

# Church of the Good Shepherd

## *Confirmation 2025*





## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – MAY 18, 2025

### Week of May 19, 2025, Calendar of Events

**Rosary** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month 20 min. before 9am Mass

**Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Men's Club Meeting – 6pm

**Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND,  
THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN, AND THE HOSPITALIZED

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#### COLLECTION

05/11/2025

# of Registered Families

582

# of Envelopes Used

174

Attendance at Mass

637

Attendance Online 5/4

397

Offertory Collection

\$6,111.50

Loose Offertory

\$1,976.00

Good Shepherd Sunday

\$1,241.50

Ascension

\$10.00

Int'l Needs

\$5.00

Mass Intention Date & Time	Intentions	Requested By
Monday, May 19 <sup>th</sup> at 8:30am	NO MASS, COMMUNION SERVICE	
Tuesday, May 20 <sup>th</sup> at 8:30am	For Our Parishioners	
Wednesday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>	NO MASS NO COMMUNION SERVICE	
Thursday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 8:30am	Thomas Stewart	Ed & Elaine Stewart
Friday, May 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am	John & Eva Sostarich	Frank & Jean Fetsko
Saturday, May 24 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm	Larry Wauzzinski	Don & Kathy Schmidt
Sunday, May 25 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00am	Irene Fortine	Bob & Crystal Kopas
Sunday, May 25 <sup>th</sup> at 11:30am	Lois Fetsko	Brian & Tricia McGonigle

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHERS (HU –Head Usher)	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Saturday, May 24 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm	Donna Pavlovich John Pavlovich	Phyllis Williams Frank Langosh Monica Hanrahan Cliff Sederland	Paul Bauer – HU Kathy Bauer Colleen Picken	Alexis Onestak	Hadley & Reagan Simmons
SUNDAY May 25 <sup>th</sup> at 9:00am	Diane Salatino	Mike Bartolo Ron Adams Ken Garver Marsha Garver	Bob Devlin – HU Patti Chupak Jeff Creveling	Pat Thompson	Madison McClelland
SUNDAY May 25 <sup>th</sup> at 11:30am	Judy Miller	Erin Borowicz Ted George Rudy Koraus Arlene Repko	Pam Esposito – HU Raymond Repko <b>VOLUNTEER</b>	<b>VOLUNTEER</b>	Jackson & Luke Seelbaugh





## FROM OUR PASTOR

### *"I saw a new heaven and a new earth..."*

If you had your life to live over, what would you do differently? Yeah, it's only what we used to call a parlor game because no one gets a do-over from birth on out. That would take reincarnation which isn't one of the foundations of Christianity. But we do hold onto something even better than a cycle of rebirth – the chance to be "born again."

Rather than starting over from scratch – with upgraded family members, jazzier career path, less contrary neighbors and a second chance to make that one decision that would have made all the difference – we get to renew the life we already have. That may be a less romantic notion discarding all the mess we've made of things so far. But until someone comes up with a time machine big enough for the human race to climb into – and the will to be really different people who will make better choices the second time around – being "born again" is an option that actually works.

John of Patmos (author of the Book of Revelation) enjoyed the mystical vision of seeing the old world pass away and the new one revealed. The sea – the primordial source of chaos, evil and danger – vanishes. How happy we'd be to see that tide go out forever! A holy city, radiant as a bride, replaces the dirty, troubled civilization with too much trial and a whole lot of error. God's presence among us will no longer be an article of faith but a matter of fact. Death will die and pain will be a curious antique notion we'll scratch our heads to recall.

Every time Hollywood creates a fantasy world like the one John describes, we'll soon learn there's trouble in paradise. The pretty façade hides a dark secret or is a tender trap for hearts weary enough to fall for it. There's no beautiful new world; there are no second chances. There's only an old fool behind the curtain, moving levers, amplifying his voice and creating the illusion for us. But Jesus insists in his preaching that the new world isn't virtual but genuine. There's a catch however: the brave new world has a new commandment, perpetually attached – love one another.

If we all woke up tomorrow, every person on the planet, with the will to love one another, the old world would pass away in an hour. Imagine loving your enemies instead of hating and killing them. Imagine binding up the wounds of society rather than ignoring or deepening them. Imagine the fruits of the Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control – being the universal pattern for human relationships. Being "born again" can make this fantasy a reality, one person at a time. And, we don't have to wait for everyone to climb on board. Making all things new begins with you and me.

What are we waiting for?

Fr. Glenn & Fr. Frank

**"Our sacramental springtime" has come to an end. The RCIA/OCIA catechumen and candidates made it through the Easter Vigil. Second and Third graders celebrated their Reconciliation and First Eucharist while the Confirmation students celebrated with Bishop Persico and other Catholic teens in the Valley at St. Joseph's on May 8. Congratulations to them, their parents, teachers, sponsors and families.**

**Next up: WMSD Baccalaureate on Tuesday, June 3 at 7:30 pm here at Good Shepherd and Graduation Recognition Mass at 11:30 am on Sunday, June 8.**



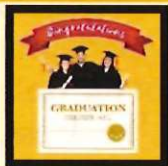
## **NEW TESTAMENT GROWING PAINS**

Everything wasn't hunky-dory for the growing Christian churches we read about in the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter season liturgies. Gentiles and Jews and already established Christian congregations were all equal opportunity offenders as each new group tried to get together for the "class picture." Divisions, spats, disagreements broke out with some regularity in those early days and letting the Holy Spirit sort it out set up the model used recently in both the synod and the conclave.

The early going was bumpy with several groups staking out a claim or certain criteria for membership. American poet Ann Lamott once famously wrote, "You can safely assume you've created God in your own image when it turns out God hates all the same people you do." Ouch! At times we hinder God's movement among us, refusing to allow or accept that all can be saved, all are invited. Remember: we don't get to RSVP for anyone but ourselves. So come as you are.

## **2025 CSA UPDATE**

So far, thanks to you, we've received pledges of \$92,205.00 toward our diocesan assessment of \$49,595.00. We reach our assessment and are over by \$42,610.00. These funds will be put toward our parish project of new sanctuary carpeting. Thank you for your generous support of Diocesan Programs and our Parish Project.



## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Graduation Mass will be celebrated with our high school graduates on Sunday June 8 during the 11:30 Mass.

Please join us for refreshments to celebrate this occasion.

Liturgy of the Word Note: May – August Liturgy of the Word will NOT be offered every Sunday. The liturgy of the Word handouts will be available on the ushers stand closest to the cry room.

## **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES APPEAL**

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## **BECOMING CATHOLIC**

**ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...**

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has never been baptized?
- Has been baptized in another Christian denomination?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

Need more information call Fr. Glenn or Lauren at 724-528-3539 or email [religioused@goodshepherdwm.org](mailto:religioused@goodshepherdwm.org)

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – MARK YOUR CALENDAR**



Our community vacation bible school will be held at the Presbyterian Church of West Middlesex from **Sunday July 13 to Thursday July 17**.

**THEME: TRUE NORTH**

**TIME: 6:00pm – 8:30pm**

We will be asking for snack donations as well as decoration donations. Stay tuned for more information.



## MENS CLUB LOTTERY WINNERS

May 4 – 233 – no winner (ticket not sold)

May 5 – 692 – Marie Flickinger

May 6 – 801 – Carol Gilliland

May 7 – 644 – Fr. Glenn

May 8 – 796 – Julie O'Brien

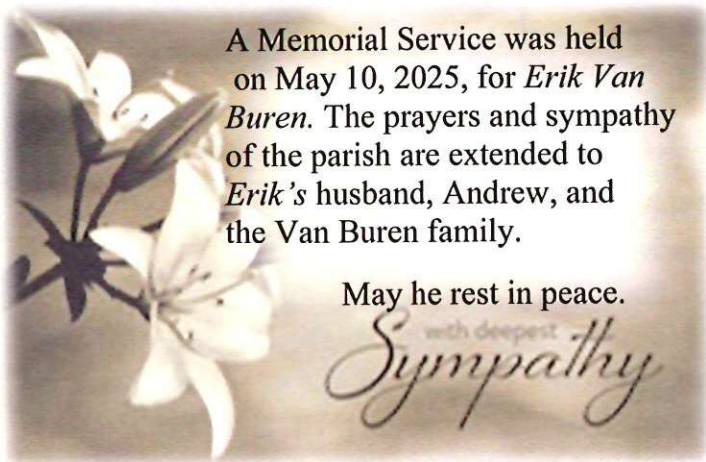
May 9 – 332 – no winner (ticket not sold)

May 10 – 561 – no winner (ticket not sold)



## MEN'S CLUB MEETING MONDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

**AT 6:00 PM in the Social Hall**  
**All men of the parish are welcome.**



A Memorial Service was held on May 10, 2025, for *Erik Van Buren*. The prayers and sympathy of the parish are extended to *Erik's* husband, Andrew, and the Van Buren family.

May he rest in peace.

with deepest  
*Sympathy*



## Good Shepherd

### Education Award Application

Applications for the Good Shepherd Education Award are available in the church office between the hours of 9am and 4pm. These applications are for students in Kennedy Catholic High School and Middle School; St. John Paul II Elementary School and those entering or already in college. For high school and/or college students to be eligible, certain criteria must be met. Please refer to the application for details. **Deadline to return the application is the first Sunday of June.**

## MARY GARDEN BRICKS

The Altar Rosary Society will be accepting orders this Spring and Summer for bricks in the Mary Garden. Please take a stroll over to the garden, visit Mary, and see what a lovely way a brick can recognize a loved one or family member, living or deceased.

Forms are available in the parish office, the gathering space, or by contacting:

Connie Titus phone: (724)699-1443  
email: [ctitus2@roadrunner.com](mailto:ctitus2@roadrunner.com)



## Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets May 18, 2025



Please remember our living and deceased  
*Mary Kay, Lora, Janet, Elizabeth, Holly,*  
*Jeannie, Rebecca, Sister, Daughter, Friend*

Your loved ones

*Fran Deeb*



## PRINCE OF PEACE UPDATE

The Church of the Good Shepherd has two teams who cook and serve approximately 200+ meals twice a month at the Prince of Peace Soup Kitchen. There are 15 cooks and 10 servers from Good Shepherd (plus substitutes on call). The cooks at Good Shepherd were called on to make the holiday dinner for those in need last December. We are also the only church that routinely make and serve **HOMEMADE** desserts. The total for 2024 total for all of the soup kitchen (not just Good Shepherd) is 15,881 meals! There are many people in the area in need and we are blessed with talent to be able to help. Our teams working the Prince of Peace Soup Kitchen is a wonderful compliment to the Food Pantry here at Good Shepherd. Thank you to all our volunteers!

### FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU!!!

To all the volunteers who helped with the distribution of groceries on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

A special "thank you" to the West Middlesex High School Home Economics Teacher, Mrs. Terri Hessman, and all her students who helped with bagging this month's groceries.

The Church of the Good Shepherd  
Food Pantry Committee

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA CAVATELLI FOR SALE

Our Lady of Fatima's Cavatelli can be purchased in the Good Shepherd Social Hall on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am - noon. The cost is \$15 for a 5 lb. bag of cavatelli.



## Shroud Encounter with Russ Breault

THURSDAY, MAY 22ND

7:00 PM VILLA MARIA EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY CENTER

2067 Evergreen Road, Villa Maria, PA 16155

This presentation is a fast-moving, big-screen experience using over 200 images to explore the profound mystery of the Shroud of Turin. The program is a production of the Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc. and will be presented by international expert and author, Russ Breault. Mr. Breault has been featured in several national documentaries seen on CBS, the History Channel, EWTN and Discovery. There is no charge, but pre-registration is requested. Visit [vmesc.org](http://vmesc.org) or call 724-964-8886 for more information or to register. ZOOM option also available.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments-Be Vigilant:** It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. In the Diocese of Erie for particular questions, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.





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