

Church of the Good Shepherd



THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK TOOK PLACE LAST WEEKEND AT
THE 11:30AM MASS.

“THANKS FR. FRANK AND FR. JOHN.”

“WHAT A BEAUTIFUL GATHERING OF COMMUNITY TO SHARE GOD’S BLESSING.”

“LOOK AT THESE DELICIOUS GOODIES THAT WERE PROVIDED AFTER THE MASS.”



LOOKS LIKE
SOMEONE IS TAKING
A PEEK!



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– OCTOBER 26, 2025

Week of October 27, 2025, Calendar of Events

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

Monday, October 27th

Tuesday, October 28th - Discussion Group 4:30 – 5:30PM or

Wednesday, October 29th – Discussion Group 10:00 – 11:00 AM

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

Friday, October 31st

Saturday, November 1st – Confirmation Retreat 10 AM–2 PM

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

COLLECTION	10/19/2025
# of Registered Families	594
# of Envelopes Used	182
Attendance at Mass	598
Attendance Online 10/19	254
Offertory Collection	\$7,114.00
Loose Offertory	\$1,522.00
Children's Envelopes	\$11.00
World Mission	\$878.00
All Souls, Catholic Ed.	\$355.00, \$15.00

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PRAYER REQUEST

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Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, October 27 th at 8:30am	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday, October 28 th at 8:30am	Larry Wauzzinski	Cindy & Mike Bartolo
Wednesday, October 29 th	NO MASS NO COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thursday, October 30 th at 8:30am	Robert Klamut, Sr.	Family
Friday, October 31 st at 8:30am	Louise Stefanak	Dennis & Cindy Gilfoyle
Saturday, November 1 st at 6:00pm	Louise Stefanak	Ed Robich
Sunday, November 2 nd at 9:00am	Daniel DiClaudio	Gary & Diane Salatino
Sunday, November 2 nd at 11:30am	Chuck Rosati	Theresa Gatty

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU – Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, Nov. 1 st at 6:00pm	Diane Flamino	Frank Langosh David Pringle Monica Hanrahan Fran Deeb	Mary Ellen Doult – HU Brian & Debra Biggins	Connie Titus	Reagan & Hadley Simmons
Sunday, Nov. 2 nd at 9:00am	Diane Salatino	Gary Salatino Ken Garver Marsha Garver Diane O'Rourke	Ed Grober – HU Neil Hosick Jeff Creveling	Tom Graney	Andrew David
Sunday, Nov. 2 nd at 11:30am	Erin Borowicz	Erin Borowicz Judy Miller Beth Garrett Ann U'Halie	Pam Esposito – HU Mary Killingsworth Raquel Collins	VOLUNTEER	Jackson & Luke Seelbaugh

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA



FROM OUR PASTOR

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

All Souls' Day has its roots in the sixth-century Benedictine tradition of praying to the dead. It was a way of recognizing the human bonds that go beyond death. By the tenth century this feast was about praying for the dead, that they might know the merciful love of God.

Perhaps it's appropriate for us today to think about what a soul is. In an increasingly secular society, it's interesting to note that the word *soul* persists in ordinary conversation. Many nonreligious people use this most religious of terms to describe another person. We often hear how others are lonely, distressed or lost souls. It can be said that someone has a "beautiful" soul or that a piece of music, a painting or other work of art "stirred my soul." We describe mellow jazz as "soulful" and still alert others to distress by an SOS, "save our souls." These uses of the word reinforce Catholic teaching that the soul makes us human, that it sets us apart from the animals.

Nearly all the great religions of the world believe in a soul, or its equivalent – something that survives the annihilation of the body in death. I have come to the opinion that whatever else might characterize the soul, memory is an integral part of it.

I've celebrated many funerals of people who have suffered from Alzheimer's disease. These are rarely very sad occasions because the family invariably says that they "lost" their loved one months or years before. Why? Because increasingly their loved one couldn't remember anyone or anything. We hold to caring for the body from the womb to the tomb because we believe that human dignity must always be respected. There are now theories about how even the memories of the circumstances of our

conception or birth have a bearing on the way we live our lives. It is also apparent that even when people seem to have lost their memory, or are unconscious, there is some recognition of some things at a very deep level.

Soul as memory means that when I meet God face to face, I will remember who I am and how I lived and God will remember me. It's also a comfort for us to think that we will be reunited with those we have loved who have died before us, because we remember each other.

And what's best about a "remembering soul" is that it is purified. In the old catechism we use to say that heaven was the place where we are perfectly happy with God forever. If we think of purgatory as a *stage* rather than a *place*, then it's possible to reclaim it as a moment when we see the fullness of God's sacrificial love for us, and recall our sometimes destructive behavior toward ourselves, others and the world. Purgatory can be a moment where our memory is purified so we can be eternally happy with Christ in heaven.

So, let's remember at the Eucharist all those "departed souls" we have known and loved over the years, that they might pray for us that we never forget God's saving love and live lives worthy of it.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.....

What an amazing celebration last Sunday at the 11:30 Anointing of the Sick Mass! We couldn't have done it without the presence and assistance of Fathers John and Frank or the hard behind-the-scenes work done by the Hospitality Committee. The lyrics of the hymns and the pace of people eagerly moving forward to experience the healing embrace of the sacrament was almost palpable. According to the greeters/ushers we were two people short of 300 at that Mass – good thing we almost wiped out Apple Castle and the Hermitage Bakery! It takes all of us!

WELCOME, FATHER STAN! Father Stan will be covering for Fr. Glenn Saturday at Good Shepherd so he and Fr. Frank can cover the Anointing of the Sick at Fatima.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendar

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

- **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**

- **Friday November 7 EDGE Social Night at St. Joseph Parish, Sharon 6:00pm -8:00pm**

This is a valley wide activity including St. Joseph, St. Bart's, Notre Dame, and Good Shepherd. This is the first time the leaders have planned a joint EDGE night.

- **Sunday November 9 Class grades K-5 and Confirmation**

***NO CLASS EDGE ONLY**

Adult Education, The Prophet Isaiah

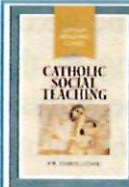


Classes are on Thursday,

October 9- November 13

Mornings: 10:00am – 11:30am

Afternoons: 4:30pm – 6:00pm



Adult Education,

Catholic Social Teaching

Beginning October 21 and 22

Ending November 18 and 19

Tuesday nights : 4:30 – 5:30pm

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

What's coming up?

Sunday November 2nd is All Souls Day. The parish will remember all our deceased parishioners from the last year during the 11:30am Mass. Please keep their families in your prayers this week. Light refreshments will be served after Mass.

2026 MASS BOOK & NEW POLICY

The 2026 Mass Book for Intentions is now open.

❖ 3 weekend Masses only, per person/family

**NOVEMBER IS KNOWN FOR THANKSGIVING, AND...
THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL FALL WINE & CHEESE SOCIAL!
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, AFTER THE 6:00 PM MASS**

Have a relaxing evening with great sounds, interesting hors d'oeuvres, libations, maybe a bit of team trivia and, of course, GREAT fellowship! If you have a favorite wine flavor or snack, feel free to bring a taste for all to enjoy.

Sponsored by the PPC.



There was a funeral service for *John W. Lawhead* on Monday, October 20th. Please keep his wife, Carol, and his family in your prayers.

with deepest Sympathy

Baptisms: *Everett Joshua Bukovinsky* will be Baptized after the 6:00 PM Mass this weekend. He is the son of **Brandon and Alysia Bukovinsky**. Congratulations to the **Bukovinsky Family!**



**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 Middlesex, PA 16159

**Hosted by:
Church of the Good Shepherd PPC**

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

*** TAKEOUTS WILL BE
AVAILABLE**



Presale tickets will be available after Masses or
at the parish office (during business hours) until
Sunday, October 19th

Tickets will be sold at the door as well.

Presale Ticket Price
Adults \$12
Children \$5

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

This year's proceeds go to:

***Joshua's Haven, *AWARE, and
*Hunters Sharing the Harvest.**

CHARITY DINNER NOTES

Bakers: Remember to drop off your cakes or
pies at the Social Hall next Saturday from
10AM to 6PM and on Sunday morning, the day
of the dinner, when coming to Mass.

PRE-ORDERS ONLY.



CABBAGE ROLLS ON SALE

**Pre-sale for Cabbage Rolls will be held after
all Masses. The price is \$12 for a package of
3 large rolls.**

**Pickup of Cabbage Rolls is after the Masses,
November 8th and 9th.**

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY CLEANING WIPES
ON SALE IN THE RECTORY OFFICE FOR \$3.00
WILL HAVE THE ANNUAL SALE IN THE SPRING '26**

Kick-off | September 17

SHERANGO VALLEY CATHOLIC

YOUTH NIGHTS

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

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Email: youthforChrist@dioceseoferie.org | Phone: (724) 301-6127

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.

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.

Parishioners, We have received some news about our former pastor **Fr. Howard King**. Back in June he was hospitalized with COVID which caused him to be very weak, plus he didn't have the use of his left leg. He was in the hospital receiving treatment for that when his kidneys began not functioning properly and he had to be put on dialysis 3 times a week. Gradually he got better and in the middle of summer went into a rehab facility to help regain the strength of his leg and was on dialysis twice a week, then once a week. Recently he recovered enough to enter an assisted living facility and is off dialysis as of last week. His aim is to return to his home in The Villages soon. If you would like to send him a card, his address is:

Fr. Howard King, Hearthstone of Wildwood, 10422 Regatta Blvd., Room 205, Oxford, FL 34484

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.



Knights of
Columbus

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday Nov 16, 2025
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

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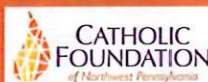
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