

Church of the Good Shepherd

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY AND JOSEPH – DECEMBER 28, 2025

Week of December 29, 2025, Calendar of Events

Rosary 1st Sunday of every month 20 min. before 9am Mass
Monday, December 29th - NO MASS / OFFICES CLOSED
Tuesday, December 30th - NO MASS / OFFICES CLOSED
Wednesday, December 31st – NO MASS / OFFICES CLOSED
Thursday, January 1st – 8:30am & 7:00pm Mass / Offices Closed
Friday, January 2nd – NO MASS / Offices Closed
Saturday, January 3rd

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

COLLECTION

of Registered Families

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Children's Envelopes

COLLECTION INFORMATION WILL BE IN LATER BULLETIN

Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, December 29 th	NO MASS	
Tuesday, December 30 th	NO MASS	
Wednesday, December 31 st	NO MASS	
Thursday, January 1 st at 8:30am	For Our Living & Deceased Parishioners	
Thursday, January 1 st at 7:00pm	Stephen & Mary Robich	Ed Robich
Friday, January 2 nd at 8:30am	NO MASS	
Saturday, January 3 rd at 6:00pm	In Memory of Otto Wagner	Paul & Judy Radkowski
Sunday, January 4 th at 9:00am	Annette Wingerter	Family
Sunday, January 4 th at 11:30am	James James, Sr. & James James, Jr.	Hanssen Family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU – Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, Jan. 3rd at 6:00pm	John & Maggie Rumelfanger	Cliff Sederland Ed Robich Brian Rogers Monica Hanrahan	John Moroco – HU Colleen Pickens Mona Macchia	Cathy Moroco	Alexa & Antonio Macchia
Sunday, Jan. 4 th at 9:00am	Bonnie Smith	Tom Sokolak Gary Salatino Ron Adams Bonnie Smith	Bob Devlin HU Vicki Miller Darlene & Don Kotuby	Pat Thompson	Rylee Adams
Sunday, Jan. 4 th at 11:30am	Angela Dalessandro	Mary Lu Walters Aiden Puskar Arlene Repko DJ Puskar	Pam Esposito – HU Raymond Repko John Collins	VOLUNTEER	James Maynard

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendar

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

- **December 28 NO CLASS ANY GRADE**
- **January 5 Classes Resume**
Schedule Change
- **Sunday January 18 – NO CLASS ANYGRADE teacher in-service**

5 Ways to celebrate The Feast of the Holy Family from Mercy Works

- 1. Cook and Share a Special Meal Together**
- 2. Go to Mass as a Family**
- 3. Pray a Family Rosary**
- 4. Participate in Acts of Service**
- 5. Brainstorm Spiritual New Year's Resolutions**

FEAST OF

MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

January 1, 2026 is a holyday of obligation, a feast of Mary, the Mother of God. The regular holyday Mass schedule at our partnered parishes will be observed.

Thursday, January 1, 2026
8:30 am – Good Shepherd

12:15 pm – Our Lady of Fatima

7:00 pm – Good Shepherd

Baptisms: *Nolan Wilson Brown was Baptized last week. He is the son of Wilson & Jessica Brown. Congratulations to the Brown Family!*

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU –Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
New Year's Day , Thursday, Jan. 1st at 8:30am	Diane Flaminio	Frank Langosh James Sobey Mary Ann Palanti Ken & Marsha Garver	VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
New Year's Day, Jan. 1 st at 7:00pm	VOLUNTEER	Ed Robich Tom Sokolak VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	Deb Sokolak VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER

OFFICE CLOSING OVER CHRISTMAS/NEW YEARS

All church offices will be closed thru Sunday, January 4th. Offices will reopen on Monday, January 5th.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA



FROM OUR PASTOR

The angel told Joseph in a dream to take the child and his mother to the land of Israel.

I once saw a painting of the Holy Family that showed Joseph doing carpentry while Jesus held a tool and Mary watched at the door, doing nothing. Not like any family I know.

We know what real families are like. In a real family, Jesus would have been getting in his father's way or off somewhere else when Joseph wanted help. Mary would have been working keeping the house livable and the family fed.

If that picture of Joseph's workshop is of a holy family, we're all out of luck. All we can do is stare at it wistfully and think of how nice it would be if all families were perfect. If family holiness is some impossible situation of goodness, harmony, cleanliness and hard work, there is no reason for us to celebrate this day.

Perhaps the painting was wrong. Maybe Jesus was a pest around the house. Maybe Mary shouted herself hoarse calling him to meals. Maybe Joseph got so caught up in his work that Mary and Jesus stood at the workshop door, ignored. Maybe Mary sometimes burned the bread.

We just celebrated the birth of Jesus and our faith tells us that God wasn't play-acting at being human. Jesus really needed to be toilet trained, he really got bumps and bruises horsing around with his friends. Yes, he could be a pest! The family we call the Holy Family was not all that different from other families.

The word "holy" comes from the word healthy. Holiness is a sort of health, and health may be a path for us to understand holiness. When we're healthy we move through life with a certain confidence – not fearing life or the world or that everyday we're going to face a calamity. Holiness is also a kind of confidence, a confidence that God's love for us is stronger than sin or death.

Consider those people who make physical and mental health the exclusive object of their lives each and every day. They can be burdensome to us. They are neither happy nor truly healthy, because health is a by-product of a certain kind of life. One who walks, runs, climbs or dances for the joy of it is healthy.

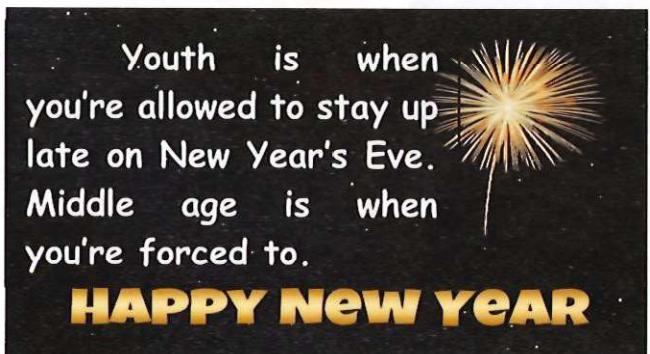
Holiness, too, is a result, not an objective. When I'm filled with amazement at God's love, especially during these days of the Christmas season, and share that love with people in my life, we become holy. We feel our prayer is joyful; We pray with gusto. If we turn prayer into some form of spiritual calisthenics, we will be neither happy nor holy.

That takes us back to the Holy Family. It was holy not because it lived an exalted life unavailable to the rest of us. It was holy because it was a group of people not unlike ourselves who loved, who lived, who wept and laughed. Theirs was a home in which a boy could, *as the Scriptures say*, "grow in strength and size, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was with him."

Our homes can be the same, maybe more than we realize they are. They have their problems, no family is without them. Every mother feels swords pierce her heart from time to time. Home is where we learn to love...and to love God. That's where we practice sharing, openness and patience; and that is a reflection of God's love for us all.

May 2026 be a blessing for all your families!

Father Glenn and Father Frank



Youth is when
you're allowed to stay up
late on New Year's Eve.
Middle age is when
you're forced to.

GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

This month, we are collecting
Tuna and Egg Noodles



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

**FOOD PANTRY
DISTRIBUTION
IS WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7TH
FROM 3:00 - 4:30 PM**

ATTENTION MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

Please email or call the church with your dates to avoid in February, March, & April. I will be working on the schedule soon. Thanks!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

There are Christmas gifts in the back sacristy for all of the ministries of the parish, including: Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Greeters, Catechists, Funeral Group, Environment Prep. ie: (Flowers, Candles, Hosts, Wine, Gardening), Music Ministry, Counters, & Food Pantry Volunteers, Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council, Cooks who make dinner for the priests, & faithful Bulletin Stuffers.

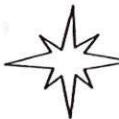
Thank you for all you do here at
Good Shepherd!



Parenting Pointers: Take time to savor each gift you open and appreciate the giver. Help your children learn that as they receive, so they are also responsible for giving. Choose a charity to support as a family. Remember, those who have less through prayer and a donation.

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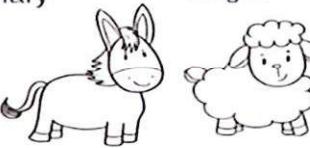
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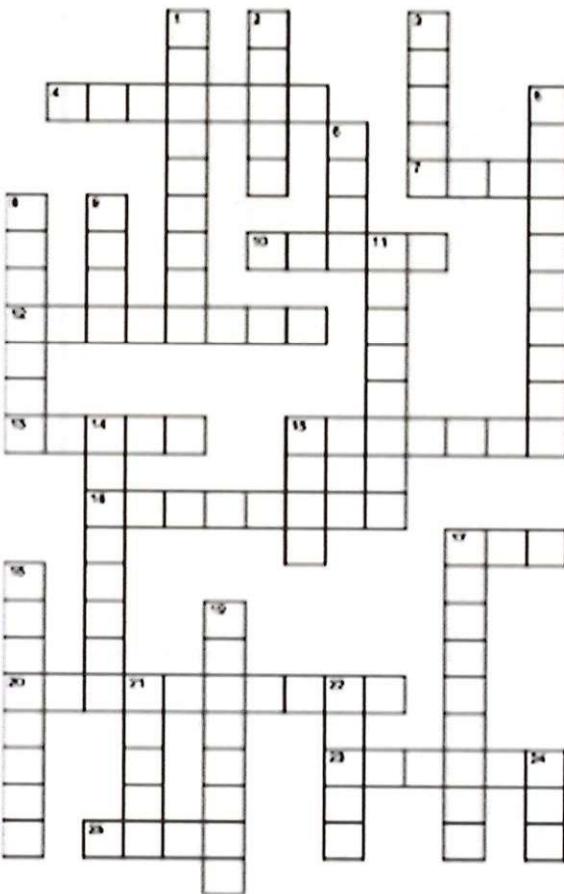


Across

4. The first month of the year.
7. This might happen at midnight.
10. Start of the New Year.
12. You might draw circles on it.
13. What you might play at a New Year's Eve party.
15. You blow it up and it floats.
16. Last month of the year.
17. Party going head topper.
20. New Year's Eve character carrying an hourglass.
23. New York City location where people gather on New Year's Eve: Times _____.
25. Traditional New Year's song: Auld Lang _____.

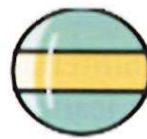
Down

1. Five, four, three, two, one ...
2. Social celebration.
3. Everyone's eyes are on this as midnight approaches.
5. New Year's promise.
6. It usually has 365 days.
8. Kicking up your heels.
9. It drops in Times Square on New Year's Eve.
11. Firework you hold in your hand.
14. Time the new year begins.
15. Personification of the New Year.



17. Father Time carries this around.

18. New Year's paper shower.
19. Long, flowing party ribbon.
21. _____ New Year!
22. What you need to dance.
24. The day before a holiday.



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HELP NEEDED

Housekeeper Wanted:

Fr. John Hindman and Fr. Frank DiCristina are in need of a housekeeper one day every two weeks. Work would entail dusting and cleaning.

If you are interested, please contact Fr. John at 951-236-8024.

Matthew Kelly books are in the Gathering Space. Please take one!

HELP NEEDED

Retired teacher & lector needs help with some housekeeping and organizing for 2 half days a week. \$20-25 per hour. Call 724-981-1954. (Mary Liz Morocco)



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