

Welcome to
**Good
Shepherd
Parish**

Hopelawn,
New Jersey 08861

MISSION STATEMENT

We are called by Jesus as a community of faith to love God and love one another by our acts of worship, fellowship and stewardship.



March 15, 2020 • The Third Sunday of Lent

Rev. Krystian Burdzy
Deacon Sam Costantino
Deacon Albert Coppola
Maria C. Arcelay
Wayne Behr

Administrator

R.C.I.A.
Parish Secretary/PCL/Cemetery Coordinator
Director of Liturgical Music

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:30PM
Sunday Masses:	8:30AM & 11:00AM
Daily Mass	Monday at 7:00PM (<i>Holidays at 9am, or otherwise stated</i>) Tuesday-Friday at 8:00AM
Holy Days	as announced
Confessions:	Saturday afternoon 3:30 - 4:00PM
Novenas:	Miraculous Medal and St. Jude Novena following Monday 7:00PM Mass St. Anthony Novena Wednesday morning following 8:00AM Mass

THE PARISH CENTER

Parish and Cemetery Offices
625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn, New Jersey
Phone: 732-826-4859 • Fax: 732-826-6078
Website: www.goodshepherdpanj.org
E-mail: Goodshepherd20@verizon.net
Office Open Monday-Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Evenings by Appointment Only
Closed Weekends and Federal Holidays

PERTH AMBOY CATHOLIC

PRIMARY-UPPER LEVELS

Sr. Beverly Policastro S.C., Principal
St. Stephen School Building (732) 826-1598

BLESSED SACRAMENT (CHAPEL)

Located in the Parish Center
Open for Private Prayer during office hours



Parish Information

We welcome you to the Good Shepherd Parish Community!

Please register at the Parish Office as soon as you are able to do so, and the staff will be happy to inform you about our parish and the opportunities we offer. Parish registration is required for religious education, celebration of all Sacraments and certification as a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation. Regular Sunday worship with us indicates a practicing Catholic, not just parish registration. Attendance is necessary at weekend worship for the all sacraments and certification of sponsorship. Please notify the parish office of any changes in phone numbers, addresses, e-mail addresses or when leaving the parish.

We have hospitality Sunday, the first Sunday of the month. Please come and meet our Priest and fellow parishioners.

Baptism: All Baptisms are celebrated on the first Sunday of the month at **12noon**. The preparation process should begin at least three months before the planned date of the Baptism. A Baptism Preparation Class is required for parents (godparents may attend if they wish). This class is offered on the fourth Sunday of each month at **9:45 AM**. Please call the parish office to register. The date of the baptism is scheduled after attending the class. Parish membership and active worship is required for two months prior to preparation.

Religious Education: Provides faith filled instructions for Levels 1st through 8th. We have classes on two Saturdays a month from 8:45am to 11am. Special instructions are given for sacramental preparations.

Initiation of Adults and Older Children: This is an extended formation process for unbaptized or uncatechized adults or baptized Christians of other faith traditions who wish to become members of the Catholic Church, as well as for unbaptized or uncatechized school-aged children. Please contact the parish office for more information. Initiation is celebrated at the Easter Vigil after a formation period of one or two years.

Adult Confirmation: This is a program for persons over the age of 18 who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Eucharist, but who never completed their initiation with the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program is a 10-12 week program, with Confirmation being celebrated on the Solemnity of Pentecost. Please call the parish office for more details.

Matrimony: Couples wishing to marry in Good Shepherd Parish must be registered members of our parish. They are required to make initial arrangements at least one year in advance. Four sessions with the priest or deacon, as well as Pre-Cana or Engaged Encounter take place during this year. Active worship for at least two months are required before a date may be scheduled.

Anointing of the Sick: Anyone who is seriously ill or unable to come to church for a length of time should contact the parish office to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick. Eucharistic Ministers bring Holy Communion to homebound parishioners every Sunday, and our priest will visit on the First Friday of each month. Please call the parish office to make arrangements. The Diocese of Metuchen provides Catholic priests to serve at all local hospitals.

Holy Orders: If you are interested in learning more about the priesthood or religious life, contact the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Metuchen at 732-562-1990, ext. 1700 or by email at vocations@diometuchen.org or visit www.diometuchen.org/vocations.

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

FINANCIAL CORNER

Collection Report 2/23/2020

Offertory	\$6,129.00
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Collection Report 3/01/2020

Offertory	\$6,323.00
Ash Wednesday	\$1,456.00

Collection Report 3/08/2020

Offertory	\$5,754.00
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MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE JANUARY 2020

Collection Income	\$ 23,545.00
Other Income	\$ 12,620.00
Total Income	\$ 36,165.00
Expenses	\$ 45,660.00
Month's Income/(Deficit)	\$ (9,495.00)
Year-to-Date (July '19 –January '20)	
Income/(Deficit)	\$ (23,549.00)
Outstanding Diocesan Debt	\$ 106,067.00

Join us for Hospitality Sunday

Join us on **Sunday, April 5th**
(and every first Sunday of the month)
for hospitality, faith fellowship, light refreshments and an opportunity to socialize with your parish family.



Volunteers are needed every month to help out at future dates (organize, set up & clean up). Please call the Parish Office and sign up 732-826-4859.

ORGANIZATIONS

NAME	DAY	TIME
Holy Name Society	2nd Thursday	7:00PM
Ladies Guild	2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM
Rosary Altar Society	2nd Sunday	9:30 AM
Tuesday Seniors	2nd & 4th Tues.	12:30 PM
Wednesday Seniors	1st & 3rd Wed.	12:30 PM

If you are interested in any of our above organizations/ministries, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

MINISTRIES

NAME	CONTACT	PHONE
Chairperson-Finance Council	Marty Joyce	732-826-4859
Music Ministry	Parish Office	732-826-4859
Religious Education	Maria C. Arcelay	732-826-4859



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 4, 2020

Diocese of Metuchen takes precautions to prevent spread of COVID-19

PISCATAWAY – Amid growing national concern over the spread of the coronavirus, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Metuchen has enacted measures in parishes across its four counties as a precaution.

The Most Rev. James F. Checchio, Bishop of Metuchen, has issued the following directives on liturgical practices to be observed in all parishes, institutions and organizations within the Diocese of Metuchen, effective immediately until otherwise notified:

As is practiced in so many of our parishes already, priests, deacons, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are urged to practice good hygiene, washing their hands and using anti-bacterial hand sanitizer before and after distributing Holy Communion.

Any individual who is sick or has flu-like symptoms should not attend Mass or other Church gatherings. Mass is broadcast on several television channels and also livestreamed on the Cathedral's website: stfranciscathedral.org, so the sick can make a "spiritual communion" until they return to good health.

The sign of peace should be exchanged without physical contact.

Distribution of the Precious Blood of Christ from the chalice is to be suspended. Furthermore, no member of the faithful is obliged to receive the Body of Christ on the tongue; worthy, reverent reception by hand is preferred until otherwise notified.

"Any time there is a serious outbreak that poses a risk to public health, pastors in the Diocese of Metuchen are asked to monitor the progression of the outbreak and take any and all necessary precautions in their own parishes to prevent the spread of infection," said Anthony P. Kearns III, Esq., spokesperson and chancellor for the Diocese of Metuchen. "As Catholics, we believe that the true body and blood of our Lord, together with his soul and divinity, exist under the forms of bread and/or wine," said Kearns.

The general message from the Centers for Disease Control and the National Institutes of Health is that all should be prepared, but not panicked. The diocese will continue to monitor advisories from Catholic and other organizations regarding precautions on the coronavirus and share any appropriate information with the faithful and the parishes.

"As communities across the globe respond to the Coronavirus, we stand in solidarity with them and pray for all those affected by the Coronavirus and those health workers diligently working to combat the disease," said Kearns.

On February 18, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops; Catholic Relief Services, and the Catholic Health Association of the United States issued a joint statement in response to the outbreak of the coronavirus:

As communities and public health officials respond to the outbreak of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in China and closely monitor its presence and progression in other parts of the world, we join in solidarity and prayer for those impacted or working to treat those infected by the disease. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Relief Services, and the Catholic Health Association of the United States hope that governments will work together in partnership to improve all nations' capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to this virus.

The Catholic Church in the United States stands in solidarity with those affected by the coronavirus and their families, health workers who are valiantly trying to diagnose and treat patients, and those under quarantine awaiting results of their screening for the virus. We offer our prayers for healing and support those organizations, both domestic and international, working to provide medical supplies and assistance to address this serious risk to public health.

In early February, the Holy See sent 700,000 respiratory masks to China to help prevent the spread of the disease. Within the United States, Catholic healthcare providers are at the front line of providing treatment and care to those impacted by the virus.

We also commend the U.S. government for transporting more than 17 tons of donated medical supplies to China. This response to the novel coronavirus demonstrates the critical importance of the need to work together and to invest in crucial health care systems here and in other countries, thus preventing and responding to community-wide emergencies. We urge the U.S. Congress to support these efforts by protecting access to domestic health care safety net programs and by providing additional emergency international assistance to areas impacted by the virus.

We also urge individuals to stay informed as information becomes available by going to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov/COVID19.

For the month of March pray for our brave soldiers & their families, those in nursing homes, and the sick and homebound of our Parish family, especially:

Carlos Bendrell, Marie Burke, Andrea Costantino, Noah Dahlberg, Carolyn Duane, Pat Dunn, Chuck F., Victor & Melissa Ferrer, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Joseph Frisbe, Mike Gaffney, Carol George, Johnny Gondek, Richard Hajzer, Mary Harper, Nancy Hunt, Tommy Jones, Bill Karvalis, Arleen Kopin, Judy Liik, Rose Langan, Brianna Ortega, Megan Ortega, Carol Magyar, JoAnn Magyar, Fr. John Morley, Raymond Magyar, Ellen Malopolski, Maryanne Mateuszczyk, Connie & Vince Montuoro, Lynn Munoz, Mary Murray, Teresa P., Catherine Paone, Christopher Paone, Danny Parker, Dianne Petro-Duncan, Julia Possert, Caroline Pry, Stephen Pry, Ann Rapetti, Greg Rohrbacher, Fred Rose, Paul Sheena, Jack Stacey, Tamya Stacy, Maryann Suhay, Telofski Family, Dave & Louise Utter, Elsie Vega, Maryann Whalen & Bernard Yaros

With respect to personal privacy only requests made by immediate family members will be taken. If you would like to add or continue to keep a name on our list: call the parish office at 732-826-4859 or email goodshepherd20@verizon.net.

Please keep in mind that we pray for all the sick every day in the general intercessions of the Mass.

MINISTER SCHEDULE

LECTOR

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

4:30PM Makaylab Grandal

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

8:30AM Sian Brossard

11:00AM Maria C. Arcelay

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

4:30PM F. Cana, Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola,
G. Conrady & M. Nunez

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

8:30AM D. Cherubini, C. Duane, Rudy &
Mildred Morales,

11:00AM M. Amaya, Shawn & Carolina Chichester,
L. Santamaria

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

4:30PM Giannalise & Giselle Rodriguez, Nicole
& Danielle Zur

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

8:30AM L. Duane, Sean & Sharon Machado, M. Yactayo
11:00AM Marcela & Jason Donnelly, J. Jurado
& I. Taveras



At one time, a priest's blessing of one's house around Christmas was very common. Fr. Krystian will be making house calls upon request to bless your home for 2020. Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for a visit.

FRAUDULANT ACTIVITY

Dear Parishioners,

If you receive an email, text or other form of contact on Fr. Krystian's behalf, please that this is **"Fraud"**. Father would never reach out to you this way. He'd speak with you in person or on the Pulpit. If you were contacted by someone this way, please do not respond. Instead, report this to the Parish Office. Thank you !!!

EASTER

Decoration Committee

Saturday, April 12th, at 10am

Help is needed to decorate our church
with Easter flowers

If you're interest in helping please come or
call the Parish Office for more information

732-826-4859



Ministers of Hospitality (*Ushers*)

Please contact the Parish Office at your earliest convenience. We will be placing our order for blazers within the next week to ensure Easter Delivery.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 16 : Lenten Weekday

7:00PM Francesco Maviglia

Req wife Teresa, son Santo & daughter Anna

TUESDAY, March 17 : Lenten Weekday

8:00AM Honorio Licad

Req Joseph & Judy Felix

WEDNESDAY, March 18 : Lenten Weekday

8:00AM Major & Mary Spear

Req daughter Gloria

THURSDAY, March 19 :

St. Joseph spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM Elana Figaro

Req John Capuano

FRIDAY, March 20 : Lenten Weekday

8:00AM Julia Franko

Req Gerry & Cas Piegdon

SATURDAY, March 21 :

The Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:30PM Anna & Ralph Rotella

Req grandchildren MaryAnne, Carmen Jr. & AnnaMarie

SUNDAY, March 22 :

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30AM Rose Puleio & Richard Zaleski

Req Rick Zaleski

11:00AM Good Shepherd Parishioners Living & Deceased

For the Week of March 14-20th



SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of

Louis Panigrosso (*Chapel*)

Req Maria Gianfrancesco

Nancy & Ben Bonarrigo (*Church*)

Req Lynn & Ange Bonarrigo



BREAD & WINE

In Memory of

Major & Mary Spear

Req daughter Gloria

PRAY FOR HER

Please pray that our deceased loved one

Marie Greffer

may know the joy and peace of eternal life.

Pray that her families may be comforted.

"Please respect the Sacred Silence"

Low Gluten Communion Wafers

For those who require special dietary restrictions, we have Church approved low gluten hosts available. If you need to receive one of these hosts at Communion, please inform the priest or deacon at least five minutes before Mass begins. These hosts will be put in a special pyx apart from the other hosts on the Altar to eliminate any cross contamination.

CONFESSIONS LENTEN SCHEDULE

Every Wednesday, 7:30-8am

EVERY Saturday

Confession will be heard from 3:30pm to 4pm

(There are **NO** Confessions on April 11th, Holy Saturday.)

LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS-2020

So that the Diocese of Metuchen may be spiritually one in a common observance of Lent, the following days of fast and abstinence are to be observed by all Catholics of the Diocese who enjoy the blessings of good health:

1. The days of **fast and abstinence** are **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**.
2. All other Fridays of Lent are **days of abstinence**.
3. From the **Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper** on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the **Easter Vigil** on the evening of **Holy Saturday**, the **Easter fast** should be observed so that, with uplifted and welcoming hearts, we may be ready to celebrate the joys of the Resurrection. This ancient tradition, intimately connected with the *Rites of Holy Week* and the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*, is encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to **fast** applies only to Catholics **between the ages of 18 and 59**. To fast in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger.

The obligation of **abstinence** affects all Catholics who have **reached the age of 14**. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat and all meat products.

The obligation of fast and abstinence, as a whole, is a serious obligation. While failure to observe any penitential day in itself may **not be considered serious**, the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a **substantial number** of them **without good cause**, would be considered a **grave matter**. Those unable to abstain for a valid reason on any given Friday of Lent are asked to perform **some other penitential act**, or to **abstain on another day**.

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

By now you have received your letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2020 Bishop's Annual appeal. The Diocese ministries supported by the Appeal can directly impact any parishioner here at the Good Shepherd parish. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. Among other important ministries, your sacrificial gift supports our renewed efforts in Evangelization & Communication.

If you have yet to make your pledge to this year's Bishop Annual Appeal, you will have the opportunity to do next week, March 21/22, which has been designed as **Bishop's Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekend**. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal to help our parish reach its goal. If we can exceed our goal, 50% of the amount collected over goal will be returned to us in the form of a parish rebate. Just as important as our financial goal is our goal of reaching **100% Participation**. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated.

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$7,350.00 and payments totaling \$6,308.75 from 54 parishioners. This represents 30.6% of our \$ 24,000.00 goal.

Thank you for your efforts!!!



When Fr. Jakub was visiting us from the Ukraine in October, 2019, he gifted us with a first class relic of St. John Paul II. Catherine and Tony Paone purchased a holder for the relic, called a reliquary, which Fr. Kristian intends to display in our Church once our roof is repaired and there is no chance for any damage to the relic.

The beautiful reliquary is presently in the Chapel in the Parish Office for anyone to come during office hours to view and venerate it. We remember St. John Paul II as a saint who lived in our times, and we trust in his intercessions for us.

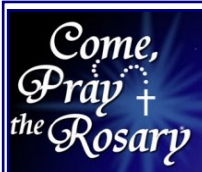


**Every Friday,
beginning
February 28th,
at 6:00pm**

All Soup Dinners are prepared & provided by the generosity of our Parishioners.

*Donations are happily accepted and will be offered to the
CRS Rice Bowl Campaign.*

Come pray with us.



Our Good Shepherd ROSARY PROGRAM

*In the three week period ending March 8th,
we said 326, totaling 6,550 Rosaries.*

Keep going!!!

Drop the tally sheet in the collection basket the weekend of March 22, 2020. No names are necessary. Every Rosary recorded will be counted and published in the next week's bulletin. Hopefully, our program will grow as everyone will be encouraged and reminded to pray the Rosary.

There's no better way to say "YES" to the Blessed Mother.

For more information visit parishprojects.com



Rice Bowl Campaign

We are called to join our faith community and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's

CRS Rice Bowl from the back of the Church on weekend of Sunday March 1st. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family. *Thank you for your generosity through CRS Rice Bowl this year!*



Fish and Chips Dinner

at **Trinity Episcopal Church**
650 Rahway Ave at Trinity Lane,
Woodbridge, NJ 07095
Sunday March 29, 2020
4pm to 6pm (Catered by Thistle)

Adults \$16 Child under 8 \$8

Chicken available - pre order by March 26

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE Call for tickets 732-634-7422



Feeding the Homeless Monday, March 16th

The Confirmation Candidates deliver and serve food to the homeless. We could use **your** help by: volunteering, or with a monetary donation, or even a simple meal. Please call Mildred at (732)910-1277.
Thank you in advance.

ORGANIZATIONS

*Everyone is invited! New members are welcome!
All meetings are held in Msgr. Gambino Hall*

Tuesday Seniors: Tuesday, March 24th at 12:30pm.
Meetings are held twice a month.

Wednesday Seniors: Wednesday, March 18th, at 12:30pm. Meetings are held twice a month.

TRIPS

Please join us!!

All bus trips begin in our parking lot behind Most Holy Rosary Church.



"Sherlock Holmes Mystery" - Hunterton Hills playhouse,
Bus Leaves 10am, on Wednesday, April 29th
Cost \$100.00, includes, Bus, Lunch & Entertainment. Deposit of \$50.00 required. Please call Connie 732-442-4978 or Ronnie 732-442-5252.

"Golden Nugget Casino" - Atlantic City, NJ
Bus Leaves 10am, on Wednesday, May 13th
Cost \$33.00, receive \$25.00 in play, \$5.00 in food. Please call Connie 732-442-4978 or Ronnie 732-442-5252.

"River Lady Lunch Cruise" - Barnegat Bay Sight
Bus Leaves 9am, on Thursday, July 30th
Cost \$75.00, Cruise along Barnegat Bay—includes sit down lunch with cash bar. Please call Janet Tonic 732-225-5552 or Judy Wiuff 732-738-4394.

"Queen Esther" - Sight & Sound theater, PA
Bus Leaves 8:30am, on Thursday, August 26th
Cost \$130.00, Deposit of \$50 required. Includes Show, Lunch at Shady Maple. Please call Janet Tonic 732-225-5552 or Judy Wiuff 732-738-4394.

"Octoberfest" - LiGreci's Staaten, Staten Island, NY
Bus Leaves 10am, on Monday, October 5th
Cost \$90.00, Deposit of \$50 required. Includes Show, Bus, Luncheon. Please call Connie 732-442-4978 or Ronnie 732-442-5252.

"Germanfest" - Silver Birches, PA
Bus Leaves 8am, on Tuesday, October 13th
Cost \$90.00, Deposit of \$50 required. Includes Bus, entertainment, family style lunch (open bar). Please call Janet Tonic 732-225-5552 or Judy Wiuff 732-738-4394.



11 Day Classic Austria & Germany September 22-October 2, 2020 Visiting Heidelberg, Rhine Valley, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Vienna, Munich & Rothenburg

If you have an interest in joining us on this trip we recommend that you contact us ASAP! Our Travel company has advised us that tickets to the Passion Play are limited and selling at a very fast rate.

*Hosted by the Good Shepherd Parish Travel Club,
with Fr. Michael Krull,
featuring the "Passion Play of Oberammergau".*

\$3979 PER PERSON FROM NEWARK

For a brochure, Please contact:

Phyllis Edwards 732-442-0843 / pwedwards64@aol.com
Marie Acciani 732-442-442-6916 / mgacciani@gmail.com



**It's that time
of year again!**

There will be a pre-planning meeting on **Thursday, March 26, 2020** at 7pm for this years Festa. If you'd like to help volunteer this year, please join us!

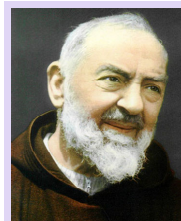


2020 Easter Basket Collection February 29th to March 29th

The Ladies Guild is the proud sponsor of the 2020 Easter Basket collection for the benefit of children at Catholic Charities. We are asking our parish community to help ensure that these children have a blessed Easter.

Tags for boys and girls, ages 3-5, will be available at the rear of the church beginning Saturday, February 29th and **must be returned by noon on Sunday, March 29th**. Buy or make a basket of goodies. Wrap it, put the tag on the wrapped basket so that the name is visible and return it to the tables in the rear of the church. Please note that if you take a tag, you are responsible for supplying a basket for that child. We do not want to disappoint any of the children.

If you have any questions, please call Chris Grege at 732-266-4670. We thank you for the continual generosity you show to those who are less fortunate.



St. Padre Pio Prayer Group of St. Ambrose Parish 83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge, NJ 732-679-5666

Come join us in prayer as we celebrate together a monthly Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio by celebrant Fr. Jack C. Grimes. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm followed by veneration of first class relic of St. Padre Pio.

Mass dates 2020 are as follows:
March 30, April 27, May 18 & June 29



St. Joseph's Nursing Home in Woodbridge is in need of volunteers to make a difference in the lives of our senior residents. If you are able to offer your time and talents, please come and spend time with them. Just talking and being with the residents or doing simple crafts with them will brighten their days. We are especially seeking ladies young at heart from **Monday to Saturdays** around **9:30 a.m. until 3:45pm**. Please come even for a few hours whatever is convenient for you. If you can help us, please call the **Activity Department of St. Joseph's Nursing Home: (732) 750- 0077** You can make a difference!

God bless you and thank you!

RCIA - Adult Religious Education

If you are an adult over 18 years of age who has not received the Sacrament of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please contact our Parish Office for more information regarding next year's classes. Registration for 2019-20 is now closed.

Our 10th session will be held on Tuesday, March 17th at 7pm.
We hope to see you then!



INTERESTED IN
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please remember to pray for our elect/candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. *Catechumens* are **Edgar Puesan, Amanda & Gianna Taveras**. Our *Candidates* are **Jariel Baez, Ricardo Bravo, Krystal Suarez, Darielene & Deeani Surriel & Juan Valencia**. If you have not had an opportunity to select an elect or candidate to *spiritually sponsor* during Lent, please take one of their prayer cards which are located on our RCIA easel by the doorway of the Church. A small note, or card, indicating your support, will help make them feel welcomed into our community. Bring it to the Parish Office, or drop it in the collection basket, addressed to the name of the elect or candidate c/o RCIA.

For more information regarding registration for next fall, call the Parish Office at 732-826-4859.

Good Shepherd Parish 2020 Scholarship Application

Good Shepherd Parish Scholarships are awarded to young men and women of our parish who give of themselves to their school, community and the parish. To date, the parish has awarded 78 scholarships to students who are attending a Catholic high school or starting college. If you are a registered member of Good Shepherd Parish and attend weekly Mass on a regular basis, you may apply for a scholarship by picking up an application from the Parish Office located at 625 Florida Grove Road, between the hours of 9am-3pm Monday through Friday, or call the Parish Office (732-826-4859). You may also request an application to be mailed to your home or email the Parish Office at:

goodshepherd20@verizon.net

Completed applications must be returned to the Parish Office no later than **Friday, March 20th by noon**. Applications will not be accepted after that date. For more information or questions, please call the Parish Office at 732-826-4859.



In support of
**Perth Amboy
Catholic Schools (PACS)**
at Holy Trinity Church hall
35 Lawrie St,
March 14, 2020 7-11pm

\$20.00 per person with advance sale (\$25 at the door)

Doors open at 6pm) Includes 3 books for ten games & complimentary coffee & cake. Raffle baskets & 50/50 drawing will be held. All proceeds to support catholic education. For more information please call 732-826-1598 or 732-442-0512.



Holy Water Bottles

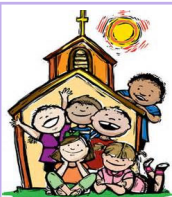
We currently have holy water bottles available for a small donation. Please contact the Parish Office 732-826-4859.



Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020
Time: 6pm-10pm
Location: Perth Amboy
Catholic School
500 State Street Perth Amboy,
NJ 08861

Kitchen will be open!

Tickets Advance Sale \$20.00, \$25 at the door
Tickets include complementary Coffee & Cake.
Raffle Baskets & 50/50 drawing will be held,
All proceeds support Perth Amboy Catholic School
For more information please contact
Mrs. Ange Marcinko at 732-442-9533.



Religious Education

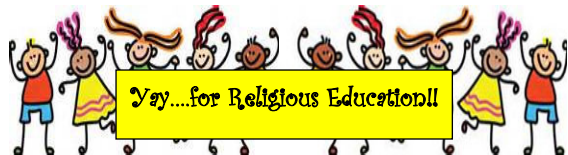
*For the first time ever!!! We will be offering
Religious Education to Kindergarteners
beginning the September 2020-21 school year.*

Please check back here for more information.

If your school aged child has not received any Sacraments and is between grade levels 1-9th, or your family is new to our Parish and you would like information on how to continue your child's Religious Education, please call the Parish Office 732-826-4859.

Children registered in our program are required to attend all special sessions (additional classes) in preparation of First Communion & Confirmation.

This includes all **8th level registered Catholic School students.**



CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2020-2021

TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment at

<https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) no later than **March 31, 2020**. Applications are available in English and Spanish. Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.