

### 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 5, 2023 • The Second Sunday of Lent

Rev. Krystian Burdzy Pastor

Deacon Sam Costantino

Deacon Albert Coppola R.C.I.A.

Maria C. Arcelay Parish Secretary/Cemetery Coordinator/Website Admin. & Notary

Anna Krasowska Bookkeeper/Business Manager

Margaret Russo Director of Religious Education (PCL)

Wayne Behr Director of Liturgical Music

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30PM

Sunday Masses: 8:30AM & 11:00AM

Adoration: Monday at 6:00pm only (except Holidays when Mass starts at 9:00am)

(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) Thursday from 8:30am to 10:30am

Confessions: Saturday afternoon 3:30 - 4:15PM

Daily Mass Monday at 7:00PM (except Holidays when Mass starts at 9:00am)

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-Thursday 9:00AM - 4:00PM

Fridays at 12Noon (only during the Summer)

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 our homepage of our website with the QR Code).









### **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. There are times, due to Covid-19 we must implement virtual instruction, otherwise our program is offered in person. Special instructions are given for sacramental prepara-

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		
2/19/23	\$4,607.00	
E-offering	\$324.00	
2/26/23	\$4,895.00	
E-Offering	184.00	
As Wednesday	\$726.00	
Catholic Spirit	\$151.00	

MONTHLY OPERA INCOME & EXPENSE DEC		
Collection Income	\$	39,998.00
Other Income	\$	8,838.00
<b>Total Income</b>	\$	48,836.00
Expenses	\$	39,258.00
Month's Income/(Deficit)	\$	9,578.00
Year-to-date (July '22– December '22) Income/(Deficit) Outstanding Diocesan Assessment Debt as of December 31st	<u>\$</u> \$	(38,120.00)

### **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

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

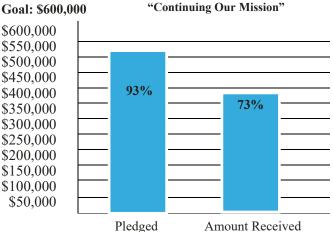
- Drop envelopes in the baskets at the church doors when you come to Mass.
- Mail your contributions to the parish office.
- Drop off your contributions in the locked mailbox or the door slot of the parish
- Contribute using our online giving service. You must have an email address to register for an 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 December 15, 2022**



# The Second Sunday of Lent

### **First Reading**

GN 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you.

"I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you."

Abram went as the LORD directed him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

PS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

### **Second Reading**

2 Tm 1:8b-10

Beloved:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

### **Verse Before the Gospel**

Cf. Mt 17:5

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.

### Gospel

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel

of the Lord.



### PARISH WIDE PENANCE SERVICE

Friday, March 31st
Beginning with
6pm - Lenten Soup Dinner
7pm - Living Stations of the Cr

7pm - Living Stations of the Cross (enacted by our Religious Ed Students)

8pm - Penance Service

(Additional Priest will be available for individual Confession)

MINISTER SCHEDULE	
THIS WEEK	
LECTOR	
SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH	
4:30PM Ron Schendorf	
SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH	
8:30AM Liz Shurina	
11:00AM Rebecca Farley	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH	
4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino, Ken & Jeanette Gonz	alez
SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH	
8:30AM D. Cherubini, Rudy & Mildred Morales.	
11:00AM Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola, &	
L. De Jesus Sr.	
ALTAR SERVERS	
SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH	
4:30PM A. Gulyas, Volunteers needed	
SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH	
8:30AM Volunteers needed	
11:00AM Volunteers needed	
NEXT WEEK	
<u>LECTOR</u>	
SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH	
4:30PM Linda Cruz	
SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH	
8:30AM Gabby Conrady	
11:00AM Joann Jimenez	
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH	
4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino, S. Gulyas, M. Joyce SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH	
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11:00AM Jose & Claudia De Jesus, L. Santamaria	,
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SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH	
4:30PM A. Gulyas, Volunteers needed	
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8:30AM

11:00AM

### Eat & Pray with us!

Each Friday at 6pm during Lent we will have a Lenten Soup & Bread dinner, prepared and provided by the generosity of our

Parishioners. If you're interested in preparing and serving a Friday evening soup meal, call the Parish Office at 732-826-4859. Only three Fridays remain. Reserve yours today. Following our Lenten Dinner you are invited to join us upstairs at

7pm for Stations of the Cross.

Donations are happily accepted and will be offered to the CRS Rice Bowl Campaign. Everyone is Welcome!

### GOING ON VACATION,

And you don't want to miss Mass, Log on to www.masstimes.org, for a local Catholic Church in the area you are visiting.

#### Mass Intentions MONDAY, March 6: Lenten Weekday 7:00PM Sorce family Reg Katransky family **TUESDAY, March 7: Lenten Weekday** 8:00AM Birthday Blessings for Kornelia Zebracka WEDNESDAY, March 8: Lenten Weekday 8:00AM Sr. Marie Aquines Reg Egan Estate **THURSDAY**, March 9: Lenten Weekday 8:00AM John M. DeMatteo Req Tony & Catherine Paone FRIDAY, March 10: Lenten Weekday 8:00AM Living & Deceased members of the Good Shepherd SATURDAY, March 11: The Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent Bervl Behr 4:30PM Reg Behr family SUNDAY, March 12: The Third Sunday of Lent 8:30AM Giovanna Gianfrancesco Reg daughter Antonietta 11:00AM Patrick Waters Reg the Groshen family

#### For the Week of March 4th-10th



### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In Memory of Good Shepherd Parishioners



BREAD & WINE
In Memory of
Good Shepherd Parishioners

For the month of February pray for nursing home personnel, Military personnel, our sick, and homebound, and those suffering from the atrocities in Ukraine, especially those of our sister parish:

Carlos Bendrell, Bob Bunton, Toni Bromirski, Ron Chabala,
Carmen Collura, Andrea Costantino, Knoah Dahlberg, Chuck F.,
Phyllis Edwards, Victor & Melissa Ferrer, Tommy Fitzpatrick,
Joseph Frisbe, Mike Gaffney, Bob Gawroniak, Carol George,
Johnny Gondek,Richard Hijzer, Nancy Hunt, Tommy Jones,
Arleen Kopin, Rose Langan, Louis Loso, Brianna Ortega, Megan Ortega,
Carol Magyar, JoAnn Magyar, Nancy Milochik, Fr. John Morley,
Raymond Magyar, Maryanne Mateuszczyk, Etelvina & Edite Monteiro,
Lynn Munoz, Mary Murray, Teresa P., Catherine Paone,
Christopher Paone, Danny Parker, Dianne Petro-Duncan, Ann Poznick,
Caroline Pry, Miriam Sandoval, Stephen Pry, Mario Rapetti,
Greg Rohrbacher, Marie Ross, Joseph Signorile, Virginia Sokolowski,
Jack Stacey, Maryann Suhay, Telofski family, Melissa Telofski,
Dave & Louise Utter, Elsie Vega & Barbara White.

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 <a href="mailto:qoodshepherd20@verizon.net">qoodshepherd20@verizon.net</a>. Please keep in mind that we pray for all the sick every day in the general intercessions of the Mass.



### **Religious Education**

### Our next Class scheduled for March 18th

If your child has not received any Sacraments and is between grade levels 1-9th, or your family is new to our Parish and you would like information on how to continue your child's Religious Education for **September 2023-24**, please call the **Parish Office 732-826-4859**, or email **Mrs. Margaret Russo at gspreligioused@gmail.com**.

Our location has been changed to the former Holy Spirit Church 584 Hazel Ave. Please enter through the side door on Brace Ave. The basement has been recently renovated into classrooms.

If your child is absent please make sure to contact Mrs. Russo at the email above and complete any necessary homework (*All homework can be located on our website*) prior to our next class.



# RCA

# Adult Religious Education

Registration for our 2022 - 2023 RCIA classes is <u>closed.</u> If you are an adult over 18 years of age who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith or if you have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please contact our Parish Office for more information.

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

*Tuesday, March 14th at 7pm in our church hall* Session 9: What We Believe: The Church

# Good Shepherd Parish Scholarship

Young men and women of our parish who will attend a Catholic High School or start college or a technical school in Fall 2023 may apply for a Good Shepherd Parish Scholarship. To date, the parish has awarded 87 scholarships.

Applicant Eligibility:

- Is a registered member of Good Shepherd Parish who attends Mass on a regular basis
- Is active and of service in their school, community and the Parish.

2023 Applications are now available from the Parish Office. 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 Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> by noon. Applications will not be accepted after that date.

# RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

On February 26<sup>th</sup> at the 11am Mass, we celebrated the Rite of Sending for our Catechumen Stacey Villar. He went on to the Cathedral in Metuchen for the Rite of Election to be presented to the Bishop. Stacey is seeking full initiation into the Church through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

At the same Mass our candidate, Jennifer Morel, celebrated the Call to Continuing Conversion which is an act of recognition of those baptized seeking to come into full communion with the Church through Eucharist and Confirmation.

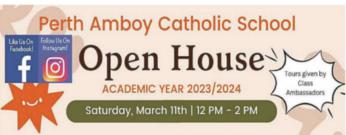
We congratulate both Stacey and Jennifer for taking these steps in their faith journey. We also thank them for inviting us to share in it.

They are in their final preparation phase to be fully initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Please consider becoming a spiritual sponsor. Note cards will be available with each person's name. A nice way to show your support is to drop them a card or write words of encouragement on the back of the note card telling them you are praying for them. They need our prayers, encouragement, and support as they enter this final phase. You can return cards/notes in the collection basket or drop them off or mail them to the parish office by March 26<sup>th</sup>.

### 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.





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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.

### The Good Shepherd

# TRICKY TRAY IS BACK!

### Sunday, October 22, 2023 WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Because of your very generous donations (both gift and monetary), at our last Tricky Tray 2019, it was an overwhelming success. We are asking again for your help.

Donations of new, unused items in their original packaging can be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Please note your name and approximate retail price on any donated items.

Items needed include: small appliances (coffee makers, toasters, irons, etc.); electronics (Kindles, iPads, iPods, phones, power tools, etc.) and household goods. Gift certificates to local businesses, luggage, exercise equipment, BBQ grills and backyard items are also desired.

No clothing or shoes please. Any questions, please call Marie Acciani at 908-510-9938 or the Parish Office at 732-826-4859.

### 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in **Good Shepherd Parish**. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our

**Pastor, Father Krystian Burdzy**, encouraging your participation. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website:

#### https://diometuchen.org/BAA.

To date, the Development Office has received pledges totaling \$21,953.99 and payments totaling \$6,494.00 from our parish.

This represents 27% of our \$24,000.00 goal.

Thank you for your efforts!!!



- March 3, 2023 Lenten Soup Dinner & Stations of the Cross (every Friday)
- ♦ March 5, 2023 Hospitality Sunday
- ♦ March 12, 2023 Rosary Altar Society Meeting
- ♦ March 15, 2023 Festa Volunteer Meeting
- ♦ March 19, 2023 Ladies Guild Meeting (Cancelled)
- ♦ May 14, 2023 Mother's Day/Parish Picnic/Bike event
- May 21, 2023 Father's 20th Anniversary of Ordination Brunch.
- ♦ June 10, 2023 Festa
- ♦ October 22, 2023 Tricky Tray

Please check back for more details regarding any of the above events in future bulletins. If you would like to volunteer or head (be responsible for the planning) of one of the Events please contact the parish or attend any committee meeting.



# "Resorts Casino" Atlantic City Bus Leaves 10am on Wednesday, April 19th

Cost \$40.00, receive \$15.00

in play, seating is limited. Please call either Connie at 732-442-4978 or Nancy at 732-541-5929. All bus trips begin in our parking lot behind Most Holy Rosary Church.

### "Please respect the Sacred Silence"

#### TRAVEL CLUB

Shows for 2023

### "Bad Cinderella" Imperial Theatre – NYC Bus leaves church parking lot at 11am,

Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 2pm, Cost: \$180.00 (Age 13+) \$100.00 deposit is required, deadline Thursday, January 20th.

### "Some Like it Hot" Shubert Theatre – NYC Bus leaves church parking lot at 11:30am,

Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 3pm, Cost: \$195.00 (Age 13+) \$100.00 deposit is required, deadline Thursday, April 17th.

All ticket prices include Ticket to show, Transportation from Good Shepherd Parish parking lot & Drivers tip. For reservations call: Phyllis (732-442-0843) or Marie (732-442-6916)

Make checks payable to Good Shepherd Travel Club Payments may be:

- <u>Dropped</u> in the collection basket in an envelope marked Travel Club
- Given to Phyllis or Marie
- Mail to Marie Acciani, 617 Harding Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861

### **LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS-2023**

So that the Diocese 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**:

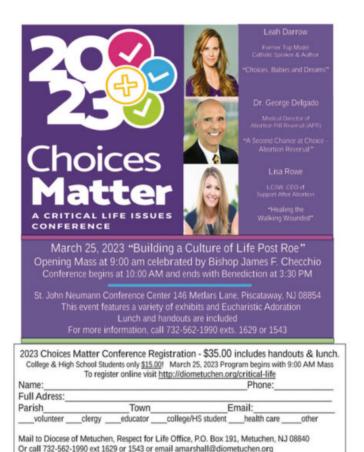
- The days of <u>fast and abstinence</u> are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- 2. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
- 3. From the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday until the celebration of the Easter Vigil on the evening of Holy Saturday, the <u>Easter fast</u> should 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*, iis encouraged, especially in those places baptizing catechumens at the Easter Vigil.

The obligation to <u>fast</u> applies only to Catholics <u>between the ages of 18</u> <u>and 59</u>. 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 <u>abstinence</u> affects all Catholics who have <u>reached the</u> age of 14. Abstinence in the Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat and all meat products.

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.



Indicate any special needs:



### It's that time of year again!

Parish Volunteers are needed. We have scheduled a preplanning meeting on *Wednesday, March 15, 2023* at 7pm for this years Festa. If you'd like to help volunteer this year, please join us in our downstairs Hall!

### Prayer for Peace – Ukraine and the World

Mary, Queen of Peace, save us all, who have so much trust in you, from wars, hatred, and oppression. Make us all learn to live in peace, and educate ourselves for peace., do what is demanded by justice and respect the rights of every person, so that peace may be firmly believed.

Amen

Pope Saint John Paul II (1920-2005)

### FESTA JUNE 10, 2023 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Come join the fun, make new friends, and meet fellow parishioners. You can make this year's Festa a real tribute to St Anthony! Add your special touch. Sign-up is easy. Just check off and place this form in the collection basket. If you have any questions, call:

Ronnie DeMatteo at 732-442-5252				
NAME:				
PHONE #:				
You can count on me to help with the following Festa activities I checked off:				
COOKING PREP				
Meatballs & Sausage Peppers/Onions ☐ Fri . 5/19 - 11am ☐ Fri . 6/9- 5:00 pm				
DECORATION/SET UP/COOKIE DELIVERY  Thurs. & Fri . 6/8-6/9 –5:00pm				
<b>FESTA DAY - JUNE 10, 2023</b>				
We are looking for volunteers to help us throughout the day. Please check off what time you are available to help us out.				
☐ 11:30 am - 1:30pm ☐ 4:00 pm - 6:00pm ☐ 7:00 pm Clean up ☐ 1:30 pm - 4:00pm ☐ 6:00 pm - 7:00pm ☐ Anytime				

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