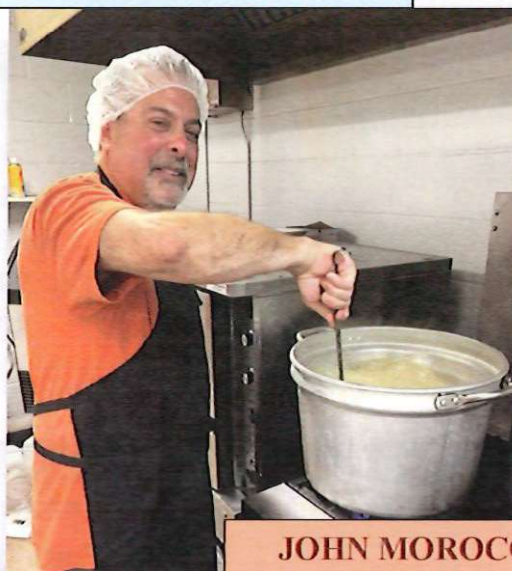


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GOOD SHEPHERD VOLUNTEERS, DAVE PRINGLE, JOHN MOROCO, CONNIE TITUS, AND MARY ANN PALANTI, COOKING LUNCH AND SERVING AT PRINCE OF PEACE.



**DAVE PRINGLE,
FLIPPING YUMMY
GRILLED CHEESE
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**JOHN MOROCO,
STIRRING THE POT!**



**CONNIE TITUS AND
MARY ANN PALANTI,
SERVING WITH A
SMILE 😊**

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FOR ALL
THAT YOU
DO!**

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YOU!**

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

Week of September 21, 2025, Calendar of Events

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

Monday, September 22nd Rectory Office is Closed Today

Tuesday, September 23rd

Wednesday, September 24th

Thursday, September 25th

Friday, September 26th

Saturday, September 27th

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

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COLLECTION

09/14/2025

of Registered Families

589

of Envelopes Used

173

Attendance at Mass

533

Attendance Online 9/14

301

Offertory Collection

\$7,496.50

Loose Offertory

\$2,278.00

Collection for Gaza

\$20.00

Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, September 22 nd at 8:30am	MaryAnn Van Buren	Ed Robich
Tuesday, September 23 rd at 8:30am	Chuck Baker	Rick Supel
Wednesday, September 24 th	NO MASS NO COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thursday, September 25 th at 8:30am	Judge, Ralph Pratt	Craig & Debbie Cox
Friday, September 26 th at 8:30am	For Our Parishioners	
Saturday, September 27 th at 6:00pm	Larry Wauzzinski	Karen Beitler
Sunday, September 28 th at 9:00am	Annette Wingerter	Family
Sunday, September 28 th at 11:30am	Mary Robich	Ed Robich

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU –Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, Sept 27 th at 6:00pm	Nora Songer	Ed Robich Frank Langosh Michael Drda Fran Deeb	John Moroco – HU Jody Drda Mona Macchia	Cathy Moroco	Alexa & Antonio Macchia
Sunday, Sept. 28 th at 9:00am	Carol Gilliland	Howard Fagan Marsha Garver Mary Ann Palanti Ken Garver	Patrick Miller – HU Darlene & Ron Kotuby	Jean Colella	Vincent Miller
Sunday, Sept. 28 th at 11:30am	Jennifer Muir	Arlene Repko Ted George Rudy Koraus Mary Lu Walters	Pam Esposito - HU Raymond Repko Maurice Igou	VOLUNTEER	Madison McClelland

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA



FROM OUR PASTOR

"Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty."

The unjust manager concocts a strategy to save his skin. Thinking his plan will make him safe and possibly be hired by his master's debtors when he loses his position, he's confident he won't be out on the street. He has come up with a survival scheme that saves the debtors financially and he hopes, greases the skids for himself. However, he might not be as clever as he thought. A more subtle scheme might be unfolding.

The debtors are called in one by one, leaving no chance for a group discussion – shared reflection often leads to scrutiny and hesitation. Stealth needs privacy. Then he questions the debtors – THEY must acknowledge how much they owe, and THEY must alter the numbers. The manager tells them what to do and THEY change the debt. It is THEIR handwriting that has doctored the bills. And as is often the case with shady undertakings, they must do it QUICKLY.

Now the debtors are not only in the manager's debt, they are also in collusion with him – full-scale accomplices in a scheme to defraud the owner. The wily manager has taught them how to cook the books and they have cooked them willingly. And so he is already in their lives in a way that wasn't true initially because he has made them like himself and placed them in jeopardy, as well. The rich man now has the same case against them as he has with the manager.

However the manager intended this plan to work, it doesn't appear to be foolproof. The master is oddly impressed. Instead of focusing on his lost income, becoming enraged and determining a form of punishment, he comments on the practical motive of his manager. (Note: The parable immediately before this one in Luke's gospel is the story of the prodigal son, which we would have heard last week when we celebrated instead the Triumph of the Holy Cross. Recall the father doesn't act like a typical patriarch but welcomes his wayward son with open arms. Evidently, Luke is repeatedly trying to make a point.) The master in this story is so unrealistic and out-of-character

that he doesn't even get to speak – we are simply told about his reaction.

The master has seen more than dishonesty, so he commends rather than corrects those who are shrewd – we may not agree with what he did, but it was a bold move! And although the manager was commended for acting shrewdly, the word means simply "wise," a word that is associated with practical actions that ensure survival. In the New Testament, the "wise" know how to survive (*Remember the story of the 10 bridesmaids?*) Even though the landowner's resources are depleted, he values the manager's resilience and effective action and praises rather than critiques him.

Jesus' final comment to the story seems confusing: *"The children of this age are more shrewd than are the children of the light."* Some scholars see this as a lament, rather than praise. When our lives are submerged in our physical/social lives, we are children of this age, and being quick to sense threats to our physical/social lives, we spring into action. Nothing will stand in our way; we are ingenious in how we do it.

But we're also children of the light whose souls have been illumined by the saving message of Christ. And that "soul relationship" with God makes us brothers and sisters to one another. That spiritual reality is also threatened on all sides, but we're not as alert to them nor do we struggle against them. Because we're not as galvanized into action to save our spiritual lives as we are to preserve our physical/social interests, we are shrewd in the ways of the world. And because of that, we still need to be instructed. Today's lesson wraps up with some practical instruction.

Enjoy the week,

Fr. Frank & Fr. Glenn

WELCOME TO SISTER JOYCE!

We're pleased to welcome Sister Joyce who's come to speak to us about the needs of her community The Daughters of the Compassionate Lord Jesus Christ, based in Africa. Their needs are great, especially as a recently founded community with a rather broad mission. Please be generous.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendar

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

- **September 21 Class all Grades K-9**
- **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 on Sunday September 28 at the 9:00AM 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?

- Our Mission Co-op Speaker, Sister Joyce, from the Missionary Daughters of the Compassionate Lord Jesus, will be speaking at ALL MASSES this weekend. We will be taking up a physical second collection at all Masses.
- Catholic Education Collection – this weekend.
- Parish Pastoral Council Election – this weekend.
- Anointing of the Sick will take place on October 19th at the 11:30 AM Mass.

This weekend is the 2025 Catholic Education Collection. Please give generously. Half of your gift stays right here at Church of the Good Shepherd. To support our religious education programs. Without you, our faith formation and religious education programs would not be as successful as they are. Because of you, our many children and their families, both young and old, are led to greater faith. **THANK YOU for your support.**

Pop Quiz

1. Am I a member of Good Shepherd Parish?
2. Am I over the age of 25 and registered on my own? (not still under my parents' name.)
3. Do I contribute with time, talent, and treasure to the parish in some way?
4. Do I attend Mass on a regular basis? (Do I have a favorite pew?)

If you answered YES to all these questions, then you are a member of Good Shepherd Parish. Adult children need to find a parish near where they live to register as a member. Baptism always makes you a member of God's family in the Church. However, we also need to take responsibility to become part of a parish.

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025.
THE OFFICE WILL REOPEN ON
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025.

**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
**Pasta Sauce in plastic jars and
cans. "Please no glass jars"**

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

CAN YOU PASTA SAUCE PLEASE?



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 15159

Hosted by

Church of the Good Shepherd PPC

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.

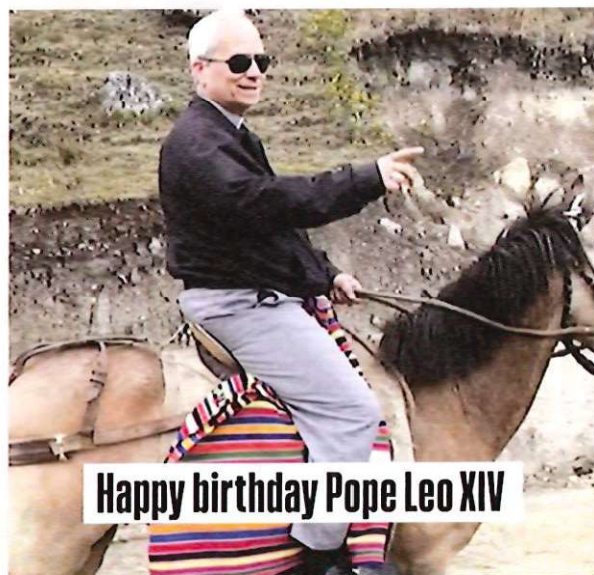
Presale Ticket Price
Adults \$12
Children \$5

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!



Happy birthday Pope Leo XIV

FREE COMMUNITY SKIN CANCER SCREENING

In memory of Doug McCombs

**** BY APPOINTMENT ONLY ****

When: September 27, 2025, 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Where: Church of the Good Shepherd, Education Center
3613 Sharon Rd.
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Screenings conducted by Lynn A. Colaiacovo, M.D. and Brooke E. Breitenbach, P.A.C.
Screenings will take approximately 15 minutes and will be in private examining rooms.

To schedule an appointment call Patti McCombs at (724) 651-7537

+Space is limited, so call soon to make your appointment.

The need for blood
is inTENTS!



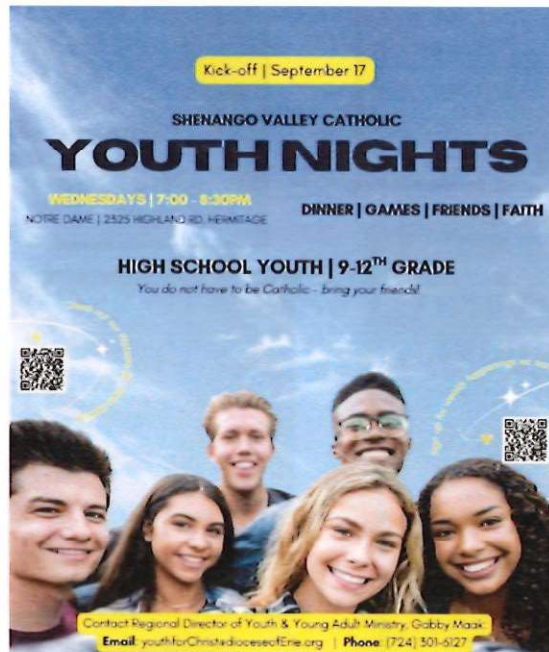
Red Cross Blood Drive

Good Shepherd Church
Monday, September 29
12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
church hall
3613 Sharon Road
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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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the parking lot!



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JACKPOT RAFFLE - 4 - \$5.00, 10 - \$10.00 or 25 - \$20.00
50/50 RAFFLE - 4 - \$5.00, 10 - \$10.00 or 25 - \$20.00

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FOOD, DESSERTS & DRINKS (BYOB)!**

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thursday, oct. 2nd & friday, oct. 3rd
9am-2pm
saturday, oct. 4th * 9am-12noon

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