

MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK

Saturday, February 1, 2020

5:00 PM Marie Waldron Ryder

Sunday, February 2, 2020

9:00 AM Marie Waldron Ryder

10:30 AM Joyce Kelly

12:00 PM Christine Boyle

Daily Mass February 3 - 7 @ 9:00 AM

Monday Richard Bobbe

Tuesday Tom Harrington

Wednesday Fr. Patrick Brown

Thursday Valerie Schmid

Friday Special Intention

Saturday, February 8

5:00 PM Marie Waldron Ryder

Sunday, February 9

9:00 AM Diane DeLane

10:30 AM Joyce Kelly

12:00 PM Christine Boyle



**BAPTISM
PREPARATION CLASS**
meets 2nd Saturday monthly

Feb 8 @ 10:00 am
Contact the parish office
or visit our website.

RCIA
A journey in faith

For anyone seeking
• Baptism • First Eucharist •
• Confirmation •

Next meeting, **February 4th at 7:00 PM** in the Rectory:
Topic: "A Love That Lasts" (Part 1)

*Please pray for all those who have decided
to follow the journey of our faith.*

MASS INTENTIONS AND LENT

During the season of Lent in addition to the daily 9:00 am Mass, a daily 7:30 am Mass will also be celebrated.

If you would like to have a loved one remembered at the daily 7:30 am Mass, please contact the parish office.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4

The prophet Malachi speaks to us about God sending a messenger "to prepare the way" and that God will suddenly come and appear at the temple. Malachi continues by telling us the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to God.



Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus became like us. He shared fully in our humanity. By his death he freed us from the fear of death. Because Jesus was tested by suffering, he is able to help those who are also tempted.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

According to the law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be consecrated. They offered a sacrifice according to the law, "a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons." Simeon, a holy and righteous man, took the child into his arms and praised God. Simeon then spoke to Mary. He told Mary that Jesus "is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel." Anna, a prophet of great age, praised God and spoke of the child who came for the redemption of Jerusalem.

**Scripture reflection with Fr. Tim
+ Pause + Reflect + Act +**

- 1) Malachi says "He is like the refiner's fire." When was a time in your life when you felt like you experienced this refining Fire of God?
- 2) In your life of Faith, how do you ask for Jesus' help when facing temptation?
- 3) In Simeon and Anna, we find models of Faith, Patience and Prophecy. How are you being called in this moment in your life to exercise the spiritual gifts of Simeon and Anna?

COLLECTION BREAKDOWN for January 25th and 26th:

First Collection: \$7,378.00 2nd Collection: \$2,550.00
(Parish Maintenance)

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.

PRIEST'S MASS SCHEDULE

| FEBRUARY | 5:00 PM | 9:00 AM | 10:30 AM | 12:00 PM |
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| Feb 1-2 | Fr. Tim | Fr. Michal | Fr. Michal | Fr. Tim |
| Feb 8-9 | Fr. Michal | Fr. Michal | Fr. Tim | Fr. Tim |
| Feb 15-16 | Fr. Tim | Fr. Ed | Fr. Tim | Fr. Ed |
| Feb. 22-23 | Fr. Michal | Fr. Michal | Fr. Tim | Fr. Tim |

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

Please join **His Holiness, Pope Francis**, who has chosen the following intention to be prayed for during the month of **February**.

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

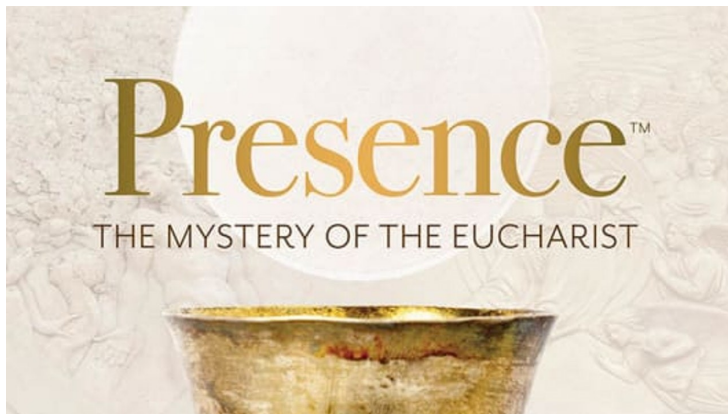
We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



The Feast of St. Blaise

Patron of Throat Illnesses

The **Blessing of Throats** will take place after all Masses this weekend, **February 1st & 2nd**



Every Sunday, we get to witness a miracle. Sometimes it can be difficult to wrap our minds and hearts around this fact. Sometimes Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, but it is actually the real presence of Jesus Christ in our midst.

Check out **PRESENCE - Mystery of the Eucharist** available on **FORMED.org**.

To Sign Up:

1. Visit **FORMED.org**
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find our Parish by name: Good Shepherd RC Church or ZIP code: 07821
5. Enter your name and email - and you're in!

ASK A FRANCISCAN...

If someone becomes a Catholic as an adult, why are godparents necessary? When did the godparent tradition begin? Why is it important?

Whether someone is baptized as an infant or as an adult, he or she is joining a community of believers; sponsors remind us of that. Prior to AD 500, Christian parents were sponsors of baptized infants. The Church changed that in the sixth century. In some cultures, sponsors have a role in the wedding ceremony of a godchild.

LENTEN LONGINGS

Let Yourself Be...



Lent invites us to a time of prayer, reflection, and conversion. Deepen your faith during the season of Lent by participating in a faith sharing group. This will be a six week retreat exploring the Sunday readings of Lent.

Sign up is this weekend, February 1st and 2nd in the atrium after all Masses.



Please join us next Sunday, February 9th after the 9:00am and 10:30am Masses for a Valentine's Day Hospitality Sunday hosted by our 9th grade parents.

Christmas Blessings

Your Generosity is Appreciated

In response to the "Giving Tree" outreach, the following grateful acknowledgement was received from Our Lady of Victories Church in Paterson, NJ:

"Please express my gratitude and appreciation to the good people of Good Shepherd parish family for the many and beautiful gifts which you collected for our children for Christmas. I just wish the people of your parish family could have seen the faces of the children here as they received the gifts. Their smiles, surprised looks and excitement were a joy to behold! Please remember all of us at Our Lady of Victories in your prayers. And we promise to remember you in our prayers."
~Rev. Raimundo Rivera, Pastor

Much appreciation to Walter and Roberta Harden for ironing and hanging our new altar server albs, recently purchased with a donation. Our altar servers will look very nice in their contemporary albs participating in the Liturgy.



St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Fest
Saturday, March 14 • 6:30 - 10:30 PM

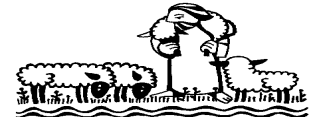
Tickets: \$30.00 per person

Tickets for the St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Fest will be on sale at the Fest table next weekend Feb. 8-9, after all Masses or until tickets are sold out.

See flyers near Fest poster in atrium with details.
(On Feb. 8-9, cash or check made payable to Good Shepherd)

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

FAITH FORMATION NOTES



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| FAITH FORMATION CLASS DATES Gr 1-8 Week of: 2/2 2/23 3/8 3/22 4/19 | CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES 9th Grade 2/9 3/1 3/15 3/22 4/19 | CONFIRMATION CLASS DATES 10th Grade 2/2 2/23 3/8 3/29 4/26 | <div style="font-size: 48px; font-weight: bold; color: green;">8gr</div> <p style="text-align: right; margin-top: 20px;"> SERVICE RETREAT FEBRUARY 28th PARISH HALL 5:00pm—8:00pm Information to be emailed </p> |
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BRINGING FAITH TO LIFE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

BE PRESENT

One of the spiritual characteristics of middle schoolers is that they commonly seek adult role models who live faith authentically.

Young adolescents are looking for examples of what it really means to live faith and how that affects a person's decisions and actions. Simply put, they are watching everything we do and say, often evaluating faith in terms of the impact they see it having on our lives. Many people can name a specific person as one of the key reasons they chose to practice their faith. The importance of this cannot be underestimated. In fact, our role as a model of faith might be one of the most important elements in helping faith come to life for middle schoolers. (By Steven Ellair, Saint. Mary's Press)

Gospel Reading (Luke 2:22-40)

Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.

Family Connection

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Discuss with the family the persons of Simeon and Anna as they meet Jesus.

Because Simeon and Anna lived lives of prayer and fasting in the Temple, they were filled with the Spirit of God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Savior even though Jesus was only a baby. To these two holy people, he was recognizable as the Redeemer who had been promised. Simeon described Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

We too are called to recognize Jesus as Lord. Together as a family, discuss ways to recognize Jesus as Lord by praying and attending Mass, fasting, and serving others. As a family, decide on one specific sacrifice you can make in order to alleviate the suffering or need of someone you know. (Loyola Press)



Simeon and Anna Thank God

Luke 2



Last week, statements for 2019 parish contributions were mailed to those using church envelopes. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Cornwell, Church Bookkeeper at bookkeeper@goodshepherdrc.org.

THRIFT SHOP

The Father Michael J. Thrift Shop, formerly known as St. Joseph's Thrift Shop, located at 17 Halsted Street, Newton, is having Bag Sales on all Men's, Ladies' and Children's' clothing. The sale will run from February 6th - February 29th.

* Shop Hours: Thursday & Friday: 10 am- 4 pm
Saturday: 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

ANNUAL MINISTRY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Fr. Tim, Fr. Michal and the staff would like to recognize all parishioners who actively participated in various ministries in 2019.

On Sunday, March 1st, we will hold the annual "Ministry Appreciation Luncheon" to acknowledge those individuals. There will be a chance to mix with other ministries, share a delicious meal and if you are lucky, win a gift basket.

Over 200 invitations were mailed this week to all active ministry members. If you do not receive an invitation by February 9th, please contact Phyllis at [973-786-6415](tel:973-786-6415) or phyllis@goodshepherdrc.org.

First Thursday at Sacred Heart Center

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center, February 6, 2020.

- ◇ Theme: "Living as Missionary Disciples!"
- ◇ Topic: "The Journey of Conversion".
- ◇ 9 am - 1:30 pm
- ◇ Starts with 'coffee and,' opening prayer, a short talk, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, Mass at 12:00 Noon, and a light lunch.
- ◇ Suggested offering: \$15.00
- ◇ There is no need to pre-register – all are welcome.

For more information, visit: sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org.
E-mail: shretreatcenter@gmail.com or call (973) 383-2620.

REV. BROWN SCHOOL PRESENTS: STEM

For MOMMY AND ME
Wednesday, Feb.19th @ 9:30 am
294 Sparta Ave, Sparta
Children under 3 are welcome.
RSVP to the main office 973.729.6125 x1000
www.rev Brownschool.org

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Good Shepherd RC Church invites everyone to fully participate in our spiritual and social life. Every family is requested to register; forms are available in the parish office and on our website.




Registration is required for the reception of the sacraments.

Only active, registered members can receive sponsor forms for Baptism and Confirmation.

Please contact the Parish Office if you need additional information.

Ministry Schedule

Please remember to sign the book in the atrium.

| Date | Time |  Lectors |  Eucharistic Ministers |  Altar Servers |
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| Saturday 02/8 | 5:00 PM | Rich Matrisciano | Melissa Lewis JoAnne Scheidt Christine McCormick Roberta Harden Mary Ahern Fred Finnan & Irene Finnan | Addyson Ortiz |
| | 9:00 AM | Faith Formation Lectors | Andy Grinthal Betty Gates Steve Trentanelli Bogdan Bienko Sioban-Rooney-Opperman Kathy Pope | Nina Graceffo Ava Graceffo Joey Graceffo |
| Sunday 02/9 | 10:30 AM | Confirmation Class Lector Tom Beverly | Eileen Cahill Donna Fett Joan DeBoer Candy Church Carmen DaSilva Jody Ursin | Joey Holdt Madeline Holdt Danny Holdt |
| | NOON | Faith Formation Lectors | Debbie Rothweiler Hildegard Schleyer | Sophia Vitez Shane Smith |