

MASS INTENTIONS
OF THE WEEK

Saturday, February 8, 2020

5:00 PM Marie Waldron Ryder

Sunday, February 9, 2020

9:00 AM Diane DeLane

10:30 AM Joyce Kelly

12:00 PM Christine Boyle

Daily Mass February 10 - 14 @ 9:00 AM

Monday Joseph & Mary Finnan

Tuesday Intentions of Rick Nelson

Wednesday Nancy Sullivan

Thursday Special Intention

Friday Parents of Carl & Pat Beaulieu

Saturday, February 15

5:00 PM Joan Kramer

Sunday, February 16

9:00 AM Marilyn Oates

10:30 AM Alice Miller

12:00 PM Beatrice M. Lyons

The community of Good Shepherd joyfully welcomes our
Newly Baptized:

✠ **Juliana Marie Gibbs** ✠
Daughter of Nicole & Stephen

Rejoice, for now you are truly a child of God.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS
meets 2nd Saturday monthly

March 14 @ 10:00 am
Contact the parish office
or visit our website.



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

Next meeting, **February 18th at 7:00 PM** in the Rectory:
Topic: "Reflection on the Liturgical season of Lent"

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our "dawn," our "rear guard," our "light" if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

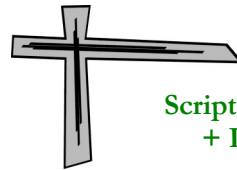


Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called "wisdom" of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be "the salt of the earth." They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.



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

- 1) Which of the items on Isaiah's list gets the least attention from you? How can you answer this call responsibly?
- 1) How would you describe the weakness that accompanied St. Paul when he came to the Corinthians?
- 1) In each of our lives, we have been given talents and abilities to use for the good of others. Is there a gift you have been hiding under a bushel basket, either consciously or unconsciously?

COLLECTION BREAKDOWN for February 1st and 2nd:

First Collection: \$6,803.00 2nd Collection: \$2,353.00
(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

FEB	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 PM
8-9	Fr. Michal		Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim
15-16	Fr. Tim		Fr. Ed	Fr. Tim	Fr. Ed
22-23	Fr. Michal		Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim
2/29-3/1	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	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.

Blessing of the Throats



Last weekend after all masses, we celebrated the Feast of St. Blaise with the Blessing of the Throats.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE.

February 26, 2020 - April 5, 2020
for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion.

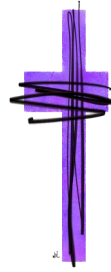
For more information, contact Jennifer English,
amjadopt@comcast.net, (973) 525-6692 or visit
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/>

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.revbrownschool.org

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; a six-week retreat exploring the Sunday readings of Lent.

Sign-up sheets are in the atrium after all Masses.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY - TODAY!

Hosted by our 9th Grade Confirmation Class Parents

Please join us after the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses on Sunday, February 9th in the Parish Hall.

We look forward to seeing you there.



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 this 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)



PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Offices will be closed on
Monday, February 17th
in observance of
President's Day.

ASK A FRANCISCAN...

Are we supposed to pray to angels the way we pray to Mary and the other saints?

Mary, saints and angels have no power independent of God. Our prayers "to" them are, in effect, prayers asking their help that we may be as open to God's grace as they were. All of them used their freedom wisely. We ask their help to do the same.

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.

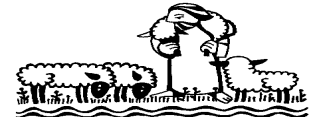
Check out **PRESENCE - Mystery of the Eucharist** available on **FORMED.org**. To Sign Up:

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!

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FAITH FORMATION NOTES



FAITH FORMATION CLASS DATES Gr 1-8
Week of: 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
2/23 3/8 3/29 4/26

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SERVICE RETREAT

FEBRUARY 28th
PARISH HALL
5:00pm—8:00pm

Information to be emailed

Today's Gospel :Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Scripture Background:

Jesus commissions His followers to be the salt of the earth and light to the world. Salt and light are just as important to us today as they were to people in Jesus' time. Jesus' image of salt challenges us to bring out the best in others as salt brings out the flavors in food. The image of light challenges us to warm and brighten others' lives like sunlight. It challenges us to live as Jesus did so that our actions shine forth like a lamp on a stand.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Please mark your calendar to join us for grilled cheese, tomato soup and fellowship. Our Confirmation students will be hosting and serving following the 4:30pm Ash Wednesday service on February 26th.



INCLEMENT WEATHER



Even though the groundhog may have seen his shadow, we are still not out of the winter season yet.

If we need to cancel classes because of weather, we will do so as early as possible. If we know the night before, we will send out an email notification. If school closes early or after school activities are cancelled due to weather, classes for Faith Formation will also be cancelled. Please check your email and the website for updates:

www.goodshepherdrc.org

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WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

(Sunday, Feb. 9)

is an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

Prayer for Married Couples

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them. Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (USCCB)

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK (Tuesday, Feb. 11)

The church remembers in a special way those people suffering from illness and disease. On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for those who are sick as well as for those who care for them.

ANNUAL MINISTRY APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

In recognition of all parishioners who actively participated in various ministries in 2019, we will hold our annual luncheon on Sunday, March 1, 2020.

Over 200 invitations were mailed 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)

Welcome!

Welcome to Mary McGuinness, our new Parish Secretary.

Mary has worked in sports marketing and event planning, enjoys hiking, cooking, the beach and watching her son play year-round sports. She and her family reside in Sparta, NJ.

HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR PARISH MEMBERSHIP LATELY?

Do you have an adult child that no longer lives at home?

- ◆ If they still live locally, they should re-register here at Good Shepherd with their new address.
- ◆ If they have moved away, please encourage them to register at their local church.

Most Catholic Churches, including ours, will require that sponsors for Baptism, Confirmation or RCIA be an active, registered member of a parish. It is very important that young adults establish their own membership where they live and attend Mass. Every church office keeps important sacramental information. Registration forms are available on our website or at the church office; feel free to call with any questions.

DONATE BLOOD

THE GREATEST GIFT IS A PORTION OF THYSELF

and give someone another chance at life

Join us for breakfast & good company after your donation

Saint Kateri Parish
427 Stanhope Road, Sparta




SATURDAY
February 15
7:45am to 1:45pm

To schedule an appointment:
Tinyurl.com/GiveBloodNJBS
Sponsor Code 15978

Walk-ins always welcome

Ministry Schedule

Please remember to sign the book in the atrium.

Date	Time	 Lectors	 Eucharistic Ministers	 Altar Servers	
Saturday 02/15	5:00 PM	Dan Holdt	Pat Holdt Melissa Lewis Roberta Harden	Christine McCormick Kurt Dericks Nancy Luckey	Madeline Ridge Addyson Ortiz
Sunday 02/16	9:00 AM	Jessica Brennan	Alice Gilberti Carole D'Esposito Bill Schilling	Betty Gates Andy Grinthal Rosemary Lotruglio	James Bongiorno Connor Kovach Joey Graceffo
	10:30 AM	Ed Denmead	Karen Hogan Carmen DaSilva Lynnette Nagle Robert Gallagher	John Costello Candy Church Donna Fett	Gavin Denmead Hayden Denmead Joseph Licata
	NOON	Deirdre Worth	Eunice Howley Sioban Rooney-Opperman	Carol Miller	Sophia Vitez Shane Smith