



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.

January 28, 2024 • The Fourth 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

12/31/2023	\$6,019.00
E-Offering	\$240.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,795.00
1/7/2024	\$4,681.00
E-Offering	\$740.00
1/14/24	\$4,699.00
E-Offering	\$460.00
Together in Charity	\$1,275.00

MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE SEPTEMBER 2023

Collection Income	\$ 21,346.00
Other Income	\$ 10,788.00
Total Income	\$ 32,134.00
Expenses	\$ 38,346.00
Month's Income/(Deficit)	\$ (6,212.00)
Year-to-date (July '23 – September '23)	
Income/(Deficit)	\$ (18,431.00)
Outstanding Diocesan Assessment	
Debt as of September 30th	\$ 47,775.00

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:

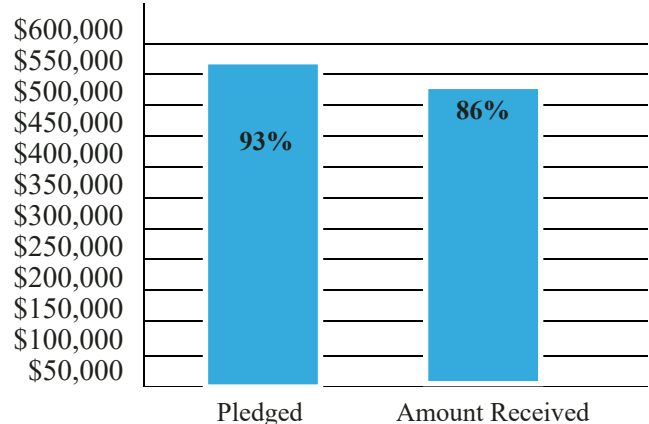
Checks for the capital campaign or donations for the roof must be separate from regular church donations as they go to a totally different financial institution. **Please write your name and envelope number on the envelope and label the envelope "Capital Campaign" or "Continuing Our Mission" or "Roof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

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

Capital Campaign Update As of December 5, 2023

"Continuing Our Mission"

Goal: \$600,000



The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Dt 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Reading

1 Cor 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia

Mt 4:16

Alleluia, Alleluia

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel

Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

You are cordially invited to join us to recite the Rosary before the **Saturday, 4:30pm & Sunday, 8:30am Mass**. Our Rosary Altar members, parishioners and friends will begin reciting the Rosary 20min prior to Mass.

For the month of January 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., Bill & 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, Darrel Lacy, Rose Langan, Louis Loso, Brianna Ortega, Megan Ortega, Carol Magyar, JoAnn Magyar, Nancy Milochik, Modesty Miranda, 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, Rhianna Scott, Joseph & Joyce Signorile, Virginia Sokolowski, Jack Stacey, Jean Stacey, Maryann Suhay, Telofski family, Melissa Telofski, Dave Utter, Elsie Vega, Barbara White & Lisa 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, JANUARY 27TH

4:30PM Linda Cruz

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH

8:30AM Melissa Smith

11:00AM Family Mass

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH

4:30PM Ken & Jeanette Gonzalez, G. Conrady

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH

8:30AM M. Amaya, M. Russo, L. Loso

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

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH

4:30PM A. Starrick, Volunteers Needed

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH

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

11:00AM *Volunteers needed*

NEXT WEEK

LECTOR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

4:30PM Ron Schendorf

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

8:30AM Rose Lund

11:00AM Loni Rodriguez

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

8:30AM D. Cherubini, L. Quintana, M. Russo

11:00AM Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola, J. DeJesus

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH

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

11:00AM *Volunteers needed*

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, January 29 : Weekday

7:00PM Liberato Gianfrancesco

Req Antonietta Gianfrancesco & children

TUESDAY, January 30 : Weekday

8:00AM Deceased Relatives & Friends

Req Phyllis Gianfrancesco

WEDNESDAY, January 31 :

St. John Bosco, Priest

8:00AM Ponce & Estrada families

Req family

THURSDAY, February 1 : Weekday

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

FRIDAY, February 2 : The Presentation of the Lord

8:00AM Purgatorial Mass Association

SATURDAY, February 3 :

The Vigil of the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30PM Pat Venditti

Req Elsa Herns

SUNDAY, February 4 :

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30AM Living & Deceased members of the Good Shepherd

11:00AM Barbara Halek

Req Good Shepherd Seniors

"Please respect the Sacred Silence"

PRAY FOR THEM

*Please pray that our deceased loved ones,
Dolores Pinelli & Rosemarie Sinatra
know the joy and peace of eternal life. Pray that
their families may be comforted.*

For the Week of January 27-February 2th

SANCTUARY CANDLE



In Memory of

Eleanor Latka

Req Good Shepherd Ladies Guild

BREAD & WINE



In Memory of

Willie Ramos

Req Poloka Family

BLESSED MOTHER FLOWERS



In Memory of

Sr. Rose & Sr. Giovanna

ALTAR FLOWERS



In Memory of

Vera Lesko

Req daughter Carol Ann



Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of the Throats

**Saturday, February 3, 2024
Following 4:30pm Mass**

Once again our Lenten Soup & Bread Dinner Followed by the Stations of the Cross is back!!

Every Friday, beginning February 16th, at 6:00pm
If you are interested in signing up to prepare a meat-
less soup dinner (along with bread/rolls) for about
30 to 40 persons, please contact the Parish Office.

Share your talents and reserve one of the
6 Fridays during Lent **NOW.**

Thank you for volunteering!!!



Religious Education

Our Next Class will be held on
Saturday February 3rd at 8:45am

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**.

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, February 6, 2024**

Session 7:

"Liturgical Seasons"- Overview of Lent

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL 2024-2025 TUITION ASSISTANCE ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Families interested in applying for tuition assistance to attend an eligible Diocese of Metuchen elementary or high school may apply online now through **FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment** at <https://online.factsmgt.com/aid>. Online applications must be completed (including all required documentation) by no later than **March 31, 2024**. Applications are available in English and Spanish.

Families that need assistance completing the online application or need access to a computer to apply should contact their school.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024

SUNDAY 1/28	MONDAY 1/29	TUESDAY 1/30	WEDNESDAY 1/31
Celebrate: Parish Appreciation Attend mass dressed to impress representing PACS in your uniforms. Challenge: Take a picture with your priest, classmates and with the new PACS banner. <small>(email pictures to your teachers to share on social media)</small>	Celebrate: Community/Nation Wear red, white, & blue. Raising of the flag ceremony Student Council Induction Donuts & Coffee for community helpers.	Celebrate: Students Wear your favorite college, university, or high school apparel. Movie & Popcorn No homework	Celebrate: Vacations 8:00am Mass- Whole school Zoom Call with guest Religious Priest & Seminarian. Dress up as your future career choice. <small>(Grades Pre-K3 - 4th Only)</small>
THURSDAY 2/1	FRIDAY 2/2	SATURDAY 2/3	
Celebrate: School Spirit Pep Rally Students may wear school colors/ Go Lions! Faculty Vs. 8th Graders Volleyball Game	Celebrate: Faculty Casual Day for Faculty & Breakfast 8th Grade Ring Ceremony Item (families & siblings welcomed) 12pm Dismissal for all students Winter Ball 7th & 8th Grades ONLY 6:30-10pm	OPEN HOUSE Come & See Open House Saturday, February 3rd 12pm-2pm 500 State Street Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 Visit us! Meet our class ambassadors, faculty and board members.	

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FOR HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
Sunday, February 4, 2024

(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.



"Resorts Casino"
Atlantic City, NJ
Bus Leaves 10am on
Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Cost \$40.00, receive \$20.00 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.

SAVE THE DATES!

- ♦ **February 3, 2024** - St. Blaise, Blessing of the Throat
- ♦ **February 4, 2024** - Hospitality Sunday
- ♦ **February 10, 2024** - International Dinner
- ♦ **February 14, 2024** - Ash Wednesday

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.



for our Annual International Night Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday, February 10th,
 following 4:30pm Mass

Bring a dish to share with our Parish!
You may bring a 1/2 tray of any ethnic dish. Please call the Parish office and let us know what you are bringing and that you're coming. Not able to cook? No problem, monetary donations are welcome or we will happily accept water or paper goods.



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.*

Purgatorial Mass Society

January 2023

Maria Gianfrancesco
 Req Maryann Suhay

John & Catherine Suhay
 Req Maryann Suhay

Marylou Roehrich
 Req Maryann Suhay

Mildred Petro
 Req Maryann Suhay

Sonia Vavrak
 Req Shirley Chow

Maria Fortin
 Hrabinski family

Enrolled Society members will be listed in the Bulletin once a month. At every First Friday Morning Mass the names of those enrolled for the month will be placed on the Altar for one year.

► 2023 Statement of Donations ◀

You can request a statement of your 2023 donations by completing a Tax Contribution form available in the belltower. Remember we cannot prepare them before January 31st.

You may call the Parish office at **732-826-4859** to have us :

- Mail your form to directly to you. You can help by providing a self-addressed, stamped envelope. This will save time and money.
- Email your request to goodshepherd20@verizon.net. and we will return your statement to the email address you provided
- Submit your request on our homepage at goodshepherdpanj.org.
- Fax your request **732-826-6078**.

Purgatorial Mass Society

February 2023

Daniel Clark
 Req Mark Tarantino

Meredith Colon
 Req Hrabinski family

Arthur & Pauline Zaleski
 Req Joanne, Matt & Michelle Breef

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February 2024

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				1 8am Mass <i>8:30-10am Adoration</i>	2 Purgatorial Mass	3 <i>8:45am (10) R. E. (All Levels)</i> 3:30-4pm Confes. 4:30pm Vigil Mass <i>St. Blaise-Blessing of the Throat following Mass</i>
4 Hospitality 8:30am/11am Mass 9:45-10:45am Music Ministry 12:15pm - Baptism	5 <i>6pm Adoration</i> 7pm Mass	6 8am Mass 4:30-8:30pm Music Ministry <i>7-9pm RCIA</i>	7 8am Mass	8 8am Mass <i>8:30-10am Adoration</i>	9 8am Mass	10 3:30-4pm Confes. 4:30pm Vigil Mass <i>International Dinner-Following Mass</i>
11 8:30am/11am Mass 9:30am RAS Meeting 9:45-10:45am Music Ministry <i>* Catholic Spirit * Ash Wednesday</i>	12 <i>6pm Adoration</i> 7pm Mass	13 8am Mass 4:30-8:30pm Music Ministry	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>  <i>8am / 12noon / 7pm</i> 12:30- Seniors Meeting 2:30-L/G meeting	15 8am Mass <i>8:30-10am Adoration</i>	16 8am Mass <i>6pm - Lenten Soup 7pm - Stations of the Cross</i>	17 <i>8:45am (11) R. E. All Levels</i> 3:30-4pm Confes. 4:30pm Vigil Mass
18 8:30am/11am Mass 9:45-10:45am Music Ministry 2pm Hall Reserved <i>2:30pm Rite of Election at St. Francis Cathedral</i>	19 P/O closed 9am Mass-No Adoration	20 8am Mass 4:30-8:30pm Music Ministry <i>7-9pm RCIA</i>	21 8am Mass	22 8am Mass <i>8:30-10am Adoration</i>	23 8am Mass <i>6pm - Lenten Soup 7pm - Stations of the Cross</i>	24 3:30-4pm Confes. 4:30pm Vigil Mass
25 Family Mass 8:30am/11am Mass 9:45-10:45am Music Ministry <i>9:45am Baptism Class</i>	26 <i>6pm Adoration</i> 7pm Mass	27 8am Mass 4:30-8:30pm Music Ministry	28 8am Mass	29 8am Mass <i>8:30-10am Adoration</i> <i>7pm Festa Meeting</i>	Abbreviations: L.G. - Ladies Guild RAS - Rosary Altar R.E. - Religious Ed. R.C.I.A. - * Second envelope	

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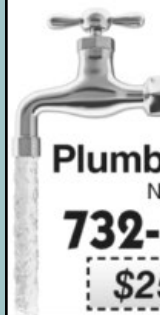
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