



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.

**June 18, 2023 • Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Rev. Krystian Burdzy  
Deacon Sam Costantino  
Deacon Albert Coppola  
Maria C. Arcelay  
Anna Krasowska  
Margaret Russo  
Wayne Behr

Pastor  
R.C.I.A.  
Parish Secretary/Cemetery Coordinator/Website Admin. & Notary  
Bookkeeper/Business Manager  
Director of Religious Education (PCL)  
Director of Liturgical Music

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:30PM
Sunday Masses:	8:30AM & 11:00AM
Adoration: (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)	Monday at 6:00pm only (except Holidays when Mass starts at 9:00am) 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](http://www.goodshepherdpanj.org)  
E-mail: [goodshepherd20@verizon.net](mailto: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 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](mailto:vocations@diometuchen.org) or visit [www.diometuchen.org/vocations](http://www.diometuchen.org/vocations).

## GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH FINANCIAL CORNER

6/4/2023	\$5,047.00
E-Offering	\$170.00
Father's Day	\$1,501.00
6/11/2023	\$4,718.00
E-Offering	\$267.00

## MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE APRIL 2023

Collection Income	\$ 40,001.00
Other Income	\$ 4,827.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 44,828.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 43,007.00</b>
<b>Month's Income/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 1,821.00</b>
Year-to-date (July '22 – April '23)	
Income/(Deficit)	\$ (71,693.00)
Outstanding Diocesan Assessment	
Debt as of <b>April 30th</b>	<b>\$ 104,500.00</b>

## 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:

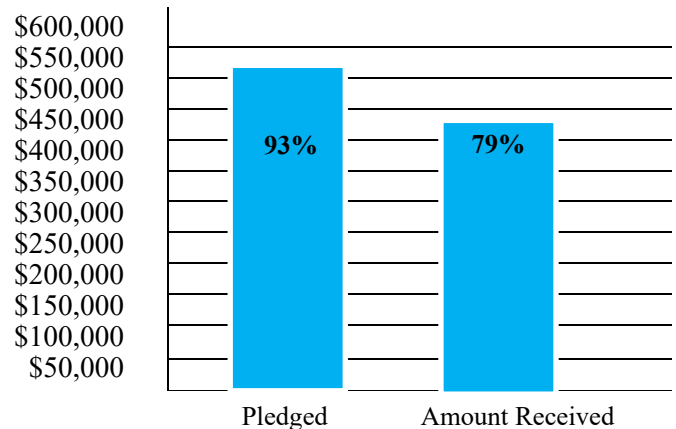
Checks for the capital campaign or donations for the roof must be separate from regular church donations as they go to a totally different financial institution. **Please write your name and envelope number on the envelope and label the envelope "Capital Campaign" or "Continuing Our Mission" or "Roof Project".**

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

## Capital Campaign Update As of April 13, 2023

"Continuing Our Mission"

Goal: \$600,000



# Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First Reading

Ex 19:2-6a

In those days, the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai and pitched camp. While Israel was encamped here in front of the mountain, Moses went up the mountain to God. Then the LORD called to him and said, "Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself. Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation."

***The Word of the Lord.***

***Thanks be to God.***

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5

**R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song.

**R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**

Know that the LORD is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.

**R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**

The LORD is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.**

## Second Reading

Rom 5:6-11

Brothers and sisters: Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

***The Word of the Lord.***

***Thanks be to God.***

## Alleluia

Mark 1:15

***Alleluia, Alleluia***

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel.

***Alleluia, Alleluia***

## Gospel

Matt 9:36-10:8

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest

to send out laborers for his harvest." Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him. Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

***The Gospel of the Lord.***



## Congratulations, Deacon Sam

Deacon Sam was ordained for the Diocese of Metuchen on June 13, 1998. In 2000, Deacon Sam transferred to Holy Spirit Church, and has continued to work here at Good Shepherd since that time.

At the diocesan level, Sam was the Director in the Office of the Diaconate for many years. During his tenure as director, he moved the academic formation program to the Immaculate Conception Seminary at

Seton Hall University. He served as a member of the Synod Preparatory Commission and chaired the Synod Consultation & Planning Committee. He has also served as Associate Director of Formation for the Diaconate Class of 2007 and is a member of the Diaconate Personnel Board. He has been a member of the Future Staffing of Parishes Commission.

In 2013, Deacon Sam founded the "Deacon's Table", a program in which he was assisted by our Deacons Mickey Coppola and Ed Rodes. Included in the support group were a close group of other local deacons and their wives. They served dinners to the needy and anyone who wished to come to the hall first at Holy Spirit and then at Good Shepherd Parish. They provided meals on Wednesday evenings in all kinds of weather until 2018. It was once calculated that they served about 11,000 wholesome Italian meals complete with salad, coffee and dessert. It often served as the only source of comfort and socialization for many of this community.

Sam holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Seton Hall University and a Certificate in Diaconal Ministry from St. Elizabeth College. He retired from Merck & Co., Inc, after 31 years of service in the year 2000. He was a director in the Information Technology organization. He resides with his wife of 56 years, Sarah, in Edison and has three adult children, Annette, Andrea, and Anthony, along with five grandchildren, Alyssa, Cara, Michael, Sara, and Alexandra.

The Parish community of Good Shepherd is lucky to have Deacon Sam with us. Much good luck in the future, Deacon Sam. Congratulations on your 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate.



## MINISTER SCHEDULE

### THIS WEEK

#### LECTOR

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH

4:30PM Mary Ann Suhay

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH

8:30AM Rose Lund

11:00AM Rebecca Farley

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH

4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino, Ken & Jeanette Gonzalez

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH

8:30AM D. Cherubini, Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola

11:00AM Deacon Mickey Coppola, Jose & Claudia De Jesus

#### ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH

4:30PM A. Gulyas, *Volunteers needed*

SUNDAY, JUNE 18TH

8:30AM *Volunteers needed*

11:00AM *Volunteers needed*

### NEXT WEEK

#### LECTOR

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH

4:30PM Lynda Vanoni

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH

8:30AM Liz Shurina

11:00AM Joann Jimenez

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH

4:30PM G. Conrady, S. Gulyas, M. Joyce

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH

8:30AM Ken & Jeanette Gonzales, M. Russo

11:00AM Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola, L. Santamaria

#### ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH

4:30PM A. Gulyas, *Volunteers needed*

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH

8:30AM *Volunteers needed*

11:00AM *Volunteers needed*

## MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, June 19 : Weekday

7:00PM Mildred "Millie" Petro  
Req Carol Mik

TUESDAY, June 20 : Weekday

8:00AM Birthday Blessing for Betty Murafsky

WEDNESDAY, June 21 :  
St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

8:00AM Salvatore Caroleo  
Req Carmen Caroleo & family

THURSDAY, June 22 : Weekday

8:00AM Emilo Gianfrancesco  
Req daughter Antonietta Gianfrancesco

FRIDAY, June 23 : Weekday

8:00AM Krystyna Krasowska  
Req Nancy Brown

SATURDAY, June 24 :

The Vigil of the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM Antonio & Carmina Gianfrancesco  
Req daughter Filomina

SUNDAY, June 25 :

The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Edith, Nicholas & Glenn Kubichic  
Req Cheryl Masucci

11:00AM 40th Wedding Anniversary of  
Req Nancy & Angel Jimenez

### PRAY FOR HER

*Please pray that our deceased loved one,  
**Ruth Maras**, knows the joy  
and peace of eternal life. Pray that her  
family may be comforted.*

***"Please respect the Sacred Silence"***

For the Week of June 17-23rd

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of

Antoinette "Toni" Bromirski (Chapel)  
Reg Mike & Roberta Chaney

John Sabo (Church)  
Reg wife Beverly

### BREAD & WINE

In Celebration of  
Father's Day

### BLESSED MOTHER FLOWERS

In Memory of

Antoinette "Toni" Bromirski  
Reg love, cousins Dee, Mary Ann & Pat

### ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of

Antoinette "Toni" Bromirski  
Reg love, cousins Dee, Mary Ann & Pat

### Purgatorial Mass Society

June 2023

Julia Mercedes Mejia  
Req Michael Graciano

Hedadio Frias Casillas  
Req Michael Graciano

Joan Kehrbbaum  
Req Maryanne & Robert Mateuszczyk

Jose A. Machado  
Req Delsy Feliciano

Dr. Angelo J. Spinazzola  
Req Joanne & Matt Breef, & Nancy Breef-Pilz

*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.*



## Religious Education

Registration forms for the 2023-24 school year are now available on our website

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](mailto: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.



## Calling all graduates of 2023

You are cordially invited to attend  
**Mass on Sunday, June 25th at 11am for a Graduation Blessing.**



During the months of June-August we will shorten our Thursday Adoration hours to 8:30am to 10:00am. And the Parish Office will close at 12noon on all Fridays till September. Please make sure to mark your calendars!



**August 1-3, (for three days only!!)**

*We are currently looking for volunteers 16 years or older. (Any members 18 and older will be required to follow Diocese of Metuchen protocol, fingerprinting-background check, Virtus and Application process before joining our team.) Any hours worked can be applied for Religious Ed Service hours.*

*Please call Margaret Russo at 732-887-7947 for more information. Registration forms are now available on our website, office or belltower church entrance.*

## A Mission Appeal

This week we welcome Fr. Marek Kondrat from Papua, New Guinea. Father Marek's mission is to raise funds to continue building a church and school for the over 2000 students in the remote town of Papua. They range from Pre-k, Elementary and Middle School students.

Catholicism is the largest faith community in Papua. With so many new active members, there are frequent Baptisms for children as well as adults, First Communions, Confirmations and Weddings.

Your support will help complete the much needed church and school for its parishioners. Please be generous. You can make a donation payable to the Good Shepherd Parish and mark the memo or envelope Fr. Marek and place in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office before Tuesday, June 20, 2023

## INTERCESSION

Intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others. All Christians are called to be Intercessory. All Christians have the Holy Spirit in their hearts and, just as Christ intercedes for us in accordance with God's will (Romans 8:26-27), we are to intercede for one another. Nothing is too small to request from our Lord, Jesus. Nothing is insignificant to him.

**At the Good Shepherd Parish our Children have embarked on a mission of Intercessory Prayer by praying nightly at 9:00 pm.** We have been conducting classes on Intercessory prayers so that our youth are prepared to be Intercessors. Weekly they are presented with the prayer requests from parishioners. We pray and then they go forth with their mission work.

Some of the benefits of the Intercessory Prayers:

- It increases God's Protection.
  - It strengthens us to do what God is calling us to do.
  - It removes feelings of aloneness.
  - It builds our relationship with God and increases our faith.
- If you wish to join or be added to the prayer list, please contact Mrs. Mildred Padilla-Morales at 732-738-3909.



**PERTH AMBOY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**  
500 STATE ST.  
PERTH AMBOY, NJ 08861

**Pre-K Enrollment**



**STUDENTS MUST BE 3 YEARS OLD BY OCTOBER 15TH**



**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A PERTH AMBOY RESIDENT**

**CONTACT US NOW FOR MORE INFO:**

  **732-442-9533**  
[ARAMIREZ@PACATHOLICSSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:ARAMIREZ@PACATHOLICSSCHOOL.ORG)  
[HTTP://WWW.PACATHOLICSSCHOOL.ORG/PACS/](http://WWW.PACATHOLICSSCHOOL.ORG/PACS/)





## FEED MY SHEEP

~Serving The Homeless~

**Monday, July 24, 2023**

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.***

## Parish Office Volunteer Needed

Are you available to **Volunteer** part time in a friendly fast pace office? Having a friendly phone voice and taking messages is required. Spanish speaking, knowledge of computers and general office equipment, would be helpful but not required. ***We are looking to add you to our team!*** Interview and application a must.

On going training, flexible schedule, you will report directly to the Parish Secretary. If you are interested please call the Parish Office 732-826-4859 and schedule an interview.

## TRAVEL CLUB

Shows for 2023

### **“Some Like it Hot” Shubert Theatre – NYC**

*Bus leaves church parking lot at 11:30am,*

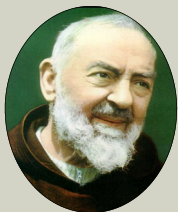
**Sunday, June 25, 2023 at 3pm, Cost: \$195.00 (Age 13+)**  
*\$100.00 deposit is required, deadline Thursday, April 17th.*

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:

- Dropped 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



## St. Padre Pio Prayer Group of St. Ambrose Parish

Come join us in prayer as we celebrate Mass together in honor of St. Padre Pio by Celebrant Fr. Jack C. Grimes. Mass will be celebrated on

**Saturday, June 17, 2023 at 9:00 AM** followed by veneration of a first class relic of St Padre Pio. St Ambrose Parish 83 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge NJ 08857 or please feel free to call (732)679-5666.



**“Windcreek Casino”  
Pennsylvania  
Bus Leaves 10am on  
Tuesday, June 20th**

Cost \$40.00, receive \$25.00

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 our parish.

## 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.

# SAVE THE DATES!

- ♦ **July 2, 2023 - Hospitality Sunday**
- ♦ **July 19, 2023 - RAS Fundraiser at Strawberry's**
- ♦ **August 1-3 - Vacation Bible School**
- ♦ **August 18, 2023 - RAS - Ice Cream Social**
- ♦ **October 16, 2023 - Annual Golf Outing**
- ♦ **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.

## What do you know?

### Is it OK to leave Mass after communion?

No. It's really not. Because it's not just about us. It's not OK to leave Thanksgiving dinner at Grandma's early because it's not just about eating good food, seeing the relatives once a year, and letting them see how big (or thin or old or pretty) you've become. It's about family, loving, and being loved even if—especially if—you and they are not perfect. It's about tradition, hearing the old stories and the new ones and adding yours; it's about recalling the past while the present surrounds you and the future lurks nearby. It's not OK to leave until the dessert and coffee and maybe an after-dinner drink because it's not just about you; it's about all of you as a family. So you stay until it's over, and you say goodbye with hugs and kisses and leave with a renewed understanding of what being part of this family means.

The Mass and Thanksgiving dinner have much in common, but the Mass is so much more. It is our celebration of the paschal mystery, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world. We gather as God's family, the church, holy and imperfect, to hear again the story of how God has loved us and pursued us throughout history to this very day. In praying for the whole church and its needs, for the whole world, for those who suffer and those who die, we learn that we are to be mindful of them and to serve them. As we offer our thanks and praise for all God has done for us and given us, we come to recognize God's greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ, who feeds and strengthens us in the form of bread and wine, the body and blood he gave for the life of the world.

The Mass not only celebrates our faith, it teaches us what we believe and how we are to live. That is why we can't leave Mass after communion. Because communion is not just about us and our salvation. It's about the salvation of the world. In celebrating and receiving the Eucharist, "We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again." Who are we professing our faith to? Not just to ourselves but to the world. We become part of the story of how much God loves all people and wants them to know God through Christ.

If we leave Mass before the dismissal, we miss out on celebrating and being taught why we celebrate the Eucharist in the first place. We are fed and strengthened on the body and blood of Christ not only for ourselves but also for all those he gave his life for. We are dismissed from Mass not because it's over, but because we have work to do. We are to go to the world to proclaim Christ. And so we stay to the end of Mass to be blessed and commissioned: "Go and announce the gospel of the Lord." "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life."

*This article also appears in the May 2018 issue of U.S. Catholic (Vol. 83, No. 5, page 49).*

## Hymnal Memorials

We have a few which are still available for memorialization. If you would still like to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please call the Parish Office. It is a memorial which will be used year after year. Donation envelopes are available in church and at the Parish Office. **Thank you for your generosity!**



## Silver & Gold Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are cordially invited to celebrate your 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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 22, 2023 at 3:00 PM. Registration is required. Please register online at: <https://www.diometuchen.org/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration>. If you are unable to access, please contact the Family Life Office at 732-562-1543 or [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org). Registration will close on October 6, 2023. 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/silver-and-gold-anniversary-celebration> or calling 732-562-1543.



## Holy Water Bottles

We currently have holy water bottles available for a small donation. Please contact the Parish Office 732-826-4859.



## St. Andrew Church

244 Avenel Street, Avenel  
Tuesdays, 7:30 PM

Doors open at 6:00 PM  
Food, drinks, homemade

cakes and cookies. Meet new friends!!!

Call 732 634-4355 for info.

**For the month of June 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, Biagio Buffolino, Ron Chabala, Carmen Collura, Andrea Costantino, Knoch 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, Anna Velez & 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 [goodshepherd20@verizon.net](mailto:goodshepherd20@verizon.net). **Please keep in mind that we pray for all the sick every day in the general intercessions of the Mass.**



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