



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.

October 15, 2023 • Twenty-Eighth 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 10:00am
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

10/8/2023	\$4,798.00
E-Offering	\$572.00

MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE JUNE 2023

Collection Income	\$ 21,906.00
Other Income	\$ 17,666.00
Total Income	\$ 39,572.00
Expenses	\$ 41,540.00
Month's Income/(Deficit)	\$ (1,968.00)
Year-to-date (July '22 – June '23)	
Income/(Deficit)	\$ (86,842.00)
Outstanding Diocesan Assessment	\$.00
Debt as of June 30th	\$.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:

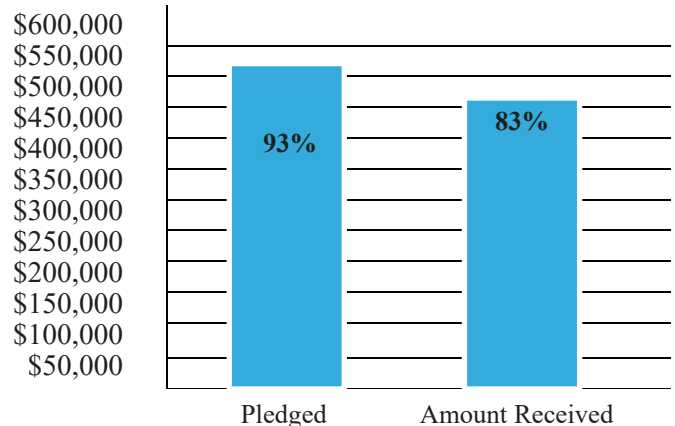
Checks for the capital campaign or donations for the roof must be separate from regular church donations as they go to a totally different financial institution. **Please write your name and envelope number on the envelope and label the envelope "Capital Campaign" or "Continuing Our Mission" or "Roof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

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

Capital Campaign Update As of August 17, 2023

Goal: \$600,000

"Continuing Our Mission"



The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

[Is 25:6-10a](#)

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6](#)

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

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Second Reading

[Phil 4:12-14, 19-20](#)

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

[Cf. Eph 1:17-18](#)

Alleluia, Alleluia

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ lighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

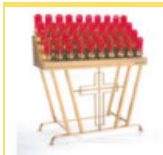
[Mt 22:1-14](#)

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAY FOR THEM

Please pray that our deceased loved one,
Evelyn "Dorothy" Baumley & Diane Mansmann
know the joy and peace of eternal life. Pray that
their families may be comforted.



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!

MINISTER SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK

LECTOR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
4:30PM Linda Cruz

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
8:30AM Liz Shurina
11:00AM Joanna Jimenez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
4:30PM Deacon San Costantino, S. Gulyas, M. Joyce
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
8:30AM Carolina & Shaun Chichester, L. Santamaria
11:00AM Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola & J. De Jesus

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
4:30PM A. Gulyas, A. Starrick, A. Malave
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
8:30AM L. Petrick, *Volunteers Needed*
11:00AM *Volunteers needed*

NEXT WEEK

LECTOR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
4:30PM Lynda Vanoni

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND
8:30AM Rose Lund
11:00AM Family Mass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino, Ron & Michele Schendorf
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND
8:30AM M. Amaya, M. Joyce & L. Loso
11:00AM Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola, M. Russo

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
4:30PM A. Gulyas, A. Starrick, A. Malave
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND
8:30AM L. Petrick, *Volunteers Needed*
11:00AM *Volunteers needed*

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, October 16 : Weekday

7:00PM Happy Birthday in Heaven Maria Gianfrancesco

TUESDAY, October 17 :

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr
8:00AM Bishop Herbert L. Bright Sr.
Req Frank & Marie Augustyn

WEDNESDAY, October 18 :

St. Luke, Evangelist
8:00AM Rev. Colombino Galassi

THURSDAY, October 19 :

Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
8:00AM Happy Anniversary in Heaven James & Mary Breef
Req Joanne & Matt Breef

FRIDAY, October 20 : Weekday

8:00AM Ted Pastuszek Sr.
Req son & best friend Ted

SATURDAY, October 21 :

The Vigil of the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:30PM Teresa Marietta
Req Loretta & Bob Gawroniak

SUNDAY, October 22 :

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30AM Maria Gianfrancesco
Req Joyce Signorile & family
11:00AM Heriberto Garcia Jr.
Req Angela Feliciano



TICKETS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

SOLD OUT!!!
Date: October 22, 2023
Ticket sales \$18.00 per Ticket
Thank you for your support!!!

For the Week of October 14-20th

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of
Maria Gianfrancesco (Chapel)
Req grandsons James & Christian
Harold & Jewel Augustine (Church)
Req Daughter Lillian

BREAD & WINE

In Memory of
Luis Coppola
Req Connie Hudanish

BLESSED MOTHER FLOWERS

Birthday Blessings for
Terry Lewis

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of
Maria Gianfrancesco
Req daughters Liberata & Giovannina



For the month of October 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 Buntin, Biagio Buffolino, Ron Chabala, Carmen Collura, Ann Cyrana, Andrea Costantino, Knoah Dahlberg, Debra Dekarski, Chuck F., Phyllis Edwards, Victor & Melissa Ferrer, Tommy Fitzpatrick, Joseph Frisbe, Marty Gaffney, Bob Gawroniak, Carol George, Johnny Gondek, Richard Hijzer, Nancy Hunt, Tommy Jones, Mike Karvalis, 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, 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.



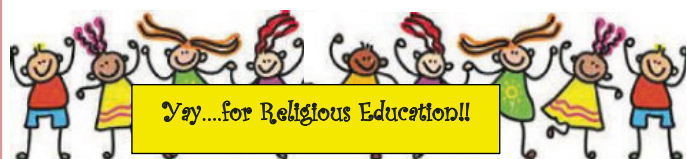
It's not too late to Register for Religious Education

Registration forms for the 2023-24 school year
are 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.



Good Shepherd Choir

is looking for female singing voices to join us on **Sunday, October 22, at the 11:00 AM** Mass. See Mr. Behr after Mass for more information."



Next Weekend, we will unit with the global church on celebrating World Mission Sunday. This year Pope Francis illuminates our path with he theme "The Hearts on fire, feet on the move".

As we prepare to observe this special day, we are reminded to ignite our hearts with Christ's love and extend that warmth to the most vulnerable corners of our world. Your prayers and upcoming generosity in the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will bolster the missionary working in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and certain regions of Latin America and Europe. Let us come together to support them in their mission of love and service.

Thank you!

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Registration for our 2023 - 2024 RCIA class is now **CLOSED**. For those who are registered our next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

Session 2: "What We believe" -the Bible
Location: Downstairs in our Church Hall



For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Matthew 25:35

For this Thanksgiving season we will be providing our patrons with Shoprite Gift cards to try to offset the cost for groceries. If you would like to help support our efforts with a monetary donation, we will gladly put it to great use.

We are providing Turkeys to the Patrons of our Food Pantry. If you have any you would like to donate please call the Parish Office. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Thank you~

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.


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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, October 21, 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.

Did you know?

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of four Pontifical Mission Societies, was founded by French laywoman Blessed Pauline Jaricot in 1822. She planted the seed for what today is the World Mission Sunday Collection by asking her friends to pray daily and donate a penny a week for the missionaries working on spreading the Gospel to all nations. The monies raised in 1822 supported the vast diocese of Louisiana, which then extended from the Florida Keys to Canada, as well as the missions of Kentucky and China. In the United States, we benefited from the collection until 1908. Throughout the years, we received the equivalent of over \$250 million today, while the dioceses in our country considered mission territories have continued to receive subsidies. Fairbanks, Alaska, was the last of those dioceses and received its final subsidy payment this year! Offerings support the formation of seminarians and religious men and women, assist in the construction of churches, schools and orphanages and help missionaries proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments.



"Please respect the Sacred Silence"

The Good Shepherd Parish 2024 MASS BOOK IS NOW OPEN

- There are no remaining Masses, Flowers Candles or Bread & Wine for 2023.
- Due to our Parish size and limited Masses, all registered Parish families are allowed 2 weekend and 2 daily Masses.

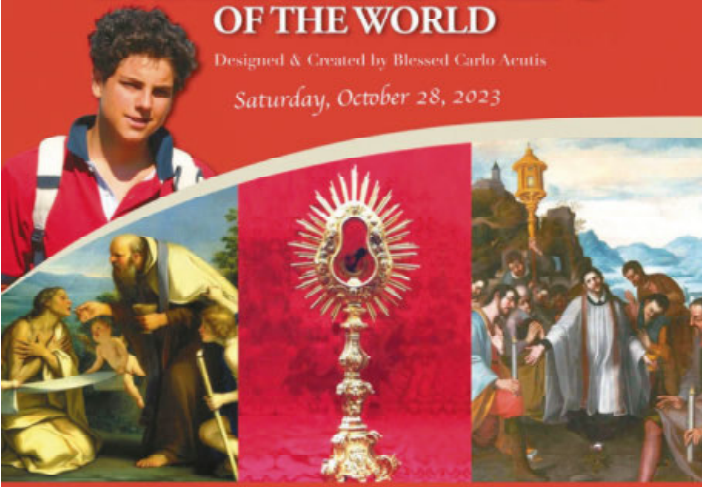
Donations are as follows:

Masses \$10.00

Blessed Mother Flowers \$20.00
Altar Flowers \$40.00 each

Bread & Wine \$20.00
Sanctuary Candle \$15.00

International Exhibition
**THE EUCHARISTIC
MIRACLES
OF THE WORLD**
Designed & Created by Blessed Carlo Acutis
Saturday, October 28, 2023



10:00AM: Exhibit opens in church basement
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in church
EWTN Blessed Carlo Acutis documentary every 30 minutes

3:30PM-4:15PM: Confession available

4:30PM: Closing of exhibit
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Vigil Mass

Good Shepherd Parish
625 Florida Grove Rd. Hopelawn, NJ

**COME TO OUR
HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR**
WHO? EVERYONE (COSTUMES OPTIONAL)
WHEN? SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2 TO 4 PM
WHERE? OUR CHURCH HALL
COST? \$4 ADULTS/\$2 CHILDREN



GAMES...
IF YOU ARE BRAVE
ENOUGH! OH NOOO!!!

FINGER FOOD.....
FINGERS INCLUDED



SPOOKY MUSIC...
STRUT YOUR STUFF!

TROPHIES FOR SCARIEST AND
MOST ORIGINAL COSTUME!!!

RSVP requested but not required to Joyce at 732-887-7800

Rose at rlund3@verizon.net

Or Facebook at "Good Shepherd Parish Rosary Altar Society"

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.



One of our parishioners is in need of a female Health Aide for the Perth Amboy area.

- Must be Certified Health aide.
- 3 to 4 Hours a day, Monday – Fri.
- No cooking required.

This is a paid position. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office 732-826- 4859.

Be a Champion for Catholic Charities

You are invited to join CHAMPIONS for CATHOLIC CHARITIES—a community of individual and corporate benefactors who support the vital services for our neighbors in need provided by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen. Over 60,000 people are helped each year through more than 100 programs in the New Jersey counties of Hunterdon, Middlesex, Somerset and Warren. Catholic Charities continues to work each day to renew hope and bring wholeness to those broken in body and spirit, and we invite you to join us in putting love into action by becoming a CHAMPION for CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

Go to www.diometuchen.org/champions to make a gift or download a raffle form to purchase a ticket. Every gift, no matter the size, is important and greatly appreciated. Checks should be made payable to Champions for Catholic Charities and mailed to Champions for Catholic Charities, Diocese of Metuchen, PO Box 191, Metuchen, NJ 08840-0191. Questions may be directed by email to champions@diometuchen.org or by phone to 732-562-2432.



SAVE THE DATES!

- ◆ ~~October 22, 2023~~ – Tricky Tray - **Sold out!**
- ◆ **October 25, 2023** – Ladies Guild Meeting
- ◆ **October 28, 2023** – Carlo Acutis International exhibition
- ◆ **November 5, 2023** – Hospitality Sunday
- ◆ **November 10, 2023** – Rosary Altar Society Meeting
- ◆ **November 17, 2023** – Memorial Tree Lighting

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.



**Wednesday,
November 8, 2023**
9:30 am to 12:30 pm
\$10.00 per person

Schedule: Continental Breakfast & Fellowship
Guest Speaker: Msgr. John Fell, STD, Episcopal Vicar
Health Care Apostolate **Health Care Considerations
for Aging Catholics**

St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Holy Mass
Call Angela to **register** at
732-562-1543 or amarshall@diometuchen.org

Spreading the Word

Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

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