

Church of the Good Shepherd



**PLEASE JOIN US!
FR. GLENN &
FR. JOHN WILL
BE OFFERING
THE SACRAMENT
OF ANOINTING AT
THE 11:30 AM
MASS,
ON SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 19TH.**

**REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE SERVED
AFTER MASS.**

**ALL ARE
WELCOME TO BE
ANOINTED.**



TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– OCTOBER 12, 2025

Week of October 13, 2025, Calendar of Events

Rosary 1st Sunday of every month 20 min. before 9am Mass

Monday, October 13th – Offices Closed for Columbus Day

Tuesday, October 14th

Wednesday, October 15th

Thursday, October 16th – Bible Study 10-11:15AM or 4:30-6PM

Friday, October 17th

Saturday, October 18th

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

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COLLECTION

10/05/2025

of Registered Families

591

of Envelopes Used

183

Attendance at Mass

530

Attendance Online 10/05

264

Offertory Collection

\$7,569.50

Loose Offertory

\$1,502.00

Children's Envelopes

\$1.00

Catholic Education, Missionary

\$35.00, \$130.00

Assumption, Church in Latin Am

\$25.00, \$25.00

Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, October 13 th at 8:30am	Poor Souls	As Requested
Tuesday, October 14 th at 8:30am	Martin Bottar	Mary Liz Moroco
Wednesday, October 15 th	NO MASS NO COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thursday, October 16 th at 8:30am	Barbara O'Hara	Ken & Barbara Rogers
Friday, October 17 th at 8:30am	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday, October 18 th at 6:00pm	Jeffrey Staph	Tom Schratz
Sunday, October 19 th at 9:00am	Jim Wolfe	Judy & Family
Sunday, October 19 th at 11:30am	Pat & Mary Alice Callahan	The Children

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

LECTOR

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

USHERS (HU –Head Usher)

GREETERS

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, Oct. 18 th at 6:00pm	Diane Flamino	Brian Rogers Michael Drda Ed Robich Cliff Sederland	John Moroco – HU Jody Drda Colleen Pickens	Cathy Moroco	Hadley & Reagan Simmons
Sunday, Oct. 19 th at 9:00am	Bonnie Smith	Bonnie Smith Marsha Garver Diane O'Rourke Ken Garver	Patrick Miller – HU Vicki Miller Neil Hosick	Amy Hubert	Andrew David
Sunday, Oct. 19 th at 11:30am	Jennifer Muir	Mary Lu Walters Beth Garrett Ted George Judy Miller	Deb Sokolak – HU Mary Killingsworth Don Kemerer	VOLUNTEER	Madison McClelland

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA



FROM OUR PASTOR

"Get up, be on your way. Your faith has healed and saved you."

Misery loves company and is not choosy about the company it keeps. Lepers were considered a source of defilement as well as contagion so these ten, being outcasts for the same reason, formed a group. It's interesting that they could also overcome another prejudice. They may have been closed off from the world, but they were open-minded as one of them was a Samaritan.

Jews and Samaritans avoided each other, but this group came together, traveled together and sought out Jesus together. Because the rest of the world had rejected them, they made a sort of pact with each other, caring little about religious differences.

Other communities form around a common affliction, a common experience of being different often bringing together different races, cultures, social groups and genders. The church is one example, isn't it? We may not be joined together because of a common skin disease, but we are all disfigured by the sin of the world. And since we live in a group of people marred by sin, we may not have noticed the extent of our own wounds. Taking it a step further, if we realized how outcast I am from real life in Christ, I might be more open and forgiving of others. My life might have room for a "Samaritan."

And if we realize how alike we are, one of "them" might teach me something. Did you notice what the Samaritan did after the group encounter with Christ? How were they told to get the approval of the priests at the Temple? Did you notice how he disobeyed? Did you catch how he noticed something the others didn't? He realized something the other nine missed. *That when all is said and done, the*

community's focus must not be on itself and its needs, but upon Christ.

ON THE WAY, THEY WERE HEALED. Before asking for priestly approval or making a sacrifice. Samaritans don't worship at the Temple. There was no reason for him to go along with the crowd. Someone who is "different" can see things the rest of us overlook. **(Incidentally, the last Synod session in Rome suggested that the men who run the church, mostly celibate and ordained must listen to women, the rich must listen to the poor, governments must listen to minorities, adults must listen to children.)**

So, the Samaritan disobeyed and headed back to say, "Thank you." He or she realized that the healing symbolized a relationship with Jesus that was more important than the cure. Getting authorized, scaring up an animal to sacrifice were less significant than doing what was right in that relationship, saying thanks.

We receive many gifts from God, but it's not the gift nor the recipient, but the Giver upon whom we should focus. For Catholic Christians it is the Eucharist that is the "source and summit" of our life and Eucharist literally means "thanksgiving."

Perhaps we need to admit that we can rely on each other (like the 10) and serve each other, excluding no one. It took one among the ten to go further, to see what really mattered, and learn that gratitude, thanksgiving, and Eucharist are at the center of our lives.

You have been healed and saved!

Fr. Glenn

THANK YOU to the guy with the red cap and the tan Subaru who sped away last Sunday after pruning the bushes I mentioned at the 11:30 am Mass. You've got to love this place!!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendar

CLASS TIME IS FROM

10:00AM -11:15AM

- **October 12 Class all Grades K-9 Confirmation Class Mass at 9:00AM. The Confirmation class will take on liturgical roles at the 9:00am Mass today.**
- **October 19 Safe Environment Training.**
- **October 26 Charity Dinner NO CLASS – Teen Shepherds work dinner**
- **Saturday, November 1 Confirmation retreat at the Villa Maria Education Center 10:00am – 3:00pm**
- **November 2 Class Grades K-8 – NO class for Confirmation students only**

Safe Environment Training

The Religious education students will have their annual training on Sunday, October 19. The USCCB has indicated that the mandated child protection/safe environment training of children and youth has resulted in more children coming forward to report cases of inappropriate behavior on the part of adults. With this information and experience in mind, the Diocese of Erie requires that all children and youth in a parish or Catholic school be presented age-appropriate programs each year. If you DO NOT want your child/children to participate, please contact the Religious Education office in writing. Your child/children will be withheld from the program when it is presented. Videos this year are elementary: Safety Net Kids Bullies Stand Tall be Strong and middle grades: Standing tall learning assertiveness skills.

Rite of Welcome

for the Confirmation candidates

Today we will celebrate the Rite of Welcome for the Confirmation candidates. This rite is adapted from the OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). The purpose of the rite is to welcome the candidates to the immediate preparation for confirmation. The dual purpose is to introduce the candidates to the community. Please welcome our ninth graders into the community.

Adult Education, The Prophet Isaiah



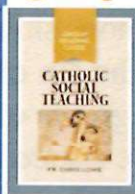
**Classes are on Thursday,
October 9- November 13**

Mornings: 10:00am – 11:30am

Afternoons: 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Adult Education

We talk often about care for the poor. Did you know that is one of the seven pillars of Catholic Social teaching? Do you want to learn about all seven? Lauren will be leading a discussion group about them.



Beginning October 21 and 22

Ending November 18 and 19

Tuesday nights : 4:30 – 5:30pm

Wed. morning: 10:00- 11:00am

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, October 19, is World Mission Sunday, a day when Catholics around the globe unite in prayer and generosity for the Church's missionary work.

This week, we invite you to pray the World Mission Rosary, created by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen. Each decade represents a region of the world, reminding us that we are one family in mission. Please consider how you will participate next Sunday through your prayer and support.

What's coming up?

- Anointing of the Sick will take place on October 19th at the 11:30 AM Mass. All are welcome to receive the blessing. There will be refreshments served in the church after the Mass.
- All Soul's Memorial during the 11:30 AM Mass on Nov. 2nd

**OFFICES CLOSED
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, ALL
OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR
COLUMBUS DAY.**



GOOD SHEPHERD PANTRY, MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

This month, we are collecting
Assorted Canned Soups
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

ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER

Date: Sunday, October 26th
Time: 12:00-3:00pm
Place: Good Shepherd Parish

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at the parish office (during business hours) until
Sunday, October 19th.
Tickets will be sold at the door as well.

Presale Ticket Price
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Adult \$15
Children \$6

This year's proceeds go to:
***Joshua's Haven, *AWARE, and**
***Hunters Sharing the Harvest.**

**We have great bakers here at Good Shepherd
and they have supported our Charity Dinners in
the past. Once again, we would like your help
and ask that parishioners bake cakes or pies for
this event. The baked goods can be dropped off
in the social hall the Saturday before the dinner,
October 25, in the morning and afternoon up
until 6 pm or the morning of the dinner when you
come for Sunday Mass. Thank you for donating
the desserts!**

Baptisms: *Joseph Jennings Maynard* will
be Baptized after the 11:30 AM Mass this
weekend. He is the son of Ian and Laura
Maynard.

Congratulations to the Family!

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

The schedule for Nov., Dec., and Jan. will be ready to email this coming week, or those who prefer a hard copy, may pick up next weekend in the gathering space. Along with the schedule, the Lector books will be in the Sacristy with your name on them. 1 per family.

Kick-off | September 17

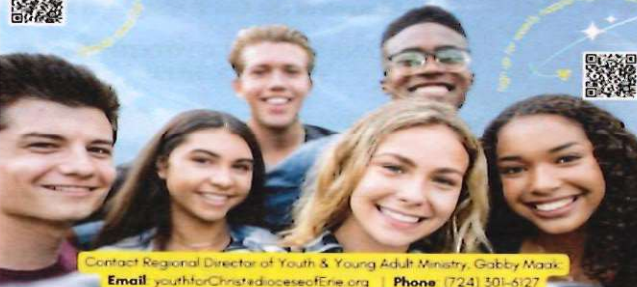
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YOUTH NIGHTS

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 - 8:30PM
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DINNER | GAMES | FRIENDS | FAITH

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH | 9-12TH GRADE
You do not have to be Catholic - bring your friends!



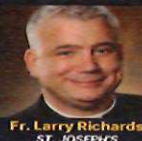
Contact Regional Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Gabby Maak.
Email: youthforChrist@dioceseofErie.org | Phone: (724) 301-6127



OCTOBER 16

Sr. Sarah Rose Dent
Franciscan Sister, F.O.R.
ST. BARTHOLOMEWS

DECEMBER 11



Fr. Larry Richards
ST. JOSEPH'S

JANUARY 29



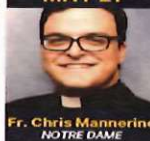
Fr. Michael Scanga
ST. ANTHONY'S

MARCH 12



Fr. Brandon Feikles
GOOD SHEPHERD

MAY 21



Fr. Chris Mannerino
NOTRE DAME

Sipping with the Saints

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Each Evening will be held from:
7:00-8:30PM

RSVP each month:



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youthforChrist@dioceseofErie.org

HELP NEEDED

Part-time caregiver needed for elderly female parishioner, Thursday & Friday, 8am-11am or, 9am - 12pm. Help needed with breakfast and medications. If interested, call Connie at (724) -854-1631.

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 cost is \$15 for a 5 lb. bag of cavatelli.

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(Online sales available through October 18. Ticket cash will be mailed.)

Log on to www.SharonCatholic.org
or
Stop by the St. Joseph Church Office, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.
79 Case Ave., Sharon, PA 16146

RAFFLE DINNER
October 18, 6:30 pm, in St. Joseph Guild Hall
RSVP ARE REQUIRED by OCTOBER 13.
Cost: \$15-adult, \$10-youth ages 4-10,
3 and under free.
To RSVP call: 724-981-3232

A Night at the Races
Saturday, November 8, 2025
The Altar and Rosary of Hubbard St. Patrick Church, 225 N. Main St. Hubbard, will be having "A Night at the Races" fundraiser on Saturday, November 8, 2025, in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15.00 and include a pizza buffet, snacks, lemonade, coffee and mixers. It will be BYOB and table snacks are allowed. There will also be a 50/50 and basket raffle. Horses can be purchased now for \$20.00, and you name your horse. For horse purchase, tickets or information contact Paulette at 330-518-6353 or Marilyn at 330-720-3777.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – October is Respect Life Month: Our faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children, youth and vulnerable adults from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Anyone who suspects or knows of abuse should report it immediately. For information on reporting child abuse visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>



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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.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

A few volunteers are needed to help with table settings and putting out decorations at 10am on Saturday, October 25th in the Social Hall.

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!!!

Parishioners are being asked to make a dessert for the Charity Dinner on Sunday, October 26th. We are requesting pies and cakes for this event. Good Shepherd has some wonderful bakers, and we hope you will make our dessert table the best one yet!

