

Church of the Good Shepherd

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025



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Week of December 1, 2025, Calendar of Events

Rosary 1st Sunday of every month 20 min. before 9am Mass
Monday, December 1st - Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 6 PM
Tuesday, December 2nd
Wednesday, December 3rd - Food Pantry 3-4:30 PM
Thursday, December 4th - Altar Rosary Mass & Dinner 6 PM
Friday, December 5th - First Friday Benediction & Adoration
Saturday, December 6th

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

COLLECTION	11/23/2025
# of Registered Families	598
# of Envelopes Used	192
Attendance at Mass	610
Attendance Online 11/23	257
Offertory Collection	\$7,758.50
Loose Offertory	\$1,263.10
Cemetery Collection	\$25.00
World Mission, Local Needs	\$2.00, \$52.00
All Souls, All Saints	\$42.00, \$32.00

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PRAYER REQUEST

Email: prayerrequestsgswm@gmail.com

Phone: (724)977-3369

Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, December 1 st at 8:30am	Susan & James Dudash	Son, Tim Dudash
Tuesday, December 2 nd at 8:30am	For Our Parishioners	
Wednesday, December 3 rd	NO MASS NO COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thursday, December 4 th at 8:30am	Lois Fetsko	John & Donna Pavlovich
Friday, December 5 th at 8:30am	Betty Sokolak	Family of Dave & Helen David
Saturday, December 6 th at 6:00pm	Frank Cook	Family
Sunday, December 7 th at 9:00am	Herman DiClaudio	Carol Baker
Sunday, December 7 th at 11:30am	Jacob Bakuhn	Audrey Bakuhn

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU –Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, Dec. 6 th at 6:00pm	John & Maggie Rumelfanger	James Sobey Fran Deeb Monica Hanrahan Gary Salatino	Mat Macchia – HU Mona Macchia Brian & Debra Biggins	Alexis Onestak	Hadley & Reagan Simmons
Sunday, Dec. 7 th at 9:00am	Diane Salatino	Ken Rogers Mike Bartolo Tom Sokolak Tom Hubert	Bob Devlin -HU Jeff Creveling Don & Darlene Kotuby	Rosanne Smithyman	Vincent Miller
Sunday, Dec. 7 th at 11:30am	Erin Borowicz	DJ Puskar Arlene Repko Mary Lu Walters Erin Borowicz	Pam Esposito – HU Mary Killingsworth Raquel Collins	VOLUNTEER	James Maynard

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA



FROM OUR PASTOR

“THEREFORE, KEEP WATCH...BE READY!”

One day the dramatic story of humanity will end, as life inevitably ends for each one of us. The Gospels mention a discourse of Jesus on the end of things, and they always highlight his warning to be watchful, to be alert, to stay awake. The first generations of Christians gave great importance to this watchfulness. As the end of the world did not come as quickly as some expected, they saw the risk of slowly forgetting Jesus and did not want him to find them asleep one day.

Since then many centuries have passed. How do Christians live today? Are we awake or have we slowly gone to sleep? Are we deeply attracted to Jesus or are we distracted by all sorts of side issues? Do we follow him or have we learned how to live like the rest of the world?

To watch is first and foremost to awaken from unawareness. We have an illusion of being Christian, when in fact, quite often our interests, attitudes and way of living are not those of Jesus. This illusion shields us from seeking our personal conversion and that of the church. Without “awakening,” we will continue deceiving ourselves.

To watch is to live with the awareness of reality; to listen to the groaning of those who suffer; to know the love of God for life; to live more in touch with his coming into our lives, into our society, into this world of ours. Without this sort of sensitivity, it is not possible to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

We live immune to the challenges of the gospel. We do have hearts, but our arteries have hardened. We have open ears, but we do not hear what Jesus heard. We have eyes wide open, but we do not see life as Jesus saw it; we do not see people as Jesus saw them. Could what Jesus wanted to avoid happen among his

disciples? Are they/we seen like “the blind leading the blind?”

If we do not awaken, could it happen that we too would ask with those people at the last judgment who in the parable said, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or naked, a stranger, sick or in prison and did not help you?”

“Whatever you did to the least sister or brother...”

Fr. Glenn & Fr. Frank

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, December 8th**



**Mass Times are:
8:30 AM and
7:00 PM**

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

St. Bartholomew

Sunday, November 30, at 2:00 PM

Good Shepherd

Wednesday, December 10, at 6:00 PM

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sunday, December 14, at 2:00 PM

St. Joseph

Thursday, December 18 at 6:00 PM



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendar

CLASS TIME IS FROM 10:00AM -11:15AM

- 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

Winter Cancellation Procedure



1. Cancellation will be posted on TEAM REACH app.
If you need the code, please call or email the office.
2. Cancellations will be posted on the parish FACEBOOK page.
3. If your family still wishes to have an individual phone call, please contact the religious education office.
4. **ANY TIME, IF YOU THINK THE ROADS ARE UNSAFE STAY HOME.**

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

While family reunions are about reconnecting and playing together, it does take a lot of work to feed and house visitors. Yes, pay attention to relating with your family, but there are times to be a “Martha” (Lk 10:41) and help with the tasks of hospitality also. How can you help out today? Clean-up? Entertain young ones for a change? Fix something that’s broken?

Advent prayer books are in the gathering space. Please take one!



TEEN SHEPHERDS

grades 6-12

Service Project

Shopping for Angel Tree items

When: Sunday December 7th

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Where: Niles OH weather permitting

Teens will meet at Good Shepherd

Adult drivers will take students to Niles stores to buy items for Angel Tree kids

Students should bring \$5 to purchase gifts

Lunch \$ will be provided by the parish

TEAM REACH WILL HAVE UP TO DATE INFO



Internet Ideas for Advent

I wanted to share these ideas I saw on the internet for Advent.



- Take your nativity statues of Mary and Joseph and move them from the farthest point from your manger scene toward the manger every day.
- Read one chapter of the gospel of Luke every day beginning December 1st, and you will complete reading the entire gospel by Christmas Eve.



GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

This month, we are collecting
Tuna and Egg Noodles



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

**FOOD PANTRY
DISTRIBUTION
IS WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3RD
FROM 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

Prince of Peace *Peggy's Christmas Stackings*

a Christmas toy drive in honor of
Mrs. Peggy Robinson

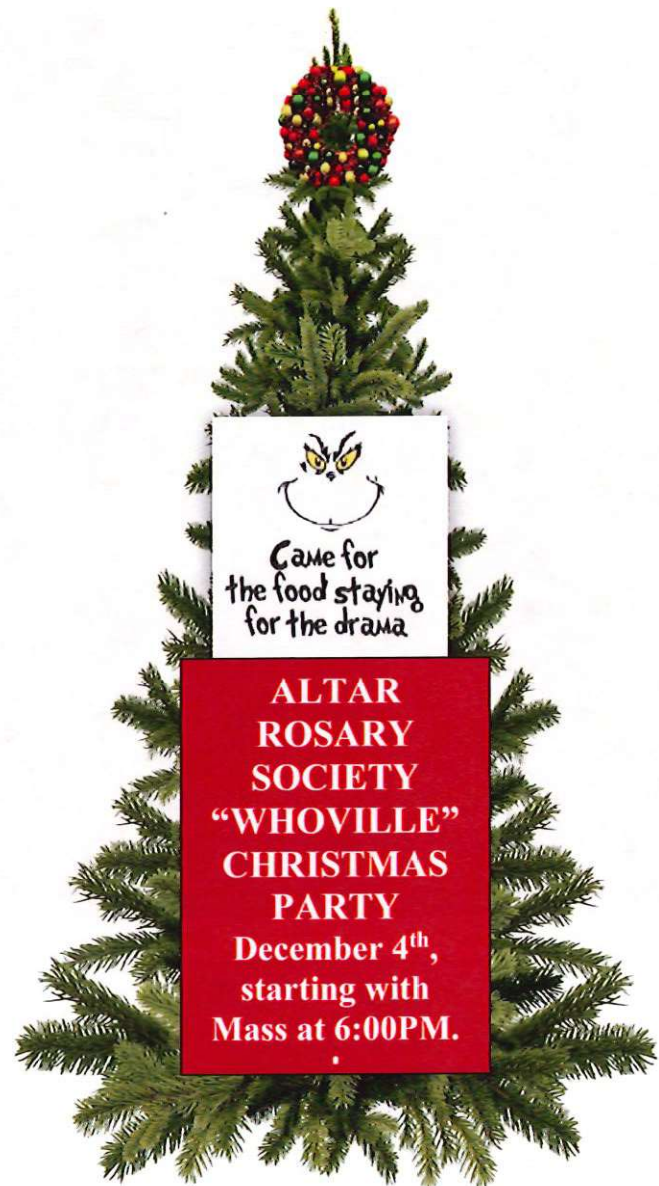


Help area children unwrap the magic this
Christmas by donating a new toy this
holiday season.

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.



**ALTAR
ROSARY
SOCIETY
"WHOVILLE"
CHRISTMAS
PARTY**
December 4th,
starting with
Mass at 6:00PM.

ARS FUNDRAISER

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.



Handel's Messiah

New Castle's MUSIC CLUB CHORUS will present its 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 your 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, or visit the website, <http://www.ncmusicclubchorus.org/>

HELP NEEDED

Retired teacher & lector needs help with some housekeeping and organizing for 2 half days a week. \$20-25 per hour. Call 724-981-1954. (Mary Liz Moroco)

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY'S ANNUAL

COOKIE WALK AND SOUP SALE

HOMEMADE COOKIES \$7/DOZEN
(Specialty cookies slightly more)

HOMEMADE SOUP \$9/QUART
Lottery Trees Raffle Winners
will be drawn after 11am Mass

SUNDAY
DECEMBER

7

9 AM TO 12:30 PM

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
GALLAGHER HALL
100 PENN AVE
MERCER, PA 16137

WOMEN'S ADVENT BREAKFAST

December 6, 2025

9:30am

Notre Dame Multi-Purpose Room

Cost: \$20/person

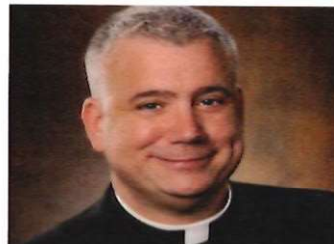


Our Speaker: Sr. Margaret Pellerite, SSJ, who has served our valley for over 55 years as an educator and so much more!

A table will consist of 6-8 women, one of which will be the hostess. As a hostess, you may either fill your entire table yourself or we will fill your empty seats with new friends. The hostess will be responsible for providing the table settings for her table.

To make an individual or table reservation, please check out Notre Dame Church's bulletin, call Jeanne @ 724.854.6206 or Jo @ 724.699.3340 by November 24th.

We will also have a small Chinese auction with all proceeds going to the Prince of Peace Center. All women 18 years of age or older, any religious denomination, are welcome!



DECEMBER 11

Fr. Larry Richards
Pastor in Diocese of Erie

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St. Pier Giorgio Frassati



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Or Email Gabby @ youthforChrist@dioceseoferie.org

St. Anthony Church

CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK AND HOLIDAY MINI MARKET

Sunday, December 14th
11:00am to 2:00pm

Cookie Prices
\$4.00 - 1/2 dozen
\$6.00 dz. - Traditional
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