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.

June 28, 2020 • The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rev. Krystian Burdzy	Administrator
Deacon Sam Costantino	
Deacon Albert Coppola	R.C.I.A.
Maria C. Arcelay	Parish Secretary/PCL/Cemetery Coordinator
Wayne Behr	Director of Liturgical Music

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:30PM
Sunday Masses:	8:30AM & 11:00AM
Daily Mass	Monday at 7:00PM *(Holidays at 9am, or otherwise stated)* 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

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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—Offertory *(mail-in/drop off)*	
5/13/20 - 5/19/20	$4,394.00
5/20/20 - 5/26/20	$3,926.00
5/27/20 - 6/2/20	$3,903.00
6/3/20—6/9/20	$5,319.00
Ascension Thursday *(mail-in/drop off)*	
5/21/20	$1,056.00

MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE MAY 2020

Collection Income	$ 19,434.00
Other Income	$ 6,870.00
Total Income*	$ 26,304.00
Expenses	$ 29,134.00
Month's Income/(Deficit)	$ (2,830.00)
Year-to-Date (July '19 – May '20) Income/(Deficit)	$ (51,296.00)
Outstanding Diocesan Debt	$ 118,133.00

Church Donations

We sincerely thank our parishioners who mail or deliver their weekly envelopes to the Parish Office when they're unable to come to Mass. Even in these times of so many changes, suspensions and disruptions, our bills to run our Parish still need to be paid. If you are financially able, please continue to support our Church. You may mail your donations or put them in the locked mailbox, or door slot in the front of the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. Stay well and God bless!

MISSING YOUR CHURCH??

Catch us on facebook

Sunday Masses are posted by Sunday afternoon

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

My dear friends,
Each of the 12 months of the year has a Catholic devotional theme. It's a great way to bring special traditions, symbols, colors and even foods to enrich our faith life at home. During this time that so many of us are self-quarantined and face restrictions in public places, including our churches, the rich traditions and treasures of our faith provide special and reassuring blessings. *The "time" I'm referring to is June, the beautiful month of the Sacred Heart*. For many centuries devotion to the Heart of Jesus was tied to the Five Wounds of Christ. While devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus dates back to the first centuries of Christianity, it was never a popular devotion until the 17th century and the private revelations given to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. Up until then, with the exceptions of St. Mechtilde (d. 1298) and St. Gertrude (d. 1302), Christians had a stronger devotion to the "Five Wounds of Christ." This was primarily due to a renewed interest in the Passion of Jesus with the return of many crusaders from the Holy Land. Medieval Christians recognized the depths of Jesus' love through the various wounds he suffered, which included the "chest" or "side" wound that pierced his heart.

Interestingly enough, according to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, "The earliest evidence of a feast in honor of the Wounds of Christ comes from the monastery of Fritzlar, Thuringia, where in the fourteenth century a feast was kept on the Friday after the octave of Corpus Christi ... In the fifteenth century it had spread to different countries, to Salisbury (England), Huesca and Jaca (Spain), Vienna, and Tours, and was included in the Breviaries of the Carmelites, Franciscans, Dominicans, and other orders."

This feast was not universal, but a few centuries later Jesus revealed to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that he wanted a feast dedicated to his Sacred Heart on the same day as this feast. Before the revelations of St. Margaret Mary, the Sacred Heart was usually depicted in a symbolic manner, along with the other wounds of Jesus Christ. For example, this image from England dates to the years 1490-1500 and represents one of the earliest depictions of the Sacred Heart. The five wounds are clearly visible, with a simple heart in the center and blood flowing out of it into a chalice. This again makes an obvious connection between the Passion, the Sacred Heart and the gift of the Eucharist.

Later on, the Sacred Heart would be depicted in the hands of Jesus, who is offering his heart to the world. This wouldn't occur until the 17th and 18th century and would become one of *the most popular images of Jesus in the world*. Nevertheless, it is important to remember the connection of the Sacred Heart to the wounds of Christ in his Passion, reminding us that the suffering of Jesus was the most sublime expression of his love for humanity. Let's keep this beautiful devotion alive in our homes during this month of June.

With prayers,
Fr. Krystian

For the month of June pray for those affected by Covid-19, and all hospital and nursing home personnel who are working so bravely and tirelessly , their families, our 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, July 4th

4:30PM Linda Cruz

Sunday, July 5th

8:30AM Mary Silverio
11:00AM Rebecca Farley

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, July 4th

4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino, A. Cyrana & M. Nunez

Sunday, July 5th

8:30AM D. Cherubini, Deacon Mickey Coppola & C. Duane
11:00AM Jose & Claudia De Jesus, L. Santamaria

Currently Altar servers are excused from service. Please check back here for updates or add yourself to our email list for updates.

Updates Due to the Coronavirus

Currently, our daily Masses are open to a limited number of parishioners (10 or less). Starting June 13th, they will be opened, allowing only a limited number of parishioners. Safety precautions will be posted in advance and strictly enforced. (*Please see page 6 of our bulletin for guidelines when attending Mass*.)

For the Week of June 27-July 4th

SANCTUARY CANDLE
In Memory of
Sabino Louis Panigrosso
Req Panigrosso family

BREAD & WINE
In Memory of
Fred Briegs
Req Wayne Behr, Choir, Musicians of the Good Shepherd Parish

BLESSED MOTHER FLOWER
In Memory of
Barbara Savoia
Req Maryanne (Collura) & Robert Mateuszczyk

ALTAR FLOWERS
In Memory of
Joseph Hrabinski & Loretta Pisapia
Req Hrabinski family

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Currently, the Parish Office and Food Pantry are still closed. If you would like to speak with someone, you may call 732-826-4859 between 9am and 12pm, Monday through Friday. After that, you may leave a message on voicemail and we will return your call the next day. As always, if it is an emergency or you are in need of spiritual guidance please call 732-826-2771.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 29 :
Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

7:00PM Elizabeth Maruca & Maria Verre
Req sister Yolanda Colacino

TUESDAY, June 30 : Weekday

8:00AM Living & Deceased Good Shepherd Parishioners

WEDNESDAY, July 1 : Weekday

8:00AM Happy Birthday Blessing for Deacon Mickey Coppola

THURSDAY, July 2 : Weekday

8:00AM Larry White
Req Rose Jennetty & Pauline Biondo

FRIDAY, July 3 :
St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00AM Perpetual Mass Association

SATURDAY, July 4 :
The Vigil of The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Liberato Gianfrancesco
Req wife Antoinette & Children
4:30PM Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Mik
Req daughter Carol

SUNDAY, July 5 :
The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Francisco & Frank Morales
Req Mildred & Rudy Morales
11:00AM Ann Waters
Req Groshen family

Purgatorial Mass Society

July 2020

Albert Cooper
Req Mary Lou & Stan Smith

Elvira Rizzi
Req Antonietta Gianfrancesco

Connie Montuoro
Req Niece Stella Paone

Pat Dunn
Req Stella Paone

Enrolled Society members will be listed in the Bulletin once a month. At every First Friday Morning Mass at Most Holy Rosary the names

This is access for live streaming from St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen. Daily Masses are celebrated at 7 am every day including weekends!!!

https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/IuaKrS6msEIxmRnPf1w2fxD0Ii3pMrxN/stream/55?fullscreen=false&showtabssearch=true&autostart=false

also available on: https://www.ewtn.com

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Please join us by praying for our elect/candidates as they have continued to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation. Let them know they have not been forgotten. Since the closing of the church and Masses their Sacrament of Initiation has been placed on hold. With your help and a rescheduled date for Initiation we will welcome our **Catechumens** are **Edgar Puesan, Amanda & Gianna Taveras. Our Candidates are Jariel Baez, Ricardo Bravo, Krystal Suarez, Darielene & Deeani Suriel & Juan Valencia.** And **our Confirmanti are Angela, Antoinette & Jennifer Resti, Maria Rojas, Tanya Broughton, Yudelka (Judy) Valerio & Madeleine Villalba** as new members of our Parish community in faith.

If you have not had an opportunity to select an elect or candidate to ***spiritually sponsor***, 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.

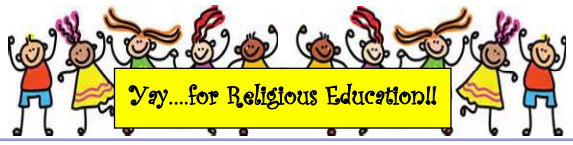
For more information regarding registration for next fall, call the Parish Office at 732-826-4859.

Religious Education

Religious Education

For the first time ever!!! We will be offering Religious Education levels 1st - 8th **Online** beginning September, 2020.

Please check back here for more information or on our *website for registration forms.*



First Communion

Please pray for our First Communion Candidates to whom we are now finally able to administer the Sacrament of First Communion. Our students, their parents and family members have waited so long for this moment. Please remember this is a private event for those receiving and their immediate family. If you are interested, please make sure to view it on our Parish Facebook page. If you are a parent and have not heard about the details regarding Communion, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

Intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others. All Christians are called to be Intercessory. All Christians have the Holy Spirit in their hearts and, just as Christ intercedes for us in accordance with God's will (Romans 8:26-27), we are to intercede for one another. Nothing is too small to request from our Lord, Jesus. Nothing is insignificant to him.

At the *Good Shepherd Parish* our Children have embarked on a mission of Intercessory Prayer by praying nightly at 9:00 pm. We have been conducting classes on Intercessory prayers so that our youth are prepared to be Intercessors. Weekly they are presented with the prayer requests from parishioners. We pray and then they go forth with their mission work.

Some of the benefits of the Intercessory Prayers:

- It increases God's Protection.
- It strengthens us to do what God is calling us to do.
- It removes feelings of aloneness.
- It builds our relationship with God and increases our faith.

If you wish to join or be added to the prayer list, please contact Mrs. Mildred Padilla-Morales at 732-738-3909.

Stay informed by registering online at:
https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com
and get a weekly digital copy of the Good Shepherd Parish Bulletin

Feeding the Homeless
Monday, July 13th

We could use ***your*** help by: with a monetary donation, or even a simple meal. Please call Mildred at (732)910-1277.

In need of a hot meal, or know someone...please join St. John the Baptist Episcopal church, 404 Division St. from 5pm to 6pm, every Monday. Prepared take-out (dinners only) to anyone that comes.

Thank you in advance.

Spreading the Word

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."
(*Matthew 11:30*

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent, and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion, in gratitude, of what He has already given to us.

Please help support Catholic Charities.
We need gently used
Clothing , Bedding, Shoes, Small Household Items.

Have a clothing donation too big to fit in the box? Just call our toll free number to arrange a free pick up at your home:
1-877-343-3651
Drop box is located in our Parish parking lot near the Florida Grove Rd. entrance way.

2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal
Stepping Forward in Faith: Grace in Action

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2020 Bishop's Annual Appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to:

Diocese of Metuchen, Bishop's Annual Appeal,
PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000
or give online at www.diometuchen.org/BAA.

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling $20,591.00 and payments totaling $18,668.25 from 136 parishioners. This represents 85.8% of our $24,000.00 goal. Thank you for your efforts!!!

NOTICE

- **STAY HOME IF YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL.**
- **PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.**
- **WASH** YOUR HANDS.
- **BRING** YOUR OWN HAND SANITIZER.
- **FOLLOW ALL GREEN POSTED SIGNS FOR YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY.**
- Masks must **ALWAYS BE WORN** when entering our church.
- Masks **must remain on** during all Mass services.
- You may sit with your family.
- **ABSOLUTELY NO GATHERING!**
- The distribution of the Eucharist will follow the final Blessing.
- Instructions for the receiving line will be given before, during, and towards the end of Mass. Please follow your Usher.
- ***FOR HEALTH REASONS THE EUCHARIST CAN ONLY BE RECEIVED BY HAND.***
- To avoid congestion during the receiving line or exiting, the congregation will be dismissed by row.
- If you are not planning on receiving the Eucharist, you may exit when it is your row's turn for dismissal.
- When receiving the Eucharist, you may bring your mask down, consume, then replace it to its original place. Then you may exit the church.
- Your offertory donation can be placed in the baskets provided when exiting.

Thank you!!!

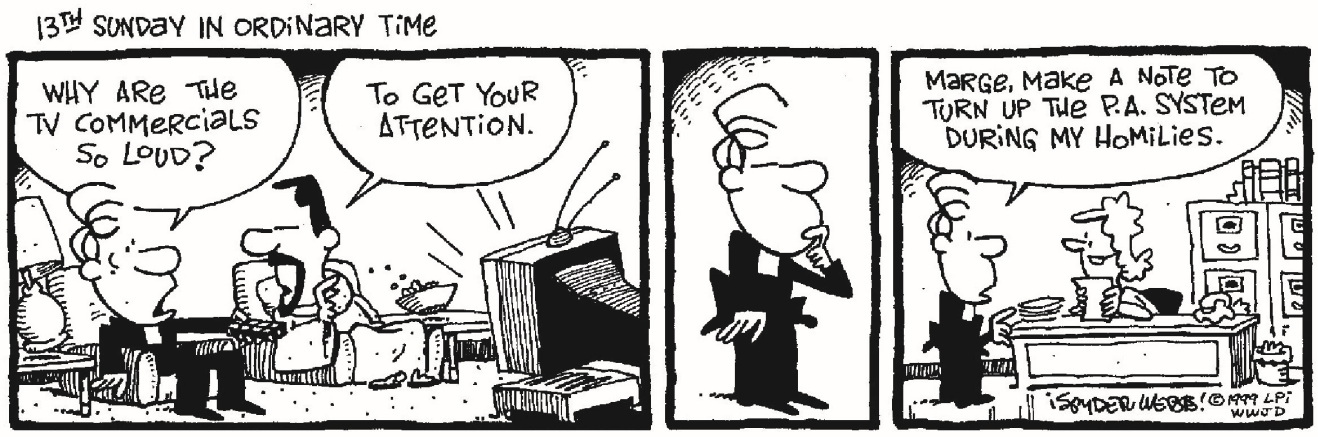
Volunteers are needed after each Mass to clean the pews, doors and all high traffic areas before the next Mass. If you're interested in helping, please call the Parish Office 732-826-4859 or check with an Usher for more information.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" What do you understand these words to mean? Many see these words as an indication of what may come in eternal life. In actuality, they have more to do with our lives here and now. We are called to die to ourselves and offer our lives as gifts given generously to others. It is not about us. We are asked to serve God and not continue in our service of sin. Life is about learning to do what we really do not want to do because it brings us deeper into the mystery of God, ourselves, and others. Learning how to accept and live with the "small deaths" and sacrifices we encounter teaches us how to live with and approach our final death. We can do so with a heart that has been touched by and is open to mercy or one that is self- focused and closed.

"Please respect the Sacred Silence"



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME