



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.

**November 12, 2023 • Thirty-Second 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

10/29/2023	\$5,833.00
E-Offering	\$492.00
All Saints	\$1,219.00

## 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:

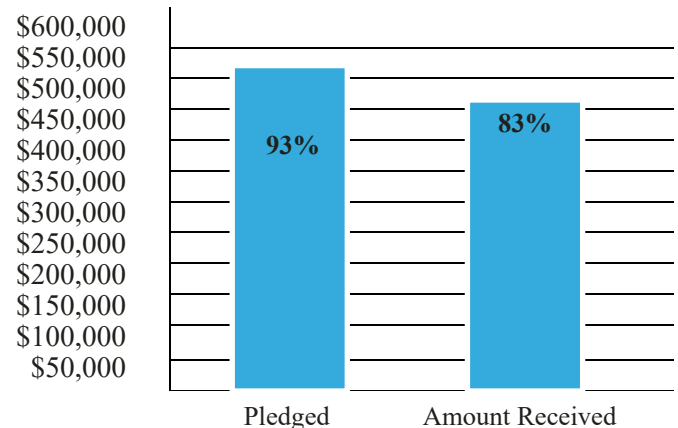
Checks for the capital campaign or donations for the roof must be separate from regular church donations as they go to a totally different financial institution. **Please write your name and envelope number on the envelope and label the envelope "Capital Campaign" or "Continuing Our Mission" or "Roof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

## First Reading

Wis 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

*The Word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on you: You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

## Second Reading

1 Thes 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another

with these words.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## Alleluia

Mt 24:42a, 44

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

Stay awake and be ready! For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

*Alleluia, Alleluia*

## Gospel

Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**For the month of November 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, 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 Mateuszczuk, 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, Jean Stacey, Maryann Suhay, Telofski family, Melissa Telofski, Dave Utter, Elsie Vega & Barbara White.

With respect to personal privacy only requests made by immediate family members will be taken. If you would like to add or continue to keep a name on our list: call the parish office at 732-826-4859 or email [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, NOVEMBER 11TH**

4:30PM Linda Cruz

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH**

8:30AM Melissa Smith

11:00AM Ben Salerno Sr.

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH**

4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino, Michele & Ron Schendorf

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH**

8:30AM Shawn & Carolina Chichester, L. Loso

11:00AM G. Conrady, Jose & Claudia De Jesus

#### ALTAR SERVERS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH**

4:30PM A. Gulyas, A. Starrick, A. Malave

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH**

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

11:00AM *Volunteers needed*

### NEXT WEEK

#### LECTOR

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**

4:30PM Lynda Vanoni

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**

8:30AM Liz Shurina

11:00AM Family Mass

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD**

9:00AM Phyllis Gianfrancesco

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**

4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino, S. Gulyas & M. Joyce

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**

8:30AM Deacon Mickey Coppola, L. Quintana & L. Santamaria

11:00AM Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola, M. Russo

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD**

9:00AM M. Amaya, L. Loso & L. Quintana

#### ALTAR SERVERS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**

4:30PM A. Gulyas, A. Malave, *Volunteer needed*

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**

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

11:00AM *Volunteers needed*

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD**

9:00AM L. Petrick, *Volunteers needed*

## Purgatorial Mass Society

If you would like to enroll a loved one for 2024, please call Maria at the Parish Office. The donation is \$25.00 per enrollment. This includes a large attractive card for you to give to the family when a loved one passes away. New enrollments will be listed in the bulletin once a month. At every First Friday Morning Mass the names of those enrolled for that month will be placed on the Altar and will remain there for one year. *Please note the names will not be read during Mass.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, November 13 :**

**St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

7:00PM Maria Gianfrancesco  
Req Debbie Swanson

**TUESDAY, November 14 : Weekday**

8:00AM Johnny Sciarra  
Req Laura Riccardi

**WEDNESDAY, November 15 : Weekday**

8:00AM Geoffrey  
Req Laura Riccardi

**THURSDAY, November 16 : Weekday**

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

**FRIDAY, November 17 :**

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

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

**SATURDAY, November 18 :**

**The Vigil of the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30PM Rosa & Tommaso Torchia  
Req daughter Catherine & husband

**SUNDAY, November 19 :**

**The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30AM Pat Venditti  
Req Elsa Herns  
11:00AM Jane Lukacs  
Req Sister Bernie & family

### PRAY FOR HER

*Please pray that our deceased loved one,  
**Milagros Pereira***

*know the joy and peace of eternal life. Pray that  
her family may be comforted.*

**For the Week of November 11-17th**

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

**In Memory of**

Maria Gianfrancesco (Church)  
Req Fil Grasso & family

### BREAD & WINE

**In Memory of**

Dolores M. Ksiazak  
Req Nancy Brown

### BLESSED MOTHER FLOWERS

**In Memory of**

John A. Lesko Jr.  
Req daughter Carol Ann

### ALTAR FLOWERS

**In Memory of**

John M. DeMatteo  
Req loving wife Ronnie & daughters



## Religious Education

**Next Class will be held on**

**November 18th**

If your child has not received any Sacraments and is between grade levels 1-9th, or your family is new to our Parish and you would like information on how to continue your child's Religious Education for **September 2024-25**, please call the **Parish Office 732-826-4859**, or email **Mrs. Margaret Russo at: [gspreligiously@gmail.com](mailto:gspreligiously@gmail.com)**.

Our location has been changed to the former Holy Spirit Church on 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, November 14, 2023**

**Session 3: "Loving the Christian Life"**  
-the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation

**Location: Downstairs in our Church Hall**

## 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.

## Thank you FOR YOUR SUPPORT

The Good Shepherd Ladies Guild thank our parish family and friends for all your support and help in making our tricky tray a success. If you donated goods or money, helped set up the auditorium, helped during the event, attended the tricky tray or supported us with your prayers and good wishes we sincerely thank you. We are especially thankful for our 5 young parishioners, **Layla Cavaco, Alayna Cavaco, Juliana Ferrara, Mateo Jimenez, and Liam Petrick**, who volunteered to serve as our runners for the tricky tray. They did an excellent job.

Although the final report is not completed we anticipate the profit from the tricky tray should be about \$22,000. Again without your support this would not have been possible.

**Thank You.**

## 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.



## 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.



Your donations  
make our  
babies  
SMILE!!!

## Life Choices RC Baby Bottle Blessings

### Good Shepherd Parish

is hosting a "Baby Bottle Blessings"  
Campaign for **Life Choices Resource Center**,  
Metuchen.

For over 38 years, **Life Choices** has been serving women and families in our local communities by offering **FREE** services and support including onsite ultrasounds, pregnancy tests, material goods, counseling, lactation consultation, food pantry information, housing and social service referrals. We offer hope and friendship for those facing crisis pregnancies and post abortion healing. WE are **"Walking with Moms in Need."** By supporting the "Baby Bottle Blessings" fundraiser and assisting our families, you are helping to *spread the Gospel of Life* while building a legacy of Love with our precious clients. **Please take home an envelope** (includes donation form) and fill it with cash, check or credit card information and **return it by the weekend of December 2nd & 3rd**. Place your envelope with completed donation form in the church collection basket. If you are writing a check please issued it payable to:  
**Life Choices Resource Center**

You can also mail the donation form directly to:  
**Life Choices Resource Center**, 503 Main Street, Metuchen, NJ  
08840 or donate on-line at [www.LifeChoicesRC.com](http://www.LifeChoicesRC.com).

*"Whatsoever you do, do it from the heart, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that you shall receive of the Lord the reward of inheritance. Serve ye the Lord Christ". Col 3:23-24*

**Your gift will help us serve our Lord's most precious creation!**  
**Thank you! You are in our prayers!**



One of our parishioners  
is in need of handyman  
who's able to fix sheet-  
rock, replace tiles and  
other house hold repairs.

If you are interested please contact the Parish Office 732-826-4859



## Flynn and Son Funeral Home

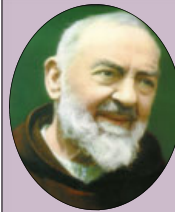
*"Flynn and Son Funeral Home  
will be hosting its 23rd Annual*

*Memorial Tree Lighting Ceremony at our Metuchen  
location (319 Amboy Avenue) on Wednesday, December  
6, at 7:00 p.m. For information on how to participate,  
please call 732-548-2134 or visit our website at  
[www.flynnfuneral.com/CommunityEvents](http://www.flynnfuneral.com/CommunityEvents)."*



**"Windcreek Casino"  
Bethlehem PA  
Bus Leaves 10am on  
Tuesday, January 16, 2024**

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.



## 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, November 18, 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.



- ◆ **November 12, 2023** - Rosary Altar Society Meeting
- ◆ **November 18, 2023** - Life Choices, Baby bottle weekend
- ◆ **November 19, 2023** - Family Mass
- ◆ **December 3, 2023** - Hospitality Sunday
- ◆ **December 17, 2023** - Bambinelli Sunday (all Masses)
- ◆ **December 17, 2023** - Memorial Tree Lighting-RAS

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.



## Hispanic Advent Retreat

***"Walking together towards the  
encounter with the Lord"***

The Diocese of Metuchen is promoting an Advent retreat focused on Eucharistic Revival, which invites us to walk together as a community of faith, towards a real encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist. **(Spanish)**

**Please save the date!!**

**December 2, 2023 from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.**

For more information and registration please contact us at [Lescobar@diometuchen.org](mailto:Lescobar@diometuchen.org) or call 732 243 4573



## Spreading the Word

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."* - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

## Making the Good News Known

The Office of Communications and Public Relations is committed to making the Good News known and telling the story of the Diocese of Metuchen, which includes telling the stories of our parishes, schools, ministries and the faithful. Do you have a positive, inspiring story to share about an individual within our local Church of Metuchen? Is your parish doing something that lights a fire in the heart of our part of the world? We want to hear from you!

We invite you to share your news with us by emailing [communications@diometuchen.org](mailto:communications@diometuchen.org) and, as always, [news@catholicspirit.com](mailto:news@catholicspirit.com).

## Day of Recollection for Consecrated Life - Save the Date!

**Topic:** Advent Day of Recollection for Consecrated Life

**Date:** December 9, 2023

**Retreat Master:** Rev. Francis Hilton

**Location:** St. Joseph Parish  
34 Yorktown Road, Borough of Millstone  
Hillsborough, NJ 08844-5139



Sister Anna Nguyen, SCC  
(732) 562-2439  
[anguyen@diometuchen.org](mailto:anguyen@diometuchen.org)

**Additional information will be coming soon!**



## National Hospice & Palliative Care Month Resources

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month. This is a great opportunity to high-

light end-of-life topics including hospice, palliative care, and more. A listing of available resources can be found online using this link: <https://www.usccb.org/prolife/catholic-care-sick-and-dying>.



## Adult Enrichment Course "Sermon on the Mount"

The Office of Ongoing Faith Formation will be offering a free-of-charge Adult Enrichment Course entitled "Sermon on the Mount" on six consecutive Thursdays starting **November 2 through December 14, 2023 from 10:AM - 11:30 AM** (excluding November 23, which is Thanksgiving). The course will be offered at the St. John Neuman Pastoral Center located at 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway, NJ. The classes will be presented by Fr. Glenn Comandini, S.T.D. and will explore the Gospel in which the Beatitudes are couched. Through the use of PowerPoint slides, questions and answers, and the "New American Bible," attendees will have a better grasp of what God is communicating. Please bring your bible to each session. We will also have a limited supply of bibles for sale.

There is no fee to attend, but online registration is required at [www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation](http://www.diometuchen.org/faith-formation) (please register only one time for all six classes). Free-will donations are gratefully accepted. For more information, please email [amarshall@diometuchen.org](mailto:amarshall@diometuchen.org) or call 732-562-1543.

*"Please respect the Sacred Silence"*



## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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