



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.

May 9, 2021 • The Sixth Sunday on 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
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

5/2/2021	\$5,839.00
Mother's Day	\$1,537.00

MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE 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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading

[Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48](#)

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

[98:1, 2-3, 3-4](#)

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
or: R. Alleluia.**

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
or: R. Alleluia.**

The LORD has made his salvation known: in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice. He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
or: R. Alleluia.**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

**R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.
or: R. Alleluia.**

Second Reading

[1 Jn 4:7-10](#)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

[Jn 14:23](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

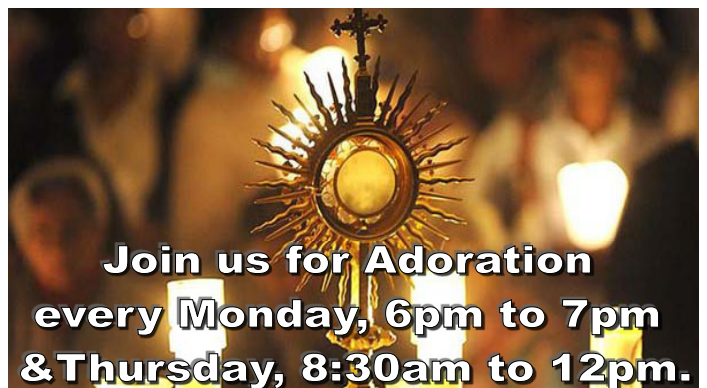
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

[Jn 15:9-17](#)

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ



Join us for Adoration

every Monday, 6pm to 7pm

& Thursday, 8:30am to 12pm.



Fr. Krystian

My Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of the season of Easter, this Sunday offers us a powerful reminder of what is at the very heart of the message of the Gospel, *"Love one another as I love you."* This is a very demanding and challenging request of love that is expressed in different ways. Today, love is connected with joy; forgiveness is expressed in love; obedience to God's command is our expression for the love we have for God, so in love we can join into the life of Christ. When we "remain in His love", we also love one another in a way of spending ourselves for the good of others, because of Christ and the life-giving love He gives. Our expression of the love of Christ we have received is the essence and fulfillment of the search for an ever closer and more intimate relationship with Jesus. The gift of love opens further the depths of the meaning of love in our daily life because His love means that we transfer our relationship with Him to others- our families, relatives, and friends...to all whom we encounter in our daily lives. Therefore, let us love one another!

How do we respond to be followers of Christ? Jesus reduces the essence of what it means to be His follower into one sentence, "Love one another as I have loved you." And to make it even simpler (because He knows that we tend to complicate things unnecessarily), Jesus explains exactly what He means by the word "love," a word the Devil is always trying to distort: *"A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends."* In other words, love is self-giving, and so, the greater the self-giving, the greater the love. When we put our lives at the service of others, when we live in order to give and not to take, when we are willing to suffer so that someone else can rejoice, then we may call ourselves His disciples.

But Jesus went even further in order to make sure we would understand. He didn't explain the meaning of true love just with words; He also explained it with His deeds, with His own suffering and death. He accepted mockery, humiliation, torture, rejection, injustice, misunderstanding, betrayal, and finally death, not because He was too weak to resist, but to show us what love really is: self-giving, self- forgetful generosity. Jesus Christ is giving without counting the cost, even without asking for something in return - this is God's idea of love. And what is ours?

The message of love is so beautifully celebrated today in the gift of motherhood- Mother's Day. It is with heart-filled gratitude and thanks that I turn to the women who gave life and through their examples showed us the beauty of steadfast love throughout our lives. United with families that are filled with celebrations, I want to express the profound gratitude we all feel for our mothers. On this day, I pray in a very special way for the gift of motherhood through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God. May she intercede for each one of you and protect you in Her own motherly love. May the blessings of God be sent upon all women who share their motherhood in the way of life, example, and inspiration they offer us.

Let us do something beautiful for God with our lives this week. We have to love until it hurts. It is not enough to say, "I love." We must put that love into a loving action. And how do we do that? By giving until it hurts.

As today's readings make clear, God alone is the source and origin of love. We come to grow in love for Him by opening our hearts to the depths of His love for us, so that we can then be strengthened to lay down our lives more fully in love and service to Him and to others. The more we do this, the more our lives will abound with the blessings of peace and joy.

Have a blessed week and Happy Mother's Day.

With prayers,

Fr. Krystian



For the month of May 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 Mateuszczyk, 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, Marie Ross, Paul Sheena, Jack Stacey, Tanya 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

SATURDAY, MAY 15TH

4:30PM Mary Ann Suhay

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH

8:30AM Sian Brossard

11:00AM Loni Rodriguez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MAY 15H

4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino & M. Joyce

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH

8:30AM D. Cherubini & L. Loso

11:00AM Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola

ALTAR SERVES

SATURDAY, MAY 15TH

4:30PM Nicole & Danielle Zur

SUNDAY, MAY 16TH

8:30AM M. Billig & K. Marmolejos

11:00AM Marcela & Jason Donnelly

For the Week of May 8-14th

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of
Harold Augustine
Req Daughter Lillian



BREAD & WINE

In Memory of
Dr. Thomas Paterniti
Req Brenda & Bob Renaldi



BLESSED MOTHER FLOWERS

In Memory of
Jewel Augustine
Req daughter & granddaughter Lillian



ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of
Giovanna Gianfrancesco
Antonietta Gianfrancesco



"Please respect the Sacred Silence"

Purgatorial Mass Society

May 2021

Walter Ross
Req Marie Acciani

Stella Paone
Req Marie Acciani

Carmen Titolo
Req Lillian Augustine

Joseph & Helen Ruggeri
Req Ronald & Nancy Chabala

Michael & Helen Chabala
Req Ronald & Nancy Chabala

Enrolled Society members will be listed in the Bulletin once a month. At every First Friday Morning Mass at Most Holy Rosary the names of those enrolled for the month will be placed on the Altar for one year.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 10 : Easter Weekday

7:00PM Johanna Cordes
Req Carol Mik

Tuesday, May 11 : Easter Weekday

8:00AM Emil Peter
Req Shirley Chow

Wednesday, May 12 : Easter Weekday

8:00AM Encarnacion Adon De Los Santos
Req daughter Cenide Ortiz-Chang & family

Thursday, May 13 : Easter Weekday

8:00AM Arthur Vasil
Req Biagio & Giulia Buffolino

Friday, May 14 : St. Matthias, Apostle

8:00AM Stanley Kowaleski
Req Rose Lund

SATURDAY, May 15 :

The Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

4:30PM Thomas & Nicholas Hudanish
Req Wife & Grandmother

SUNDAY, May 16 :

The Ascension of the Lord

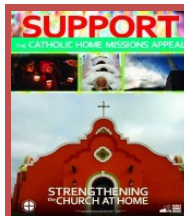
8:30AM John Sabo
Son Michael & wife Andrea

11:00AM Albina & Stefan Ifko
Req Steven & family



The Parish Family of the
Good Shepherd Welcomes:

**Mr. Karreem Mann, Mr. & Mrs. Thanh Duong,
Ms. Natalie Tirado, Mr. & Mrs. Hector Salinas,
Ms. Jessica DiSilverto, Mr. & Mrs. James Britton,
Ms. Davia Jones, Ms. Luz Quintana,
Mr. & Mrs. Santiago Gallegos, Mr. Daniel Santisteban,
& their families**



Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions appeal. Today, over 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



Collection for the Church of Central & Eastern Europe

Next week we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechists, building renovations, and builds the future on this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collect next week. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/ccee



FEED MY SHEEP

~Serving The Homeless~

Monday, May 17th

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.

Good Shepherd Parish Scholarship

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 83 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 Mass on a regular basis, you may apply for a scholarship. Contact the Parish Office located at 625 Florida Grove Road, between the hours of 9am-3pm Monday through Friday by phone (732-826-4859) or email GoodShepherd20@verizon.net and request an application to be mailed to your home. Completed applications must be returned to the Parish Office no later than **Tuesday, June 1st by noon**. Applications will not be accepted after that date.

For more information or questions, please call the Parish Office at 732-826-4859



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH HOURS FOR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

MONDAY 6:00PM
THURSDAY 8:30AM-12:00PM

If you are interested in becoming a devoted adorer,

sign up on our website
<https://www.goodshepherdpanj.org>

or call the parish office.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

Summer Aquinas Academy
5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Graders

**STEM
Theater Extravaganza
Forensics
Religion**

Monday, June 28th – Friday, July 2nd
Religion – Tuesday, June 22nd – Thursday, June 24th
8:00a.m. – 2:30 p.m., \$300 Registration Fee
For information:

Please call Joan Fetzter @ (732) 549-1108 X620
or

e-mail @ jfetzter@stahs.net

Visit our website at www.stahs.net for information on the Summer Aquinas Academy and also our Sports Camps.



Fatima Church
380 Smith St.
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

**11am to 5pm
Sunday, May 15th**

In grand celebration of Mother's Day Fatima Church will be selling: roasted pork, chicken, hamburgers, hotdogs, rice with chick peas, beans and empanadas. Call to place your order, local delivery available. Rain or shine. 732-442-6634 ext. 21

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!**
- 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 is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

**SHOUT
WITH JOY
TO THE LORD,
ALL THE EARTH;
BREAK INTO
SONG;
SING PRAISE.**

PSALM 98:4

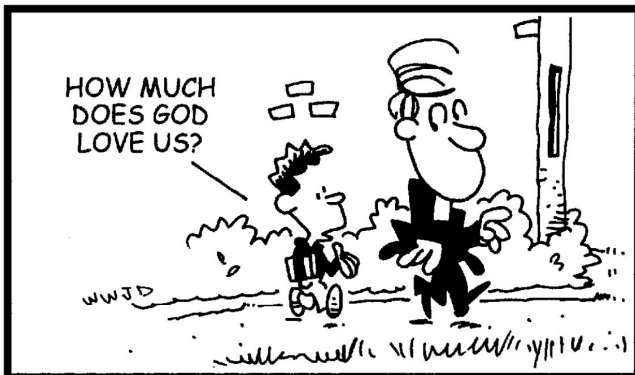
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PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



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