



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 14, 2021 • The Fourth 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
Adoration:	Monday at 6:00pm only (<i>except Holidays when Mass starts at 9:00am</i>) Thursday from 8:30am to 12noon (<i>11:00am if a Funeral is scheduled</i>)
Confessions:	Saturday afternoon 3:30 - 4:15PM
Daily Mass	Monday at 7:00PM (<i>except Holidays when Mass starts at 9:00am</i>) Tuesday - Friday at 8:00AM
Holy Days	as announced

THE PARISH CENTER

Parish and Cemetery Offices
625 Florida Grove Rd., Hopelawn, New Jersey
Phone: 732-826-4859 • Fax: 732-826-6078
Office open for phone calls only
Monday-Friday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Website: www.goodshepherdpanj.org
E-mail: goodshepherd20@verizon.net

BLESSED SACRAMENT (CHAPEL)

Located in the Parish Center
Open for private prayer during office hours by appointment only.



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.

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: We provide faith filled instructions for Levels 1st through 8th. Due to Covid-19 we have a remote learning program in place. 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

3/7/2021	\$6,794.00
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MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE JANUARY 2021

Collection Income	\$ 25,490.00
Other Income	\$ 888.00
Total Income	\$ 26,378.00
Expenses	\$ 32,331.00
Month's Income/(Deficit)	\$ (5,933.00)
Year-to-Date (July '20-January ' 21)	
Income/(Deficit)	\$ (30,598.00)
Outstanding Diocesan Assessment	
Debt as of January 31st	\$ 24,133.00
Outstanding Diocesan Roof Loan Debt	
as of January 31st	\$ 535,000.00

Online Giving Church Donations

We've made it more convenient to give. Please visit our website and click on the green "Online Giving" button on the top of the page. Register and support your church.

We continue to 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??

We're back LIVE every Sunday 11am Mass only.

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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	Carolina Chichester	732-826-4859
Music Ministry	Parish Office	732-826-4859
Religious Education	Maria C. Arcelay	732-826-4859

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

First Reading

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, And our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

R. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Second Reading

Eph 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

JN 3:16

Verse before the Gospel

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

Gospel

JN 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ





Over \$200,000 PLEDGED FROM JUST 40 FAMILIES!!!!

Update

Last weekend we officially announced the start of our capital campaign to replace the roof. We have a three-year \$600,000 goal. We are off to a great start and with everyone's support we will be able to achieve our goal.

How Can I make my pledge?

In two weeks, each registered parishioner will receive in the mail a pledge packet and everyone will be invited to consider making a three year pledge commitment. In this way we will be able to meet our fiscal goals as well as our mission.

Join Us!!

We invite you to do *three things* over the next few weeks:

Reflect on your blessings God bestowed upon you and how you can bring those blessings to Good Shepherd Church so that we may *continue our mission* together.

Pray for guidance and for the success of our campaign efforts.

Listen to our message and **join us on March 18** for a virtual reception to learn more about this initiative and how you can be a part of it. More information about how to attend is listed below.

You can attend our March 18 reception by choosing one of the following registration options:

Option 1

Please call the parish office at (732) 826-4859 RSVP and choose March 18th. Once you RSVP, the parish office will provide you a link if you wish to join through video conference, or you will be provided a phone number if you wish to join by phone.

Option 2

1. Visit our parish website at <https://goodshepherdpanj.org/>.
2. Click on the **Continuing Our Mission Virtual Reception Registration** option on the main page.
3. Complete the information requested on the form. A link and phone number will then be sent to your email address prior to the reception so that you may attend.

Thank You!!

Thank you to all those families and individuals who have participated thus far. Your sacrifice and generosity has set the foundation so that we may be successful in our efforts. Thank you to all those families and individuals who are praying for our success and considering supporting this important initiative. Together through prayer, reflection and sacrifice we will be able to reach our goals.

With Prayers,

Fr. Krystian,
Finance Committee
and Tom Smith



FOURTH SUNDAY 4
In Lent

For the month of March 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, Carmen Collura, Andrea Costantino, Noah Dahlberg, Carolyn Duane, Chuck F., Victor & Melissa Ferrer, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Joseph Frisbe, Mike Gaffney, Carol George, Johnny Gondek, Nancy Hunt, Tommy Jones, Arleen Kopin, Judy Liik, Rose Langan, Louis Loso, Brianna Ortega, Megan Ortega, Carol Magyar, JoAnn Magyar, Fr. John Morley, Raymond Magyar, Ellen Malopolski, Maryanne Mateuszczuk, Etelvina & Edite Monteiro, Lynn Munoz, Ellie Murray, Mary Murray, Teresa P., Catherine Paone, Christopher Paone, Danny Parker, Dianne Petro-Duncan, Caroline Pry, Stephen Pry, Ann Rapetti, Greg Rohrbacher, Fred Rose, Walter & Marie Ross, Paul Sheena, Jack Stacey, Tamyia Stacy, Maryann Suhay, Telofski Family, Melissa Telofski, Dave & Louise Utter, Elsie Vega, Barbara White & 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

4:30PM SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH
Brenda Rinaldi

8:30AM SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST
Gabiella Conrady

11:00AM Christine Greges

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:30PM SATURDAY, MARCH 20TH
Deacon Sam Costantino & M. Joyce

8:30AM SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST
Deacon Mickey Coppola & L. Loso

11:00AM Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola

Altar servers are now asked to return to service. Please contact the Parish office to place your name back on our schedule.

For the Week of March 13-19th



SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of
Nancy & Ben Bonarrigo
Req Lynn & Ange Bonarrigo



BREAD & WINE

In Honor of
Our First Responders



Special Collection for Snow Removal

This weekend March 13/14 at all Mass, we will have a second collection for Snow Removal. Please place your donation in a separate envelope marked "Snow Removal" in the baskets by the entrances of our church.

We thank you in advance for your kindness.



TWO VOLUNTEERS
are needed to help cover the statues in church

Friday, March 19, at 10:30AM.

If you're interested in helping please call Linda for more information 732-826-4068. 7th & 8th level Religious Ed students are invited to volunteer.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, March 15 : Lenten Weekday
7:00PM Jack Masculin
Req Christine Greges

TUESDAY, March 16 : Lenten Weekday
8:00AM George & Helen Strelecky
Req Karen Tyrrell & Betty Jane Yeakey

WEDNESDAY, March 17 : Lenten Weekday
8:00AM Liberato Gianfrancesco
Req wife Antonietta & children

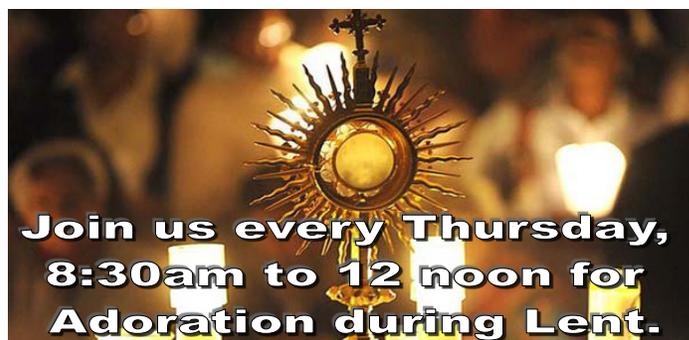
THURSDAY, March 18 : Lenten Weekday
8:00AM Melanie Grace A. Licad
Req Licad family

FRIDAY, March 19 :
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Mother
8:00AM Marie & Earl White
Req Pauline White

SATURDAY, March 20 :
The Vigil of the Fifth Sunday of Lent
4:30PM Anna Rotella
Req granddaughter Maryanne
& husband Bob Mateuszczuk

SUNDAY, March 21 :
The Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:30AM Rose Puleio & Richard Zaleski
Req Michele Zaleski

11:00AM Florence Ruggiero
Req daughters Emily & Jean



PRAY FOR THEM

Please pray that our deceased loved ones
Antonio (De Silva) Monteiro & Arthur Vasil
may know the joy and peace of eternal life.
Pray that their families may be comforted.

► 2020 Statement of Donations ◀

You can request a statement of your 2020 donations by completing a Tax Contribution form on our website, phoning our Parish Office or emailing us at goodshepherd20@verizon.net. If you email a request, you must write "Tax Statement" in the subject field, and include your full name and address. Please indicate if you would like a digital copy emailed to you or a hard copy mailed to you. Due to Covid-19 the forms will no longer be available in our church. **Please note that statements will be printed only twice a week, so please be patient.**



FEED MY SHEEP

~Serving The Homeless~

Monday, March 29th

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

If you're 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) are available to anyone who comes.

Thank you in advance.

RCIA - Adult Religious Education

Registration for 2020-21 is now closed

*For those already registered into our program,
our next class is scheduled for :*

Tuesday, March 2th at 7:00PM

Catholic School 2021-2022 Tuition Assistance ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS IS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may now apply online through FACTS grant & aid assessment at <https://online.factsmgmt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by March 31, 2021. Families who need assistance to complete the online application or who need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

Good Shepherd Parish Scholarship

In order to keep our Scholarship program going, we desperately need some volunteers. So many of our youth have already benefited by receiving Scholarship money to offset school tuition. It would be gracious and kind service if some parents of those grateful students who have benefited in the past to step up now when we are in need, Everything you need to know will be explained to you. Pay it forward so other may received.

2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Transformed by Christ's Body and Blood

Sent on Mission to Light a Fire in the Heart of the Church

The global pandemic has challenged us to evolve in how we share and communicate the Gospel message, but the message remains the same and it is worth sharing. So, we must continue to journey with others, even if we are physically apart, to make the Good News and His love known to all because that is what will see us through. While our discipleship is to always find new ways to bring His love and the Good News of Jesus Christ we are now called to do more for the Lord and each other. This year, we have seen a large increase in the use of virtual means to connect and engage with one another. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports essential role of the Vicariate for Evangelization **and Communication** as we expand our efforts to share the Gospel message and make His love known to all.

LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS-2021

So that the Church 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.

Lenten Obligations

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.

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.

Coronavirus Rules

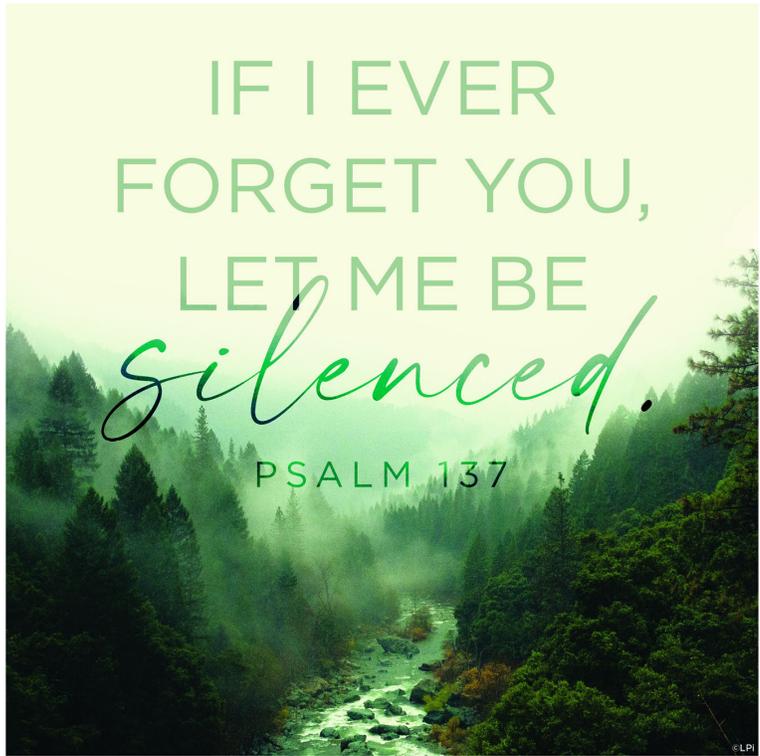
- **STAY HOME IF YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL.**
- **PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING.**
- **WASH YOUR HANDS.**
- **BRING YOUR OWN HAND SANITIZER.**
- **FOLLOW ALL GREEN POSTED SIGNS FOR YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY.**
- **Our ushers will be taking the temperature of each member entering our church.**
- **Masks must 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 resume at its traditional placement during Mass.
- Instructions for the receiving line will be given before Mass. Please follow your Usher.
- **FOR HEALTH REASONS THE EUCHARIST CAN ONLY BE RECEIVED BY HAND.**
 - **We would like to respect everyone's dedication to the Eucharist. If you insist on receiving it by tongue, you must wait and come at the very end of Father's receiving line to be served.**
- When receiving the Eucharist, you may bring your mask down, consume, then replace it to its original place. Then you may return to your seat.
- To avoid congestion during dismissal, the congregation will be dismissed by row.
- Your offertory donation can be placed in the baskets provided when exiting.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping us all safe!!!

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.



PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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