

*Mass Intentions
for the Week*



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

5:00 PM Carmela Vigilante

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 AM Maria Zoppi

Allen Koreivo

10:30 AM Jeannette Meier

Anita Brady

12:00 PM Robert Ross

DAILY MASS SEPTEMBER 4-8 at 9:00 AM

MONDAY *For Our Country*

TUESDAY George Ferrera

WEDNESDAY Int. of Robert Barone & Family

THURSDAY Vincent Vitkosky

FRIDAY Anthony Giliberti

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

5:00 PM Emma Beaulieu

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM Luella Murphy

10:30 AM John Kuduk

Janina Grzelak

12:00 PM Gilda Frasche

Armand Rossi

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

This week's flowers were donated **in loving memory of Robert Ross by Mary Ross.**

Our sincere gratitude for her generosity.



Bread of Life

If you or a loved one are sick or homebound and for any reason are not able to attend Mass, or are

in the Hospital, please call the parish office and we will arrange for the Eucharist to be brought to you.

LABOR DAY • MONDAY, SEPT. 4

9:00 AM Mass celebrated

• Parish Offices will be **CLOSED** •

And people should eat and drink and enjoy the fruits of their labor, for these are gifts from God. *Ecclesiastes 3:13*

Have a safe and restful Labor Day!



SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

In this particularly poetic passage, Jeremiah complains that while teaching the Lord's word, he is subjected to insults and derision. He determines to remain silent, but he cannot because the desire to speak the Lord's name is "like a fire burning in my heart."

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Paul tells the Christians to make sacrifices to avoid the trappings of the times, and to do God's will.

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus tries to make his disciples realize that by following him, they will endure suffering, degradation, and death. He tells them that they must deny themselves & take up the cross in order to be his disciples.

One of the most difficult tasks for parents is to bring the saving message of Jesus to their children. In an age when values, customs and traditions are challenged, what is important for families and parents is often rejected or even scorned. St. Paul's message certainly does not conform to this attitude. **We are asked to be renewed and seek:**

- 1) what is good, not just what I want to satisfy myself
- 2) what is pleasing to God and to others
- 3) what is perfect, as we try to follow the way of the Lord

The challenge never ends, but requires us to change and look for ways the gospel values become part of our daily living & determine once again to follow Him more closely.

Be transformed



renew your mind

PRIESTS MASS SCHEDULE - SEPTEMBER

	<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>9:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>12:00 PM</u>
2-3	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal
9-10	Fr. Tim	Fr. Ed	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim
16-17	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim
23-24	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Ed	Fr. Tim
30-O1	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim

COLLECTION BREAKDOWN LAST WEEK:

Envelopes:	\$7,113.00	217 families/\$32.78 average
Not using Envelopes:	<u>1,364.00</u>	
Regular Collection:	\$8,477.00	
Second Collection:	\$2,147.00	
<i>(Parish Maintenance)</i>		

Stewardship
... Time, Talent & Treasure. †

Online Giving - AUG. \$6,282.00 **AUGUST - # of users: 37**
reported on a "total monthly" basis at the end of each month

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. *May God Bless you for your continued generosity.*

PILGRIMAGE TO WASHINGTON, DC

If you signed-up for the **ONE-DAY PILGRIMAGE** to
The Basilica of the
National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
in Washington, DC on Saturday, October 21

- **\$49.00 pp payment is due by Sunday, Sept. 10** •
cash or check made payable to Good Shepherd Church

[please submit payment to the parish office or **Fr. Michal**]

If you have not signed up yet but still wish to do so, please submit your payment as indicated to be part of the group.

Any questions, please contact Fr. Michal.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sacred Heart Spirituality Center

20 Old Swartswood Rd., Newton • 973-383-2620
www.sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org

“First Thursday, Day of Prayer” • Thurs., September 7

The day begins at **9:00 AM** with ‘coffee and’ and includes morning prayer, a talk by **Fr. Jude Salus**, Adoration, Confessions, Mass and a light lunch; concludes at **1:30 PM**.

- **\$15.00 suggested donation** •

“Pizza Night for Women” with Bishop Serratelli

Monday, September 25 • 7:00 - 9:00 PM
Pope John Paul XXIII High School, Sparta

This first “Pizza Night for Women” will be open to high school and college aged women discerning their vocation.

The evening will begin with Adoration and a reflection, followed by food and fellowship.

For details, contact the office of the Delegate for Religious
973-777-8818 x207 or kerry@patersondiocese.org

MOVING?

If you are *moving*, please take a moment to contact the office and let us know so that we may update our records.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please *register* as soon as possible, on our website or by calling the parish office **973-786-6631**.

Welcome Envelopes are also available in the atrium.



Please pray for all our children
as they return to school.

*Dear God, thank you for the
gift of children. Keep them safe
and help guide them every day. Bless them, their
teachers and staff throughout the year.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Welcome back Fr. Tim!
We are happy to have you back
“home” with your
Good Shepherd family.*

RCIA *for anyone seeking*
A journey in faith **Baptism • First Eucharist**
Confirmation

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
begins TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
7:00 - 8:30 PM (Chapel)

*This is an ongoing commitment and
Journey in Faith that will conclude in the Spring.*

If you or someone you know is interested in taking this journey and making a commitment to the **RCIA program**, please speak with **Deacon Keith** or call the office **973-786-6631** *before Sept. 5th*.

REMINDER • Ministry Meeting with Fr. Tim

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

(St. Joseph's Room)

Lectors • 9:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers • 11:00 AM

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Eucharistic Ministers prayerfully serve the people of our parish, by distributing the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass and to the sick or homebound.

Lectors proclaim His Word in Scripture during the Church service, reading Bible passages from the old and new testament.

Altar Servers assist our priests during the religious service and have specific responsibilities to follow.

WE ARE GRATEFUL to all **Eucharistic Ministers**, **Lectors** and **Altar Servers** who serve our parish on a weekly basis and enrich our religious experience.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES DONATION BIN

As you approach the end of summer and transition into fall, this is a great time of year to clear out what you may no longer need. Please help support our **Catholic Charities** programs by donating gently used clothing, shoes and small household items.

Our donation bin is located at the back parking lot.

† BIBLE STUDY †
An "Introduction to the Bible"
led by Deacon Keith

A six week course of study for Bible newcomers and experienced alike.

"You will become comfortable finding your way around the Bible, while gaining a better understanding of biblical themes and writing styles. Also, you will gain a clear insight about Catholic use and interpretation of the Bible."

Choose to attend the Day or Evening 6-week

Session in the St. Joseph's Room beginning

Tuesday, September 19 • 1:00 - 2:30 PM

or

Thursday, September 21 • 7:30 - 9:00 PM

A sign-up sheet is posted on the announcement board in the atrium.

BOOK CLUB *resumes*

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 • 9:30 AM

(All Saints Room)

Dorothy Day: *The World Will be Saved by Beauty*
by Kate Hennessy

All are welcome for one or all books.

michael.killeen@outdrs.net • 973-729-6063

MARTHA † MARY † LAZARUS

Bereavement Ministry

"Seasons of Hope" † for the bereaved
begins SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

3:00 - 4:30 PM *(Chapel)*

September 24	† Introduction
October 1	† Why Are You Weeping
October 8	† Our Source of Consolation
October 15	† Picking up the Pieces
October 22	† Finding Joy
October 29	† Bearing Your Cross

"Encounter with God, In Daily Living,
Through the Sunday Scriptures"

Scripture Reflection *with* Fr. Tim
begins TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 - 11:00 AM *(Chapel)*

Read the upcoming Sunday Scriptures
Reflect • Discuss



CALLING ALL SINGERS
and MUSICIANS

It's that time of year again!

Our choir season is beginning and as always, we are seeking new members to join us in song.

*We especially need children in grades 2-8
to join our Children's Choir.*

Practice every THURSDAY, beginning Sept. 14:

Bell Choir 6:30-7:30 PM *(play 1 time a month)*

Adult Choir 7:30-9:00 PM *(sing every Sunday-10:30 Mass)*

Practice every THURSDAY, beginning Sept. 21:

Children's Choir 6:15-7:15 PM *(sing every 2nd Sunday)*

We understand that everyone has a busy schedule and may not make it to every rehearsal or Sunday Mass.

Contact Dawn Donnelly, Music Ministry Director
music@goodshepherdc.org or 908-852-2050

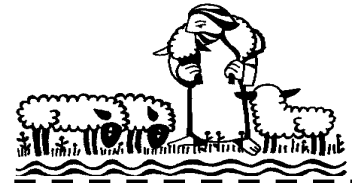
{for the Bell Choir, contact Jim Hohman, 973-534-3701}

UPDATED: SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Please mark these important dates on your Calendar for
SEPTEMBER

- 4 Labor Day - Parish Offices CLOSED
9:00 AM Mass will be celebrated
- 5 RCIA Program begins 7:00-8:30 PM *(Chapel)*
- 6 Catechist Meetings *as scheduled*
- 9 Meeting: **Lectors** 9:00 AM *(St. Joseph's Room)*
Meeting: **Eucharistic Ministers** 11:00 AM *(St. Joseph's)*
- 14 **Bell Choir** practice begins 6:30-7:30 PM *(Parish Hall)*
- 14 **Adult Choir** practice begins 7:30-9:00 PM *(Church)*
- 17 **FAITH FORMATION (Religious Education)**
Classes begin *as scheduled*
Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 AM Mass
Catechetical Sunday-blessing of Catechists-all Masses
- 17 **Parish Picnic** 1:00-4:00 PM (Rain Date: Sept. 24)
Advance Tickets required
- 19 **Bible Study (Day)** begins 1:00-2:30 PM *(St. Joseph's Room)*
- 21 **Book Club** resumes 9:30 AM *(All Saints Room)*
- 21 **Children's Choir** practice begins 6:15-7:15 PM *(Church)*
- 21 **Bible Study (Evening)** begins 7:30-9:00 PM *(St. Joseph's)*
- 24 **Bereavement Ministry:**
Seasons of Hope 3:00-4:30 PM *(Chapel)*
- 26 "Encounter with God, In Daily Living, Through the Sunday Scriptures"
Scripture Reflection 9:30-11:00 AM *(Chapel)*

FAITH FORMATION NOTES



Please visit the website under the "Religious Education" tab for Faith Formation information.

www.goodshepherdrc.org

Faith formation classes resume Sunday, September 17th for children and teens in grades 1 through 9. Tenth grade students return in January 2018. All registered families should have received an email with a calendar this past week.

Class schedule for children in grades 1 - 8

The week of:

9/17	1/7
10/1	2/4
10/15	2/25
10/29	3/11
11/5	3/18
11/19	4/8
12/3	4/22
12/17	



CHILDREN'S Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word begins again on Sunday 9/17, at the 9am Mass. Children in grades k-3 will be invited during Mass to participate in their own Liturgy lesson and activity.

WE NEED YOU! Are you able to give of your time to help the children of our parish grow in faith? We believe you will find that if you say "yes" to God's call, you will always get more than you give.

We are looking for individuals to be catechists for the following classes:

Sunday grades 2 and 3 @ 8:45am—10:05am

Tuesday grades 5 and 6 @ 5:15-6:30pm **OR**

@ 6:45pm—8:00pm

Please contact Phyllis at 973-786-6415

GRADE 9

10:30-11:30am – Mass

11:30-11:45am – Hospitality and fellowship in the Church Hall

11:45—1:15 Confirmation Class

Class dates:

9/17	11/5
9/24	11/19
10/1	12/3
10/15	12/10
10/22	12/17
10/29	

January 6th and 7th ALPHA RETREAT

CATECHIST MEETING

September 6th at 7:00pm with Fr. Tim and Faith Formation Coordinators. Looking forward to seeing everyone!!

