

# Church of the Good Shepherd



**At the Rite of Election**

**(from front row to back row)**

**Josh, Bill, Cross, Mackensie, Ava, Gabby,  
Noah, Gavin, Ashley, Ainsley, and Luke**

**WELCOME!**

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 8, 2026

## Week of March 9, 2026, Calendar of Events

**Rosary** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month 20 min. before 9am Mass

**Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** - Passion Narratives this week &

Sipping with the Saints at 7:00 pm

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** – First Reconciliation 9 -11 am

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

## Church of the Good Shepherd

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Phone: (724)977-3369

COLLECTION	March 1, 2026
# of Registered Families	606
# of Envelopes Used	206
Attendance at Mass	642
Attendance Online 03/01	285
Offertory Collection	\$7,335.00
Loose Offertory	\$1,659.00
Easter Flowers	\$140.00
Christmas Gift	\$100.00

Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, March 9 <sup>th</sup> at 8:30am	For Our Parishioners	
Tuesday, March 10 <sup>th</sup> at 8:30am	Jacob Bakuhn	Bonnie & Pete Gibbs
Wednesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>	NO MASS	
Thursday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> at 8:30am	Betty Sok	Son, William
Friday, March 13 <sup>th</sup> at 8:30am	Peter Pavlovich	John & Donna Pavlovich
Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm	Frank & Martha & baby	Palma Glaser
Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00am	Thomas Stewart	Edward & Elaine Stewart
Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> at 11:30am	Patricia Jones	Cindy Supel

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU –Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm	Lyndon & Michael Cain	Charlene Cain Frank Langosh David Pringle Ed Robich	Mat Macchia – HU Mona Macchia Mary Ellen Douth	Connie Titus	Rianne Cain
Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00am	Ken Garver	Ken Garver Marsha Garver Howard Fagan Diane O'Rourke	Ed Grober – HU Vicki Miller Mary Anderson	Jean Colella	Vincent Miller
Sunday, March 15 <sup>th</sup> at 11:30am	Mary Killingsworth	Rudy Koraus Judy Miller Mary Lu Walters Arlene Repko	Deb Sokolak – HU Mary Killingsowrth Raymond Repko	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	James Maynard

# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA

FROM OUR PASTOR



***“Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst again.”***

There's an interesting contrast today in two of the Scripture stories we hear. On the one hand, we've got the grumbling nation behind Moses – reasonably thirsty yet decidedly unpleasant about it. These are the same folks who've been recently delivered from a generation or more of slavery, miraculously led through the divided Red Sea, and granted the unlikely gifts of quail and manna from heaven, right there in the wilderness of the desert. One would think there would be a show of appreciation, a little bit of faith from these ingrates!! How about a little courtesy mixed with their anxious request for water. But all we see is an angry, snarling ungrateful crowd.

On the other hand, we've got the woman from Samaria, obviously thirsty too, or she wouldn't be visiting the well at this difficult, sun-drenched hour of the day. The traditional, sensible time of the day to draw water is early in the morning – the better to catch up on “*Breaking News*” from the other women of the village. This Samaritan woman has other reasons to be unpleasant: it's hot, there's a strange man hovering around her destination, and what's worse he's a traditional enemy of her community. (*We might wonder what distinctive features of Jesus - skin tone, stature, clothing, beard - can she detect from a distance.*) Yet this woman chooses to keep the dialogue civil, calling Jesus “sir” and demonstrating once more, a delightful sort of spunk that is a signature characteristic of a biblical hero. Whereas the nasty mob around Moses repels us – we don't want to be around these people more than necessary – and we almost find the woman of Samaria friendly. We want to know her name. We'd like to

follow her home and find out what happens to her after her encounter with Jesus.

We know in broad, general terms that the fates of the participants of these two stories couldn't be more distinct. The nation behind Moses, who seem to wield a blade of mistrust that could wind up in his back, gets their spring of water and miraculous rescue once again. But does it change anything? Won't they be just as angry, aggrieved and thirsty the next day? The water provides them with water for a day or a week. Still, the place remains defined by the spirit of the people: *Massah* and *Meribah* - Hebrew for “quarreling” and “testing.” Perhaps in the deeper sense, they remain parched and unsatisfied.

By contrast watch what happens to our heroine of Samaria. She leaves her bucket unfilled by the well, no longer in need of water that lasts only a day. She leaves her grievances by the well, too, running back to the community that has judged her behavior in the past with news too good to hold back. Living water has changed her, turning a notorious woman into a reliable witness. Once she was given a label of what might be called perpetual marriageability – she's been redefined as the first apostle to the Samaritans.

Thirst is not a bad thing, we realize. It can lead straight to our heart's desire!

Blessed Lent! Fr. Frank & Fr. Glenn



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### Religious Education Calendar

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

- March 7 Class Mass grades 3-5 at 6:00pm
- March 8 Class grades K-5 and Confirmation
- March 8 EDGE class Mass 11:30am and  
EDGE retreat from 1-5 pm at St. Camillus
- March 14 Saturday First Reconciliation retreat  
and sacrament
- March 15 Class all grades.

### Becoming Catholic

Welcoming new Catholics. The parish community is invited to help welcome the new Catholics by participating in a card shower. Any card, homemade or store bought – Welcome, Hooray for You! Congratulations. Write out a card to any of our elect or candidates. You may wish to add a note about your faith journey. Place your card in the basket in the gathering space or give it to Lauren. **CARDS DUE BY SUNDAY MARCH 29.**

Please continue to pray for them.

#### Elect

Gavin Mathews

Cross Arbuckle

Mackensie Attiscano

Luke Baker

Ava Sellers

Gabby Ricker

#### Candidates

Noah Bianco

Ashley

Baldsberger

Ainsley Cain

Joshua Dobbins

Bill Logan

### CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL 2026

A sincere thank you to all who made a pledge and/or gift to the Catholic Service Appeal.

Total Pledged as of 03/03/26:	\$68,430.00
Total Paid as of 03/03/26:	\$47,700.00
Diocesan Parish Goal:	\$52,074.00
Parish Project Goal:	\$90,500.00
Pledges Made:	159



Please pray for our second graders as they prepare for their First Reconciliation, March 14.

Noelle, Micheala, Finley, Leo, Levi,  
Braylen, Palmer, and Amelia.

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at St. Joseph Parish (Sharon, PA)

Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
at Good Shepherd (West Middlesex)

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00pm  
at Beloved Disciple (Grove City, PA)



A Mass of Christian burial was held on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, for Jim Bird. The prayers and sympathy of the parish go to his wife, DeAnna and family.



Sympathy

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays at 12:15pm. with communion to follow.

**GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY  
"MARCH FOOD DRIVE"**

**FRUIT JUICE  
PLASTIC BOTTLES**



**SMALL OR LARGE JUICE BOXES**



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

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING**

There will be a Men's Club Meeting on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the Social Hall. All men of the parish are welcome!

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY  
WILL BE SELLING NON-STREAK  
CLEANING WIPES BEFORE AND  
AFTER MASSES, MARCH 14 & 15, 21 &  
22. SAME LOW PRICE \$3.00**

**HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP!**

**FR. BOB GIELOW,  
MISSIONARY FROM VINCENTIAN  
PARISH MISSIONS IS COMING  
BACK  
DON'T MISS IT!  
\*SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEERS IN  
THE GATHERING SPACE.**

**HERE'S WHAT'S COMING UP!**



**MARCH 12**

**Fr. Brandon Feikles**  
Priest in Diocese of Erie

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the Saints*

**Discover the Saints  
like never before!**

Join us for a night of inspiring talks, live music, light hors d'oeuvres and a handcrafted beverage echoing the life of the Saint we celebrate - an evening of faith, community, and fresh perspective for adults 18+.

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so parents can relax and enjoy.*

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

Doors Open at 6:30PM for Live Music

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St. Stanislaus Papczyński



**RSVP Here:**

Scan Here!

Call or Text: (724) 301-6127

Or Email Gabby @ youthforChrist@dioceseoferie.org

GOOD SHEPHERD IN WEST MIDDLESEX



Parish Mission  
Fr. Bob Gielow  
March 23,24,25

**WHERE : GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH  
TIME 6:30PM  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

**MISSION THEME: "His Mission is Our Mission"**

**refreshments after each mission talk  
in the social hall  
Would you like to donate food items for  
refreshments ?**

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**St. Anthony Lenten  
FISH FRY**

Beginning Fri., Feb. 20th  
and serving every Friday during Lent, including Good Friday

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Dine In or Take Out

**MENU**

**\$16 Fried or Baked**

Fish Dinners include choice of:  
fresh cut fries or baked potato,  
homemade coleslaw or applesauce,  
and peanut butter cookie

**\$13 Palacinke Dinner**

**TRY OUR FISH AND YOU'LL BE HOOKED**

**ANTONIUM (Sherman Ave. Entrance)**  
Hall is Handicap Accessible

**Beginning this Lent**

St. Joseph Church will host a Men's Rosary Group on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m. in the Choir Room. The first meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19. We will be reading *The Contemplative Rosary: With St. John Paul II and St. Teresa of Avila*, having an in-depth discussion on the mysteries of the rosary, and praying the rosary together. There will be a \$20 fee to cover the cost of the books and supplies.

**To sign up, please call the church office at 724-981-3232.**

**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.

**St. Joseph Day  
Italian Dinner**

Benefiting the St. Joseph Food Pantry

**Saturday, March 21**

Doors open at 6:00 PM • Dinner is served at 6:30 PM

All guests are asked to bring  
a non-perishable food item.

**\$35 for Adults • \$15 for Ages 12 and under**

Tickets are sold at the Parish Office  
79 Case Avenue, Sharon, PA 16146  
or call (724) 981-3232

25th Anniversary!

**Strike Out Poverty**

**BOWL-A-THON**  
PRINCE OF PEACE CENTER

April 19, 2026 • 10 Pin Alley, Hermitage • 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**\$35 individual contribution includes:**

- three games
- event t-shirt
- door prize
- shoe rental
- lunch
- entry

**Sponsors, bowlers, & more info:**  
[www.princeofpeacecenter.org/2026-bowlathon](http://www.princeofpeacecenter.org/2026-bowlathon)

**OR** 

**We look forward to seeing you there!**  
Questions or more info?  
724-346-5777

**Knights of Columbus Easter Bread Sale!**

Bread purchases and pickup will be available throughout Saturday at the John Paul School Kitchen and also before & after the March 28th & 29th Masses @ OLF, St Barts, & ND when possible

Traditional, Raisin, and Tri-Color \$10 or any 3 for \$25

We can arrange pre-sales; For order or pickup you may contact Rich at 724.991.0116 (Phone or Text) or email at [Fleis.Rich@gmail.com](mailto:Fleis.Rich@gmail.com)

Interested in:  Easter Bread Volunteer (Bake or Distribute – All are welcome, and fun family activity! Being part of the Knights of Columbus)  Making donation towards supplies

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – Cyberbullying**

The widespread use of mobile devices causes more children to be susceptible to cyberbullying. Cyberbullying can take many forms, including cruel messages via text or social media, the distribution of photoshopped pictures designed to mock an individual, forwarding “private” photos or videos, and pretending to be someone else on a social media site. Victims of cyber bullying often suffer from depression, isolation, and can even become suicidal. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being cyberbullied or is a bully by visiting: [www.StopBullying.gov/cyberbullying/](http://www.StopBullying.gov/cyberbullying/) For more resources visit [www.eriecnd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecnd.org/childprotection/)



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CHECK:  New Registration     Change of Address     Moving out of Parish     Want envelopes

Please drop this information into the Offertory basket or mail to the Rectory.

# BREASTPLATE OF ST. PATRICK

"The Deer's Cry"

I arise today  
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,  
Through belief in the Threeness,  
Through confession of the Oneness  
of the Creator of creation.

I arise today  
Through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism,  
Through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial,  
Through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension,  
Through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom.

I arise today  
Through the strength of the love of cherubim,  
In the obedience of angels,  
In the service of archangels,  
In the hope of resurrection to meet with reward,  
In the prayers of patriarchs,  
In the predictions of prophets,  
In the preaching of apostles,  
In the faith of confessors,  
In the innocence of holy virgins,  
In the deeds of righteous men.

I arise today, through  
The strength of heaven,  
The light of the sun,  
The radiance of the moon,  
The splendor of fire,  
The speed of lightning,  
The swiftness of wind,  
The depth of the sea,  
The stability of the earth,  
The firmness of rock.

I arise today, through  
God's strength to pilot me,  
God's might to uphold me,  
God's wisdom to guide me,  
God's eye to look before me,  
God's ear to hear me,  
God's word to speak for me,  
God's hand to guard me,  
God's shield to protect me,  
God's host to save me  
From snares of devils,  
From temptation of vices,  
From everyone who shall wish me ill,  
afar and near.



Saint Patrick  
Patron of the Diocese of Erie

I summon today

All these powers between me and those evils,  
**Against every cruel and merciless power  
that may oppose my body and soul,**  
Against incantations of false prophets,  
Against black laws of pagandom,  
Against false laws of heretics,  
Against craft of idolatry,  
Against spells of witches and smiths and wizards,  
Against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul;  
Christ to shield me today  
Against poison, against burning,  
Against drowning, against wounding,  
So that there may come to me an abundance of reward.

**Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.**

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