

Church of the Good Shepherd

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

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The list of contributors is so long, please forgive us for not listing each person!

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"In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead"

James 2

Our community, my friends, is very, very much alive in our Lord, Jesus Christ!!



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – NOVEMBER 16, 2025

Week of November 17, 2025, Calendar of Events

Rosary 1st Sunday of every month 20 min. before 9am Mass
Monday, November 17th - Men's Club Meeting 6:00 PM
Tuesday, November 18th - Discussion Group 4:00 – 5:30 PM or
Wednesday, November 19th - Discussion Group 10:00 – 11:00 AM
Thursday, November 20th
Friday, November 21st
Saturday, November 22nd - Wine & Cheese Social after Mass
 REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND,
 THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN, AND THE HOSPITALIZED.

COLLECTION	11/09/2025
# of Registered Families	597
# of Envelopes Used	169
Attendance at Mass	581
Attendance Online 11/09	301
Offertory Collection	\$8,660.50
Loose Offertory	\$2,151.00
Children's Envelopes	\$1.00
Cemetery Col., World Mission	\$370.00 \$5.00
All Souls, All Saints	\$65.00, \$40.00

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Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, November 17 th at 8:30am	Brian Novak	Cousin, Ed Robich
Tuesday, November 18 th at 8:30am	Thomas & Shirley Martwinski	Ed Robich
Wednesday, November 19 th	NO MASS NO COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thursday, November 20 th at 8:30am	For Our Parishioners	
Friday, November 21 st at 8:30am	Poor Souls	Marie Flickinger
Saturday, November 22 nd at 6:00pm	Larry Wauzzinski	Mitchell Family
Sunday, November 23 rd at 9:00am	Annette Wingerter	Family
Sunday, November 23 rd at 11:30am	John Nuhfer	Cindy Supel

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU –Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, Nov. 22 nd at 6:00pm	Lyndon & Michael Cain	Charlene Cain James Sobey Gary Salatino Monica Hanrahan	John Moroco – HU Cindy Adamo Mary Ellen Doult	Cathy Moroco	Rianne Cain
Sunday, Nov. 23 rd at 9:00am	Bonnie Smith	Bonnie Smith Ron Adams Ken & Marsha Garver	Ed Grober – HU Don & Darlene Kotuby	Tom Graney	Vincent Miller
Sunday, Nov. 23 rd at 11:30am	Jennifer Muir	Mary Lu Walters Arlene Repko DJ Puskar Lauren DeFelice	Pam Esposito – HU John Collins Raymond Repko	VOLUNTEER	James Maynard

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA



FROM OUR PASTOR

"By your perseverance you will save your lives."

During our Thursday Scripture sessions on the prophet Isaiah we've been trying to walk in his footsteps, getting a feel for the historical and political situation in Israel/Juda seven hundred years before Christ and discovering how, unfortunately, some things never change. We've heard the troubling vocabulary Isaiah used in his explanation of how the God of Israel is warning the Hebrew people of the peril to come and the sense of lost hope the people have when they ask, "Why is this happening to us?"

After 9/11, many Christian ministers proclaimed that America's movement away from God was the reason the towers fell while some others preached that, "We are in the end times!" We all have different reactions to shock and grief, but Christians should know better and not yield to appalling theology such as that. They give us all a bad name. I recall as a child seeing cartoons of people confidently predicting the end of the world, especially in the wake of natural disasters. Remember the time when, in the face of evidence to the contrary, corporations spent billions over the Y2K bug with end-of-time predictions?

History tells us that at the time of Christ, the people in Palestine suffered demoralizing treatment at the hands of the Romans and were praying for the Messiah to deliver them, as promised in the 700 year-old prophecies of Isaiah. Victimized by Rome, the common people listened to many voices and were ready to follow the loudest ones to the safest place.

After Christ died, the earliest Christians thought he would come again in glory quickly. But we're still waiting so we cling to Christ's challenge not to be afraid, not to trust in things or institutions we can see, but to hope and remain faithful to our calling.

Jesus in today's gospel tells us not to follow the doomsday prophets who predict inevitable alienation. Rather than focus on those who get off on the signs supposedly present in human-made disasters or weather emergencies, I think we should denounce and decry those who tell us that anyone is worthless, unlovable, has little or no human dignity and that it's their way or no way, and that there is little we can do to change our world.

I knew a man, a former seminarian, who told me that when he was diagnosed with cancer he felt relief – and he was in his mid-forties! He was enormously talented, attractive, loveable and loving. He felt that cancer gave him an honorable discharge from life that he didn't like living very much. To hope in a better future and to fight his disease, he had to confront the signs of his own self-loathing. In doing so he discovered that life was worth living in general, and that his life was worth living in particular. Thank God, on every level, he is more alive today than at any time in his history.

Even when life seems unbearable, Christ can be the anchor who steadies us when we're tossed and blown by the storms of life. In that tempest Christ keeps firmly reminding us that we are worthy, dignified and can live life our way and that we can change the world for the better by how we change ourselves.

The scriptures today aren't interested in a timetable for disaster. When you grasp the Body of Christ in your hands today, imagine it as an anchor that will enable you to endure in hope until the end of time – whenever that is!!

Don't let go! Hang on!

Fr. Glenn & Fr. Frank

**IT'S ALMOST HERE...
THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL
FALL WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, AFTER
THE 6:00 PM MASS**

**Have a relaxing evening with great sounds,
interesting hors d'oeuvres, libations,
maybe a bit of team trivia and, of course,
GREAT fellowship!**

**If you have a favorite wine flavor or snack,
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for all to enjoy. Sponsored by the PPC.**



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendar

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

- Sunday, November 23
Class grades K-8 (EDGE)
- Sunday, November 23
Confirmation Class, Thanksgiving
Dinner prep and delivery.
- Sunday, November 30
*NO CLASS ANY GRADE --
Thanksgiving Break



THANKSGIVING WISHES

The students in grades K-5 will be making Thanksgiving cards for our shut-ins and other parishioners this month in an act of service to the community.

Celebrating Black Catholic History Month United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

November is Black Catholic History Month, a time to celebrate the contributions of Black Catholics to the Roman Catholic tradition. Established in 1990, Black Catholic History Month affirms the richness of diversity within the Church and allows us an opportunity to appreciate the various gifts and talents that Black Catholics bring to the universal Church.

Resources for Black Catholic History Month include a new webpage for the Saintly Seven – the seven African American candidates on the path toward sainthood. Read and share about the inspiring lives of these men and women and access new prayer cards for each of them. Additionally, in response to Pope Leo's inspiring exhortation, Bishop Joseph Perry, chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism, offered a new reflection on *Dilexi Te* and the cry for racial justice. Visit the webpage at <https://www.usccb.org/saintly-seven>

Becoming Catholic

Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate and Welcoming of Candidates will be celebrated this weekend at the 9:00am Mass. This is the first formal step in their faith journey and presents them to the parish community. Catechumens are those who are seeking baptism, confirmation and eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Candidates are those baptized in another Christian faith and who wish to be confirmed and receive eucharist. We also have candidates who are baptized Catholics who are seeking to complete initiation with the sacrament of confirmation.

These individuals have been meeting on Tuesday evenings to open their heart and minds to the movement of the Holy Spirit. Our catechumens include three children this year.

Catechumens include:

*Cross Arbuckle, Mackensie Attiscano,
Luke Baker, Luke Dobbins,
Louis Lauderbaugh, and Gavin Mathews.*

Candidates include:

*Ashley Baldesberger, Ainsley Cain,
Noah Bianco, and Bill Logan.*

Please welcome them to the parish family and pray for them to be open to the working of the Holy Spirit.

RECENT/NEW REGISTRATIONS

If you have filled out the Parishioners Registration Form on the back of the bulletin, we will send you a more complete form for you to complete.

This form can either be mailed back to us or dropped off in the collection basket or in person in the Rectory office.

I will add your name and address for the envelope company to send you offertory envelopes. However, it may take them a while to send. In the meantime, please use a blank envelope or one in the pews. Your contribution will be credited once you have registered with us.

*Without a completed form that we send you, the small form from the bulletin is not enough to register you.

CHECK IT OUT!

The Cabbage Rolls Fundraiser was a huge success! My crew rolled, cooked, and packaged 500 cabbage rolls. The church hall smelled heavenly on Thursday and Friday. We sold 150 packages of 3 rolls and donated \$1400 to the Food Pantry in profits! Thank you to everyone who helped!

Leah Ann Williams

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



Food Pantry News Update October Food Drive Collection

- 832 cans of soup
- 120 misc. Non-perishable food items

November 5th Distribution, we had handed out food for 135 families plus signed up 38 new ones. Doubled from October's distribution. Largest since our parish started the Pantry over a year and half ago.

Thank you for all your help!!!

God bless,
Food Pantry Team

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 2025

at 6:00 PM

All men of the parish are welcome.



*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.

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Our Lady of Fatima's Cavatelli can be purchased in the Good Shepherd Social Hall on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am – 11am. The cost is \$15 for a 5 lb. bag of cavatelli.

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/>

Shenango Valley Catholic Young Adults
and
Ascend Young Adults
PRESENT

Friends- Giving

Thursday, November 20th
6:00PM-8:00PM
St. Joseph Parish
79 Case Ave., Sharon, PA 16146

BINGO!

FOOD!

PRIZES!

young adults 18-39 welcome! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share!

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)

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!



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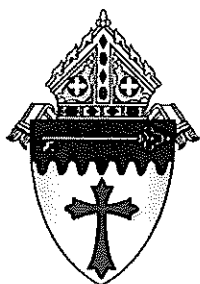
PARISHIONERS REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

CHECK: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want envelopes

Please drop this information into the Offertory basket or mail to the Rectory.



Office of the Vicar General

Diocese of Erie

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NOTICE

from

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie

In response to requests for clarification, the Diocese of Erie wishes to remind the faithful of the status of **James Alan Reardon**.

Mr. Reardon, formally a Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Erie, voluntarily withdrew from priestly ministry on August 8, 2010, and was dismissed from the clerical state by His Holiness Pope Francis on November 8, 2016.

Although Mr. Reardon continues to identify himself as a minister of the Gospel, he does not act on behalf of the Catholic Church and is not permitted to officiate at any sacraments or ceremonies according to Catholic rites including funerals, baptisms or weddings.

Anyone with questions or concerns about religious services performed by Mr. Reardon since August 2010 is encouraged to speak with their local pastor.

November 10, 2025

This notice is to be placed in the bulletins of all Catholic parishes in Mercer County, Pennsylvania.

2025 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 November Light the first violet candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing Hope. Reflect on the source of your hope in Christ and what it means in your life.	1 December Be intentional. As soon as your alarm goes off, rise and kneel before a crucifix. Offer your day—and this entire season—to God with purpose and reverence.	2 Decide how you will draw closer to Christ this Advent—through intentional prayer, acts of penance, chantable giving, or participation in the Sacraments.	3 Read Luke 1:26–38, where Mary's "Yes" made way for the coming of Christ. Ask for the grace to respond with your own "Yes" to God's will in your life.	4 Set out your empty nativity scene as a sign of anticipation of the coming of the King. Gradually add the remaining figures throughout the Advent season.	5 Attend First Friday Mass, in honor of Jesus' Sacred Heart. "O Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours." And He will.	6 St. Nicholas of Myra Call or visit your parish office and ask who needs help this Christmas. Then do something about it — quietly, as St. Nicholas did.
7 Light the second violet candle for Peace. Pray for the "peace which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7) for yourself and whoever needs it most.	8 Immaculate Conception God preserved Mary from sin so that she could be the mother of Jesus. Attend Mass and pray for our country. It is a holy day of obligation.	9 Make a small sacrifice today, offered solely to God. It is even more meaningful if it's done in secret, as encouraged in Matthew 6:18.	10 Prepare your heart and soul to welcome the King. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and encounter the mercy of God.	11 Advent is a busy season for parishes. Consider calling or emailing your parish office to ask how you can offer your time and support.	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Mary's miraculous image reveals a profound mystery of Christmas (John 1:14). Take time today to pray for expectant mothers and the gift of new life.	13 "If you have two shirts in your closet, one belongs to you and the other to the man with no shirt" (St. Basil the Great). Donate gently used clothing you don't need.
14 <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> Light the rose candle for joy to mark the halfway point to Christmas.	15 Offer the alms of patience when you're irritated, a smile when you're weary, and a kind word in place of judgment. You will touch hearts in ways you'll never fully realize.	16 Harboring unforgiveness burdens the heart and disrupts inner peace. Pray for the grace to let go, so you can move forward in freedom and healing.	17 Only nine days remain until Christmas. Place a lamp or candle in a window as a sign of welcome for the Christ Child.	18 Visit the Blessed Sacrament, where Jesus fulfills His promise to remain with us (Matthew 28:20). Take this time to renew your faith in His unwavering love.	19 Today, refrain from recreational screen use between 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Offer this sacrifice for those who struggle with screen-related addictions.	20 Share the joy of the Gospel—gather a group of friends and go caroling to bring the Good News to others through song.
21 Light the final violet candle, symbolizing Love—awaiting the coming of Christ, the ultimate expression of the Father's love (John 3:16).	22 The King is coming—prepare to welcome Him. Take time to ready your home as a reflection of the joy and reverence in your heart.	23 Discern which Advent practices you feel called to carry beyond Christmas. Which ones deepened your relationship with God? Which ones strengthened your capacity for charity?	24 <i>Rejoice!</i> Tonight, place the Christ Child in the manger and rejoice!	<i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn" (Luke 2:1-7).</i>		