

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.

October 4, 2020 • The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
Office Open Monday-Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Evenings by Appointment Only
Closed Weekends and Federal Holidays

Website: www.goodshepherdpanj.org
E-mail: Goodshepherd20@verizon.net

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

9/27/20

\$5,331.00

MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE JUNE 2020

Collection Income	\$ 28,531.00
Other Income	\$ 9,836.00
Total Income*	\$ 38,367.00
Expenses	\$ 44,153.00
Month's Income/(Deficit)	\$ (5,786.00)
Year-to-Date (July '19 – June '20)	
Income/(Deficit)	\$ (57,132.00)
Outstanding Diocesan Assessment Debt as of August 31st	\$ 49,600.00
Outstanding Diocesan Roof Loan Debt as of August 31st	\$ 535,000.00

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??

Livestreaming on

facebook

Sunday 11am Mass only, beginning September 27th

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

Sundays Readings

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

IS 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! For justice, but hark, the outcry!

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 80:9,13-14, 15-16, 19-20

R. (Is 5:7a) The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it. It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit, The boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it?

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name. O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved.

R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second Reading

Phil 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds

in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

JIN 15:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

MT 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Hymns used for this Liturgy

Entrance: - I Sing The Mighty Power Of God - #618

Offertory: - These Alone Are Enough - #655

Communion: - Taste And See - #796



Fr. Krystian

My Dear Friends,

Recently, each registered family received a letter explaining the present capital and physical plant needs of Good Shepherd Parish (below). As a follow up, each registered family was invited to attend a “*Virtual Cocktails and Desserts Reception*”, on September 22 or 24, in order to learn more details about the vision and goals of the parish as well as ask questions.

We had good attendance on each evening. Thank you to all those who joined as we work together towards serving our mission and achieving our goals. In order to provide more transparency and information below are the questions that were raised from the two evenings.

Questions From Virtual Cocktails and Desserts

Q. Will the option to donate via online through credit card or automatic debit be available?

A. Presently, online giving is not an option but it will be set up and made available for the capital campaign and future use.

Q: Because the parish is conducting a capital campaign is the parish exempt from the Bishop’s Annual Appeal?

A. The first year any parish that conducts a capital campaign, per Diocesan policy, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal goal is “guaranteed.” Therefore, our parish goal to the 2021 Bishop’s Annual Appeal (approximately \$24,000) will be rolled into and fulfilled by the Capital Campaign. As a result, the parish will have two options for the 2021 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The first option is to continue the standard Bishop’s Annual Appeal mailings. With this option anything paid towards the appeal will be applied towards the “guaranteed” goal. Most parishes choose this first option. The second option is to be removed from the 2021 Bishop’s Annual Appeal mailings. Either way, the 2021 Bishop’s Annual Appeal goal is “guaranteed”. Also, the 2022 and future Bishop’s Annual Appeal mailings will resume as normal.

Q. Is there any potential revenue from Holy Spirit Church and Building?

A. There is a prospective tenant to rent the building which would provide additional revenue for the parish. Therefore, the maintenance of the building must be kept.

Q. How many registered parishioners are there?

A. There are slightly more than 900 registered households.

Q. Why did the Good Shepherd receive a loan in order to replace the roof?

A. Parish reserves were used in order to replace the skylight and pay three years of assessments. There are still parish reserves remaining. Although, there are neither not enough reserves to replace the roof nor would it be fiscally prudent to use all of the remaining parish reserves. The need to replace the roof is urgent. Therefore, Good Shepherd parish is receiving a loan from the Diocese in order to begin the work immediately.

Q. What is the term of the loan?

A. The loan, we received from the Diocese is a three-year term. We are fortunate that we do not have to make scheduled monthly loan payments like traditional loans. Rather, we have three full years to eliminate the loan payment which greatly helps the parish finances as well as the ability to replace the church roof immediately.

Q. What is the benefit for Good Shepherd by receiving a loan from the Diocese?

A. The benefits are three-fold. First, in the aforementioned, by receiving a loan from the Diocese Good Shepherd Parish is not bound by repayment terms from a bank. The terms from of the loan from the Diocese are beneficial as there are no scheduled payments. The loan simply has to be paid off in three years. Second, the parish would not be guaranteed an outside loan, from a bank for example. As a result, the parish receives the necessary funds to immediately begin addressing the replacement of the roof. Third, the interest on the loan is simple interest which is more beneficial than outside loan structures.

Q. What happens if the parish cannot pay off the loan within the three-year term?

A. Due to the beneficial structure of the loan the parish will make every effort to eliminate the loan within three-years. However, if the loan is not eliminated in three-years, the loan will convert to an amortizing loan with monthly principal and interest payments initiated by the Diocese electronically from the parish bank accounts.

Q. Is there a “rebate”/incentive if the loan is paid in full before the three-year term?

A. Presently, the benefit of receiving the loan from the Diocese is that there are no scheduled payments and that the loan has to be paid off in three years. Moreover, the interest on the loan is simple interest and does not compound, which also greatly benefits the parish finances. So, in addition to the aforementioned benefits of the present loan structure the parish would have to inquire within the Diocese to determine if there are additional incentives should the loan be paid off before the three-year term.

Q. Is there a guarantee that the parish will not close?

A. Evangelization and expanding ministries at parish and diocesan levels are a priority of the Diocese. Therefore, the Diocese is committed to keeping parishes, such as Good Shepherd open. Hence, why the Diocese is lending Good Shepherd the money to replace the roof. Moreover, from a financial perspective, the Diocese is issuing a loan to Good Shepherd with the agreement that it will be paid back. As such, there is neither indication nor discussion about the parish closing. It is very rare and extremely uncommon that parishes close after a significant capital project, such as a roof replacement, and/or after a capital campaign.

Have a blessed week

Fr. Krystian & the Finance Committee

For the month of September 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, 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, Nancy Hunt, Tommy Jones, 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, Tamyia 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, OCTOBER 10TH
4:30PM Gabriella Conrady

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
8:30AM Sian Brossard
11:00AM Loni Rodriguez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino & M. Nunez

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11TH
8:30AM Deacon Mickey Coppola & L. Loso
11:00AM Ken & Jeanette Gonzalez

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

For the Week of October 3-9th

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of
Richard Plaskon
Req Aleskie & Webster family



BREAD & WINE

In Memory of
Richard Plaskon
Req Linda & Manny Cruz



BLESSED MOTHER FLOWER

In Memory of
Richard Plaskon
Req Linda & Manny Cruz



ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of
Richard Plaskon
Req Lynn & Ange Bonarrigo



PARISH OFFICE

Currently, the Parish Office and Food Pantry are still closed the public. Our Parish Center Chapel is now open by appointment only. If you would like to speak with someone, you may call 732-826-4859 between 9am and 4pm, 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.

The Good Shepherd Parish 2021 Mass Intention Book

IS OPEN FOR REQUESTS BY PHONE

Due to our Parish size and limited Masses, all registered Parish families are allowed 2 weekend and 2 daily Masses.

Donations are as follows:
Masses \$10.00

Blessed Mother Flowers \$20.00
Altar Flowers \$40.00 each

Bread & Wine \$20.00
Sanctuary Candle \$15.00

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 5 : Weekday

7:00PM Joseph Hrabinski
Req loving wife Mary

TUESDAY, October 6 : Weekday

8:00AM Janice Lopez
Req Larry & Pauline White

WEDNESDAY, October 7 :

Our Lady of the Rosary

8:00AM Living & Deceased Members of Good Shepherd Parish

THURSDAY, October 8 : Weekday

8:00AM In Thanksgiving of the 25th Anniversary
of Derek & Edith

FRIDAY, October 9 : Weekday

8:00AM Edward Augustyn, Sr.
Req Frank & Marie Augustyn

SATURDAY, October 10 :

The Vigil of the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM Thomas & Nicholas Hudanish
Req wife & grandma Connie

SUNDAY, October 11 :

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Dominick & Joan Melicia
Req Joyce & Joe Signorile & family

11:00AM Dario Villegas
Req Blanca Villegas & family

Prayer and Reflection

Tuesday- Friday, before and after 8am daily Mass, our church doors will be open to you for your personal intentions.

Ushers Needed

Father is looking for a few extra Ushers to assist during the 11am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office or Father for more information.



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.



Stay informed by registering online at:
<https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com>

and get a weekly digital copy of the Good Shepherd Parish Bulletin



Religious Education

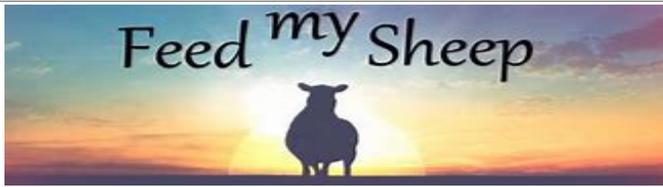
For the first time ever!!! We will be offering Religious Education levels 1st - 8th **ONLINE** beginning September 12, 2020.



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 now open for 2020-21.

Please check back here for more information.



Feeding the Homeless Monday, October 26th

We could use **your** help: 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.

PERTH AMBOY CATHOLIC SCHOOL Open Enrollment "AdvancED Accredited/NCA"

Upper: Pre-K 3&4, K, 1,2,3, 4,5,6,7,8
at 500 State Street
732-826-1598 or 732-442-9533

Call for an appointment and a personal tour!
www.pacatholicsschool.org

Coronavirus Rules

- **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!!!

TRIPS

Please join us!!

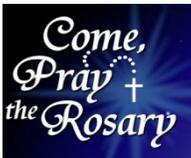
All bus trips begin in our parking lot behind Most Holy Rosary Church.



"Harrah's" - Atlantic City, NJ

Bus Leaves 10am, on Tuesday, November 10th

Cost \$40.00, receive \$10.00 in play, seating is limited. Please call Connie at 732-442-4978.



Our Good Shepherd ROSARY PROGRAM

In the period ending September 15, we said 464, totaling 7,482 Rosaries. Keep going!!!

Now is the time to double our efforts with prayer. Our community needs it more than ever. Please pray, pray, pray the Rosary. **You may call or email your count.** 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

Celebrating Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversaries

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary by receiving a congratulatory message from Bishop James F. Checchio. Registration is required to receive your message by mail. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact your parish secretary or amarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 15, 2020. Although no fee is required, in the past many Jubilarian couples have given a donation of gratitude to the Church in memory of this special occasion. Donations of Gratitude may be made online or emailing amarshall@diometuchen.org.

LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Who has authority over God's kingdom? While we know that the obvious answer is Jesus, that is not the answer our lives always reveal. We struggle with wanting control over God's kingdom. We wrestle with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. However, at the end of the day nothing in this world or in the one to come belongs to us. All that we see and know to be true belong to God, and Jesus is the only one who has any authority. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? We often conduct our business as if we are the owner, lord and master of it all, but sadly we are not. God gives us the means and the potential to bear good Gospel-centered fruit. This desire and capacity exist within each individual. Unless we really acknowledge and accept who is ultimately in charge, the type of love, justice, peace, and other good fruits God desires for the world will never be realized.



“Please respect the Sacred Silence”



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