



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 22, 2023 • Twenty-Ninth 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](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

10/15/2023	\$4,528.00
E-Offering	\$497.00
All Souls	\$1,661.00

## MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE JUNE 2023

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

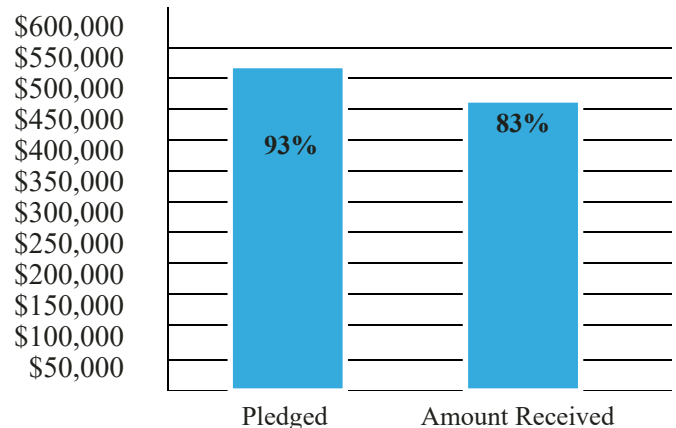
Checks for the capital campaign or donations for the roof must be separate from regular church donations as they go to a totally different financial institution. **Please write your name and envelope number on the envelope and label the envelope "Capital Campaign" or "Continuing Our Mission" or "Roof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

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

## Capital Campaign Update As of August 17, 2023

**Goal: \$600,000**

**"Continuing Our Mission"**



# The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First Reading

Is 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

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

***Thanks be to God.***

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised; awesome is he, beyond all gods. For all the gods of the nations are things of nought, but the LORD made the heavens.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations, give to the LORD glory and praise; give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Worship the LORD, in holy attire; tremble before him, all the earth; say among the nations: The LORD is king, he governs the peoples with equity.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

## Second Reading

1 Thes 1:1-5B

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

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

***Thanks be to God.***

## Alleluia

Phil 2:15d,16a

***Alleluia, Alleluia***

Shine like lights in the world  
as you hold on to the word of life.

***Alleluia, Alleluia***

## Gospel

Mt 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

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



## Holy Water Bottles

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

***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](mailto: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, OCTOBER 21ST**  
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

#### ALTAR SERVERS

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

### NEXT WEEK

#### LECTOR

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH**  
4:30PM Ron Schendorf

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH**  
8:30AM Margaret Russo  
11:00AM Loni Rodriguez

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**  
8:00AM Rose Lund

7:00PM MaryAnn Suhay  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**  
8:00AM Phyllis Gianfrancesco  
7:00PM Liz Shurina

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH**  
4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino, Ken & Jeanette Gonzalez  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH**  
8:30AM M. Amaya, Mildred & Rudy Morales  
11:00AM Deacon Mikey & Colleen Coppola, G. Conrady

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**  
8:00AM M. Amaya, L. Loso & L. Quintana  
7:00PM Deacon Sam Costantino, Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**  
8:00AM L. Loso, Ron & Michele Schendorf  
7:00PM Claudia & Jose De Jesus, S. Gulyas

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, October 23 : Weekday

7:00PM Luis Coppola  
Good Shepherd Rosary Altar Society

### TUESDAY, October 24 : Weekday

8:00AM Robert & Zabor  
Req Emily & Dennis Vinciguerra

### WEDNESDAY, October 25 : Weekday

8:00AM Living & Deceased members of the Good Shepherd

### THURSDAY, October 26 : Weekday

8:00AM Luis Coppola  
Req Shirley Chow

### FRIDAY, October 27 : Weekday

8:00AM Birthday Blessing for Nancy Brown

### SATURDAY, October 28 :

#### The Vigil of the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM William "Bill" Mauro  
Req loving wife Pauline & family

### SUNDAY, October 29:

#### The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Maria Gianfrancesco  
Req Barbara Kaczmarek  
11:00AM Jane Lukacs  
Req Bernice & Glenn Gedeon



### The Parish Family of the Good Shepherd Welcomes:

Mr. & Mrs. David Thompson, Ms. Maribel Rosario,  
Ms. Jean Yuhas, Ms. Sylvia Turpin, Ms. Kristy Jimenez,  
Mr. & Mrs. Orlando Abreu, Ms. Suleyka Perez, Mr. & Mrs. Jessie Ortega,  
Mr. & Mrs. Willi Rojas, Mr. Jose Castillo & Ms. Anelka Santana,  
Mr. & Mrs. Leonardo Fermin, Ms. Klaudia Sanewska, Ms. Brittany Ferri,  
Mr. & Mrs. William Ramos, Mr. & Mrs. John Conte,  
Mr. Aureliano Hernandez & Ms. Digna Puntiel,  
Mr. Ramon Fernandez & Ms. Yulissa Garcia Coronado,  
Mr. Artemio Bermudez & Ms. Elena Cruz Carrera,  
Mr. Anthony Allgaier & Ms. Rebecca Koperwhats,  
Mrs. Christopher Studva, Mr. & Mrs. Themojin Flormata,  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Diaz & their families

### For the Week of October 21 - 27th



#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of  
William "Bill" Mauro  
Req Loving wife Pauline & family



#### BREAD & WINE

In Memory of  
Luis Coppola  
Req Don & Holly



#### BLESSED MOTHER FLOWERS

In Memory of  
William "Bill" Mauro  
Req Loving wife Pauline & family



#### ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of  
William "Bill" Mauro  
Req Loving wife Pauline & family

*"Please respect the Sacred Silence"*

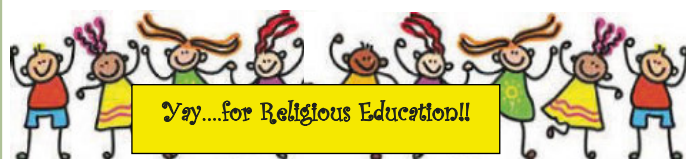


## Religious Education Registration is now **CLOSED**

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 **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**



### PERTH AMBOY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Gala

**Honoring:**  
Rev. Ron Machado, Rev. Slawomir Romanowski  
Rev. Krystian Burdzy, Rev. Gilles Njobam

**For their continued support, prayers, and guidance.**

**SATURDAY • NOVEMBER 11, 2023**  
**6:30PM - 11:00PM**

**TICKETS: \$125 PER PERSON**  
**(CASH BAR)**  
**TICKET INCLUDES DINNER & DANCE**  
**MUSIC BY DJ FRANKLIN**

**GREAT AUCTION ITEMS**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS PERTH AMBOY CATHOLIC SCHOOL  
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**PACS AUDITORIUM**  
500 STATE STREET, PERTH AMBOY, NJ 08861  
ARAMIREZ@PACATHOLICSSCHOOL.ORG  
732.715.8960

**ATTIRE • FORMAL**



## Join us FOR HOSPITALITY SUNDAY Sunday, November 5, 2023

*(and every first Sunday of the month)*

Following 8:30am Mass and before 11am Mass for hospitality, faith fellowship, light refreshments and an opportunity to socialize with your parish family.

If you, your family, or Parish Organization is interested in hosting a Hospitality Sunday please let us know. You may contact the Parish Office 732-826-4859, or complete the form on our Website [goodshepherdpanj.org](http://goodshepherdpanj.org).



Today we celebrate Word Mission Sunday, heeding Pope Francis's call to keep our **"Hearts on Fire, feet on the move."** On this day, we reflect on our baptismal promise to be disciples and missionaries, sharing the Good News.

The collection today for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith directly aids priests, religious, and lay leaders in the Pope's missions, allowing them to minister to and uplift communities in dire need. Let's light up the world with our prayers and generosity. Thank you for your heartfelt contribution!



**TICKETS ARE ONLY  
AVAILABLE AT THE  
DOOR**

**Date: October 22, 2023**

**Ticket sales \$18.00 per Ticket**

*Thank you for your support!!!*

## 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.

## 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](http://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](mailto:champions@diometuchen.org) or by phone to 732-562-2432.





**DO YOU KNOW, What happens to a consecrated host if it accidentally falls to the ground?**

**Answer:** This is a very practical question because, as we all know, accidents happen, even during the most careful celebration of the liturgy. The short answer to this question is that nothing happens to the consecrated host. The Real Presence of Jesus remains in the consecrated host or any consecrated wine that might accidentally be spilled. Another question we might ask is: *How should the ministers respond if the Eucharist is dropped or spilled?* If this happens, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of holy Communion should immediately pick up the dropped host and consume it. If it is a case of the Precious Blood being spilled, the minister would use the purificator (and additional purificators if needed) to clean the spill and then the area should be reverently washed as soon as the Mass is over and the water poured into the sacrarium (a special sink that is located in church sacristies for reverently disposing of holy water, the water used to clean sacred vessels, etc.). ©LPi



In February of 1951, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen (national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith from 1950 to 1966), in a radio address (*The Catholic Hour*), inaugurated a **World Mission Rosary**. "We must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the world. To this end, I have designed the World Mission Rosary. Each of the

five decades is of a different color to represent each of the five continents." Praying this Rosary, Archbishop Sheen said, would "aid the Holy Father and his Society for the Propagation of the Faith by supplying him with practical support, as well as prayers, for the poor mission territories of the world."

Each decade of that World Mission Rosary calls to mind an area where the Church continues her evangelizing mission: GREEN for the forests and grasslands of AFRICA; BLUE for the ocean surrounding the ISLANDS OF THE PACIFIC; WHITE symbolizing EUROPE, the seat of the Holy Father, shepherd of the world; RED calling to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the AMERICAS, and YELLOW, the morning light of the East, for ASIA.

Pray the  
**WORLD**  
*Mission Rosary*



When the World Mission Rosary is completed, one has embraced all continents, all people in prayer.  
— ARCHBISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN

## 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

## The Good Shepherd Parish 2024 MASS BOOK IS 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



*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~

## ALL INVITED TO A HEALING & PENANCE SERVICE & MASS:

Rev. John Campoli, i.v.dei, will present an afternoon of spiritual reflection including discussion & a healing service from 2 to 4pm on Saturday Nov 4, 2023 at Our Lady of Peace Parish Center in North Brunswick. At 4:00 PM, across the parking lot, at Our Lady of Peace Church, Father will then offer a Penance Service, followed by Father celebrating the 5:00 PM Vigil Mass. This Celebration is sponsored by the Our Lady of Peace Columbiettes. For more information about Fr. Campoli, please visit [www.frjohncampoli.com](http://www.frjohncampoli.com). Address: OLOP, 1730 US Highway 130, North Brunswick, NJ 08902. All are welcome.

## 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.

## SAVE THE DATES!

- ◆ ~~October 22, 2023~~ - Tricky Tray - **Sold out!**
- ◆ **October 25, 2023** - Ladies Guild Meeting
- ◆ **October 28, 2023** - Carlo Acutis International Exhibition
- ◆ **November 15, 2023** - Hospitality Sunday
- ◆ **November 12, 2023** - Rosary Altar Society Meeting

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](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org)



## Christmas Concert With The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023 ~ 7:00PM AT  
ST. JAMES CHURCH 149 GROVE STREET  
WOODBIDGE, NEW JERSEY

Join us for a magical evening of music with the charismatic  
Father Alphonse Stevenson  
conducting the Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea! There's no better way to  
start the Christmas season than to spend a special evening with Father  
Alphonse and his 42-piece orchestra and distinguished vocalists.  
Be sure to get your tickets early for this annual sell out!



### TICKET PRICING

Preferred (Front half of the Church) \$50 • Standard (Back half of the Church) \$30

To reserve your tickets, use any of these three options:

- fill the form below and return to the Parish Office (address above)
- call the Parish Office (number below)
- or see the ticket seller after all weekend Masses

A member of the Parish staff will assign seats in the order reservations are received.  
Payment methods cash, check (payable to St. James Church) or to pay by  
credit card, please use the online form by scanning the QR code  
to the right or visit our website at [stjamesonline.org](http://stjamesonline.org).  
Questions? Call the parish office: 732-634-0500 x100



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Seating Options: Preferred \$50 ☐  
Standard \$30 ☐

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_



Do you know someone who has a  
problem with drugs

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October 28-29 All Masses



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