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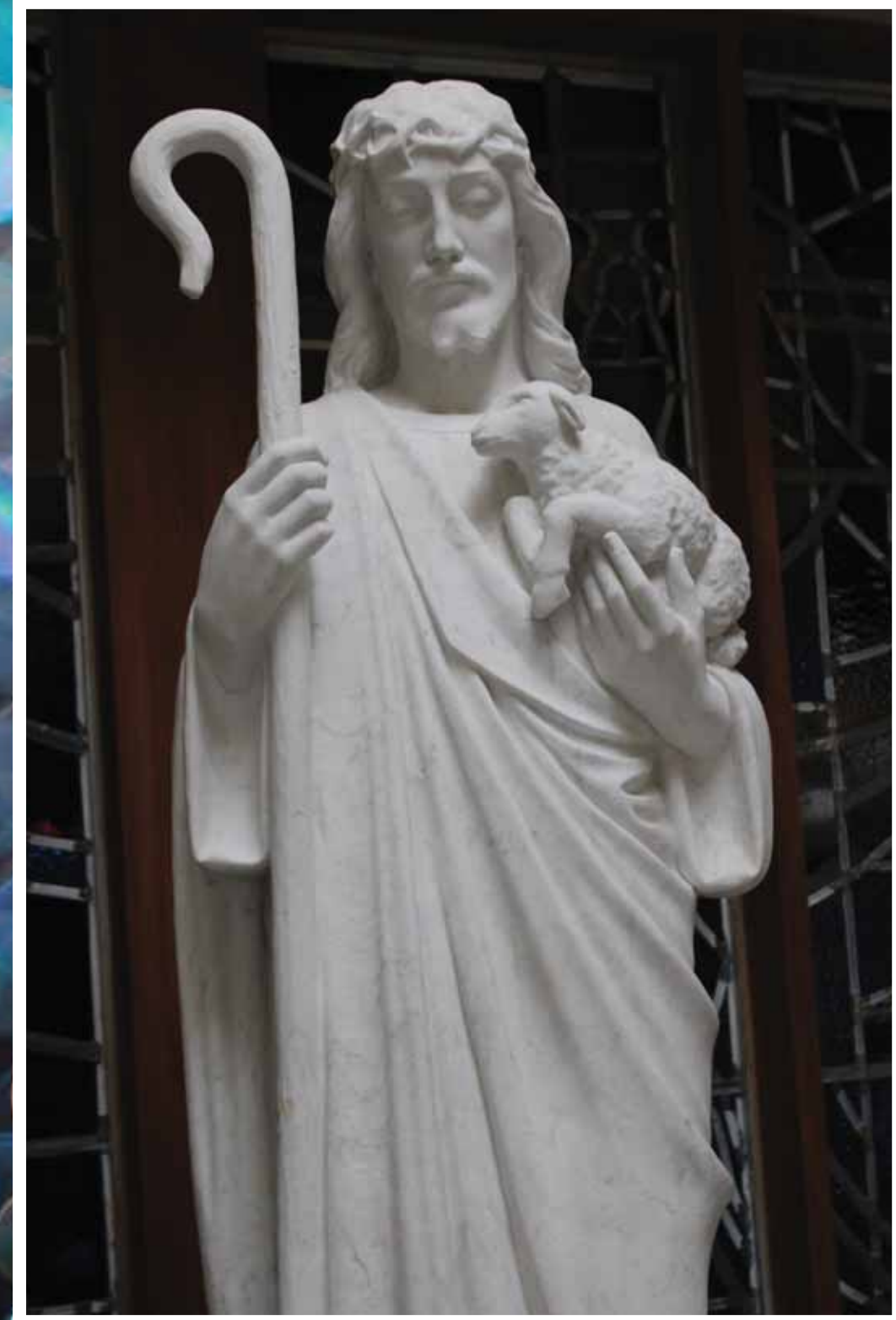
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28th

8:30 AM – Joanne Koraus
c/o Kathy Antus

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29th

8:30 AM – Anne Oberman
c/o Michelle Barbir

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th

7:00 PM – Ted Bast
c/o Loren & Amanda Bast

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1st

8:30 AM – Marie Russo
c/o Anthony, Jr. & Mary Anne Russo

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2nd

8:30 AM – Genevieve Bridge
c/o Carol & Bill Conaway

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

6:00 PM – Joseph J. Jr. & Helen A. David
c/o Estate

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4th

9:00 AM – Donald Hall
c/o Marilyn & Nancy Carlos

11:30 AM – For Our Parishioners



ALTAR SERVERS

E. MINISTERS

12/3 6:00 pm Alexa Macchia

Gary Salatino
Frank Langosh

12/4 9:00 am Rylee Adams

Ron Adams
Diane O'Rourke
Mary Lu Walters
Arlene Repko

11:30 am Mary
Matyasovsky

LECTOR #1

12/3 6:00 pm Diane Salatino

12/4 9:00 am Ken Rogers

11:30 am Zoe Belcik

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

12/3 6:00 pm Mat Macchia/Debra Biggins
Brian Biggins/Volunteer

12/4 9:00 am Volunteer/Ed Grober
Volunteer/Bonnie & Peter Gibb

12/4 11:30 am Deb Sokolak/Jake Bayuk
Volunteer/Volunteer

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

2:00 pm, Sunday, Dec. 11, Beloved Disciple,
Grove City

5:00 pm, Sunday, Dec. 11, Immaculate Heart of
Mary, Mercer

6:30 pm, Monday, Dec. 12, St. Bart's,
Sharpville

6:30 pm, Wednesday, Dec. 14, Good Shepherd,
West Middlesex

6:30 pm, Thursday, Dec. 15, St. Joseph, Sharon
2:00 pm, Sunday, Dec. 18, Notre Dame,
Hermitage

6:00 pm, Monday, Dec. 19, Our Lady of
Fatima, Farrell

November 27, 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week/November 27, 2022

Sunday, November 27th

10:00 am – No Rel-Ed Classes, Thanksgiving Break

Friday, December 2

8:30 am – First Friday / Adoration after Mass

12:00 noon – Benediction

COLLECTION 11/20/22

Number of Registered Families.....576
Adult Offertory Collection.....\$ 4614.25
Children's Offertory.....\$ 0.00
Loose Offertory.....\$ 333.00
of Envelopes Used.....193
Attendance at Mass.....340
Catholic Campaign for Human Development....\$ 797.25

**PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS
THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN AND
HOSPITALIZED**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

THANK YOU to all the Teen Shepherds, grades 10 and 11, that made and delivered 20 meals to our homebound parishioners; the Teen Shepherd leaders, Neil & Nanci Hosick and Sally & DJ Puskar for their excellent organization as well as all the adults that helped in the kitchen and drove the teens to the homes. What a fantastic way to be of service to our community in this holiday season.

CLASSES RESUME SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH FOR ALL GRADES!!

The first-fifth grade will perform a Christmas play on Sunday, December 18th after 11:30 am Mass. Everyone is welcome to enjoy the Christmas play. The play will begin at 12:45 pm and refreshments will be served in the social hall after the play.

THANK YOU for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! As a parish, we raised \$797.25 to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. Thank you for your generosity!

WELCOME newly registered new parishioners: Barbara Hollerman of New Wilmington; Mary Warner of New Castle; and Mary Petrick of Hermitage. Please welcome them and make them feel at home in our parish.

THANK YOU to Lawrence & Denise Rowan for their donation to our church in memory of Theresa Rowan. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL was celebrated Saturday, December 3rd for parishioner, Shirley Martwinski. The prayers and sympathy of the parish are extended to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS who so graciously provided us with photos of their loved ones during the month of November. Please pick up your photos after December 1st in the church. Any photos not retrieved prior to December 5th will be available for pickup in the rectory.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

FROM OUR PASTOR

“Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.” It is a horrifying realization to make while you're driving...***YOU'VE BEEN ASLEEP!***

Years ago, after a cluster of meetings in the afternoon and ending with dinner down in Jefferson County, I decided to drive back home to Erie from Punxsutawney at eight-thirty in the evening. Somewhere north of Siegel going through Cook's Forest in the rain, wipers rhythmically wiiing, highway markings fading in and out, two-lane state Route 36 as wet and dark as the woods surrounding me, I was lulled to sleep. (I think the delicious dinner went right to my eyelids!) All of a sudden, oncoming lights and a horn jolted me awake to discover I'm heading across the center line into the path of a log truck. Instantly, the Holy Spirit steered my car back into my lane. Ever happen to you?

You're terrified. *How long was I asleep – a second, a minute, longer? What was the last thing I remember? What if I had never heard the horn or seen the truck?*

Let me tell you, the remainder of the trip wasn't the same. If you've ever traveled that stretch of Route 36 from Siegel to Leeper, Starbucks and Coke machines are few and far between, and good luck finding a place to pull over to take a deep breath. I just wanted to stop, calm down, and shake myself into focus. When I spotted what looked like a dirt road turnoff, the cabin that loomed in front of me looked like Jason's haunt in *Halloween!* Turning around quickly, the importance of my destination diminished considerably. Locating some old throat lozenges and a warm 7-up, I calmed down and located a couple cassettes (this was in late 80's): Tommy by the Who, and a bootleg Dead concert. Crank the volume and open the window.

Until 1993, I made that trip many times, but I gained a sobering awareness every time I made it again, of the dangers of the journey.

This Sunday, the season of Advent begins with Jesus' sobering warning to *Stay Awake!* For the community Matthew was writing for, there was an imminent feeling that Christ was coming to judge the living and the dead, possibly in the next breath. They were to remain vigilant for the ending of this world and be prepared for the next – an event they believed they'd see in their lifetimes. Twenty centuries later, we still read it as an unsettling reminder that our lives are limited and that the moments we've been given are precious.

If "Advent" means "the coming of Christ," let's pray we don't sleep through the Advent we live every day.

Fr. Glenn

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FAMILY TREE ORNAMENT



New families of the parish are invited to make a homemade ornament to be added to our Family Tree collection. It should be of a religious theme: star, angel, bell, etc. & must be made of paper, cloth, felt, wood, yar – NO GLASS or breakable material – and no larger than 3/5 inches in size. Put your family name on the back and hang it on the tree during the Christmas season.

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THE CHOSEN

A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt. A troubled woman wrestling with real demons. A young tax collector ostracized by society. A religious leader questioning his faith tradition. The Chosen is a multi-season series about the life of Christ. Come join Lauren for an Advent discussion group. Season 1 we will watch three episodes. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE GATHERING SPACE. The schedule is below. Season 3 will be in theaters on November 18th.

Week 1: I have called you by Name

November 29th, Tuesday Night 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm or December 1st Thursday morning 9:00 am – 10:30 am.

Week 2: Shabbat

December 6th, Tuesday Night 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm or December 8th, Thursday Morning 9:00 am – 10:30 am.

Week 3: Jesus loves the little children

December 13th, Tuesday night 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm or December 15th, Thursday Morning 9:00 am – 10:30 am.

Lottery tickets are now available for purchase from any ARS member and will also be sold after Masses on the following weekends: Nov. 26-27, Dec. 3-4, Dec. 10-11, and Dec. 17-18. Tickets are \$5.00 and winners are based on the daily PA 3 digit nightly number. You have 31 chances to win. Payout is \$50 on weekdays & Saturdays and \$100 on Sundays. Last January we had winners almost every day! They make great stocking stuffers!

PRINCE OF PEACE CENTER ANNUAL TOY DRIVE



We are looking forward to your support once again as we prepare to share the holidays with an even greater number of marginalized families than in the past. Please select a stocking/stockings of your choice and purchase a toy for the

child on the stocking. Please return the **unwrapped gift along with the stocking** to Good Shepherd no later than **December 11, 2022**. Although we ask that gifts are **not wrapped**, feel free to **include the wrapping paper** for the parents to use. Gifts will be distributed to families with children in need on **December 14, 2022**.

ALSO INCLUDED ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE GATHERING SPACE WILL BE CARDS FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF YOUNGSTOWN. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE A CARD OF YOUR CHOICE AND PROVIDE THE UNWRAPPED GIFT WITH THE CARD ATTACHED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 11, 2022. (Wrapping paper is accepted.)

**COMMUNITY EVENTS
Cookie Walk & Soup Sale**

Sunday, December 11th, at Immaculate Heart Church, 100 Penn Ave., Mercer, PA – Gallagher Hall from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Homemade cookies are \$6 per dozen (specialty cookies slightly more) – Homemade Soup \$9 a quart. Lottery Trees Raffle Winners will be drawn at the end of the day.