

Church of the Good Shepherd



“GRAB AHOLD OF THAT BAPTISM CANDLE,”

JOSEPH JENNINGS MAYNARD.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT,

JAMES, LAURA, JACOB, IAN, AND MARCUS.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE

MAYNARD FAMILY!

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– OCTOBER 19, 2025

Week of October 20, 2025, Calendar of Events

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

Monday, October 20th

Tuesday, October 21st - Bible Study 4:30 – 5:30PM or

Wednesday, October 22nd – Bible Study 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Thursday, October 23rd – Bible Study 10-11:30AM or
4:30-6PM

Friday, October 24th

Saturday, October 25th -10:00AM Set up/Decorate for the
Charity Dinner in the Social Hall.

COLLECTION

10/12/2025

of Registered Families

592

of Envelopes Used

160

Attendance at Mass

549

Attendance Online 10/12

279

Offertory Collection

\$6,728.00

Loose Offertory

\$1,901.00

Children's Envelopes

\$5.00

World Mission, Easter Flowers

\$65.00, \$2.00

All Souls

\$335.00

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PRAYER REQUEST

Email: prayerrequestsgswm@gmail.com

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Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, October 20 th at 8:30am	Michael Brendan Biggins	Debbie & Brian Biggins
Tuesday, October 21 st at 8:30am	Gerald Ruby	Ken & Barb Rogers
Wednesday, October 22 nd	NO MASS NO COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thursday, October 23 rd at 8:30am	Reverend Msgr. Richard G. Mayer	Ed Robich
Friday, October 24 th at 8:30am	Joe Miller, Sr.	Judy & Family
Saturday, October 25 th at 6:00pm	Sam & Larry Wauzzinski	Dolly Wauzzinski
Sunday, October 26 th at 9:00am	Annette Wingerter	Family
Sunday, October 26 th at 11:30am	Margaret Supel	John & Donna Lark

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU –Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, Oct. 25 th at 6:00pm	Diane Salatino	Gary Salatino James Sobey Charlene Cain David Pringle	Paul Bauer – HU Kathy Bauer Patrick Chovan	Carol Baker	Rianne Cain
Sunday, Oct. 26 th at 9:00am	Ron Carson	Ron Adams Howard Fagan Christine Schwarz Tom Hubert	Bob Devlin – HU Darlene & Don Kotuby	Pat Thompson	Vincent Miller
Sunday, Oct. 26 th at 11:30am	Erin Borowicz	Erin Borowicz DJ Puskar Arlene Repko Rudy Koraus	Pam Esposito – HU Raymond Repko Maurice Igou	VOLUNTEER	Jackson & Luke Seelbaugh

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA



FROM OUR PASTOR

**"Be persistent in proclaiming the word,
whether convenient or inconvenient..."**

We call Scripture the "Word of God." That's a pretty grand claim. If God said it, or wrote it, such an idea carries a great deal more credibility than if you or I were to take credit for it. You and I may be smart on a good day but God is the very author of Wisdom and remains the source of truth through all eternity. That's the difference, and it's considerable.

Today's passage from the Second Letter to Timothy is pivotal in one of the most important documents from Vatican II entitled *Dei Verbum* (the Word of the Lord) which is the doctrinal constitution on Divine Revelation. The document tells us how Catholics understand the Bible, especially how it acts as an inspired and revelatory source of our faith. All scripture is inspired and useful, it declares. All. This includes what we sometimes dismissively refer to as the *Old Testament* – which was, to the writer of Second Timothy, what he meant by scripture to begin with. So, the story about doddering old Moses in today's first reading getting a little help from his friends in the task of prayer is at least as useful for our consideration today as the gospel parable. When it comes to the Word of God, we often operate from a false sense of biblical hierarchy.

Furthermore, the often-cited passage above tells us how scripture is useful: it equips us for the good work we are called to do, for our vocation to discipleship. So, when we consider the three old geezers literally holding down the fort in spiritual warfare against Amalek, that helps us appreciate how our faith-sharing groups, the rosary before Mass in October, the monthly adoration crew and the Lenten Stations crowd contribute vitally to the life of the parish. When Jesus tells a story about the need for a tireless commitment to prayer,

it's a wake-up call to take the direction to pray unceasingly more seriously. All of that is inspired advice, full of the breath of God waiting for us to exhale it into the world.

Proclaim this word whether convenient or inconvenient, we're told in Timothy. It's the divine word we're encouraged to proclaim – and proclamation obliges us to more than mere profession of it. It's not enough to say, "Oh yeah, the Bible is God's word, I believe it." Good for you. Proclamation, however, involves trumpeting the message far and wide in speech and lived example. And proclamation is not just the pastor's job, as some of us were raised to imagine. Don't forget – when it comes to doing God's will, even Moses couldn't do it alone.

Let's warm up those Bibles! Fr. Glenn

One of the required classes in seminary was given the curious title "celebrational style." It was about learning how to preside at liturgy and public prayer. We had to practice the *orans* position, which is the posture the priest takes during the Eucharistic Prayer. It is an ancient prayer posture, demonstrated by Moses during the war against Amalek: arms raised and hands open. (Moses is holding the staff of God at the same time, which makes it tricky.) The *orans* posture indicates praise and also openness to God's will. It's an invitation for God to act. Try it for a moment. Take a deep breath and open your arms, your hands, your heart. It's a vulnerable and liberating pose.

It's also a pose hard to maintain for some time. If you hold your arms up for the length of the Eucharistic Prayer and then imagine doing it from dawn to dusk like Moses did. No wonder he needed a little help from his friends.

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Persistence in prayer, no matter what the posture, is rewarded by God. We could use some hardy prayer warriors like Moses in the church. Looking for work??

How often do you pray? How would you describe your prayer? What keeps you from prayer?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendar

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

- **October 19 Safe Environment Training.**
- **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**

CATECHIST TRAINING: COLLABORATIVE INSERVICE

Training covering topics expected in the annual training for all catechists. Offered from 11:00a-2:30pm, lunch provided: October 26. at Notre Dame Parish. The diocese is hosting this event.

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

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**

What's coming up?

- **All Soul's Memorial during the
11:30 AM Mass on Nov. 2nd**

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

- Ron Adams
- Mark Colella
- Debbie Sokolak

Thanks to all candidates for their willingness to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is **World Mission Sunday**. We join Catholics around the world in prayer and generosity for the missions. The second collection today supports the Pope's missions in some of the most vulnerable places on earth.

This year's theme, "*Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples*," reminds us that our prayers and sacrifices bring light to those in darkness.

Thank you for your generosity and for being part of this global mission.



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
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CHARITY DINNER NOTES

**Help decorate/set up for the Chaity Dinner next
Saturday , Oct. 25 beginning at 10AM.**



**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.**

2026 MASS BOOK & NEW POLICY

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

**❖ 3 weekend Masses only, per
person/family**

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

**You should have received the schedule for Nov., Dec., and Jan. by email this week, or
those who prefer a hard copy, may pick up theirs in the gathering space. Along with the
schedule, the Lector books will be in the Sacristy with your name on them. 1 per family.**

Kick-off | September 17

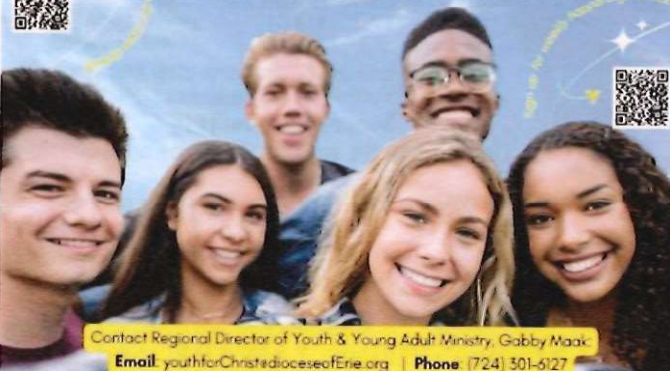
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YOUTH NIGHTS

WEDNESDAYS | 7:00 - 8:30PM
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Email: youthforChrist@dioceseoferie.org | Phone: (724) 501-6127

Praise and Worship
Adoration
Holy Hour



 NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Mercer County

Thursday, August 7, 2025 @ 7pm
Saint Joseph, Sharon

Thursday, October 23, 2025 @ 7pm
Notre Dame, Hermitage

Friday, March 27, 2026 @ 7pm
Immaculate Heart, Mercer

Sunday, April 12, 2026 @ 3pm
Immaculate Heart, Mercer

Thursday, May 7, 2026 @ 7pm
Notre Dame, Hermitage

catholicyouthforchrist.com

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.

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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FROM THE AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

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.



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