


MASS INTENTIONS
 OF THE WEEK

Saturday, February 16

5:00 PM James Lynch

Sunday, February 17

9:00 AM Marilyn Oates

10:30 AM Ann Flyntz

12:00 PM Fred Merz

Daily Mass February 18-22 at 9:00 AM

Monday Rev. Martin Connolly

Tuesday Lynn Connelly

Wednesday Deceased Members of
The Finnan Family

Thursday Lynn Connelly

Friday Mary Greco

Saturday, February 23

5:00 PM James Lynch

Sunday, February 24

9:00 AM Frank Cantaldi

10:30 AM Kathleen Marshall

12:00 PM Richard Bobbe

A Note From the Pastor

Greetings and Prayers:

Today after the noon Mass we will begin work on the floors for the church and atrium. Please note:

- Daily Mass will be held in the chapel during the floor renovation.
- Half of the atrium will be closed.
- All parishioners are asked to please use the entrance located on the side of the church facing the rectory.
- If you need to use the restroom, please enter through the office door, go down the hallway and take a left.
- Weekend Mass for 2/23 & 2/24 will be held in the parish hall.

The plan is for the floors to be completed by Friday, March 1st and return to the church for weekend Masses.

Peace,
Fr. Tim

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading:

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The prophet contrasts the life of the wicked with the life of the righteous.



Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

St. Paul stresses the reality of Jesus' bodily resurrection, and the meaning of that resurrection for Christians.

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20-26

We hear Luke's version of the Beatitudes.

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

Tuesday, February 12th at 9:30 - 10:45am (Chapel)

†Reflect†Discuss:

1. How much of your prayers is that of petition, and how much is devoted to praise or thanks?
2. What would the tree's ability to bear fruit in times of drought symbolize?
3. What does the hope of resurrection mean to you? How does this hope influence your actions and attitudes daily?
4. What are some struggles and suffering you have endured? How do the words of Jesus comfort you?

COLLECTION BREAKDOWN February 9-10:

Envelopes: \$ 5,127.00 199 families/\$25.77 average
Not using Envelopes: 2,581.00
Regular Collection: \$ 7,708.00 2nd Collection: \$2,119.00
(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 - FEBRUARY

	5:00 PM		9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 PM
16-17	Fr. Michal		Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim
23-24	Fr. Tim		Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim

MARCH

	5:00 PM	7:30 AM	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	12:00 PM
2-3	Fr. Michal		Fr. Ed	Fr. Ed	Fr. Tim
9-10	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal
16-17	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Michal	Fr. Tim	Fr. Tim



**BAPTISM
PREPARATION CLASS**

meets 2nd Saturday monthly
(All Saints Room)

Mar 9 • Apr 13 • May 11 @ 10:00 AM

For more information, contact the parish office.



“Heartfelt Thanks” to our 10th Grade Parents for hosting a lovely “Valentine Themed” Hospitality Sunday. Everyone truly enjoyed all you did to make it a success!
(Please see the Parish Website for More Pictures)



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

The countdown to Good Shepherd’s 40th ANNIVERSARY has begun!

To commemorate the 40 years, a foundation fact about Good Shepherd’s history will be presented each week.

Week #15 Did you know that.....

Our church contains true works of art. The Holy Family Statue, the sanctuary crucifix, tabernacle base, stations of the cross, and the Blessed Mother statue were hand carved by artisans in Ortisei in northern Italy.

Need Information to be published in our bulletin?

Be sure to submit to our parish secretary no later than Tuesday of that week. If you have any questions please get in touch with Mrs. Sally Smethy in the parish office at 973-786-6631 or at



PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18th in observance of President’s Day.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

If you would like to participate in the Offertory of the Mass and bring the gifts to the altar, please arrive early and notify one of the ushers.



Saturday, February 23rd will be your next opportunity to celebrate Mass with our **NEW FOLK GROUP**.

There is still time to become a member of the folk group and share your talents with our parish family.

Please get in touch with Fr. Michal at frmichael@goodshepherdrc.org or 973-786-6631.

FAITH FORMATION NOTES



The Sermon on the Plain (Lk 6:20 - 23)

Please fill in the blank from the word bank.

Looking at His disciples, He said:

"Blessed are you who are _____,
for yours is the _____ of God.

Blessed are you who _____ now,
for you will be _____.

Blessed are you who _____ now,
for you will _____.

Blessed are you when men _____ you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil, because
of the Son of Man."



"Rejoice in that day and leap for _____,
because _____ is your _____ in _____.
for that is how their ancestors treated the _____."

great	hunger	laugh	reward	heaven	kingdom
hate	joy	poor	satisfied	prophets	weep

Family Connection

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, and having many possessions. In this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. They too associated happiness with possessions and success. The report of the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel, however, takes things one step further. Not only will we not find happiness through the "get ahead" messages of the world, but relying upon these messages will cause us harm. The warnings spoken are particularly challenging because they suggest that our way of life must change if we are to gain the lasting happiness of eternal life.

Talk together as a family about what society tells us makes a person successful. Make a list of the traits that you associate with a successful person. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 6:17,20-26. Reflect on Jesus' description of blessedness in the Kingdom of God. Then consider the warnings. Why are these surprising and challenging? What, then, is the measure of success in the Kingdom of God? Together write prayers of petition based on your discussion. Pray these prayers together, asking God to help your family seek the blessings of the Kingdom of God. (Loyola Press)

Preparing for Lent



Last weekend, Fr. Tim reminded us that the 'Big Stuff' of the winter...the Super Bowl and the State of the Union speech...are over. So, it is a time to slow down. Our Faith-Sharing groups throughout Lent will provide opportunities for reflection, growth and sharing. Please consider joining a group near your location within the parish.

During renovations, and until the bulletin board in the atrium is back up, please email the office with your name, phone number and email address and any questions you may have and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

office@goodshepherdrc.org

RCIA
A journey in faith

for anyone seeking
Baptism • First Eucharist
Confirmation

If you or someone you know is interested in taking this journey and making a commitment to the **RCIA program**, please call the office 973-786-6631.

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**.

Universal:

For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



PLEASE REMEMBER ...

to patronize those businesses who advertise in our Bulletin. Additionally, if you are a business owner; please consider advertising here.

Contact Bob Cianci at rcianci@bonventure.net for details.

BEING A MAN FOR OTHERS: An Evening of Recollection for Men with Msgr. Geno Sylva

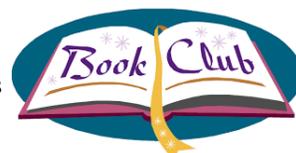
This lent why not join men from throughout the diocese for food, fellowship and prayer with our dynamic speaker, Monsignor Geno Sylva. Msgr. Sylva, founder of St. Paul Inside the Walls, will inspire participants to grow closer to God and serve others.

**Join us Friday, March 22nd
from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.**

For information and to register visit
insidethewalls.org/man4others

THE GOOD SHEPHERD BOOK CLUB

will again meet after morning Mass
on March 21st.



The book is ***"Sister Genevieve: A Courageous Woman's Triumph in Northern Ireland"*** by John Rae.

The success of *Educating Esme* by Esme Codell and *Dangerous Minds* by Louanne Johnson, demonstrates that stories about inspirational teachers overcoming odds in the classroom appeal to a wide audience. Its' spiritual element will interest readers who made bestsellers of *Reason for Hope* by Jane Goodall.

Please contact Mike Killeen at sou2ck@outdrs.net if you have any questions.



† BIBLE STUDY †

This week we will be discussing:

"Lesson 1: The Four Major Motifs found in the Gospel of Luke"

PRESENTOR: Deacon Keith
Tuesdays, from 1:00pm-2:30pm
(All Saints Room)

Should you have any questions, please contact Kathy Kantenwein at 908-269-5061 or Deacon Keith.