

Church of the Good Shepherd

CHRISTMAS PLAY GRADES K-5

The cattle are lowing



Where's
the baby?

You had
one job.



Are we
done
yet?



Three of our "wisest" men.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 18, 2026

Week of January 19, 2026, Calendar of Events

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

Monday, January 19th - No Mass / Offices Closed /

Men's Club Mtg. 6PM

Tuesday, January 20th - No Mass / Communion Service

Wednesday, January 21st - No Mass

Thursday, January 22nd - No Mass / Communion Service

Friday, January 23rd - No Mass / Communion Service

Saturday, January 24th

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

COLLECTION	Jan. 11, 2026
# of Registered Families	600
# of Envelopes Used	181
Attendance at Mass	572
Attendance Online 1/4	349
Offertory Collection	\$7,139.00
Loose Offertory	\$1,631.00
Jan. 1/ Comm./ Flowers	\$73.00/\$10.00/\$55.00
Christmas offering/Gift	\$95.00/\$180.00

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PRAYER REQUEST

Email: prayerrequestsgswm@gmail.com

Phone: (724)977-3369

Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, January 19 th at 8:30am	NO MASS or COMMUNION SERVICE	
Tuesday, January 20 th at 8:30am	NO MASS / COMMUNION SERVICE	
Wednesday, January 21 st at 8:30am	NO MASS or COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thursday, January 22 nd at 8:30am	NO MASS / COMMUNION SERVICE	
Friday, January 23 rd at 8:30am	NO MASS / COMMUNION SERVICE	
Saturday, January 24 th at 6:00pm	In Memory of Mary Agnes Radkowski	Grandma & Grandpa
Sunday, January 25 th at 9:00am	Frank & Jean Petrucci	Dr. James DeAngelis & Marcie Malesick
Sunday, January 25 th at 11:30am	MaryAnn Van Buren	Tony & Gabby Costello

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU –Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, Jan. 24 th at 6:00pm	James Sobey	James Sobey Frank Langosh Cliff Sederland Fran Deeb	Paul Bauer – HU Kathy Bauer Mona Macchia	Jean Colella	Alexa & Antonio Macchia
Sunday, Jan. 25 th at 9:00am	Diane Salatino	Gary Salatino Tom Hubert Bonnie Smith Ken Rogers	Bob Devlin – HU Vicki Miller Jeff Creveling	Amy Hubert	Vincent Miller
Sunday, Jan. 25 th at 11:30am	Jennifer Muir	Ann U'Halie Rudy Koraus Beth Garrett Judy Miller	Deb Sokolak – HU Don Kemerer Maurice Igou	VOLUNTEER	Madison McClelland or VOLUNTEER

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA



Meditations on the Gospels
for Year A.

*"Following in the Footsteps
of Jesus"* by Jose A. Pagola

Let Us Be Baptized by the Spirit

John 1:29-34

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel".

The evangelists work to keep the baptism of Jesus and that of John apart. They are not to be confused. The baptism of Jesus does not consist in immersing followers in the waters of a river. Jesus immerses them in the Holy Spirit.

John's Gospel says clearly that Jesus has the fullness of the Spirit of God and, therefore, can give of that fullness to him followers. The extraordinary originality of Jesus is that Jesus is "the Son of God" who can "baptize with the Holy Spirit".

The baptism of Jesus is not a form of external bathing, as some may have known perhaps in the waters of the Jordan. His is an "internal bathing". The metaphor suggests that Jesus communicates His Spirit to penetrate, soak and transform the heart of the person.

The Holy Spirit is regarded by the evangelists as the "*Spirit of Life*". So, to accept being baptized by Jesus means accepting his Spirit as a source of new life. His Spirit can empower us through a vital relationship with him. He can raise us to a new level of Christian existence, to a new stage of Christianity that is more faithful to Jesus.

The Spirit of Jesus is the "*Spirit of Truth*". To Accept being baptized by him is to put truth in our Christianity. It is not to allow ourselves to be misled by false assurances; to recover again and again our identity as followers of Jesus that can

never be renounced; to give up ways that lead us astray from the gospel.

The Spirit of Jesus is the "*Spirit of Love*", able to free us from cowardice and the selfishness that makes us think only of our interests and our prosperity. To accept being baptized by him is to be open to a love that is inclusive, gratuitous and compassionate.

The Spirit of Jesus is the "*Spirit of Conversion*" to God. To accept being baptized by Jesus means to let ourselves be transformed by him slowly, learning to live by his criteria, his attitudes, his heart and his sensitivity to anything that dehumanizes the children of God.

The Spirit of Jesus is the "*Spirit of Renewal*". To accept being baptized by Jesus is to accept being drawn into his creative newness. He can awaken the best there is in the church and give it a new heart with a greater ability to be faithful to the gospel.

Next weekend we welcome Rev. Ray Gramata to celebrate Mass with us. He was a class ahead of Msgr. Malene when we were at Christ The King Seminary at Saint Bonaventure in Olean, New York. Fr. Ray grew up in Greenville and lives there in retirement.

OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, January 19th the offices
will be closed for observance of Martin
Luther King, Jr. Day.

There will be NO MASS or
COMMUNION SERVICE that day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendar

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

- January 25 Class all grades
- February 1 Class all grades
- February 8 Class all grades

Do you need a boost in your spiritual life?
Do you want to learn about a particular saint?
In the religious education building, there are shelves full of books for borrowers.
Stop in after Sunday Masses or during office hours to look at the shelves.



Becoming Catholic

Our catechumens, (unbaptized), and our candidates have been meeting on Tuesday evenings to have questions answered and learn more about the faith. Please continue to pray for our catechumens: Gavin, Mackensie, Luke, Ava, and Luke, and our candidates: Ashley, Ainsley, Joshua, Noah, and Bill.



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PROSPECTIVE FAMILY NIGHT

Tuesday, January 27th
6:00PM

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HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP?

Parish Spaghetti Dinner
is **Sunday, February 15** from
11 AM- 3 PM.



**Here are the Lottery
Winners from the sales of Lottery
Tickets for the Altar Rosary
Society.**



Jan. 1 (328) \$50.00 Winner
Monica Hanrahan

Jan. 2 (360) \$50.00 Winner
Don Perry

Jan. 3 (909) \$50.00 Winner
Greg Hansley

Jan. 4 (980) \$100.00 Winner
Steve Feigert

Jan. 5 (600) \$50.00 Winner
Ethel Foltz

Jan. 6 (757) \$50.00 Winner
Laura Gargiulo

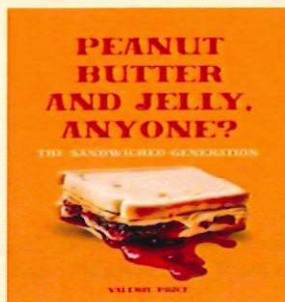
Jan. 7 (263) \$50.00 Winner
Charles Antonelli

Jan. 8 (574) \$50.00 Winner
George Berkeley

Jan. 9 (014) \$50.00 Winner
Deb Sokolak

Jan. 10 (017) \$50.00 Winner
Mike Bartolo

GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY "JANUARY FOOD DRIVE"



PEANUT BUTTER

**AND
JELLY**

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

Egg Noodles: 200 bags

Tuna: 540 cans

Misc.: 90

Collection amounts
for the month of December.

Thank
you!!!

Please feel free to take one of the Red Poinsettias in the Gathering Space, especially if you know one of our elderly or shut ins.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

There is a Men's Club Meeting this Monday, January 19th at 6PM. All men of the parish are welcome.

ATTENTION MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

The new schedule for Feb., Mar., and April will be emailed & for those who prefer a "hard copy", I will leave some in the gathering space.

RECENT/NEW REGISTRATIONS

If you have filled out the Parishioner's Registration Form on the back of the bulletin, we will send you a more complete form for you to complete.

This form can either be mailed back to us or dropped off in the collection basket or in person, in the Rectory office.

I will add your name and address for the envelope company to send you offertory envelopes. However, it may take them a while to send. In the meantime, please use a blank envelope or one in the pews. Your contribution will be credited once you registered with us.

Without a completed form that we send you, the small form from the bulletin is not enough to register you.

Contribution Statements for Tax Purposes

If you wish to receive a statement of giving for your 2025 income tax records, please fill out the information below. Please return it to the parish office or by placing it in the mail or in the collection basket marked to the attention of the Parish Secretary.

Full Name _____

Envelope # _____



JANUARY 29

Fr. Michael Scanga
Priest in Diocese of Erie

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Bl. Franz Jagerstatter



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so parents can relax and enjoy.

Time: **7:00-8:30PM**

Doors Open at 6:30PM for Live Music



RSVP Here:

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Or Email Gabby @ youforChrist@dioceseoferie.org



January 6, 2026

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Communicating the Gospel has always been at the heart of the Catholic Church's mission. Today, that mission takes on renewed urgency as we work to reach the faithful across our 13 counties through meaningful stories, clear teaching, and accessible outreach.

That is why I am inviting you to support the **Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection**, taken up on the weekend of January 24-25, 2026, which sustains two vital ministries in our diocese:

- **Faith magazine**
- **Catholic Communications (digital, video and news outreach)**

Your generosity makes it possible for us to:

- **Deliver Faith magazine** to tens of thousands of households – sharing stories of hope, service and discipleship.
- **Reach those on the margins** who no longer attend Mass regularly but stay connected through our publications and digital presence.
- **Strengthen our digital evangelization**, including video messages, online storytelling and social outreach.
- **Provide clear, trustworthy communication** during moments of celebration, challenge or transition in the life of the church.

Many parishioners have shared how a single article, homily quote or online reflection brought comfort in grief, encouraged a return to the sacraments or reignited a desire for deeper faith. These moments are grace at work – and your support makes them possible.

As we look forward to the year ahead, I ask you to prayerfully consider a gift to this year's collection. Your contribution directly helps us:

- Preserve *Faith* magazine as a free resource for every Catholic household.
- Expand our ability to proclaim the Gospel in innovative and compelling ways.
- Ensure that the Good News reaches every corner of northwest Pennsylvania.

You have my heartfelt gratitude for the many ways you support the mission of the Catholic Church. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Scan to give



Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

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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.

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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