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- Good friends &
 - Great conversations.

Thanks!

Mark and Tracy



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 25, 2026

Week of January 26, 2026, Calendar of Events

Rosary 1st Sunday of every month 20 min. before 9am Mass
Monday, January 26th - No Mass / Communion Service
Tuesday, January 27th - No Mass / Communion Service
Wednesday, January 28th - No Mass or Communion Service
Thursday, January 29th - No Mass / Communion Service
Friday, January 30th - No Mass / Communion Service
Saturday, January 31st

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

COLLECTION	Jan. 18, 2026
# of Registered Families	599
# of Envelopes Used	182
Attendance at Mass	522
Attendance Online 1/18	287
Offertory Collection	\$6,284.00
Loose Offertory	\$1,627.01
Solemnity of Mary	\$35.00

Church of the Good Shepherd

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PRAYER REQUEST

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Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, January 26 th at 8:30am	NO MASS / COMMUNION SERVICE	
Tuesday, January 27 th at 8:30am	NO MASS / COMMUNION SERVICE	
Wednesday, January 28 th at 8:30am	NO MASS or COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thursday, January 29 th at 8:30am	NO MASS / COMMUNION SERVICE	
Friday, January 30 th at 8:30am	NO MASS / COMMUNION SERVICE	
Saturday, January 31 st at 6:00pm	Poor Souls	Marie Flickinger
Sunday, February 1 st at 9:00am	Steve Sveda	Lisa Saltgiver
Sunday, February 1 st at 11:30am	Mildred Novak	Nephew, Ed Robich

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU – Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, Jan. 31 st at 6:00pm	Nora Songer	Monica Hanrahan Michael Drda David Pringle Brian Rogers	John Moroco – HU Brian & Debra Biggins	Cathy Moroco	Luke & Jackson Seelbaugh
Sunday, Feb. 1 st at 9:00am	Mary Svirbly	Ken Garver Marsha Garver Ron Adams Christine Schwarz	Ed Grober – HU Vicki Miller Mary Anderson	Pat Thompson	Vincent Miller
Sunday, Feb. 1 st at 11:30am	Erin Borowicz	Erin Borowicz Lisa Dach Aiden Puskar DJ Puskar	Pam Esposito – HU Neil Hosick Jake Bayuk	VOLUNTEER	James Maynard

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA



Meditations on the Gospels
for Year A.

*"Following in the Footsteps
of Jesus"* by Jose A. Pagola

The Core Word of Jesus

John 1:29-34

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

"When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and live in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: 'Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned'. From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near'."

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me", Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men". At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people".

The evangelist Matthew takes great care to set the scene in which Jesus will make his first public appearance. He turns off the voice of the Baptist and the new voice of Jesus begins to be heard. The dry and gloomy landscape of the desert disappears and the greenery and beauty of Galilee occupy the center. Jesus leaves Nazareth and moves to Capernaum to the shore of the lake. Everything suggests the appearance of new life.

Matthew reminds us that we are in the Galilee of the Gentiles. He knows that Jesus has preached in Jewish synagogues of those villages and has not moved among pagans. But Galilee is the crossroads, and Capernaum is a city open to the sea. From here salvation will spread to all the peoples.

The situation now is tragic. Inspired by a text from Isaiah, Matthew sees *"the people dwelling in darkness"*. On the earth *"there are shadows of death"*. Chaos, in justice, and evil reign. Life cannot flourish. Things are not as God wants them. The Father does not reign here. However, in the midst of darkness, the people will start seeing *"a great light"*. In the shadows of death, *"a light begins to shine"*. That's always what Jesus is, a great light shining in the world.

According to Matthew, Jesus began his preaching with the word *"Repent"*. This is his first, basic word. This is the time for conversion. Open yourselves to the kingdom of God. Do not *"sit in darkness"* but *"walk in the light"*.

Within the church there is a *"great light"*. It is Jesus. In him God reveals himself to us. Do not eclipse him with your leading roles. Do not replace him with anything. Do not turn him into theoretical doctrines, unfeeling theology, or boring sermons. If the light of Jesus goes out, we will become the Christians Jesus feared so much we might be: *"the blind leading the blind"*.

Therefore, even today the first word of Jesus that we must listen to in the church is *"Repent"*. Retrieve our Christian identity. Go back to our roots. Help the church to move into a new phase of Christianity more faithful to Jesus. Live with a new consciousness of being followers of Jesus. Put ourselves at the service of God's kingdom. Pray for a new heart for the church.

Thank you, Fr. Ray, for celebrating Mass with us. We are happy that you were here!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendar

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

- January 25 Class all grades
- February 1 Class all grades
- **February 4 Wednesday,**
First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 6pm
- February 8 Class all grades
- **February 15 NO CLASS ANY GRADE**
Spaghetti Dinner

Themes for Student Spaghetti Dinner Raffle baskets

- ✦ Grades K -1 – **movie night** – examples
 - DVD, popcorn, candy
- ✦ Grade 2 – **Pet basket** – examples
 - pet toys, treats, combs, brushes
- ✦ Grade 3- **Summer Fun** – examples
 - sidewalk chalk, hula hoop, jump rope.
- ✦ Grades 4-5 **Game night** –
 - card games, Yahtzee, connect four.
- ✦ EDGE (grades 6,7,8) **3 baskets**
lottery ticket, game night, snack

NOTE: Edge is a large class you need only donate one item total – NOT one item for each basket

- ✦ Confirmation (grades 9) **coffee and tea**

Please send your donations In by February 8.

Spaghetti Dinner Basket raffle

The religious education classes will be making themed baskets for a basket raffle during the spaghetti dinner. The class baskets include **movie night, pet, lottery game night** and **many more**. Since our total number of students in religious education is eighty, we will also be taking raffle basket donations. Popular baskets include **coffee, car care, and cooking**. Use your imagination. Need more information call or email Lauren religioused@goodshepherdwm.org

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HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP?

THE PASSION NARRATIVES

Beginning on the day after Ash Wednesday, Thursday, February 19 for four weeks, there will be a Scripture Study group focusing on the four Passion narratives in the New Testament – Mark, Matthew, Luke and John. Like our sessions on the Prophet Isaiah last year, we'll follow the same format on Thursdays: 10:30 – noon / 4:00 – 5:30 pm. Registration sheets will be available in the gathering space up until Ash Wednesday.

No book will be required, but common texts of each version will be available **THE WEEK BEFORE THE SESSIONS BEGIN**. There is no cost for the sample texts, but there is homework!

Parish Spaghetti Dinner
is **Sunday, February 15th**,
from **11 AM- 3 PM**.

ATTENTION MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

The new schedule for Feb., Mar., and April has been emailed & for those who prefer a "hard copy", I have left some in the **back Sacristy** with your name on it.

Spaghetti Dinner



SUNDAY FEB. 15, 2026 11:00am-3:00pm

Advance Tickets: \$ 12 Adults/\$6 Children (12 and under)

Tickets at the Door:\$15 Adults /\$7 Children (12 and under)

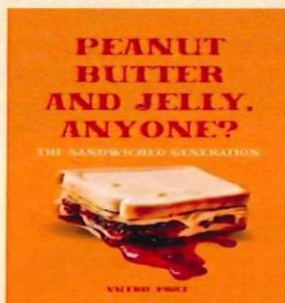
*Tickets available after Mass,
beginning 1/ 17/2-26*

TAKE OUT MEALS AVAILABLE

Good Shepherd Church Social Hall
West Middlesex PA

Proceeds to benefit Religious Education

GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY "JANUARY FOOD DRIVE"



**PEANUT BUTTER
AND
JELLY**

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

There was a funeral service for
Clarence Hemminger on
Saturday, January 17th. Please
keep his family in your prayers.

There was also a funeral service
for *Patty Bell* on Thursday,
January 22nd. Please keep her
husband John and family in your
prayers.



*with deepest
Sympathy*

Here are the Lottery Winners from the sales of Lottery Tickets for the Altar Rosary Society.

Jan. 11. 232. \$100.00
Diane Murcko
539 Hawthorn Place
Sharon, PA 16146



Jan. 12. 055. Won on the 12 and 14
Larry Wells
2400 Julian Lane
Hermitage, PA 16148

Jan. 13. 790
Beth Kenas
1642 Graham Rd.
Meadowbrook, PA 19006

Jan. 14. 055
Larry Wells. Same as January 12

Jan. 15. 385
Pat Rettger
4001 Kara Ct.
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Jan. 16
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Jan. 17
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Priest in Diocese of Erie

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Time: **7:00-8:30PM**

Doors Open at 6:30PM for Live Music



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Or Email Gabby @ youthforChrist@dioceseoferie.org

RECENT/NEW REGISTRATIONS

If you have filled out the Parishioner's 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 registered with us.

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

Please feel free to take one of the Red Poinsettias in the Gathering Space, especially if you know one of our elderly or shut ins.

HELP NEEDED

Housekeeper Wanted:

Fr. John Hindman and Fr. Frank DiCristina are in need of a housekeeper one day every two weeks. Work would entail dusting and cleaning.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. John at 951-236-8024.

St. Bartholomew Church Homemade Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for our Famous Homemade Pasta, Sauce & Meatballs!
Ticket includes Dinner, Ice cream (eat-in only), Salad, & Bread

Sunday, February 1 • Noon - 4pm

311 W. Ridge Avenue, Sharpsville

Adults \$12 • Kids 10 & under \$8 • Eat-in or take-out

Advance purchase highly recommended; this all-homemade event will sell out, and door sales will be limited.

Tickets: call 724-962-7130,

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