



EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February 27, 2022

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday: 9:00am – 5:00pm

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PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: Shirley Kielly 525-2936
PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: Howard Power 521-2431

MARRIAGE NOTIFICATION

6 Months (Marriage Preparation course required) Please call Theresa Whiffen (RCEC) to register at 726-3660 ext. 236
Marriage Preparation courses will be offered at the Archdiocese on **March 5, April 23, and May 7, 2022**. Participants can register for a course on one of these dates at the following link: <https://rcsj.org/chancery/marriage-preparation/register>. Further information regarding, time, place, Covid regulations, etc., will be sent to couples upon registration.

PRE-BAPTISM COURSE: To register please call the parish office at 521-2206.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION available before all Masses, or anytime by appointment at the parish house.

VISITATION TO THE SICK AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office if you would like Father Steve to visit you at home or in the hospital.

MASS SCHEDULE

(When there is a funeral, weekday mass will be re-scheduled)

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	MASS INTENTIONS
Tuesday March 1		Rectory	Deceased members of the Walsh & Bonia families Jack & Mary Vail; Special Living Intention (H.P)
ASH WEDNESDAY March 2	6:00 pm	St. Mary's	Kevin Critch (Sr) & deceased of the Critch family Doreen Tobin; Renee Fleming Stevenson
	8:00 pm	St. Joseph's	Leon Linehan; Richie Foppiano; Kevin Careen
Thursday March 3		Rectory	Lynn Fry; Bernard Tobin Special Living Intention (A.W)
Friday March 4		Rectory	John, Margaret, Ann Walsh Joe & Anita Furlong
Saturday March 5	4:00 pm	Mount Carmel Confirmation/ First Eucharist	"Missa Pro Populo" For Parishioners Jim Critch; George & Ann Paroway
Sunday March 6	10:30 am	St. Mary's Confirmation/ First Eucharist	Mary Ann Mullett Alphonsus & Michael Bishop; Bern Halleran

Dear Parishioners,

At a recent joint meeting of the Pastoral and Finance Councils, considering the parish finances, it was decided, starting March 13th we will use St. Joseph's and St. Mary's churches on the weekend. Mount Carmel and St. Vincent's, can still be used for funerals, etc. The Archbishop informed us that eventually, (late summer/fall) churches in our area will be put up for sale, and all rural areas of the Archdiocese. In the very near future, churches in St. John's will be put up for sale. We do have a plan in motion that will see us hopefully keep the church in St. Mary's, St. Joseph's, and the Rectory. We are also looking at plans where the halls will remain open. There are still a lot of details to be worked out, but we are working on it. We are also looking into setting up the parish as its own corporation, having control over its own assets and finances. Even though I am taking a leave of absence, I will still work with the councils and the new priest once assigned to help them make all this a reality, if possible. Please continue to support the parish through collections at mass and our fundraisers, we need it more than ever! I will continue to sell my Grand in Your Hand tickets each month to help, and we do need help selling these tickets. If you are interested, please contact Betty at the office. I have a great sense of indebtedness to you the parishioners and I want to do what I can to help you. I will be starting my new job, March 7, working Monday-Friday, Therefore, March 13 to April 10 I will have mass on Sunday only. St. Joseph's 9:30am, St. Mary's at 11:15am. I will be with you Holy Week; Easter Sunday will be my last mass with you. St. Vincent's and Mount Carmel churches will be used during Holy Week. If the parish finances, get to the point where we can't heat the churches, I do have a contingency plan in place where we will use other community buildings for mass temporarily. These are difficult, scary, and perhaps most of all, uncertain times. But with the help of God, and the support of you the parishioners, Good Shepherd Parish will survive. God Bless, Fr. Steve.

CONFIRMATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST BLESSINGS

*Congratulations and God's blessings to each of you on this your Confirmation and First Eucharist Celebration.
May God's love be in your heart to strengthen you along life's way.*

BAPTISM BLESSINGS

Baptized this weekend at Good Shepherd Parish
St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph's

GRAYSON SCOTT DAVIS COMERFORD

Congratulations and God's blessings on you and your family!

READERS: Donna Critch (Mount Carmel) Shirley Kielly (St. Mary's)

FINANCES WITH SINCERE THANKS

BANK BALANCE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2022

\$19,756.39

Weekly Offering: \$1630.50 New Year's Offering: \$50.00 Initial Offering: \$15.00 Word Among Us Missal: \$5.00
Mission Calendar: \$5.00 Donation (Presbytery Heat/Oil): \$500.00 - thank you to Knights of Columbus SMB Council
Online Donations: \$40.00

Parish Monthly Financial Report for January Posted on the Church Bulletin Boards

Please take time to review. If you have any questions or concerns you may contact the parish office or Mr. Howard Power, Finance Council Chairperson 521-2431.

2021 CHARITABLE RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.

Thank you for 2021 contributions. Looking forward to your continued support in 2020.

GRAND IN YOUR HAND: Thank you for your support! February Month Draw #2: Ticket No. 00146
Winner: Clara Dunne. Drawn at Parish Office on February 25 by Fr. Steve. Witness: Howard Power
Congratulations! Clara. Thank you, Fr Steve and Howard.

*Birthday Blessings to **Angela Kennedy** of St. Mary's celebrating her **80th** birthday on March 1st.
May you be blessed with happiness today, tomorrow and always! Happy Birthday.*