

Church of the Good Shepherd

FR. GLENN'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION

FROM THE MASS AND MUSIC



TO THE PRIESTS, BISHOP AND VILLA NUNS



TO THE CELEBRATION WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS



THE EVENING WAS
QUITE A BLAST!
THANKS TO ALL WHO
MADE IT POSSIBLE.



TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Week of September 29, 2025, Calendar of Events

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

Monday, September 29th – Red Cross Blood Drive 12 – 5PM

Tuesday, September 30th

Wednesday, October 1st – Food Pantry 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, October 2nd – Don't Eat Alone 5:00PM in Social Hall

Friday, October 3rd – First Friday Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, October 4th – Blessing of the Pets 10AM Parking Lot

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

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COLLECTION	09/21/2025
# of Registered Families	590
# of Envelopes Used	153
Attendance at Mass	509
Attendance Online 9/21	239
Offertory Collection	\$5,115.50
Loose Offertory	\$1,425.00
Catholic Education	\$828.50
Missionary	\$3,888.00

Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, September 29 th at 8:30am	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday, September 30 th at 8:30am	Howard & Rose Roehn	Paul & Kathy Bauer
Wednesday, October 1 st	NO MASS NO COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thursday, October 2 nd at 8:30am	Frank & Jean Petrucci	Ed Robich
Friday, October 3 rd at 8:30am	Poor Souls	Marie Flickinger
Saturday, October 4 th at 6:00pm	Larry Wauzzinski	Dolly Wauzzinski
Sunday, October 5 th at 9:00am	Rilla Svirbly	Ed Robich
Sunday, October 5 th at 11:30am	Erik VanBuren	MaryAnn & Maribeth Thomas

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU –Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, Oct. 4 th at 6:00pm	James Sobey	James Sobey Charlene Cain Cliff Sederland Gary Salatino	Paul Bauer – HU Kathy Bauer Patrick Chovan	Alexis Onestak	Hadley & Reagan Simmons
Sunday, Oct. 5 th at 9:00am	Mary Svirbly	Tom Hubert Ron Adams Howard Fagan Christine Schwarz	Bob Devlin – HU Vicki Miller Neil Hosick	Amy Hubert	Andrew David
Sunday, Oct. 5 th at 11:30am	Erin Borowicz	Erin Borowicz Beth Garrett Ted George Judy Miller	Deb Sokolak – HU Don Kemerer Mary Killingsworth	VOLUNTEER	Jackson & Luke Seelbaugh

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA



FROM OUR PASTOR

“...a poor man covered with sores who longed to satisfy his hunger...”

People in the United States are among the most generous on earth – and in some studies (Gallup 2021), we’re also among the guiltiest. That is, we feel guilty about our many advantages. But are we actually guilty of anything besides success - and is it a sin in the end to be comfortable? That’s the lurking suspicion that makes many of us feel uncomfortable. Somehow, we’ve absorbed the idea that God doesn’t like rich people.

Does the Bible make the case against the rich? On the contrary, it’s easy to make a defense FOR the rich. The “Prosperity Gospel” fearlessly maintains that prosperity is evidence of virtue. Wealth, health, lots of children, and a long life are biblical signs of God’s favor. It’s a *quid pro quo* (this for that) that’s always been popular and remains intact despite the prevailing economic conditions. Its primary attraction is that it puts all control over our quality of life in our hands. We know what to do to make God and ourselves happy in one fell swoop. Prosperity theology is the best insurance policy you can buy.

But is it vaporware? (Highly advertised but never produced). There was a poem by E.A. Robinson wherein Richard Cory glitters when he walks and still puts a bullet in his head. (*Simon and Garfunkel composed a song by the same name.*) Otherwise physically healthy folks experience depression. People with umpteen children may not enjoy happy families. Not all who reach the age of 90 are glad they did. Material success and satisfaction are not born as twins. On the other hand, the mythical relationship between poverty and virtue is likewise fiction. In the parable of Lazarus we see no mention that the man covered with sores is morally superior to the rich man who barely notices him.

What bothers the prophet Amos (who last week uncovered the under-handed methods of the Temple moneychangers) and what condemns Dives (Latin for rich man) is the same fault: not that people are prosperous but that prosperity has led to indifference. Amos never says that folks on beds of ivory chowing down on farm animals sin by doing so; that is not an indictment against the Sleep Number Bed or a manifesto of veganism. Nor does Jesus imply that Dives does badly in eternity for doing so well on earth. The crime that enrages the prophets and consigns Dives to the netherworld is simply not caring. The poor suffered and the comfortable simply changed the channel.

“I’ve got mine” can seem like a good life plan. We can extend that to *“my family has theirs”* or *“our nation has ours,”* but it all comes down to the same dangerous scenario. You know that chasm between where Lazarus is and Dives wants to be in the end? Dives dug that with his own two hands. Too bad it never occurred to him to build a bridge instead.

A GODSEND OF A GODSON

I was honored to be asked to be Kevin’s godfather. His parents are longtime friends of the sort that feel like family. On the day of his Baptism, I listened carefully when the priest asked, *“And what do you ask for this child?”* We wanted Baptism, of course. But what did that entail? And what would it mean in his life? I wanted to take my role seriously, but beyond sending birthday cards and Christmas presents and taking an interest in his life from a distance, I still didn’t know him that well.

So, I was delighted when our families joined for an outing to downtown Chicago and enjoyed the fireworks display. Standing in the throngs of people was a disheveled man with the look of someone who’d spent many days and nights on the street. He was getting jostled and looked forlorn holding his paper cup, asking for spare change.

Kevin, now about 10, noticed the man. He dug into his blue jeans for some money. He bent close, looked the man in the eyes, and placed the money in his cup. He said, "Hi." I smiled remembering that day when the priest asked what we wanted for this child. I knew then we had gotten what we came for.

Alice Camille, True Quest Communications

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendar

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

- **September 28 Class all Grades K-9**
Confirmation Parent Meeting during Class time
- **October 5 Class all Grades K-9**
- **October 12 Class all grades K-9**
Confirmation Class Mass at 9:00AM

Confirmation Parent meeting will be on Sunday September 28th, during class time from 10:00AM-11:15AM. Students and parents will attend the session together in the social hall.

Liturgy of the Word will begin TODAY

The 9AM and 11:30AM Masses Liturgy of the Word takes place during Mass. Just before the Liturgy of the Word begins for the assembly, children age 3 through 3rd Grade are invited to go with the weekly leaders to the quilter's room. During this special time, the volunteer teacher leads the children through prayers, songs and readings that are simplified for children. The children will return for the liturgy of the Eucharist. Training will be given to volunteers. Please speak to Lauren about this opportunity for service.

What's coming up?

- Anointing of the Sick will take place on October 19th at the 11:30 AM Mass.
- All Soul's Memorial during the 11:30 AM Mass on Nov. 2nd

Adult Education Prophet Isaiah:

He is the first and greatest of the four major prophets. Standing at the head of Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel, Isaiah's writings constitute the single most important prophetic book of the Old Testament. His theological vision is expansive, and it has exerted an enormous influence over subsequent Jewish and Christian theology.



**Classes beginning Thursday,
October 9- November 13**
Mornings: 10:00am – 11:30am
Afternoons: 4:30pm – 6:00pm

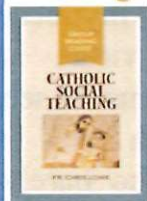


BLESSING OF PETS

SAT., OCTOBER 4, 2025
10:00 AM PARKING LOT
BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR
PET SAFELY SECURED
OR ON A LEASH!

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



FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION



**IS WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1
FROM 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

**DON'T EAT ALONE...EARLY
THANKSGIVING MEAL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND at
5:00 PM in the Social Hall
WE'LL PROVIDE THE TURKEY;
YOU PROVIDE THE FIXINGS!
Sign-up sheets are in the gathering
space to let us know how many will
be attending and what you are
bringing.**



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

Church Social Hall
3613 Sharon Road
West Mifflin, PA 16159

Hosted by

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**A DELICIOUS
HAM AND SCALLOPED POTATO
DINNER WILL BE SERVED.**



Presale tickets will be available
after all Masses until

Sunday, October 19th

Tickets will also be sold at the door
on the day of the event.

Presale Ticket Price
Adults \$12
Children \$5

At the Door Ticket Price
Adult \$15
Children \$6

**Sign-up sheets will be available, for
volunteers, in the next couple of weeks.**

ATTENTION MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

Please email the office with any dates
that you are not available for in
November, December and January. I
will be working on the Ministry Schedule
for those months. The sooner, the better!

2026 MASS BOOK

**The 2026 Mass Book for Intentions will
be open on Thursday, October 23, 2025.**

**Thank you very much for the Juice and other food
items donated for the month of August.**

**We collected 375 containers of Juice and 30 non-
perishable food items.**

*A generous person will prosper, whoever refreshes
others will be refreshed.*

Proverbs 11:25

**God bless,
Food Pantry Team**

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.

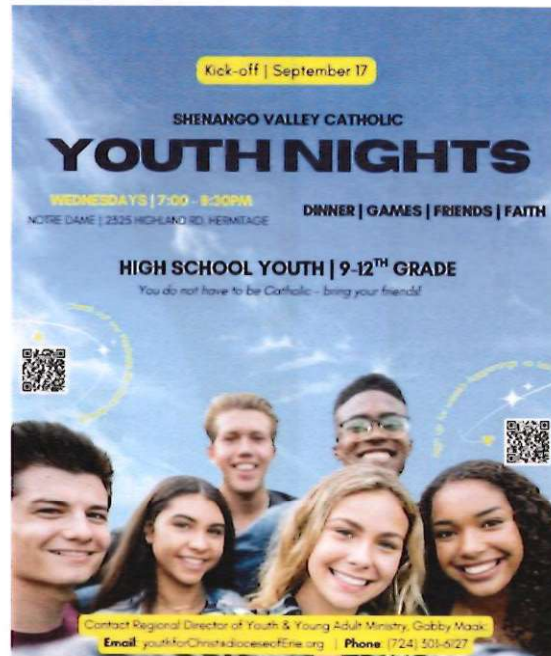


Red Cross Blood Drive

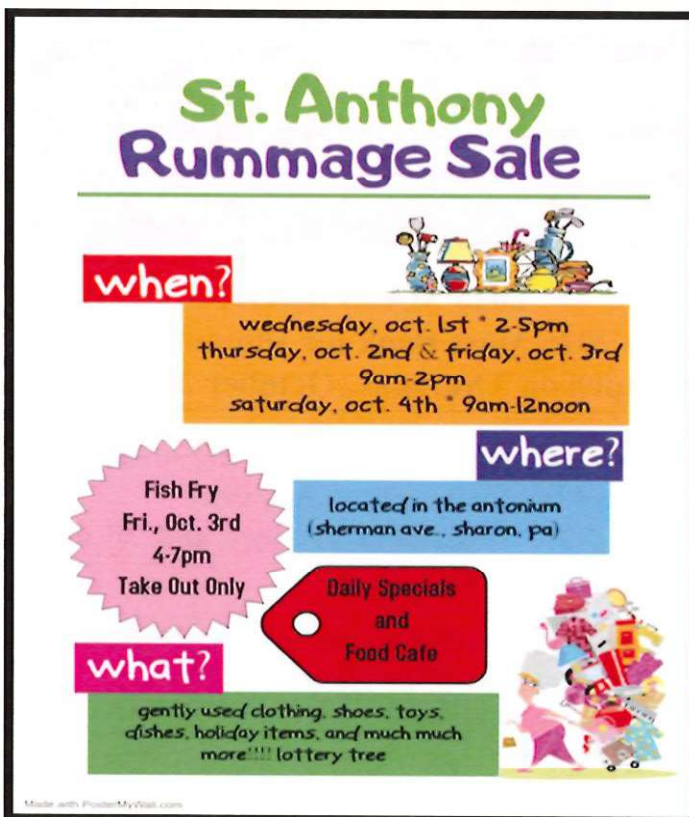
Good Shepherd Church
Monday, September 29
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
church hall
3613 Sharon Road
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Bobosky Paving
did a great job on
the parking lot!



Here is the business
card of the caterer from
Fr. Glenn's 50th
Anniversary Bash, in
case anyone would like
his phone number.





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