

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.

The Second Sunday of Lent February 25, 2024 •

Rev. Krystian Burdzy Pastor

Deacon Sam Costantino

Deacon Albert Coppola R.C.I.A.

Maria C. Arcelay Parish Secretary/Cemetery Coordinator/Website Admin. & Notary

Anna Krasowska Bookkeeper/Business Manager

Margaret Russo Director of Religious Education (PCL)

Wayne Behr Director of Liturgical Music

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:30PM

Sunday Masses: 8:30AM & 11:00AM

Adoration: Monday at 6:00pm only (except Holidays when Mass starts at 9:00am)

Thursday from 8:30am to 10:00am (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

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 <u>call the parish office</u> 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				
2/18/2024	\$4,471.00			
E-Offering	\$1,280.00 (3 weeks)			
Ash Wednesday	\$1,504.00			
Catholic Spirit	\$417.00			

MONTHLY OPERATING						
INCOME & EXPENSE	OCTOBER 2023					

\$	27,196.00
\$	1,972.00
\$	29,168.00
<u>\$</u> \$	30,368.00 (1,200.00)
<u>\$</u> \$	(19,631.00) 63,700.00
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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 <u>Good Shepherd Parish</u>.

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 January 24, 2024



The Second Sunday of Len

First Reading

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you."

When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son.

Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing— all this because you obeyed my command."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones. R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst,

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second Reading

Rom 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Verse Before the Gospel

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

Gospel

Mk 1912-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead

The Gospel of the Lord.

For the month of February 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 Bunten, 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, Antonietta Gianfrancesco, 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 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, 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, FEBRUARY 24TH

4:30PM Lynda Vanoni

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

8:30AM Phyllis Gianfrancesco

11:00AM Family Mass

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

4:30PM S. Gulyas, M. Joyce, G. Conrady SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

8:30AM M. Amaya, L. Quintana, L. Santamaria

11:00AM Deacon Mickey Coppola, Claudia &

Jose DeJesus

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

4:30PM A. Starrick, Volunteers Needed

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

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

11:00AM Volunteers needed

NEXT WEEK

LECTOR

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

4:30PM Mary Ann Suhay

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

8:30AM Margaret Russo 11:00AM Joann Jimenez

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino, Ron &

Michelle Schendorf

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

8:30AM D. Cherubini, Ken & Jeanette Gonzalez

11:00AM Deacon Mickey & Colleen Coppola, C. De Jesus

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND

4:30PM A. Starrick, A. Malave, Volunteer Needed

SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD

8:30AM L. Petrick, Volunteers Needed

11:00AM Volunteers needed

For the Week of February 24-March 1st



SANCTUARY CANDLE



Angelo Marchese Reg sister Pauline & Niece Maria



BREAD & WINE

In Memory of

Antonia & Saverio Maviglia Reg Frank & Maria Rotella

EASTER DECORATING COMMITTEE

Saturday, March 30th, at 10am

We're looking for parish members to help set-up Easter Flowers in church. If you're interested in helping please call Linda for more information 732-826-4068. 7th & 8th level Religious Ed students are invited to volunteer.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, February 26: Lenten Weekday

7:00PM Angelo Marchese

Req sister Pauline & niece Maria

TUESDAY, February 27: Lenten Weekday

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

WEDNESDAY, February 28 : Lenten Weekday

8:00AM Jose A. Figueroa, Sr.

Reg wife & family

THURSDAY, February 29: Lenten Weekdya

8:00AM Joe Pabon Sr.

4:30PM

Req Melissa Pabon

FRIDAY, March 1: Lenten Weekday

8:00AM Purgatorial Mass Association

SATURDAY, March 2:

The Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent

Birthday Blessings for Anna Krasowska

SUNDAY, March 3: The Third Sunday of Lent

8:30AM Matthew Cyrana

Reg Ann Cyrana

11:00AM Melanie Grace Licad & Honorio Licad

Reg Licad & Felix families

Join us

FOR HOSPITALITY SUNDAY Sunday, March 3, 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.

PRAY FOR HER

Please pray that our deceased loved one,

Eugenina Puente

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

"Please respect the Sacred Silence"

Once again our

Lenten Soup & Bread Dinner followed by the Stations of the Cross is back!!

It's every Friday, beginning February 16th, at 6:00pm. If you are interested in signing up to prepare a meatless 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 March 2 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:**gspreligioused@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, March 12, 2024**

Session 9: Living the Christian Life: Sacraments of Healing (Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick.)

Location: Downstairs in our Church Hall

Good Shepherd Parish

Scholarships

Young men and women of our parish who will attend a Catholic High School or start college or a technical school in Fall 2023 may apply for a Good Shepherd Parish Scholarship. To date, the parish has awarded over 90 scholarships.

Applicant Eligibility:

- Is a registered member of Good Shepherd Parish who attends Mass on a regular basis
- Is active and of service in their school, community and the Parish.

2023 Applications are now available from the Parish Office. Contact the Parish Office located at 625 Florida Grove Road, between the hours of 9am-3pm Monday through Friday by phone (732-826-4859) or email GoodShepherd20@verizon.net and request an application to be mailed to your home. Completed applications must be returned to the Parish Office no later than Friday, April 15th by noon. Applications will not be accepted after that date.

Lenten Schedule

Each Friday (February 16 - March 22)

6pm Lenten Soup Dinner 7pm Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 22, 7:30pm Parish Wide Penance Service

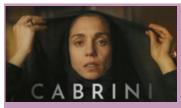
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March 29, 6pm Living Stations of the Cross Presented by our Confirmation Students.

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.



The movie Cabrini is based on the inspiring true story of a woman's fight for humane treatment, better living conditions, and increased compassion for immigrant orphans at the turn of the 20th century.

Cabrini follows Francesca Cabrini, an Italian immigrant whose heart and ambition helped her to build an empire of compassion for the least fortunate of New York City. Eventually becoming the first American saint of the Catholic Church and one of the most inspiring entrepreneurs in American history, Cabrini devoted her life to fighting for the happiness and health for individuals in the margins of her society. Her determination to serve those in need—and fight the obstacles and bigotry that stood in her way—will inspire all audiences to fight harder and love better. Check local listings in your area for show times.



A SEASON FOR REFLECTION

During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on

how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

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 Easter season we will be providing our Food Pantry Patrons with ShopRite Gift cards to try to offset the cost for groceries. We are hoping to provide hams. If you would like to donate either a ham, gift card or a monetary donation to support our efforts, please contact the Parish Office. We will gladly put it to great use. All hams should be frozen or canned and delivered to the Parish Office no later than Monday, March 25th before 12 noon. We sincerely appreciate your generosity.

Thank you~



Every Friday, Now through March 22nd

at 6:00pm

All Soup Dinners are prepared & provided by the generosity of our Parishioners.

Donations are happily accepted and will be offered to the CRS Rice Bowl Campaign.

Come pray with us.



"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.



- ♦ February 25, 2024 Family Mass
- February 29, 2024 Festa Meeting at 7pm
- ♦ March 1, 2024 Lenten Soup & Stations
- ♦ March 3, 2024 Hospitality Sunday
- ♦ March 10, 2024 RAS Meeting
- March 13, 2024 Senior meeting
- ♦ March 13, 2024 Ladies Guild 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.



You are invited to attend the St. Anthony's Italian Festa meeting. On *Thursday, February 29th at 7pm* in our downstairs Church hall. Volunteers are desperately needed to setup, serve and cleanup. If you have the time and would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact the Parish Office at 732-826-4859 or attend the Meeting.

Thank you for your support!!!



YOU ARE WANTED!!!

Our fundraisers help sustain our parish.
Without your help or support it would be virtually impossible to meet the needs of our community. Please consider volunteering for one of our upcoming events.
Thank you!

FESTA JUNE 8, 2024 Volunteers Needed!!

Come join the fun, make new friends, and meet fellow parishioners. You can make this year's Festa a real tribute to St Anthony! Add your special touch. Sign-up is easy. Just check off and place this form in the collection basket. If you have any questions, call:

Ronnie DeMatteo at 732-442-5252 NAME: (Please Print) PHONE #: You can count on me to help with the following Festa activities I checked off: DECORATION/SET UP/COOKIE DELIVERY Thurs. & Fri . 6/6-6/7 –5:00pm Meatball & Sausage Peppers & Onions Friday, May 17th at 11am Friday, June 7th at 5pm FESTA DAY - JUNE 8, 2024 • We are looking for volunteers to help us throughout the day. Please check off what time you are available to help us out. 11:30 am - 1:30pm 1:30 pm - 4:00pm 6:00 pm - 7:00pm 4:00 pm - 6:00pm

Anytime

7:00 pm Clean up

March 2024

31 8:30am/11am Mass	24 8:30am/11am Mass 9:45-10:45am Music Ministry *Holy Land *Holy Thursday *Retirement Fund	17 8:30am & 11am Mass (Family Mass) 9:45-10:45am Music Ministry	10 8:30am/11am Mass 9:30am RAS Meeting 9:45-10:45am Music Ministry *Easter Flowers	3 Hospitality Weekend 8:30am/11am Mass 9:45-10:45am Music Ministry No Baptism *Scholarship	Abbreviations: L.G Ladies Guild RAS - Rosary Altar R.E Religious Ed. R.C.I.A - Adult Formation	Sun
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	27 8am Mass P/O—Closes at 12noon 6pm Living Stations Practice	20 8am Mass 6pm Living Stations Practice	13 8am Mass 12:30- Seniors Meeting 2:30-L/G meeting 6pm Living Stations Practice	$oldsymbol{6}$ 8am Mass 6pm Living Stations Practice		Wed
	28 No 8am Mass or Adoration P/O Closed 7pm The Death and Passion of the Lord The Church will remain open till 10pm	21 8am Mass $8:30 ext{-}10am$ Adoration	14 8am Mass 8:30-10am Adoration	7 8am Mass 8:30-10am Adoration		Thu
	29 No 8am Mass P/O Closed 3pm - Liturgy of the Word 6pm - Living Stations of the Cross Followed by Lenten Supper	22 7:30am Confess/8am Mass 6pm Lenten Soup 7pm—Stations of the Cross 7:30pm Parish Penance	15 7:30am Confess/8am Mass 6pm -Lenten Soup 7pm—Stations of the Cross	8 7:30am Confess/8am Mass 6pm -Lenten Soup 7pm—Stations of the Cross	Purgatorial Mass 7:30am Confess/8am Mass 6pm -Lenten Soup 7pm—Stations of the Cross	77.
	30 10am Easter Decorating 12noon Easter Food Blessing 8pm Great Easter Vigil Mass	23 Holy water is removed 3:30-4pm Last Chance Confes. 4:30pm Vigil Mass	16 8:45am Adoration Rel. Ed. in church All Levels veil all Statues 3:30-4pm Confes.	9 8:45am (13) Religious Ed All Levels 3:30-4pm Confes. 4:30pm Vigil Mass	2 8:45am (12) Religious Ed All Levels 3:30-4pm Confes. 4:30pm Vigil Mass	Sat

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