Thank you to everyone who gave Thanksgiving food donations. Our deepest, heartfelt thanks go out to:



**Ronetto Supermarkets,
Shop Rite, Byram
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Café Pierrot, Andover**

Your donations are greatly appreciated!



The CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE IS NOW SET-UP in the atrium.

Kindly select a tag from the tree to fulfill a Christmas wish of a child, an orphaned teenager, a homebound parishioner or a neighbor in need.

Please return All WRAPPED GIFTS and GIFT CARDS, with tag attached by 1:00 pm, Sunday, December 11th.

2023 WINTER WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE GROUP The Gospel According to John Part Two, Chapters 11-21

- Five sessions beginning January 2023: 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25, 2/1
- Choice of Morning (10 am - 11:30 am) or Evening (7 pm - 8:30 pm)
- Cost: \$11 for each handbook
- Register by Sunday, Jan. 1st on our website: <https://www.goodshepherdrc.org/wednesday-scripture-study>



If you have questions, please contact:

Deacon Keith Harris: 609-638-7461 / deaconk@ptd.net



"Ten Essential Touchstones for Finding Hope & Healing Your Heart"

*Our new Bereavement Group meets weekly on Wednesdays through 4/5/23
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Chapel*

- ◇ Our grief journal will help to embrace your grief, actively mourn, and move toward healing.
- ◇ Please call the parish office to sign-up, (973) 786-6631. Open to anyone who has a lost a loved one.

ASK A FRANCISCAN...

In the Apostles' Creed, we pray that Jesus Christ "rose again from the dead" and then ascended into heaven. The word again suggests "a second time." When was the first time?

Because the Church has believed that no one is saved apart from the death and resurrection of Jesus, believers have long thought that between Jesus' burial and his appearance in his risen body to Mary Magdalene and the apostles, he "descended into hell," as the same creed states. In fact, "the underworld" is a better translation because it avoids confusion with hell as a state of permanent separation from God.

In light of this belief, Jesus' first resurrection would be without a glorified body, which nevertheless is pictured in some artwork. Before his resurrection from the tomb, Jesus led into heaven all the just women and men who had died before he did. When he rose with his glorified body, he was thus rising again to enable those who knew him on earth to affirm that death had not conquered him as it temporarily conquers all of us.

I realize it may seem that I am splitting hairs, but I think that is what the use of the word again in the Apostles' Creed means.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK December 3rd & 4th after all Masses



WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO ANNOUNCE...

Christmas Photo Shoot with Santa & Mrs. Clause For Family & Pets



- Saturday, December 3rd
- 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm
- Saint Joseph Community Center, 22 Halsted St., Newton
- Take your own family/pet pictures with Santa!
- Admission: \$10.00 per family to create memories.
- Santa will have a small gift for each child. Photos may also be purchased for \$3.00 each.



Don't miss this unique opportunity to be creative while helping to support the Don Bosco Columbiettes.

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SPRING 2023: January 5 - May 3

- Mystery of God, Mary in the Scriptures, Sacred Scripture II, Philosophy of the Human Person
- 3 credits each
- For registration, call or email by December 17, 2022: (973) 957-0188, x-100/acsdean@acs350.org

FIRST THURSDAY of December at Sacred Heart Center



Come join us for our monthly **First Thursday Retreat** at Sacred Heart Center on December 1st. It's a great way to focus on the meaning of the **Advent Season** we will have just begun on November 27th.


- December Theme: Present Among Us, 9 am - 1 pm

There is no need to pre-register. Instead of a set fee, we will have a "free will offering" box available for donations to cover our expenses. Thank you for whatever you can contribute. For info, call 973-383-2620.

Ministry Schedule

Please remember to sign in.

Date	Time	Lectors	Altar Servers	Eucharistic Ministers
Saturday 12/3	5:00 PM	Pat Reardon	Caitlyn Neill Dylan Sierchio	Oran Harris Janine Neill
Sunday 12/4	8:30 AM	Faith Formation Lectors	Connor Kovach	Marie Margiotti Andy Grinthal Bogdan Bienko
	10:30 AM	Faith Formation Lectors	Autumn Ortiz Addyson Ortiz	Jody Ursin Salvatore LoIacono
	12 NOON	Barbara Andreski	Aden Nguyen	Eunice Howley Carol Miller

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div> <div>DECEMBER</div> <div>  </div> </div>						
4 2 nd Sunday of Advent <i>Anointing of the Sick > all Masses</i> Grp B FF class CLOW 10:30 AM Mass	5 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM Forever Young Meeting 1:00 PM Reconciliation 7pm-8:30 pm	6 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM Scripture Readings w/Fr. Tim 9:10 AM – 10:10 AM	7 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM VIGIL MASS: 7:00 PM	8 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM <i>Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary</i> Prayer Shawl 12:30 pm Children's Choir 6:15 PM – 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM – 9 PM	9 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM	10 10:00 AM BAPTISM CLASS <i>Blessing of Expectant Parents > all Masses</i> 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM Reconciliation
11 3 rd Sunday of Advent <i>Giving Tree Gifts Due</i> Grp A FF class <i>Blessing of Expectant Parents > all Masses</i> CLOW 10:30 AM Mass CONFIRMATION CLASS 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM	12 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM Reconciliation 7pm-8:30 pm	13 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM Scripture Readings w/Fr. Tim 9:10 AM – 10:10 AM Staff Meeting 11 AM	14 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM	15 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM Children's Choir 6:15 PM – 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM – 9 PM	16 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM	17 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM Reconciliation
18 4 th Sunday of Advent Grp B FF class CLOW 10:30 AM Mass	19 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM Reconciliation 7pm-8:30 pm	20 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM	21 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM	22 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM Children's Choir 6:15 PM – 7:15 PM Adult Choir 7:30 PM – 9 PM	23 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM	24 CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES: 4 PM, 6 PM, 10 PM (Children's Choir starts singing at 3:45 PM for 4 PM Mass)
25 NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: 10:30 AM, 12 Noon	26 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	27 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM	28 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM	29 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM	30 DAILY MASS 8:30 AM The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	31 4:00 PM – 4:45 PM Reconciliation

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