



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 13, 2023 • Nineteenth 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
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 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

8/6/2023	\$4,736.00
E-Offering	\$687.00
Mission Appeal	\$2,012.00

MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE MAY 2023

Collection Income	\$ 28,751.00
Other Income	\$ 13,726.00
Total Income	\$ 42,477.00
Expenses	\$ 55,662.00
Month's Income/(Deficit)	\$ (13,185.00)
Year-to-date (July '22 – May '23)	
Income/(Deficit)	\$ (84,874.00)
Outstanding Diocesan Assessment	\$.00
Debt as of June 30th	

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:

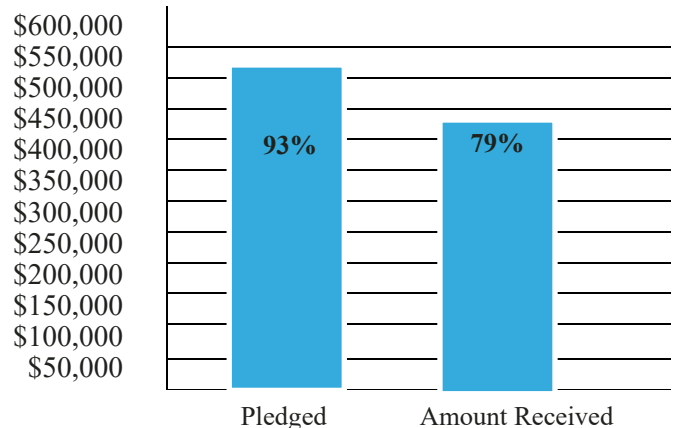
Checks for the capital campaign or donations for the roof must be separate from regular church donations as they go to a totally different financial institution. **Please write your name and envelope number on the envelope and label the envelope "Capital Campaign" or "Continuing Our Mission" or "Roof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



The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

[1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a](#)

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD—but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake—but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire—but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14](#)

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD — for he proclaims peace. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading

[Rom 9:1-5](#)

Brothers and sisters:

I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

[Cf. Ps 130:5](#)

Alleluia, Alleluia

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for his word.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

[Mt 14:22-33](#)

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

For the month of August 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, Knoah Dahlberg, Chuck F., Phyllis Edwards, Victor & Melissa Ferrer, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Joseph Frisbe, 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 & Joyce Signorile, Virginia Sokolowski, Jack Stacey, Maryann Suhay, Telofski family, Melissa Telofski, Dave 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. *Please keep in mind that we pray for all the sick every day in the general intercessions of the Mass.*

MINISTER SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK

LECTOR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

4:30PM Mary Ann Suhay

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH

8:30AM Liz Shirina

11:00AM Gabriella Conrady

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH

8:00AM Rose Lund

7:00PM Margaret Russo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

4:30PM S. Gulyas, Michele & Ron Schendorf

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH

8:30AM M. Amaya, Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola

11:00AM Claudia & Jose De Jesus, C Chichester

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH

8:00AM L. Loso, M. Amaya, Volunteer needed

7:00PM S. Gulyas, Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

4:30PM A. Gulyas, A. Starrick & A. D'Alessio

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH

8:30AM L. Petrick, *Volunteers Needed*

11:00AM *Volunteers needed*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15TH

8:00AM *Volunteers needed*

7:00PM A. Gulyas, A. Starrick & L. Petrick

NEXT WEEK

LECTOR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

4:30PM Linda Cruz

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

8:30AM Rose Lund

11:00AM Margaret Russo

MINISTERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

4:30PM S. Gulyas, Deacon Mickey Coppola, C. Conrady

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

8:30AM Mildred & Rudy Morales,

& Deacon Mickey Coppola

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

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

4:30PM A. Gulyas, A. Starrick, A. D'Alessio

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH

8:30AM L. Petrick, *Volunteers Needed*

11:00AM *Volunteers needed*



Holy Water Bottles

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

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, August 14 :

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

7:00PM Living & Deceased members of the Good Shepherd

TUESDAY, August 15 :

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00AM Kate Egan

Req Cousin Peggy

7:00PM Thomas & Nicholas Hudanish

Req wife & Grandmother

WEDNESDAY, August 16 : Weekday

8:00AM Kathleen & Barrett

Req Liz Shurina

THURSDAY, August 17 :

8:00AM Gilma & Brigida Tabon

Req Blanca Villegas

FRIDAY, August 18 :

8:00AM Tobia & Grazia Acciani

Req Marie

SATURDAY, August 19 :

The Vigil of the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM Walter Riveley

Req Rose Lund

SUNDAY, August 20 :

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Mildred Moses

Req Betty

11:00AM Mary & Joseph Bozzo

Req Joan & Paul Buccola

"Please respect the Sacred Silence"



Votive Sanctuary Candles

If you would like to light a Votive Sanctuary candle, please do so! Remember to place your donation in the collection box attached to the stand. Our suggested donation is \$2 each. *Thank you!*

For the Week of August 12-18th



SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of

Nicholas & Josephine Martino

Req Ronnie & John DeMatteo



BREAD & WINE

In Memory of

Deceased members of the Augustine family

Req Lillian



BLESSED MOTHER FLOWERS

In Memory of

Deceased members of the Augustine family

Req Lillian



ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of

Joe Russo

Req loving wife



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.

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.



RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Registration for our 2023 - 2024 RCIA class is now open. 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 and/or Confirmation, please contact our Parish Office for more information or submit the RCIA registration form on our website at <https://goodshepherdpanj.org/rcia-adult-religious-education>



FEED MY SHEEP

~Serving The Homeless~

Monday, August 28, 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.

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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.

SAVE THE DATES!

- ♦ **August 25, 2023**—Deadline to register for Religious Ed.
- ♦ **September 3, 2023** - Hospitality Sunday
- ♦ **September 22, 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.

TRAVEL CLUB

Shows for 2023

"& Juliet" *Stephen Sondheim Theatre – NYC*

Bus leaves church parking lot at 11:30am,

*Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 3pm, Cost: \$220.00 (Age 13+)
\$100.00 deposit is required, deadline Thursday, August 24th.*

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



Hispanic Heritage Mass

Please join Bishop Checchio in celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Mass in Spanish, on Friday September 15, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Francis of Assisi, Metuchen NJ (32 Elm Ave, Metuchen NJ 08840). Come share with the Hispanic community and together we will thank God for our diocese and for the opportunity to live our faith through our traditions. Information: Lesco-bar@diometuchen.org or call (732) 243-4573.



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!

The Good Shepherd



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.



"Resorts Casino"
Atlantic City
Bus Leaves 10am on
Tuesday, August 15th

Cost \$40.00, receive \$10.00 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.



-Li Greci's
The Staaten
Friday,
October 13, 2023
Price \$105.00

Cruise the Manasquan Authentic German and American food, music, dancing, Variety Show and Fabulous Comedian. For reservations please call Janet Tonic or Judy Wiuff 732-738-4394. Checks should be made payable: **Good Shepherd Seniors.**

Friendly Reminder

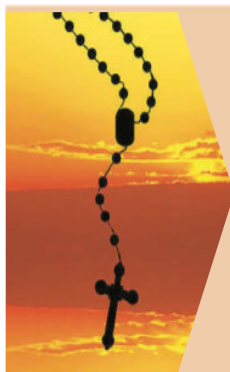
If you've made requests for Candles, Flowers or Mass Intentions for 2023 and haven't had the opportunity to make your donation, please contact the parish office.



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, August 19, 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.

We still have availability for 2023 for requests of Flowers for the Blessed Mother, Altar Flowers, Bread & Wine, or Sanctuary Candle In Honor of /Memory of. Please contact the Parish Office (732)-826-4859



Summer Family Rosary

The Office of Family Life is sponsoring a virtual rosary for engaged/married couples and children on August 7th and August 21st at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. Please contact Cristina at cdaverso@diometuchen.org for details and link information.

Stress In Your Marriage?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?

Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?

Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen, NJ.

RETROUVAILLE consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is **August 18-20, 2023**. All inquiries are confidential. For further information, please contact Rich Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or Annette Colasuonno 732-672-0748 or email



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 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. 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.

Feminine Genius Brunch October 14, 2023

Come join us for a beautiful morning set aside to marvel at the mystery of God and His plan for each of us! This event includes a presentation and book signing by Shannon Whitmore, author of the new book, "See Yourself as God Does: Understanding Holy Body Image through Catholic Scripture" (Ascension). The morning will include prayer and reflection, brunch and a review of some service ideas for women to get more involved in ministry. This event is for women of all ages and will be held at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway from 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM. For more information and/or to register please visit www.diometuchen.org/familylife or call 732-562-1543.



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.

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.
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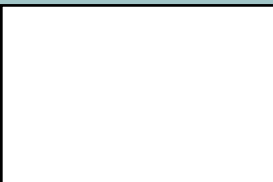
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