



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.

August 22, 2021 • The Twenty-First 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

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| 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.

(To easily access to all Good Shepherd Social Media links, visit the homepage of our website).



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

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| 8/15/21 | \$4,415.00 |
| Assumption | \$1,297.00 |

MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE MAY 2021

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| Collection Income | \$ 24,220.00 |
| Other Income | \$ 3,187.00 |
| Total Income | \$ 27,407.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 32,444.00 |
| Month's Income/(Deficit) | \$ (5,037.00) |
| Year-to-Date (July '20—May' 21) | |
| Income/(Deficit) | \$ (43,830.00) |
| Outstanding Diocesan Assessment | |
| Debt as of May 31st | \$ 32,467.00 |
| Outstanding Diocesan Roof Loan Debt | |
| as of May 31st | \$ 535,000.00 |

Donations to Good Shepherd Parish

We thank our parishioners who support our parish with their weekly/monthly offerings, and are especially grateful to those parishioners and friends who are supporting our capital campaign.

Please remember all checks must be made payable to Good Shepherd Parish.

Contributions to the parish can be made in one of the following ways:

- Drop envelopes in the baskets at the church doors when you come to Mass.
- Mail your contributions to the parish office.
- Drop off your contributions in the locked mailbox or the door slot of the parish office.
- Contribute using our online giving service. You must have an email address to register for an account and you can start the process using our website's "Online Giving" button found on the top of the web-page.

Please Note:

Checks for the capital campaign or donations for the roof must be separate from regular church donations as they go to a totally different financial institution.

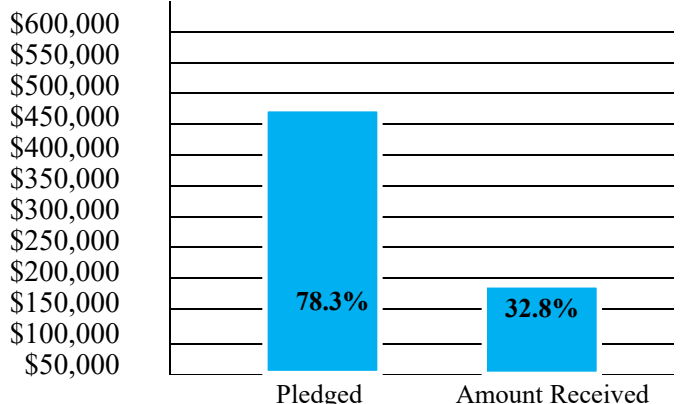
Please write your name and envelope number on the envelope and label the envelope "Capital Campaign" or "Continuing Our Mission" or "Roof Project".

**Thank you for your continued support and understanding.
Stay well and God bless!**

Capital Campaign – Update – As of July 28, 2021

"Continuing Our Mission"

Goal: \$600,000





Fr. Krystian

My Dear Friends,

For our Gospel today we hear the conclusion of the “Bread of Life discourse” in the sixth chapter of John’s Gospel. In the preceding verses, which we have heard proclaimed in our liturgy over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus explain that he is the Bread of Life, given so that those who believe may have eternal life. This discourse follows the miracle in which Jesus fed more than five thousand people with five barley loaves and two fish. As Jesus has been teaching these things, John’s Gospel describes a murmuring crowd unable to accept Jesus’ words. In today’s Gospel, the crowd has dwindled in number, and John no longer references them, or the Jews. Instead, John describes the questioning of those considered to be Jesus’ disciples.

Today’s Gospel first records the response of those in the crowd who are described as Jesus’ disciples. Just as the larger crowd had struggled with Jesus’ teaching, these disciples also cannot accept Jesus’ words. Jesus is said to know about their murmuring. He responds by acknowledging their unbelief and by reiterating that only those chosen by the Father will follow Jesus to the end. John’s Gospel reports that many of those who had been Jesus’ disciples ceased to follow him at this point. The number of people following Jesus dwindled from a crowd of more than 5,000 to only 12 people. And it is to these Twelve that Jesus now turns his attention.

Simon Peter’s response to Jesus’ question as to whether those closest to him will also leave, reminds us of the reports of Peter’s confession of faith in the Synoptic Gospels. Peter announces, on behalf of all the Twelve, that they have come to believe all that Jesus has taught about himself: Jesus is the one from God in whom they have found the path to eternal life.

This conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse focuses on personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God’s grace invites us to be Jesus’ disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.

I want to thank our L.I.F.E Ministry Team for their leadership and everyone who participates in the Adoration we have every Monday and Thursday. It is such a wonderful witness to gather as a community before the Blessed Sacrament and to pray before the Lord in the Adoration. It fills my heart with the profound hope that this time of adoration in connection with the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit allowed us to deepen our appreciation of the importance of the mystery of the Eucharist in our lives. Thank you and may the blessing of the Lord be upon you!

I pray that our everyday life will reflect the gift of the Body and Blood of Jesus we celebrate every time we come together for Mass. May our Christian living expressed in our faith in the Eucharistic Jesus renew our lives so we can forever, so we can proclaim the joy of the One whom we believe: “Lord, to whom else shall we go? You are the Lord of my life” and do something beautiful for God with our lives. “Our lives have to constantly feed on the Eucharist. If we were not able to see Christ under the appearances of bread and wine, neither would it be possible for us to discover Him under the humble appearances of the bruised bodies of the poor.” (St. Mother Teresa)

With prayers,

Fr. Krystian



For the month of August 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, Ron Chabala, Carmen Collura,
Andrea Costantino, Noah Dahlberg, Bela DePasquale, Chuck F.,
Victor & Melissa Ferrer, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Joseph Frisbe, Mike Gaffney,
Bob Gawroniak, 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, Ann Poznick,
Caroline Pry, Stephen Pry, Greg Rohrbacher, Fred Rose, Marie Ross,
Paul Sheena, Jack Stacey, Tamya 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.

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The LORD has eyes for the just, and ears for their cry. The LORD confronts the evildoers, to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

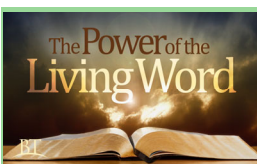
R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them, and from all their distress he rescues them. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Many are the troubles of the just one, but out of them all the LORD delivers him; he watches over all his bones; not one of them shall be broken.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.



Word of the Father's commitment to us; draw us into being "Amen" as you were also "Amen" to the Father's will. Amen

Jesus, you came from the Father and returned to the Father and we remain ever near the Father's heart. You remain the Father's Word of love to us, the

Second Reading

Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Jn 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

MINISTER SCHEDULE

LECTOR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH

4:30PM Sian Brossard

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH

8:30AM Phyllis Gianfrancesco

11:00AM Ben Salerno, Sr.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH

4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino, A. Cyrana

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH

8:30AM Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola

11:00AM Shawn & Carolina Chichester

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH

4:30PM A. Ponik, Mackias & Zamira Ysaac

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH

8:30AM M. Billig, J. Rodrigues & J. Sierra

11:00AM K. Marmolejos, Joshua & Joseph Polanco

For the Week of August 21-27th

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Honor of

Emily & Dennis Vinciguerra (Chapel)
50th Wedding Anniversary

In Memory of

Carolyn Duane (Church)
Req Shirley Chow

BREAD & WINE

In Memory of

Gloria & Ken Palmer
Req children & grandchildren

BLESSED MOTHER FLOWERS

In Memory of

Gloria & Ken Palmer
Req children & grandchildren

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of

Carolyn Duane
Req Shirley Chow

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 23 : Weekday

7:00PM Special Intentions for Thomas Paone

Tuesday, August 24 :

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

8:00AM Mary Harper

Req Marie Acciani

Wednesday, August 25 : Weekday

8:00AM Birthday Blessings for Deacon Sam Costantino

Thursday, August 26 : Weekday

8:00AM John Anthony Wolf

Req Mr. & Mrs. Ed Deffler

Friday, August 27 :

St. Monica

8:00AM Emilio & Giovanna Gianfrancesco

Req daughter Maria & grandchildren

SATURDAY, August 28 :

The Vigil of the Twenty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM Carmine Grasso

Req wife & family

SUNDAY, August 29 :

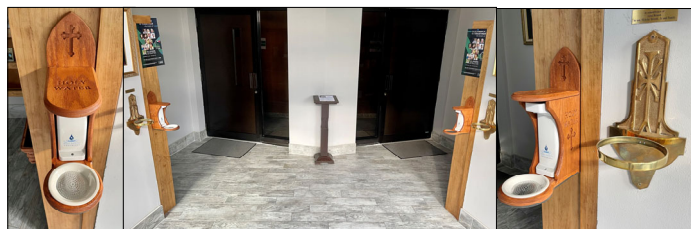
The Twenty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM John Wolff

Req Lillian & family

11:00AM Manuel Rangel

Req daughter Monte & family



WE HAVE HOLY WATER!

Self dispensing Holy Water fonts and are located in the entrance of the belltower. You may use this dispenser to fill small items for your home or personal use. Plastic bottles are available in the Parish Office for a small fee. Please let us know if you need any assistance.

FOUND

If you attended Mass Saturday evening on July 31st and misplaced your hearing aide, it's been found!

Please contact the Parish Office to retrieve it.

732-826-4859.



Good Shepherd Parishioners : If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary in 2022, please contact the Parish Office to reserve your date to have Mass

said in your honor. Unfortunately, there are some dates we cannot reserve.



Register online at: <https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com> and get a weekly digital copy of the Good Shepherd Parish Bulletin.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS



OPEN REGISTRATION!!!

New & Re-Registration

Re-registration forms are now available on our website at:

goodshepherdpanj.org.

All New Registrations are encouraged to call the Parish Office prior to registering.

For more information regarding our program, please visit our website. On our homepage, click on the “Register Here for Religious Ed 2021-22” button in the middle of the page. Once on the page, if you scroll to the bottom you will find our registration and calendar for the coming year. You may also contact the Parish Office and speak with Maria Arcelay our PCL.

Children registered in our program who are preparing for a Sacrament are required to attend the special sessions. This includes all Level 2 and 8th as well as 8th Level registered Catholic School students.

Reminder: deadline to register is Saturday, August 28, 2021



HELP NEEDED

Our parishioners are looking for a needed homcare assistant and Licensed Driver for the Perth Amboy Area.

- One position is for four days a week. You're assisting with daily tasks, some light housekeeping, cooking and must be a certified caregiver.
- The second is for someone with a valid driver's license to take a person to doctor's appointments a few times a month. They need assistance with walker, and will pay for gas.

If you are interested in either of the two positions please contact the Parish Office 732-826-4859.

Appropriate Clothing for Church

Although the weather is getting hot, if you are going to church for Holy Mass celebration or just for a visit, please remember to keep proper attire. This shows respect and actually reflects your faith. Also, turn off or mute your cell phones. Summer has begun, but remember that there is no vacation from God. We have an obligation to participate in weekend Mass.

Thank you!



Adult Religious Education

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - 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. Registration for the 2021-2022 classes is now open.

Our “no strings” inquiry session is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 7pm in Msgr. Gambino Hall. It is useful for learning about Catholicism and for Catholics who have not received their sacraments.



**5TH Grade & 7TH Grade
Teacher Positions
AVAILABLE
at
Perth Amboy Catholic
School, Perth Amboy, NJ**

Perth Amboy Catholic School (PACS) is a PreK - 8 grade school located in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. PACS is a private Catholic School, serving the City and the surrounding communities to provide a mission driven quality Catholic Education. The school operates under the auspices of the Diocese of Metuchen in cooperation with the parishes of the City. Candidates must be able to articulate the Catholic Church's mission to evangelize, educate and prepare future leaders.

Perth Amboy Catholic School is currently searching for a Third Grade Teacher. Requirements include:

- Bachelor's Degree
- NJ Standard Certification or in process of being certified
- Experience with technology
- The essential duties include:
- Providing appropriate instruction
- Providing a classroom environment that promotes learning
- Communicating effectively with students, parents, colleagues and principal
- Creating lesson plans according to curriculum standards

Interested candidates should contact Angie Marcinko, at the Perth Amboy Catholic School;
amarcinko@pacatholicsschool.org

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



FEED MY SHEEP

~Serving The Homeless~

Monday, August 30th

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 Orthodox 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.

TRIPS

Please join us!!

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



"Resorts Casino" - Atlantic City, NJ

Bus Leaves 10am, on Tuesday, August 31st Cost \$35.00, receive \$20.00 in play, seating is limited. Please call either Connie at 732-442-4978 or Nancy at 732-541-5929.

SAVE THE DATE

Good Shepherd Parish First Annual Golf Outing

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021
More information to come.

Prayer and Reflection

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



CLASSIC AUSTRIA & GERMANY PILGRIMAGE

Featuring the Passion Play
of Oberammergau

11 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 20 - 30, 2022.

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SPACE IS LIMITED - SIGN UP TODAY!!!



Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversary with the Church of Metuchen and renew your marriage vows with Bishop James F. Checchio at a special Evening Prayer Service at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi in Metuchen on Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:30 PM. Couples who celebrated their Silver or Gold anniversary in 2020 are also invited to attend. Registration is required. 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 the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or ammarshall@diometuchen.org. Registration will close on October 7, 2021. 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 at <https://www.diometuchen.org/donation-silver-and-gold> or calling 732-562-1543.

BRINGING UP GIFTS AT MASS

If you are interested in bringing up the gifts, please be sure to let one of our ushers know before the beginning of Mass.

Spreading the Word

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

Coronavirus Rules

- **STAY HOME IF YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL.**
- **FOLLOW ALL GREEN POSTED SIGNS FOR YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY.**
- **Social Distancing and the wearing of Masks are at your discretion.**
- The tape on pews will remain on the Coddington side for those who wish to continue to practice social distancing.
- Your offertory donation will be collected by our ushers at the usual collection time. However the collection baskets will remain by the exits for the time being.

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