



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 13, 2024 • The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Rev. Krystian Burdzy  
Deacon Sam Costantino  
Deacon Albert Coppola  
Maria C. Arcelay  
Anna Krasowska  
Margaret Russo  
Wayne Behr

Pastor

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
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 ( <i>except Holidays when Mass starts at 9:00am</i> ) Thursday from 8:30am to 10:00am
Confessions:	Saturday afternoon 3:30 - 4:15PM
Daily Mass	Monday at 7:00PM ( <i>except Holidays when Mass starts at 9:00am</i> ) 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).



Instagram



## 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

10/6/24	\$5,312.00
E-Offering	\$357.60

## MONTHLY OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE JUNE 2024

Collection Income	\$ 22,198.00
Other Income	\$ 29,784.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 51,982.00</b>
<b>Expenses*</b>	<b>\$ 177,303.00</b>
<b>Month's Income/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (125,321.00)</b>
Year-to-date (July '23 – June '24) Income/(Deficit)	\$ (160,078.00)
*Includes \$114K payment to the diocese, outstanding Diocesan Assessment Debt as of June 30th	\$ 0.00

## 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 new online giving service. It's user friendly, you may indicate a one time, weekly, quarterly or annual offering. Click on the Black online giving button on our home page of our website ([goodshepherdpanj.org](http://goodshepherdpanj.org)) to access this page.

**Our 3 year Campaign has ended.  
Thank you for your support and generosity!**

### Please Note:

For those who are still in the process of completing their pledge, please continue to reference "Capital Campaign" or "Continuing Our Mission" or "Roof Project" in the memo section of your check or envelope.

## Organizations/Ministries

**New members are always welcome!**

Most Meetings are held in our church hall downstairs.

Organization/Ministry	Contact
<b>Religious Education</b> (PCL/Director)	Margaret Russo - 732-887-7947
<b>RCIA (Adults)</b>	Deacon Mickey Coppola & Toni Gianfrancesco
<b>Ladies Guild</b> (Co-Presidents)	Phyllis Edwards & Beverly Poloka
<b>Rosary Altar Society</b> (President)	Joyce Signorile
<b>Seniors</b> (President)	Connie Hudanish
<b>Ushers</b> (Head Usher)	Tom Mayoros - 732-277-6963

# The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## First Reading

[Wis 7:7-11](#)

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire. Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep. Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

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

***Thanks be to God.***

## Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17](#)

**R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

**R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil.

**R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children; and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

**R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

## Second Reading

[Heb 4:12-13](#)

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

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

***Thanks be to God.***

## Alleluia

[Mt 5:3](#)

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**R. Alleluia, Alleluia**



## Gospel

[Mk 10:17-30](#)

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother." He replied and said to him, "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

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

***Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ***

## Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

## Bringing Up Gifts at Mass

If you requested the scheduled Mass and are interested in bringing up the gifts, please be sure to let one of our ushers know before the beginning of Mass.



## MINISTER SCHEDULE

### THIS WEEK

#### LECTOR

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

4:30PM Mary Ann Suhay

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH**

8:30AM Rose Lund

11:00AM Family Mass

#### MINISTERS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH**

8:30AM D. Cherubini, L. Loso, L. Santamaria

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

#### ALTAR SERVERS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

4:30PM A. Gulyas, A. Starrick, *Volunteer Needed*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13TH**

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

11:00AM *Volunteers Needed*

### NEXT WEEK

#### LECTOR

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**

4:30PM Mary Ann Suhay

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH**

8:30AM Liz Shurina

11:00AM Joann Jiminez

#### MINISTERS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**

4:30PM Deacon Sam Costantino, Ron &

Michele Schendorf

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH**

8:30AM Deacon Mickey Coppola, Rudy &

Mildred Morales

11:00AM Deacon Mickey Coppola, C. DeJesus,

L. Quintana

#### ALTAR SERVERS

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH**

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

11:00AM *Volunteers Needed*

## Parish Office Closed

Monday, October 14, 2024

7pm Daily Mass will be held at 9am. There will be no Adoration. We will resume our normal business practices on Tuesday, October 15th.



## Marriage Banns

4th week

Alexander Azcona & Lyann Vargas

**Need Help!**

Please let one of the ushers know if you are unable to walk up at Communion time. A Eucharistic Minister will gladly bring Communion to you. Thank you!

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, October 14 :**

**Columbus Day**

9:00AM Biagio Buffolino  
Req Lupo & Antoinette Pruscino

**Tuesday, October 15 :**

**St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church**

8:00AM Helen Egan  
Req Egan Estate

**Wednesday, October 16 : Weekday**

8:00AM Maria Gianfrancesco  
Req daughters & grandsons

**Thursday, October 17 : Weekday**

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

**Friday, October 18 : Weekday**

8:00AM Rev. Colombino Galassi

**SATURDAY, October 19 :**

**The Vigil of The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30PM Heriberto Garcia Jr.  
Req Feliciano family

**SUNDAY, October 20 :**

**The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30AM Happy Anniversary in Heaven – James & Mary Breef  
Req Joanne & Matt Breef

11:00AM Frank Sinatra  
Req sister Angela

Sweet  
Sixteen  
16

**Blessing's for  
Ava Medina**

***"Please respect the Sacred Silence"***

**For the Week of October 12-18th**

### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**In Memory of**

Biagio Buffolino  
Req Buffolino & Conrady families

### **BREAD & WINE**

**In Memory of**

Biagio Buffolino  
Req Buffolino & Conrady families

### **BLESSED MOTHER FLOWERS**

**In Memory of**

Biagio Buffolino  
Req Buffolino & Conrady families

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

**In Memory of**

Bohdan Tkaczyk  
Req Michele & Gaby Bodnor



## Religious Education

**Our next class will be  
Saturday, October 19, 2024**

584 Hazel Ave., Perth Amboy, NJ

in the old Holy Spirit Church Basement 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 contact**

**Mrs. Margaret Russo at: 732-887-7947 or  
gspreligoused@gmail.com.**



Intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others. All Christians are called to be Intercessory. All Christians have the Holy Spirit in their hearts and, just as Christ intercedes for us in accordance with God's will (Romans 8:26-27), we are to intercede for one another. Nothing is too small to request from our Lord, Jesus. Nothing is insignificant to him. At the Good Shepherd Parish our Children have embarked on a mission of Intercessory Prayer by praying nightly at 9:00 pm. We have been conducting classes on Intercessory prayers so that our youth are prepared to be Intercessors. Weekly they are presented with the prayer requests from parishioners. We pray and then they go forth with their mission work. Some of the benefits of the Intercessory Prayers:

- It increases God's Protection.
- It strengthens us to do what God is calling us to do.
- It removes feelings of aloneness.

It builds our relationship with God and increases our faith. If you wish to join or be added to the prayer list, please contact Mrs. Mildred Padilla-Morales at 732-738-3909.

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Registration for our 2024-2025 RCIA class is now open.

If you are an adult over 18 years of age who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith or if you have not received the sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and/or Confirmation, please contact our Parish Office for more information or fill out the RCIA form on our website

<https://goodshepherdpanj.org/rcia-adult-religious-education>

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732-826-4859 [goodshepherdparishnj.org](https://goodshepherdparishnj.org)

**Next Session Tuesday, October 22, at 7pm**

**Session 2: What We Believe: The Bible**





# SAVE THE DATES!

- ♦ **October 13, 2024** - 11am Family Mass
- ♦ **October 14, 2024** - Parish Office Closed
- ♦ **October 20, 2024** - Tricky Tray, 1pm
- ♦ **October 26-27, 2024** - Hurricane Relief (Helene)
- ♦ **October 27, 2024** - 11am Family Mass
- ♦ **October 26-27, 2024**, Corona Self help weekend

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.

## Special Collection for the Victims of Hurricane Helene

It's truly heartbreaking to see the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene. The storm has left a significant impact, with over 220 lives lost and many communities still struggling to recover. The efforts of rescue teams and volunteers are crucial during these times and our prayers and support go out to everyone affected. Every bit of support can make a difference in the lives of those who are suffering. We are holding a special collection for those affected at

**all Masses the Weekend of October 26-27, 2024.**

**Please be generous. Thank you!**



### 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, Ron Chabala, Ann Cyrana, Andrea Costantino, Knoah Dahlberg, Rob Dering, 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, Kathryn Karvalis, Mike Karvalis, Arleen Kopin, Darrel Lacy, Louis Loso, Brianna Ortega, Megan Ortega, Carol Magyar, JoAnn Magyar, Nancy Milochik, Modesty Miranda, Fr. John Morley, Raymond Magyar, Maryanne Mateuszczyk, Etelvina & Edite Monteiro, Eric Muniz, Lynn Munoz, Mary Murray, Celybeth Naira-Medina, Teresa P., Catherine Paone, Christopher Paone, Danny Parker, Dianne Petro-Duncan, Ann Poznick, Caroline Pry, Greg Rohrbacher, Gary Rumpf, Miriam Sandoval, Rhianna Scott, Joseph & Joyce Signorile, Gloria Spear, Virginia Sokolowski, Jack Stacey, Katelin Stacey, Maryann Suhay, Telofski family, Melissa Telofski, Dave Utter, Nancy Vasil, Elsie & Juan 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](mailto:goodshepherd20@verizon.net). ***Please keep in mind that we pray for all the sick every day in the general intercessions of the Mass.***



## TRICKY TRAY Sunday, October 20, 2024 WE ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTING DONATIONS

More Information, please call Marie Acciani at 908-510-9938 or the Parish Office at 732-826-4859.

## The Good Shepherd Parish 2025 MASS REQUESTS ARE AVAILABLE

You may submit requests by phone, email, fax or website.

- 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

Bread & Wine \$20.00, Altar Flowers \$40.00

each Sanctuary Candle \$15.00



## FEED MY SHEEP ~Serving The Homeless~

### Monday, October 14, 2024

We truly need your support. The food kitchen is in danger of closing. Without the appropriate number of attendees this wonderful ministry will closed its doors. If you're in need of a hot meal, or know someone...please join St. John the Baptist Orthodox Church, 404 Division St. from 5pm to 6pm, every Monday. Prepared take-out (dinners only) are available to anyone who comes.

We could use your help: with a monetary donation, or even a simple meal. Please call Mildred at (732) 910-1277.

***Thank you in advance.***



Bishop Michael Burbidge is Chair of the U.S. Bishop's Committee on Pro-Life Activities. October, of course, is Respect Life Month. In light of the coming elections, he has sent out a prayer which Bishop Checchio is asking you to pray between now and Election Day:

### **The Prayer for Life to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament**

Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity. As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it. By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable. For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.



To maintain a spirit of reverence, please turn off or silence your cell phone during Mass.



Please help support Catholic Charities. We need gently used Clothing, Bedding, Shoes, Small Household Items. Please make sure all

items are in a sealed bag. Have a clothing donation too big to fit in the box? Just call our toll free number to arrange a free pick up at your home: 1-877-343-3651. Drop boxes are located in our Parish parking lot near the Florida Grove Rd. entrance way.



## Be a Champion for Catholic Charities

As a champion for CATHOLIC CHARITIES, you are a champion in every sense of the word. Through your financial support, you provide a warm bed for someone who is homeless...food for a hungry child...emergency aid for a disaster victim...and help for a family in crisis; all of which truly makes you a champion in our eyes and in the eyes of those we serve. Please join our team today and become a CHAMPION for CATHOLIC CHARITIES by making a gift or purchasing a raffle ticket.

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.



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.



Catholic Charities is offering a free service to assist residents of our Diocese in receiving support and education on how to understand and obtain mental health services and help remove the barriers that often exist when trying to figure out where to start.

### The Navigator will -

- ✓ assist with educating you on how to find out if your Health Insurance will cover these services;
- ✓ make recommendations for resources that are near to your home or work;
- ✓ inform you on what to expect when you call for services;
- ✓ advocate for your rights within a challenging mental health system.

### The Mental Health Navigation Services will be easy to access by two methods:

1. The QR code listed on this flyer will bring you to a screen with a few questions to complete. Navigator will contact you within 24 hours.
2. If you are not able or comfortable using the QR code, you can contact a confidential voicemail line where leaving your name, number, and a brief description will prompt a call back from a Navigator within 24 hours.



### If you or a loved one would benefit from this service, please call

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