THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5
We hear of a new wedding feast between God and his people.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Though there are many spiritual gifts, they all come from the same Spirit, and should be used for building up the community.

Gospel: John 2:1-12
Jesus fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah. The changing of water into wine is a symbol of the old order yielding to the new.

“Encounter with God, In Daily Living, Through the Sunday Scriptures”
Scripture reflection with Fr. Tim will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 22nd. Please continue on your own to reflect.

PRIEST’S MASS SCHEDULE—JANUARY

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SICK OR HOMEBOUND OR HOSPITAL VISITATION
If you or a loved one are sick or homebound and for any reason are not able to attend Mass, or are in the hospital, please call the parish office, 973-786-6631 and we will arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to you. We would love to serve you.

COLLECTION BREAKDOWN January 12-13:

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Our thanks to all of our parishioners who respond each week to the needs of our parish and who make their weekly offering a part of their budget. Your contributions, both monetary and in service, are important to our parish. May God Bless you for your generosity.

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS
meets 2nd Saturday monthly
(All Saints Room)
Feb 9 ● Mar 9 ● Apr 13 @ 10:00 AM
For more information, contact the parish office.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION
If you would like to participate in the Offertory of the Mass and bring the gifts to the altar, please arrive early and notify one of the ushers.

MASS CARDS
For the deceased or the intention of the living Mass cards may be obtained during parish office hours. Please note there will be one intention per Mass.

PLEASE NOTE:
The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 21st
Notes of Gratitude:

From Our Lady of Victories Church, Fr. Raimundo Rivera writes:

“Please express my gratitude and appreciation to the good people of Good Shepherd for the many and beautiful gifts collected for our children for Christmas. I just wish they could have seen the faces of the children here as they received gifts. Their smiles, surprised looks and excitement were a joy to behold!

Your gifts most definitely provided comfort and cheer and made the lives of our children and their families happier and more enjoyable on Christmas morning.

Please remember our parish in your prayers and we promise to remember you in our prayers.

May every day of the New Year 2019 be filled with God’s choicest Blessings!”

From St. Joseph’s DePaul Pediatrics, the Administrator Esther writes:

“Thank you for your stuffed animal donations. Your gifts make it possible to experience the tradition of receiving a gift at Christmas time. Once the stuffed animals arrived the staff in the Pediatric unit make sure that no child goes home empty handed, and that is possible because of your generosity. On behalf of all the children and staff, we thank you form the bottom of our heart.

Football Mania Superbowl 2019

The Don Bosco Council Knights of Columbus #7784 of Newton, New Jersey is a non-profit organization raising money to support many local charities and non-profit organizations.

We at the Knights donate to local non-profits such as: Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice Center, Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity, Project Self-Sufficiency, Birth Haven, Local Food Banks, Manna House and many others.

To raise money, we are conducting a Football Mania Super Match fundraiser. For $5 you get music downloads at www.charitystudio.com and an exciting, complimentary Football Mania sweeps game card! You have the chance to win $5,000 in prize money! Read details on website for more information about Football Mania, and how you can win big, and the CharityStudio music downloads. You can donate by scanning this QR code to your smart phone now. Just go to the website, fill out the information and receive a game card and music download code by email.

Good Luck and Thank You for your support! Please share this fundraiser with your friends on Facebook and encourage them to contribute too.

4th annual St. Patrick’s/St. Joseph’s Fest (an adult gathering)

Saturday, March 9th
6:30 - 10:30 PM (Parish Hall)

Tickets: $30.00 per person

Tickets MUST be purchased at the Fest table in the atrium and will be on sale after all Masses on February 9-10 (cash or check made payable to Good Shepherd)

Catered Irish/Italian Buffet
NEW Caterer: Hayek’s Market
Guinness on tap/Peroni Beer
BYOW (bring your own wine/glasses) • Irish Coffee
DJ Al Louis Entertainment
Dancing • Irish Dancers & more

Share your “homemade specialty” dessert!

Flyers will be available the week prior to ticket sales to fill out in advance and submit with your payment at the Fest table - space is limited.

Cyber-Security Risks to Parishes, Schools & Ministries

It has recently come to our attention that many parishes have been receiving emails from someone impersonating the pastor or another person and asking them to email back to a supposedly personal email address, which the hacker has created. The purpose is to steal money and unfortunately, there are some cases where it worked. They often research some things about the parish and staff, so these fraudulent emails often seem very real.

When this happens, we always suggest that you report it to your local police. We have also been reporting these scams to the FBI and other law enforcement agencies. Unfortunately they advise us that these cases are almost impossible to stop because of the anonymous and often untraceable nature of the internet. They advise us that the best protection is the “Human Firewall”, in other words, that our people are trained to spot these frauds and to NOT respond. Additionally, a few helpful tips:

⇒ Never send money by any email request from anyone. Always verify requests with a personal conversation with the person that you know.
⇒ Never give your username or password out by email, internet or over the phone.
⇒ Never click on any link in an email unless you are positive that it is legitimate
⇒ Do not respond to emails asking for money or ‘a favor’

The countdown to Good Shepherd’s 40th ANNIVERSARY has begun!

To commemorate the 40 years, a foundation fact about Good Shepherd’s history will be presented each week.

Week #19 Did you know that...........

The groundbreaking ceremony for the church took place on Sunday, September 30, 1984. Helen Preslock, one of the senior members of the parish, and Courtney Gallagher, one of the youngest, participated in the groundbreaking.
Online Catechist Formation Series
March 2019

The Diocese of Paterson will be offering three catechist formation webinars during the month of March.

Registration information will be posted by February 1st.

Please visit:
http://www.insidethewalls.org/catechesis

Connecting Gospel and Doctrine

Jesus Gathers People Together

John’s Gospel story of Jesus’ first sign tells us Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. He is the Messiah who gives His life to heal, feed and give us new life. He continues to give us life in the sacraments.

Like Jesus, we can share our belongings, welcome new friends, forgive and make up, help each other. We can heal one another and give each other hope. Jesus came among us to show us we can be like Him and act in ways that unite people and bind them together in families and circle of friends. (Pflaum)

A great job was done by Mrs. Lewis’ 4th graders (top) and Mrs. Saurez and Mrs. Assante’s 3rd graders (bottom) at the celebration of the Eucharist with their active participation last Sunday.
As the Lenten season approaches, the Faith Sharing Team met with Father Tim to discuss ways to effectively make Lent more meaningful and enriching. Tradition and habit have led us to give up something and perhaps be more mindful of prayer and good works. With effort those goals hopefully are more effective than New Year’s resolutions but may not have the longer-lasting results that are the true goal of Lent.

While those practices have their good points we would like to encourage you to become a participant in something that can have a more positive effect in your life and bring you closer to God.

We are suggesting the formation of faith-sharing groups scattered throughout our wide-spread parish. So-what is faith sharing? Simply put, it refers to shared reflections on the action of God in one’s life experience as related to Scripture and the faith of the Church. It is NOT primarily factual learning. It is different than simple discussion, problem solving or Scripture study. The purpose is to facilitate an encounter between a person in the real circumstances of his or her life and a loving God leading to a conversion of heart. It requires a person to tap into his or her own life experiences, internalize them and connect them with the experience of God in their lives.

Here’s how it would work:

• Group sizes would be a maximum of 5-7 people
• The groups will be scattered around the parish
• Meetings will take place once a week during Lent; they will last approximately 60-90 minutes. Meeting days and times will be determined by the group.
• We hope to have two co-facilitators to help guide each group
• Guidance materials will be provided by the parish; they will focus on gospel readings and how they relate to individual life experiences

If you have an interest in participating or would like more information we have multiple sign-up sheets, by parish area, in the atrium. We would need your name, phone number and email address.

Thank you for your attention and interest. We hope your Lenten experience is positive and faith-expanding.