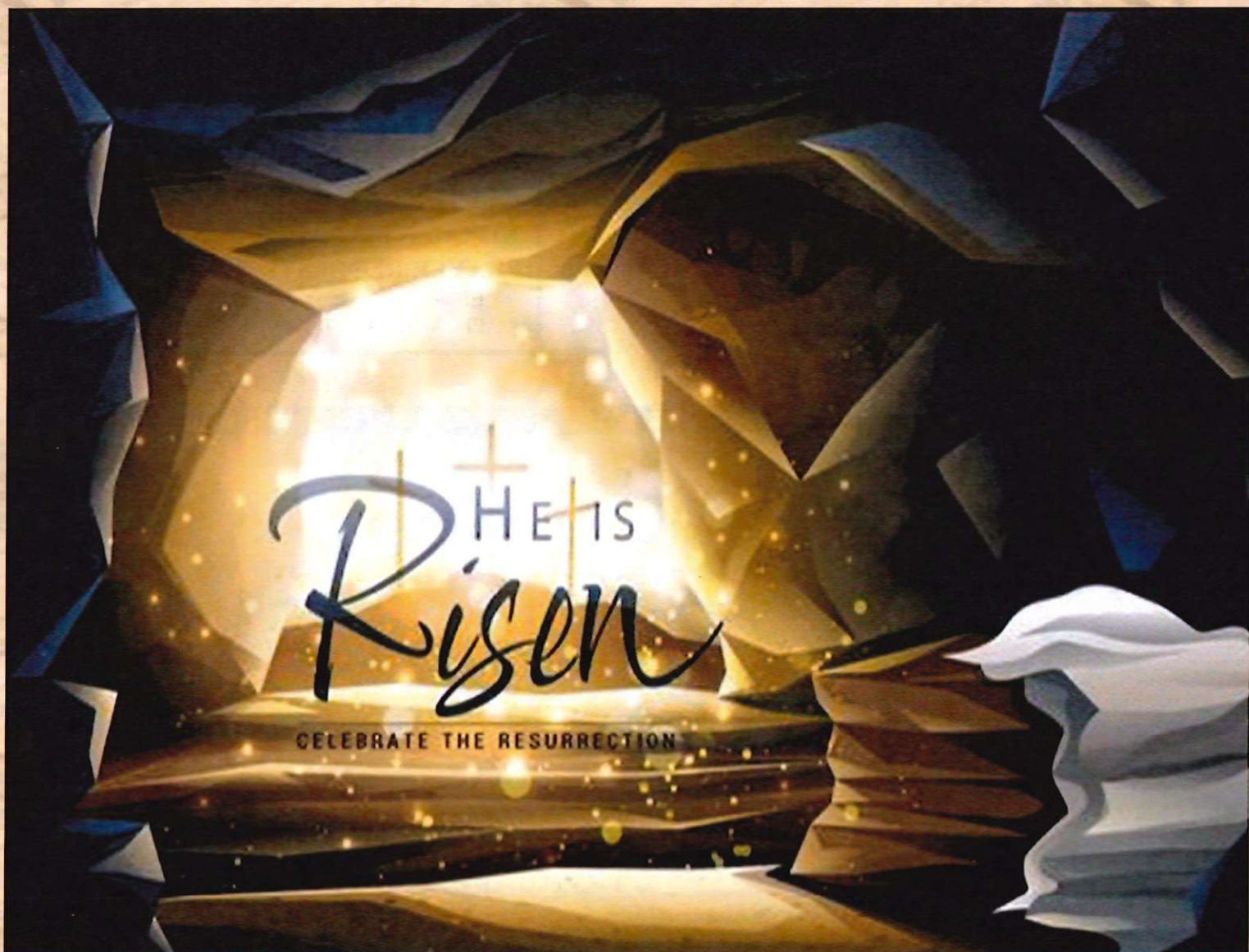


Church of the Good Shepherd



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD– APRIL 5, 2026

Week of April 6, 2026, Calendar of Events

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

Monday, April 6th – NO MASS

Tuesday, April 7th – NO MASS

Wednesday, April 8th – NO MASS

Thursday, April 9th

Friday, April 10th

Saturday, April 11th – First Communion Retreat

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

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COLLECTION	March 29, 2026
# of Registered Families	616
# of Envelopes Used	223
Attendance at Mass	773
Attendance Online 03/29	326
Offertory Collection	\$8,797.00
Loose Offertory	\$1,664.00
Ash Wednesday Collection	\$30.00
Children's Env. /Easter Flower	\$2.50/\$380.00

Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, April 6 th	NO MASS	
Tuesday, April 7 th	NO MASS	
Wednesday, April 8 th	NO MASS	
Thursday, April 9 th at 8:30am	Kathy Gorgasz	Craig & Debbie Cox
Friday, April 10 th at 8:30am	Eugene Schilling	Ed Robich
Saturday, April 11 th at 6:00pm	Richard Robich	Brother, Ed Robich
Sunday, April 12 th at 9:00am	James (Jim) Bird	The Sperduto Family
Sunday, April 12 th at 11:30am	Jacob Bakuhn	Bonnie & Pete Gibb

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU –Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, April 11 th at 6:00pm	Brian Rogers	James Sobey Brian Rogers Cliff Sederland Ed Robich	Mat Macchia – HU Mona Macchia Colleen Pickens	Carol Baker	Reagan & Hadley Simmons
Sunday, April 12 th at 9:00am	Dinae Flamino	Ron Adams Mary Ann Palanti Diane O'Rourke Christine Schwarz	Bob Devlin – HU Mary Anderson Vicki Miller	Rosanne Smithyman	Vincent Miller
Sunday, April 12 th at 11:30am	Erin Borowicz	Lisa Dach Erin Borowicz Rudy Koraus Arlene Repko	Pam Esposito – HU Raymond Repko John Collins	VOLUNTEER	Jackson & Luke Seelbaugh

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA



FROM OUR PASTOR

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”



Do you still feel as if Easter has just happened? Do you know what this day means for you? Are you still burdened by the burnt ashes of your life? Today, Christ shows you the power of life with him. This day is the beginning of faith. This is the day you move on. Today, rejoice.

Something happened on the first Easter morning. No one was there to give an eyewitness report of the event itself. Mary Magdalene discovered the empty tomb and called it a crime. Peter studied the details, scratched his head, and couldn't make sense of it. The other disciple “saw and believed,” so we're told. But did he see more than Peter and Mary had? And what, exactly, did it make him “believe”?

We can ponder these three responses. We can compare them with Easter accounts in the other gospels and decide which narrative is most satisfying to us. Or we can do what most other believers do, which is conflate all four stories of what happened on the third day and come up with a multitude of replies to the empty tomb. Soldiers falling down like dead men. Women creeping forward in the dark with their anointing oils. Angels calmly explaining what cannot be explained. The curtain of the Temple spontaneously ripping open to expose its secrets. Earthquakes shaking open the tombs of Jerusalem and all manner of persons walking free. Women fleeing and saying nothing in their terror. Women encountering the Risen Lord and providing the first testimony of Easter in their joy. Soldiers being paid to lie about what they saw, so the whole disturbing experience might be shut down.

What we gather from these accounts is that there are many responses to make about the empty tomb. They range from self-serving lies to full confessions of faith to total silence to Peter's head-shaking confusion. Something happened that confounded everyone it touched. We can even respond like the unnamed disciple and simply say we believe, in a fuzzy way, not sure what we believe or why.

The church that emerged from the empty tomb had to ponder this event awhile before coming up with a unified response – which has become our reply as church ever since. Because of that Easter morning

- We gather faithfully.
- We reflect deeply.
- We celebrate joyfully.
- We testify fearlessly.
- And we serve generously.

Because of that transformative hour, our lives are transformed – here today, 21 centuries later. We continue to gather, in season and out, whether convenient or inconvenient. We reflect on the stories of our faith and allow them to ask their probing questions of us and our choices. We remain people who celebrate knowing there's a reason for joy and hope, even when the world is a dark and unhappy place. We tell what we know, even if people don't want to hear it. And we embrace the call to serve with open hearts because this good news has to feel like good news if it's to sound that way to those who haven't heard it yet.

A Blessed Easter to all!

Fr. Frank & Fr. Glenn

Congratulations and Easter blessings to all our former Elect and Candidates, reborn in the waters of Baptism, sealed by the Holy Spirit and joining us now at the table of the Eucharist: *Cross Arbuckle, Mackensie Attiscano, Ashley Baldsberger, Luke Baker, Noah Bianco, Ainsley Cain, Joshua Dobbins, Gabrielle Foster, Bill Logan, Gavin Matthews, and Ava Sellers.*



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendar

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

April 11 Saturday -

First Communion Retreat 9am – 11am

April 12 Class all grades

April 19 Class all grades

Confirmation Practice April 21

April 25 Thursday

Confirmation Mass at Notre Dame 7:00pm

April 26 LAST CLASS

Becoming Catholic

Easter tide is the time of new life. Our Savior's in the first place, living for ever a life which belongs no more to the earth and which one day we shall share with Him in heaven. And then our own lives — from Christ to us — for we have more than the assurance of rejoining Him; snatched by Him from the power of the devil we belong to Him as His by right of conquest and we share His life

Easter week is the week of the baptized. They have passed from death to life, from the darkness of sin to the life of grace in the light of Christ. Wherever there are neophytes, the Easter season, and particularly the first week, is the period of postbaptismal catechesis or Mystagogy. The community shares with them a deepening understanding of the paschal mystery and an ever greater assimilation of it in daily life through meditation, participation in the Eucharist, and the practice of charity.

The moral requirements of the new life are recalled throughout Eastertide. They are governed by the principle enunciated by St. Paul that, risen with Christ, the Christian must raise his desires to heaven, detach himself from earthly pleasures in order to love those of heaven. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to complete the formation in the baptized of the "new man" who, by the holiness of his life, bears witness to Christ crucified.

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL 2026

A *sincere thank you* to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Service Appeal.

GOOD SHEPHERD TOTALS

<i>Diocesan Assessment:</i>	<i>\$52,074.00</i>
<i>Total Pledged as of 03/30/26:</i>	<i>\$99,595.00</i>
<i>Total Paid as of 03/30/26:</i>	<i>\$66,792.00</i>
<i>Surplus after Assessment:</i>	<i>\$14,718.00</i>
<i>Parish Project Goal:</i>	<i>\$90,500.00</i>
<i>Remains at Good Shepherd to be used toward roof replacement on Social Center / HVAC</i>	

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA TOTALS

<i>Diocesan Assessment</i>	<i>\$21,724.00</i>
<i>Total Pledged as of 03/31/26</i>	<i>\$36,352.00</i>
<i>Total Paid as of 03/31/26:</i>	<i>\$30,142.00</i>
<i>Remains at Our Lady of Fatima to complete the restoration of our Rectory and Office after our winter water disaster.</i>	

Neophytes

Cross Arbuckle

Mackensie Attiscano

Ashley Baldsberger

Luke Baker

Noah Bianco

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Joshua Dobbins

Gabrielle Foster

Bill Logan

Gavin Matthews

Ava Sellers



GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY
"APRIL FOOD DRIVE"
ASSORTED CANNED VEGETABLES



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



**ALTAR ROSARY MEETING APRIL
9TH STARTING WITH ROSARY AT 6
PM AND MEETING AT 6:30.
ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!**

DON'T EAT ALONE
THURSDAY, APRIL 16th
5:00 in the Social Hall
**More details will follow in
upcoming bulletins.**



Men's Fellowship Group

Starting Saturday 4/11 at 8:30am in Good Shepherd Church Hall (where the Men's Club meets)

You're invited to join our **Men's Fellowship Group**—a place where men come together to grow in faith, build meaningful friendships, and support one another through life's challenges and victories. In today's fast-paced world, it's easy to feel isolated or overwhelmed. This group is designed to be a space where you can step away from the noise, connect with other men who share similar values, and strengthen your relationship with God. Whether you're new to faith, returning after some time away, or have been walking this path for years, you are welcome here.

Our gatherings include:

- **Encouraging conversations** about real-life topics men face every day
- **Bible study and reflection** to deepen understanding and spiritual growth
- **Prayer and support** for one another in a respectful, judgment-free environment
- **Brotherhood and connection** built through shared experiences and fellowship

There's no pressure—just come as you are. Whether you're looking for guidance, community, or simply a place to belong, this group is here for you. If you have any questions or would like more information, feel free to reach out to Dan Andrusky 724-699-1434. We'd love to see you there and grow together in faith and fellowship.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." – Proverbs 27:17

25th Anniversary!



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OR 

We look forward to seeing you there!

Questions or more info?
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EMPTY BOWLS
Thursday, April 23rd
from 4-7pm
Hickory VFW Post 6166
5550 E State St.
Hermitage, PA
Have questions about the event? Contact Patty at 724-981-0353 ext. 103

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.

Easter
Word Search



Word list:

ISABET	CELEBRATION	LOVE	HIDE
BOUQUET	CHEEKS	BAGS	HOP
BUNNY	CHOCOLATE	PIEU	POOP
CANDLES	CONFIDENTIAL	FLOWERS	RABBIT

EASTER
Crossword Puzzle



HINTS

Across	Down
3. Egg-shaped candy	1. Easter flower
6. Baby chicken	2. Rabbit
8. After Winter	4. Woven container
9. Baby chicks are inside of these	5. Holiday in Spring
	7. To look for

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Pledge to Heal: During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, The Diocese of Erie affirms our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement and to support survivor-victims in their healing journey. The diocese provides counseling assistance for those who have been abused by a member of the clergy. For more information on counseling available to survivor-victims, please contact Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator at 814-451-1521. *The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. To report abuse directly to the diocese, call 814-451-1543.*



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