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9 :00 TO 2:00  
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BAPTISMS:  
Please call Parish office

WEDDINGS:  
Arrangements six months in advance .Call Parish office



**NEW PARISHIONERS REGISTRATION FORM**

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Week of Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Calendar of Events

Monday, Oct 14<sup>th</sup>:  
Tuesday, Oct 15<sup>th</sup>: Making of Cavatelli- 9:00AM  
Prince of Peace Center  
Wednesday, Oct 16<sup>th</sup>: Prayer Book Club  
Downstairs in our Social Hall  
Thursday, Oct 17<sup>th</sup>: Making of Cavatelli—9:00AM  
Prince of Peace Center  
**ALL DAY ADORATION 6:30AM TO 7:00PM**  
**HOLY HOUR 6:00PM TO 7:00PM**  
Friday, Oct 18<sup>th</sup>: Office closed

COLLECTION – 10/05/2024

# of Registered Families	405
# of Envelopes Used	102
Attendance at Mass	142
Offertory Collection	\$1960.00
Loose Offertory	\$120.00

Blessed Virgin Mary Altar Flowers  
 For this week were donated in memory of  
 Frank Gabriel  
 From Wife, Quocilla

**Altar Candles the week of  
 October 13<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**SANCTUARY LIGHT**

**Sister Gina Amico**  
 From Billy Pelini  
**Picciotto Family**  
 From Wally & Judy Carpenter

**BLESSED MOTHER ALTAR**

**Joseph & Sophia Richnavsky Sr.**  
 From Fran Chervinko  
**Carpenter Family**  
 From Wally & Judy Carpenter

**ST. JOSEPH ALTAR**

**Louis Amati**  
 From M/M Larry Rowlands  
**Greg Scarmack**  
 From Sandy & Karen Rosati

The Mass Book for 2025 now open for  
 Masses, Flowers and Candles. Please call or  
 stop in the office to have your loved one  
 honored with this special remembrance.

Mass Intention	Intentions	Requested By		
Saturday, Oct 12 <sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm	MaryLou Cimoric Tom D'Amico	Husband Tom and Family Wife Donna		
Monday, Oct 14 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Tuesday, Oct 15 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Wednesday, Oct 16 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Thursday, Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Friday, Oct 18 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 am	Prayer Service			
Saturday, Oct 19 <sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm	Sebastiano Grasso Harry Mason & Deann	Wife, Vincenzina & Family Christina		
LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	GREETERS
SATURDAY OCTOBER 19 <sup>TH</sup> , 4:30 pm	Chris Connelly	John Jarocki Jean Burke	Ed DeBonis	John Jarocki Volunteer Needed

WE ARE IN NEED OF MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL OF OUR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES. WE WILL BE STARTING A NEW TRAINING CLASS SOON. PLEASE JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. CALL THE OFFICE 724-346-3359

**FROM THE PASTORS DESK:**

*“His face fell, for he had many possessions.”*

In June of this year, this article appeared in the Boston Globe, written by Dr. Elissa Ely. She is what our government calls a “displaced person”: someone who has fled her home and cannot safely return. As a teenager, she fled the war in Afghanistan, escaping to Bangladesh. Her brother was killed by the Taliban; her father died of COVID. She is now studying at a small college in Bangladesh. She struggles through the required courses – including chemistry, a subject she does not love – in order to study the subjects, she does love: politics, philosophy, economics. In addition to her course work, she has organized therapeutic writing groups for Afghani students like her: women who have been denied opportunities for higher education in their homeland and are now struggling to make a place for themselves in a strange new place. Her work creates a sense of home for these young women. She finishes college in a few months. Her dream is to study in the United States for a graduate degree in foreign service. She meticulously completes the application process, and her paperwork is impeccable.

A letter comes from the American school she yearns to attend – a school that describes its mission as “educating service-driven leaders, with a deep understanding of ethical components of global affairs.” She has been accepted. This is her dream – to be of service to the world.

But the acceptance letter says little about financial aid. Tuition with room and board is \$87,000 a year, money which would feed many families in Afghanistan for a long time. There are a few options for assistantships and fellowships, but international students compete with Americans for those positions. Displaced persons like her do not qualify for federal loans. Borrowing from a private lender can be perilous.

So, she has been offered a dream, with no help in realizing it. She has been displaced once – and now, financially, has been displaced again.

The question in today’s gospel is not whether money is good or bad; the gospel challenge is our responsibility for using the many blessings God has given us for the benefit of all, our willingness to commit of our resources to bring about the Kingdom of God that we pray for. Jesus demands more than just a contribution from the young rich man – he asks him and all of us who would be his followers to put aside some of our own wants/needs in order to create a place of welcome and support for those “displaced” by poverty or prejudice. Wealth should enable us to live life at the fullest, but often the prosperity we have built to enable that journey becomes more important than the journey itself.

**WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**  
**GOOD SHEPHERD SOCIAL HALL**

This is a Scripture Study that had originally been planned and then canceled before Father Glenn got a new leg! Six sessions are planned for Thursdays, one at 10:00 in the morning and one at 5:00 in the afternoon covering the same material. Hopefully this will be convenient for both parishes. We’ll gather in the meeting room behind the Social Hall – enter through the parking lot door. If we get more than 15 participants, the book is only \$10.00. Dates for classes: October 10, 24, 31 and November 7, 14, 21

**NEW PARISH COUNCIL**  
**NOMINATIONS**

*We will be forming a NEW Parish Council. We are going to need your input on potential candidates. If you would like to be on the candidate list, please call the office or if you have someone in mind, (before you nominate them, please make sure that they are willing to serve on this committee) please call the office to get their name on the ballot. We will be having our election IN CHURCH on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

**ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER**

**Date: Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time: 12:00-3:00pm**  
**Place: Good Shepherd Parish**  
 Church Social Hall  
 3613 Sharon Road  
 West Middlesex, PA 16159

**Hosted by:**  
**Church of the Good Shepherd PPC**  
 HAM AND SCALLOPED POTATO DINNER  
 WILL BE SERVED.

\* TAKEOUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Presale tickets will be available after Masses or at the parish office (during business hours) until Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will be sold at the door as well.

Presale Ticket Price	Adults \$12	Children \$5
At The Door Ticket Price	Adult \$15	Children \$6

All proceeds will benefit the following local nonprofit organizations:  
 Building of Hope \* Imagination Library \* Joshua's Haven

**MARRIAGE MOMENT**

*Columbus Day need not only be about Christopher Columbus. Perhaps use this day to rediscover your love. Take a trip down memory lane and ponder the first time you saw the person who is now your life partner. Share your first impressions and what initially attracted you to each other. Reminisce together!!!!*

**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH**

*An old Irish proverb says, “It is in the shelter of each other that the people live”. Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering. But when family members or friends approach life’s end, we may not know how best to ‘shelter’ them. Here are some concrete ways we can compassionately care for the: [usccb.org/end-of-life-care](http://usccb.org/end-of-life-care).*

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Having possessions is an illusion. In today’s gospel Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He couldn’t let go! In families our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we can’t control anyone but ourselves.