

Catholic Church of the
Good Shepherd



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*February 5, 2012
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am

Weekday Masses & Devotions

See inside of bulletin

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least 6 months in advance

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Anyone interested in inquiring about RCIA should contact Denise Pencola or call the Parish Office.

Parish Prayer Chain

Contact Thelma Fabin at (724) 479-0103 or call the Parish Office

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 5:00pm
Monday 6:15pm during Parish Holy Hour
Other times by appointment

Sacrament of Infant Baptism

Contact the Parish Office

Ministry to the Homebound

Contact the Parish Office

St. Bernard School, Indiana, PA 15701

Our Regional Catholic School – (724) 465-7139

From Father Chuck's Desk...Our attitude is a critical resource we have in our spiritual journey. There is, we all know, a huge difference in an experience we have in our daily life when people are positive, pleasant or kind, and when they are negative, selfish, or hostile. Whether it's with those we see for just a few moments or occasions, or with those with whom we are in regular contact, people with a good and holy attitude can bless us and strengthen us, while those with a miserable outlook can poison their environment and burden us.

No problem is easier to face when it's addressed with a negative attitude. Sometimes there are good reasons for us to feel hurt, but if we fail to be direct in addressing whomever or whatever is the actual source, we distract ourselves from our spiritual goals and risk dragging others down as well. It takes courage and faith to confront someone who has hurt us. We must also be ready and willing to learn about that person's story, and even be ready to apologize if we have hurt them in some way. The alternative is to embrace the deadly sin of anger and live by an un-Christian code of retaliation. The evil one would have us believe that we are entitled to cause pain and suffering, to take selfishly and withhold our generosity, and in other ways spread our anger or hate because of a personal reason; the evil one will even help to make that reason seem valid. We must recognize such behaviors, born of our negative attitudes, are an abuse of the freedom God has given us with consequences we may have to face for all eternity.

Our attitudes have a profound effect, both within us and beyond us. Medical research, for example, continues to show proof of how important a positive attitude can be in recovery from illness. Those in my experience who seek joy find it, even in the midst of adversity, and those who walk away from their opportunities to be a blessing become more and more negative, and cause suffering in the lives of others that they have no right to cause. We really do not have the luxury of time to waste getting even for past hurts by holding it in, allowing it to fester and corrode our spirits, or by spreading the pain around to people who haven't any part in it. We must remember that we have been created by God and are an essential part of God's plan to be a blessing in the lives of those around us. May we use our time as ambassadors for Christ, joyfully and gratefully sharing the blessings God has given us, and increasing the peace so desperately needed in our world.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP OF GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH will meet this Monday, February 6, 2012, at 4:45pm in the Rectory Meeting Room. Anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one is invited and encouraged to attend. Please call Sister Maria Goretti at the office, (724) 479-3881, if you are unable to attend.



LENTEN SEAFOOD DINNERS — It's hard to believe the Lenten Seafood Dinners will be starting soon, with our 1st dinner on Friday, February 24th and continuing every Friday, through March 30th from 4-7PM, in our parish hall. **Many volunteers are needed** to make these dinners successful. Please check your calendar and see when you can volunteer to help and/or bake a dessert. The sign-up sheet will be available in the vestibule next weekend.


PRE-LENTEN ITALIAN DINNER — SS Simon & Jude Parish, Blairsville, is holding a Pre-Lenten Italian Dinner, next Sunday, February 12, from 12:00PM to 3:00PM. Menu includes: soup, assorted pasta, ravioli, pizza, meatballs, sausage with peppers, salad, bread, dessert & beverage. Adult—\$10; Children (6-12)—\$5; Children 5 & under—Free. Tickets sold at the door. Take out available.

EASTERN EUROPE TOUR — Msgr. Larry Kiniry is planning an exciting 14-day tour of Eastern Europe from September 2-16, 2012. Some of the cities included in the tour are Warsaw, Budapest, Vienna and Prague. Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime trip. Please contact Nancy at (724) 837-4600, Ext. 101, for more details.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER — Let us pray for the couples attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend going on this weekend. Let us also pray that God would soften your heart to attending the next one April 13-15 at the Toftrees Resort in State College, PA. For more information or to register call (412) 635-7775 or visit us on the web at wwme.org. Facebook: WWME SW PA!

DIOCESAN CHOIR — Do you enjoy singing? Then consider joining the Greensburg Diocesan Choir. Comprised of singers from around the Diocese, this ensemble sings for Diocesan liturgies at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Rehearsals for Rite of Election will be held on Monday, February 20th and Tuesday, February 21st at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral at 7:30PM. For more information, contact Christopher Pardini, Diocesan Choir Director at (724) 834-3710 or email cpardini@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Cinnamon Roll Sale
 February 11 & 12 (next weekend)
 after Masses
\$10 for Six (6) Large Rolls
BENEFITS: St. Bernard School





If you know of someone who is in need of prayer, or if you would like to join the parish prayer chain, please call Thelma Fabin at (724) 479-0103 or the parish office. Please pray for the wholeness and healing of:

In Critical Need: John Bencic; Patty Galley; Ruthie Henigin; Robert Kanick; Anna Katusa; Lori Krug; Marie-Madelein; Karen Markel; Debbie Smuro.

On-Going Prayer: Cecilia Anderson; Frank Ballas; Carrie Barnhart; Patricia Bash; Angela Bish; Lois Bish; Barb Black; Nancy Black; Sam Bonnoni; Carrie Bryson; Ann Burtick; Elia Calvetti; Millie Caratelli; Leona Cavalier; Jake H. Chronoski; Edward Chronosky, Sr.; Marie Colosi; Allison Marie Compardo; Brandon Davis; Joan Demich; Linda Exler; Robert Exler; Jason Fabian; Sam Fedoruk; Linda Franco; Grace Gaydosh; Carmella Gary; Greg Gordish; Leland Gordon; Tina Keilbania; Chuck Lucas; Martha Lux; Barb Marker; Michael Matty; Edward Maudie; Jason Maudie; Jessica McFeaters; Mike Mikita; Trevor Minich; Gloria Payntex; Lilia Perotti; Rose Rocco; Robert Romance; Alex Semuskie; Mabel Setlock; Joseph Spellane; Catherine Stercho; Wanda Weston; Donna Williams; Darlene Woodrow; Jack & Kathy Yard; Connie Zagurskie; Katrina Zuchelli.

ATTENTION: If you know of someone who has recovered from his/her illness, or perhaps has passed away, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.