# Church of the Good Shepherd

# CHRISTATE KING SUNDAY 2025 NOVEMBER 23, 2025



Bukovinsky Baptism

Alysia, Everett, Elliana, and Brandon





Dobbins Baptism

Lauren, Nash, and Josh

#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – NOVEMBER 23, 2025

#### Week of November 24, 2025, Calendar of Events

Rosary 1st Sunday of every month 20 min. before 9am Mass Monday, November 24th

Tuesday, November 25th

Wednesday, November 26th - NO MASS

Thursday, November 27th - THANKSGIVING DAY NO MASS

Friday, November 28th - NO MASS

Saturday, November 30th

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND, THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN, AND THE HOSPITALIZED.

COLLECTION	11/16/2025
# of Registered Families	598
# of Envelopes Used	187
Attendance at Mass	654
Attendance Online 11/16	255
Offertory Collection	\$5,512.50
Loose Offertory	\$1,879.00
Children's Envelopes	\$1.00
All Saints, Catholic Ed.	\$10.00, \$100.00
Cemetery, Human Dev.	\$170.00, \$1,250.00

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Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By		
Monday, November 24th at 8:30am	Steve Sveda	Debbie & Craig Cox		
Tuesday, November 25th at 8:30am	For Our Parishioners			
Wednesday, November 26th	NO MASS NO COMMUNION SERVICE			
Thursday, November 27th at 8:30am	NO MASS			
Friday, November 28th at 8:30am	NO MASS			
Saturday, November 29th at 6:00pm	Larry Wauzzinski	Dolly Wauzzinski		
Sunday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00am	Palma Saad	Family		
Sunday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> at 11:30am	Mary Smith	Ed Robich		

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU –Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm	Donna & John Pavlovich	David Pringle Cliff Sederland Brian Rogers Michael Drda	Paul Bauer – HU Jody Drda Kathy Bauer	Carol Baker	Alexa & Antonio Macchia
Sunday, Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00am	Ken Rogers	Howard Fagan Christine Schwarz Mary Ann Palanti Diane O'Rourke	Patrick Miller – HU Vicki Miller Mary Anderson	Judy Selenchik	Andrew David
Sunday, Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> at 11:30am	Mary Killingsworth	Ann U'Halie Judy Miller Beth Garrett Rudy Koraus	Deb Sokolak – HU Don Kemerer Neil Hosick	VOLUNTEER	Luke Seelbaugh

#### CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA



#### FROM OUR PASTOR

#### TODAY...

This very day millions of hearts will be shattered. It will happen to people who hear words like "It's malignant." "I don't love you anymore." "There's been an accident."

Today, millions of lives will be transformed forever. It will happen to people who hear words like, "She's healthy and beautiful, ten fingers and ten toes." "The tests came back clean." "Will you marry me?"

Today – and every day – the universe is unalterably turned on its head for unknown numbers of God's children.

"Today," Jesus said to the thief nailed up next to him. Today. We only know two things about the thief: that he was guilty of theft (and perhaps more) and that he saw in this innocent Jesus a ruler and authority completely like the one who has had both of them nailed up there to die in agony.

What a moment Luke captures in his gospel: a conversation between two men in the very process of dying. Nails through their hands and feet, their lungs being crushed under the weight of their own bodies – and they talk! They talk about flipping the universe – Today. They talk about seeing one another in Paradise – Today. They offer each other comfort and hope as the life drips out of them – Today.

Like the thief on the cross, we often feel crushed; we see little reason to hope; we sense our lives slipping away. But in the last hour of his life, the thief meets Jesus and realizes that this prophet will soon rule over a realm that the thief could never imagine — and asks to have a place there with him.

And Jesus, the Master of the Kingdom of compassion, mercy and peace promises him that he will.

TODAY.

Dr. Alison Boden, Echoes of Calvary

Today – and every day - can be a day of hope, healing and transformation. Today, Jesus promises the good thief hope and resurrection. Today, Jesus promises all of us the same. In taking up Christ's work of mercy and reconciliation, in struggling to be salt for the earth and a light for the world, in becoming the humble and generous foot washers he calls us to be, we begin to realize his vision of the Paradise that not only exists in the future but exists now – Today. Jesus promises us Paradise, not just after our own deaths, but Today, in this very moment, in the Paradise we open up in our very own time and place. Despite the weight of our own crosses, despite the suffocating weight we bear, Christ still enables us to find our place in the Kingdom of his Father where justice and love We can remake our world, we can rule. transform our lives - Today. In Christ, present in the love and support of generous family and friends and community, may we make our way to the promise of Paradise. Today.

Enjoy your week! FR. Glenn and Fr. Frank



#### \*FIRE DRILL AFTER ALL MASSES SAT., NOV. 29 & SUN., NOV. 30\*

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

### Religious Education Calendar CLASS TIME IS FROM 10:00AM -11:15AM

- November 30 THANKSGIVING BREAK NO CLASS
- December 7 Class grades K-5
- December 7 EDGE Confirmation and any student Grades 10-12
   Service project shopping for the Angel Tree.
- December 14 Class Grades K-5 and Confirmation
- December 14 EDGE Cookie baking and delivery
- December 21 NO CLASS ANY GRADE
- December 21 Christmas play grades K-5 at the end of 11:30 Mass

Baptisms: Nash Isaiah Dobbins was Baptized after the 6:00 PM Mass last weekend. He is the son of Josh and Lauren Dobbins. Congratulations to the Dobbins Family!

#### CHARITY DINNER WRAP UP

- TOTAL DEPOSITS IN SALES & DONATIONS = \$4,092.00
- TOTAL EXPENSES = \$1,617.83
- PROFIT = \$2,474.17
  EACH CHARITY, AWARE,
  JOSHUA'S HAVEN, & HUNTERS
  SHARING THE HARVEST, WILL
  RECEIVE, \$824.72.
  THANK YOU ALL!

ALL OFFICES CLOSED THURSDAY NOV. 27 & FRIDAY, NOV. 28. THERE IS NO DAILY MASS WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY OR FRIDAY OF THANKSGIVING WEEK.



#### **ARS NEWS**

Altar Rosary Society will start its Lottery Fundraiser at all Masses the weekend of November 29/30. This fundraiser will run until Dec. 20/21. Cost is \$5 per ticket and is based on the 3-digit number the whole month of Jan. 2026.

In October the Altar Rosary Society made donations totaling \$4,250 to the following Charities:

- Will Women's Center
- Shenango Township Fire & Ambulance
- West Middlesex Fire Dept.
- Good Shepherd Food Pantry
- Friends of God
- Trails End Conservatory
- Luke Davis and family
- Czap family
- New microwave for kitchen

Thank you to all who helped to make this possible.

#### **2025 Men's Club Charitable Contributions**

The Men's Club will donate \$1000 to each of the following charities.

- 1) Good Shepherd Food Pantry -West Middlesex, PA
- 2) Prince of Peace Farrell, PA
- 3) Lawrence Country Women's Center -New Castle, PA
- 4) City Rescue Mission New Castle, PA

Thank you for your support of our fundraising efforts in 2025. The Men's Club is open to all men of the Parish and new members are always welcome. Our next meeting will be on January 19th, 2026 at 6:00 PM. Please join us.

#### GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

This month, we are collecting Pancake Mix & Syrup (plastic bottles only).

There will be grocery carts in the Gathering Space for drop-off.

God Bless and thank you

Good Shepherd Family! "A generous person will prosper;

whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

Proverbs 11:25 Food Pantry Committee



#### ATTENTION MINISTERS

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SHEETS ARE IN THE BACK SACRISTY FOR MINISTRY SCHEDULING.

THERE ARE STILL A FEW LECTOR WORKBOOKS TO BE PICKED UP, AS WELL!



a Christmas toy drive in honor of Mrs. Peggy Robinson



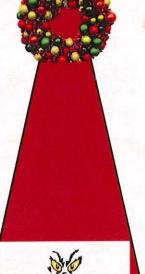
Help area children unwrap the magic this Christmas by donating a new toy this holiday season.

Scan the QR codes for a wish list of gift items for boys and girls.





Unwrapped gifts can be dropped off at 502 Darr Ave., Farrell, PA 16121 Mon-Fri 9am-4pm until December 16th. The Edge Class will be selling hats after all masses on Sat night/Sunday for \$10 each to help sponsor a Spring Event for the class. They are black or red and say, "I can't but I know a guy".



Came for the food staying for the drama

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY "WHOVILLE" CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 4th, starting with Mass at 6:00PM.
Catered dinner and entertainment by
Vincent Miller. Cost is
\$12.00 per person.
Reservations due by
November 23rd.
ALL LADIES ARE
WELCOME!

For reservations, put your name, phone number & payment in an envelope addressed to ARS. Drop off in the collection basket.

# Handel's Messian

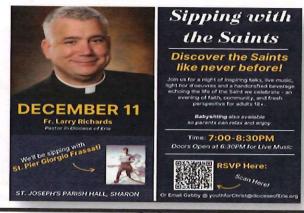
New Castle's MUSIC CLUB CHORUS will present annual performance of Handel's MESSIAH at Stone Castle Abbey, 801 E Washington St., New Castle, on November 30th at 3:00 PM. There is no admission charge but a free-will offering to defray expenses will be undertaken. Come and start Advent/Christmas season by enjoying this incredible oratorio! One of our own parishioners, Edward X. Petrus, is the director of the chorus, and may be contacted for additional information at 724-923-8602, visit the website. http://www.nemusicelubchorus.org/

#### OUR LADY OF FATIMA CAVATELLI FOR SALE

Our Lady of Fatima's Cavatelli can be purchased in the Good Shepherd Social Hall on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am - 11am.







the Prince of Peace Center. All women 18 years of age or older, any

religious denomination, are welcome!





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