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THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED– NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Week of November 3, 2025, Calendar of Events

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

Monday, November 3rd

Tuesday, November 4th - Discussion Group 4:00 – 5:30PM or

Wednesday, November 5th Discussion Group 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Food Pantry 3:00-4:30

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

Altar Rosary Society Meeting 6:00PM

Friday, November 7th – First Friday Adoration & Benediction

Saturday, November 8th – Pick up Cabbage Rolls

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND,

THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN, AND THE HOSPITALIZED.

COLLECTION	10/26/2025
# of Registered Families	594
# of Envelopes Used	187
Attendance at Mass	644
Attendance Online 10/26	248
Offertory Collection	\$6,477.00
Loose Offertory	\$1,551.05
Children's Envelopes	\$1.00
World Mission, Cemetery	\$119.00, 145.00
All Souls, All Saints, Human Dev	\$462.00, \$70.00, \$35.00

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PRAYER REQUEST

Email: prayerrequestsgswm@gmail.com

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Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, November 3 rd at 8:30am	Drew Mezei	Alan & Joyce Blanke & Wayne Mezei
Tuesday, November 4 th at 8:30am	Sue McLaughlin	Craig & Debbie Cox
Wednesday, November 5 th	NO MASS NO COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thursday, November 6 th at 8:30am	For Our Parishioners	
Friday, November 7 th at 8:30am	Carol Watson	Ed Robich
Saturday, November 8 th at 6:00pm	Larry Wauzzinski	Gerry Bittel
Sunday, November 9 th at 9:00am	In Memory of Rose & Louis Mastrian & Deceased Members	Marian Mastrian
Sunday, November 9 th at 11:30am	Margaret Supel	Joe & Carol Baker

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU –Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, Nov. 8 th at 6:00pm	James Sobey	James Sobey Michael Drda Ed Robich Cliff Sederland	Paul Bauer – HU Jody Drda Kathy Bauer	Alexis Onestak	James Maynard
Sunday, Nov. 9 th at 9:00am	Mary Svirbly	Ron Adams Howard Fagan Christine Schwarz Mary Ann Palanti	Patrick Miller – HU Don & Darlene Kotuby	Rosanne Smithyman	Vincent Miller
Sunday, Nov. 9 th at 11:30am	Jennifer Muir	Arlene Repko Mary Lu Walters DJ Puskar Rudy Koraus	Pam Esposito – HU Raymond Repko Don Kemerer	VOLUNTEER	Madison McClelland

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.....



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education Calendar

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

- 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**



Teen Shepherd

Thanksgiving / Christmas Traditions

The teenagers in Good Shepherd Parish have been serving the parish homebound for many years.

The Sunday before Thanksgiving, the students in the confirmation class make and deliver dinners to our parishioners.

In December, the middle school students make cookies and deliver them.

This **service** provides the homebound connection to the parish and the students with a needed opportunity to serve, which is part of the curriculum.

In recent years we have extended our reach to those who live alone, widowers, widows, and people who just have a hard time cooking for one or two.

If you would like to participate in receiving a Thanksgiving meal or cookies, **please contact Lauren at 724-528-3539 ext. 6 or religioused@goodshepherdwm.org**

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: 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Wed. morning: 10:00am - 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.

SAINTS



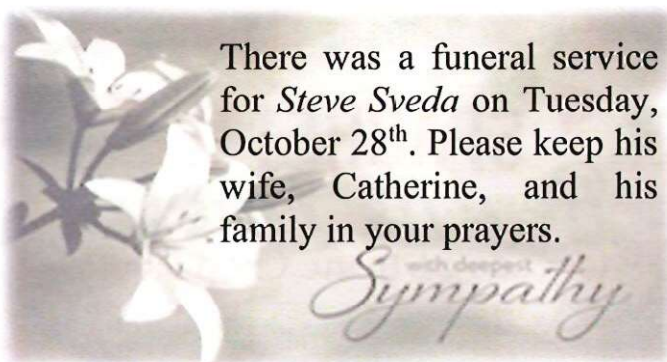
How many saints are there?

Did you ever wonder how many saints the Catholic Church venerates?

There are more than 10,000 saints the Catholic Church already venerates. The precise number of Catholic saints will always be debatable. Early Christian communities venerated hundreds of saints, but historical research by 17th- and 18th-century Catholic scholars determined that very few of these saints' stories were backed by solid historical evidence. Lives of such well-known figures as St. George, St. Valentine, and St. Christopher were based either on a legend that often predated Christianity or were entirely made up. Other saints had local followings.



**FOOD PANTRY
DISTRIBUTION
WEDNESDAY,
NOV. 5,
FROM
3:00 - 4:30 PM.**



There was a funeral service for *Steve Sveda* on Tuesday, October 28th. Please keep his wife, Catherine, and his family in your prayers.

*with deepest
Sympathy*

ALTAR ROSARY

**Altar Rosary meeting is on November 6.
Starts at 6PM with the rosary.
All women of the parish are welcome.**



GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

This month, we are collecting
**Pancake Mix & Syrup
(plastic bottles only),**

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 HAS COLLECTED
ENOUGH PLASTIC BAGS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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.**

**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.

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**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY
CLEANING WIPES
ON SALE IN THE RECTORY
OFFICE FOR \$3.00.**

**ARS WILL HAVE THE ANNUAL
SALE IN THE SPRING '26.**

SPAGHETTI
Benefit Dinner
 Proceeds go to the Czup Family



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH 5:00-7:30PM

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S SOCIAL HALL
 3613 SHARON ROAD, WEST MIDDLESEX, PA 16159

ADULTS \$20 PER PERSON	Dinner Menu INCLUDES SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS, GARLIC BREAD, DRINKS SIDE SALAD, AND DESSERT	KIDS UNDER 10 \$10 PER PERSON
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 FOR MORE INFORMATION KINDLY CONTACT MARY PAT HANSEN AT
 724-946-8813 EXT. 107 OR DIANA NATALE EXT. 102

The Czup Family recently experienced a house fire. Please bring Pokemon Cards for Kris & a Squishmallow for Ava as they both lost their collections. Let's come together for a night of food, raffle baskets and love!

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.

SHARON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL
WREATHS SALE



The wreaths are in accordance with St. Mary's and St. Rose Cemetery Assoc. guidelines for winter cemetery decorations. Fresh pine wreaths including pinecones and bows and includes placement and removal at the grave site for the winter. Complete 1 (one) order form for each wreath ordered. Forms are in the gathering space. Return forms to the church office.

Make checks payable to:

Sharon Knights of Columbus
 Any questions, please call or text:
 Frank Connelly 724-456-4065 or
 Sam Rauch 724-866-5371,
 or email at

frankconnelly1671@gmail.com

Last day to order will be Nov. 8, 2025.

SHOUT OUT TO
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for cleaning the church windows before
Fr. Glenn's 50th Anniversary Party.
Thanks, Bob Wojtanoski & crew!



Knights of
Columbus

**Pancake
Breakfast**

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

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