



# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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**JULY 26, 2020—SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Congratulations to our second graders who received their First Holy Communion last weekend:**

**Noelle Cribbs**

**Alexander Dishong**

**Noah Kantz**

**Chase Leger**

**Thank you to all of our catechists and to our second grade parents who helped prepare them for this special day!**



### **A Worthy Place for the Lord**

As many have noticed, the stained glass windows of our Eucharistic Chapel had been disappearing and reappearing over the course of the last two months. During this time, parishioner Jim Pencola has been working to restore each panel of windows.

The windows were designed by church architect John Timko to incorporate pieces of glass from the windows of

Holy Cross, St. Gertrude, and St. Anthony Churches together with new glass, and were assembled by late parishioner Fred Ziegmond.

Over the course of time, the adhesive holding the pieces of glass into the wooden frame had deteriorated and the individual pieces of glass were at risk of falling out and breaking. Jim, assisted by Bernie Senick and other volunteers, took out each panel of stained glass, one by one. Jim then created a new frame out of wood, zinc, and lead, ensuring each piece of glass is now secure. The last window was re-installed last Tuesday, completing the project.



Thank you Jim for donating your time and talents to help us continue to have a worthy place for the Lord in our Church. Also, to both Jim and Denise, thank you for your willingness to also underwrite some of the costs of this restoration. We are grateful for your continued generosity.

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<p><b><u>WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p><i>Public Masses have resumed; Please follow all guidelines if you choose to attend. Masses will continue to be livestreamed at the published times.</i></p>
<p><b><u>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b></p> <p><i>1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52</i></p> <p><b>Saturday, July 25</b></p> <p>4:30 PM Adam &amp; Mary Gordish by Bob &amp; Dory Yatzkanic</p> <p><b>Sunday, July 26</b></p> <p>9:30 AM All the People of Good Shepherd Parish</p>
<p><b>Monday, July 27, Weekday</b></p> <p><i>Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21; Mt 13:31-35</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Daniel Barnicle by IRMC Endo Department</p> <p>4:30-6 PM Adoration and Holy Hour (with Reconciliation Available)</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, July 28, Weekday</b></p> <p><i>Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79; Mt 13:36-43</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Bruno &amp; Geno Zambotti by Barbara Baroni</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, July 29, Saint Martha</b></p> <p><i>Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Edward Chronowski, Sr. by Bertha Bodnar and Family</p>
<p><b>Thursday, July 30, Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b></p> <p><i>Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146; Mt 13:47-53</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Clarence Kovalcik by Bob Kovalcik</p>
<p><b>Friday, July 31, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</b></p> <p><i>Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69; Mt 13:54-58</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Tom &amp; Donna Okopal by William and Pauline Madey</p>
<p><b>Saturday, August 1, Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b></p> <p><i>Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69; Mt 14:1-12</i></p> <p>3-4 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation</p>
<p><b><u>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</u></b></p> <p><i>Is 55:1-3; Ps 145; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21</i></p> <p>4:30 PM Konkol &amp; Ziegmond Families by Aleta Konkol</p> <p><b>Sunday, August 2</b></p> <p>9:30 AM All the People of Good Shepherd Parish</p>
<p><b>Monday, August 3, Weekday</b></p> <p><i>Jer 28:1-17; Ps. 119; Mt 14:22-26</i></p> <p>9:00 AM Virginia Bernard by James Bernard &amp; Family</p> <p>4:30-6 PM Adoration and Holy Hour (with Reconciliation Available)</p>

<b><u>OUR PARISH STEWARDSHIP</u></b>	
<i>Weekend of July 18-19, 2020</i>	
Weekly:	\$ 838.00
Monthly:	\$ 815.00
Loose:	\$ 27.00
Children:	\$ 2.00
Votive Candles:	\$ 27.00
For Improvements to Our Parish:	\$ 50.00
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$ 1,759.00</b>
Needed Weekly to Meet Budget:	\$ 4,571.00
Variance Over or (Under):	( \$ 2,812.00)
<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date:</b>	
Collected:	\$ 10,541.00
Needed to Meet Budget:	\$ 13,713.00
Variance Over or (Under):	( \$ 3,172.00)

**Love Basket Food Drive July 25-26**



Thank you to all who have chosen to donate to this food drive this weekend—it is a great help to our neighbors in need here in Indiana County. A report of what was collected will be given in a later bulletin.

All of the food that is collected will be delivered to Love Basket on July 26. If you would still like to contribute with a monetary donation, please mail in or drop off your donation at the Parish Office, and we will forward it to them.

**Candle Memorials—July 26-August 1**



**The Sanctuary Candle** is lit in memory of **Sam & Louise Marra** by Daughter Cathy, Nick & Family.  
**The Good Shepherd Candle** is lit in memory of **John Somonick** by Son, John J. Somonick  
**The Blessed Mother Candle** is lit in memory of **Gloria Prymak** by Sister, Patty Egly.

**Prayer Chain**



A new Prayer Chain will be mailed in your August 1 Bulletin. Please note the following updates as you hold all the sick and deceased friends of our parish in prayer:

**Ongoing Prayer:** Audrey Maudie; Carol Pike  
**Critical Need:** Barb Marker (from “ongoing”)  
**In Gratitude for Improvement:** Rich Vereb

**For the Repose of the Soul of:**

**Jan Woodard +3 June 2020**

To add or remove someone from the **Parish Prayer Chain**, please call or email the Parish Office.

**From Fr. Matthew's Desk**What's Going on With Our Bulletin?!—

This week's bulletin marks our first week of a change in how we will be printing and distributing our bulletins and worship aids. Over the last few weeks, I have noticed that our bulk-mail bulletins have a "time problem"—they have to be done early so they are printed soon enough to assemble and mail, all in the hopes that they arrive before the coming Sunday. At the same time, many of the announcements were repeated, because there isn't much happening here at the parish. We also began printing a worship aid for those who *are* attending Mass.

In order to make better use of our resources of both time and money, I am shifting what is printed and when to the following:

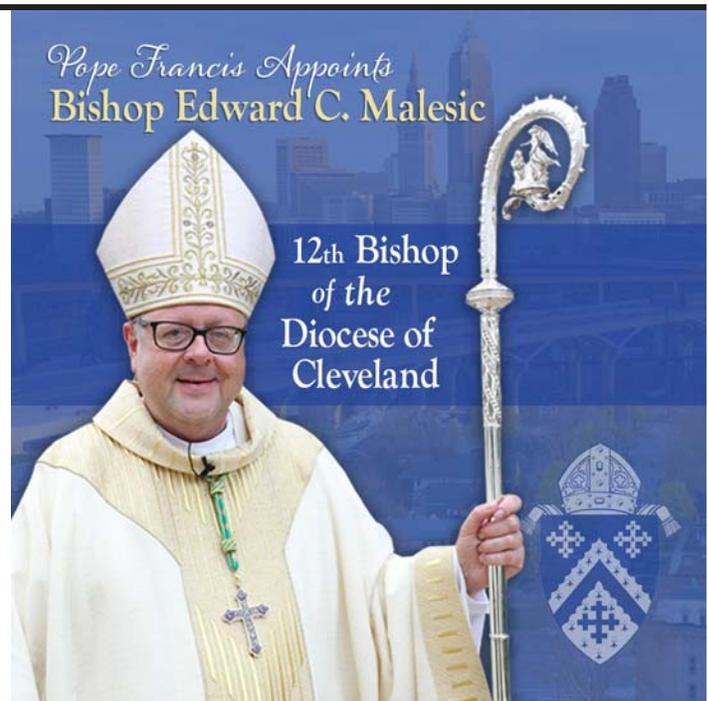
- Worship aids will be printed weekly by LPi containing the music for Mass and urgent information. You will notice they will have the "bulletin ads" on the back—please continue to patronize our advertisers.
- Bulletins will be printed in house and bulk-mailed biweekly, with more information in each bulletin, only repeating articles for matters that are important or ongoing.
- In the next few weeks, we will be rolling out more online resources through the parish and diocese for those who can use them. News on the parish website will be updated weekly.

In the end, everyone will be getting the *same* information whether they are currently attending Sunday Mass or not.

Update on Parish Projects—A first phase of parish projects is now complete. The original rectory roof, which was damaged and was leaking in at least one place, has now been completely replaced. We did not have to pay the full cost—since some damage was wind-related, the Diocesan insurance paid a little over \$13,000—about a third of the total cost. The rest was paid from our parish improvements account.

As you saw on our front page, our Eucharistic Chapel window is now complete, thanks to the efforts of Jim Pencola. The window is a reminder to us of the importance of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

I will be working with the Finance Council and some of our volunteers to begin a new phase of projects that we have needed to address for some time. Please keep an eye on this space in the future for more details.

**Bishop Malesic is Moving—What Does It Mean for Us?**

On Thursday, July 16, many were surprised to hear the news that Pope Francis had appointed Bishop Malesic to become the 12th Bishop of Cleveland. Many here in the Diocese of Greensburg have been left wondering "Why?", "Why now?", and "What does this mean for us?"

All clergy—deacons, priests, and bishops—are appointed for the good of the whole Catholic Church. An important part of that is the work a priest or deacon does in his assigned parish, or that a bishop does in his diocese. We know that pastors are reassigned by the bishop from time to time to become the shepherd of a different parish. In the same way, the Pope from time to time calls upon a bishop that has proven himself effective in one diocese to become the shepherd of a different diocese because he has seen the need for that bishop's skills in the new place.

Bishop Malesic will be installed as Bishop of Cleveland on Monday, September 14. While it will be sad for us to see him leave after having been our bishop for 5 years, we know that the 700,000 Catholics there will be better for having him as their new bishop.

Once he departs, it will mean a great deal of change for how the Diocese operates day-to-day. A priest of the diocese will be elected as a Diocesan Administrator; he will work closely with the College of Consultors (the Deans of each Deanery and several other key priests) to keep everything running. However, aside from no longer mentioning Bishop Malesic in our Eucharistic Prayer, we will notice very little change here at the parish.

For now, the most important thing for us to do is to pray. Let us pray for the people of Cleveland and for Bishop Malesic, as they prepare for this transition. Let us pray for one another in the Diocese of Greensburg, as we prepare for a period of time where we are without a bishop. Let us also pray to the Holy Spirit to send us a new Shepherd, one who is strong, loving, and wise, to eventually become the Sixth Bishop of Greensburg. Each of us, in our own way, will carry out our mission to "Serve the Lord with Gladness."



# O God,

*who show a father's care for all, grant, in your mercy, that the members of the human race, to whom you have given a single origin, may form in peace a single family and always be united by a fraternal spirit. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.*

*(Franciscan Friars)*



## Seeking the “Pearl of Great Price”

The parables we encounter in this week’s Gospel are about seeking and finding riches: a treasure buried in a field, and a pearl of great price. In each case, Jesus speaks of how one sells everything to buy the field or to buy the pearl. In each of these, the one finding it sees a great value, and sells everything to purchase it.



These worldly items can have immense value, but Jesus is using them as symbols of the Kingdom of God that He is proclaiming. If it is good for someone to sell everything to purchase these riches, then what is the value of Eternal Life? We cannot begin to measure it.

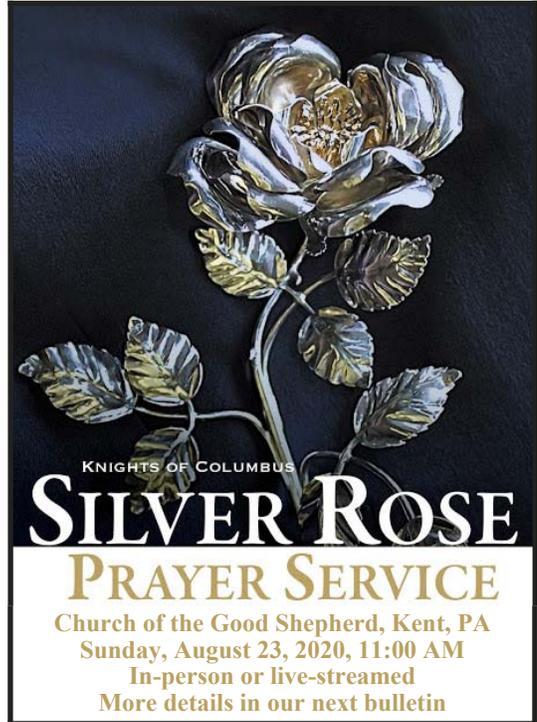
This is a contrast to the descriptions used in the previous weeks—the image of the Kingdom as the mustard seed presents this way of life as something that is *powerful* and something that is *useful*. These are categories that we as modern people like because it is a bit easier to get our minds around. Something having *value* is a little more challenging to understand—yes, a treasure is valuable because it can be sold; however, if we sell it, we no longer possess it. But it doesn’t *do* anything—it is simply beautiful and desired in and of itself.

If the Kingdom is like the treasure or the pearl of the parables, then we are told it is something that is valuable, good, and beautiful simply because of *what* it is. Jesus is telling us that there is no cost too high and no sacrifice too great for us to make in order to attain it. This treasure is placed before us by God every day of our lives. We must ask ourselves whether there is anything else we are holding on to that prevents us from laying claim to it.

## The Word Among Us Booklets

Copies of *The Word Among Us* are available each month in the Church Narthex. These contain the daily readings, prayers for Mass, and other devotions. Donations defray parish costs.

If you would like a copy mailed or dropped off to your home, please contact the Parish Office. We would be happy to do what we can to help put these resources into your hands.



## Why do Catholics light candles in church?

Candles have been part of the Church’s worship from the earliest times. In the days before electricity, candles and oil lamps were the ways that people lighted buildings. Even today, we often still depend on candles during power outages, relying on their flickering flames to bring light into the dark.

Like our ancestors, we also light candles on special occasions. Think about a festive family meal or a romantic dinner for two — there will often be candles on the table, special objects for a special event. We light candles on birthday cakes and carry them in processions. We also place candles at makeshift memorials that appear when there has been an accident or act of violence. In these moments, their light casts aside a different kind of darkness — the darkness of grief, fear, and death.

The custom of the early Christians lighting candles and lamps at the tombs of the martyrs gave way to the practice of having candles at Mass, honoring the sacredness of the celebration.

As Christians decorated their worship spaces with statues and icons, they would burn candles in front of sacred images and the relics of the saints, basically “shining a light” on what they held to be sacred. When pilgrims would visit these shrines, they would often bring candles to light before the image or relic. These candles came to be a symbol of the person, and their prayer and the burning these candles came to be understood as an extension and continuation of the prayer that was offered. What began as a practical way to provide light has come to be a symbol of the hopes, desires, loves, losses, fears, and faith of everyday Christians offering their prayers to God and his saints.

**St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, 4<sup>th</sup> St., Indiana**

The St Vincent DePaul Thrift Store has reopened with limited hours: **Monday through Saturday, 10AM to 2PM.** Updated donor guidelines may be shared in the future.

**You will need to wear a mask in the store,** and if you do not have one, we have them available. We will be sanitizing carts for your safety. We are excited to once again open and see all of our customers. The store is stocked and ready to go.

**Donation Guidelines for St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Indiana, PA**

1. Donations only during store hours: **10:00AM –2:00PM** Monday thru Saturday
2. Do not leave donations before or after these hours.
3. **Clothing and shoe donations must be bagged.**
4. No clothing on hangers.
5. **Housewares/small appliances must be in closed boxes** except for large items (e.g., golf clubs, large artwork).
6. Use **rear of store** for donating items...ring bell. Manager/volunteer will respond.
7. **No donations accepted at main entrance of store.**
8. **Please wear a mask** when dropping off donations.

If you need ASSISTANCE through SVdP, please call 724.471.2210 and leave a message. A volunteer will return your call and make arrangements for an interview.

SVdP helps many in our community, but now they are asking for YOUR help: **Since the store is still closed, SVdP cannot generate funds through shopping purchases. If you would be able to make a donation, no matter how large or small, it would be appreciated.** Please consider taking this opportunity to help your Indiana County neighbors by sending a check to:

**Society of St. Vincent DePaul  
410 North 4th St.  
Indiana, PA 15701**

**Where is God Calling You?**

**July 27, 2020**

Grades 9-12  
Brotherhood, Mass, Adoration,  
Opportunity to meet diocesan seminarians

**9 a.m. - 8 p.m.**  
Christ Our Shepherd Center  
2900 Seminary Drive, Greensburg

Register by visiting  
[gbgvocations.org](http://gbgvocations.org)

**PRIESTLY VOCATIONS**  
DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

**Priesthood Discernment Day**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS**

The Diocese of Greensburg has undertaken numerous actions to protect children and vulnerable adults from harm by anyone in Church ministry. Church volunteers share in the whole Church's work of protection and vigilance.

In 2015, Bishop Brandt enacted the requirement that all diocesan, parish, and school employees and volunteers complete and maintain several required clearances and trainings. These requirements have since been updated by Bishop Malesic. Most of these clearances and trainings must be renewed periodically, at least once every five years.

Since most of our parish volunteers completed these requirements when they were first put in place in 2015, it is now time to renew them. If your clearances and/or trainings have expired or are near expiration, you will receive a letter from Carol with instructions on how to renew them.

It is important to do this for two reasons:

**The Clearances are required by State Law**—The PA Criminal Record Check, PA Child Abuse Clearance, and the Volunteer Affidavit (or FBI Fingerprint check) are mandated by the 2014 Child Protection Services Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (CPSL). They are required for volunteers who interact with children in any organization. This same law also affirms that **all volunteers in these organizations are Mandated Reporters of child abuse.**

**The Trainings help volunteers to understand and apply the CPSL**—These include the Pitt Mandated Reporter Training which explains the CPSL in detail, VIRTUS training for Protecting God's Children, and the Diocesan Code of Pastoral Conduct. The Code of Pastoral Conduct was revised in 2018, so all volunteers will need to re-read and complete the signature sheet. Recently, the Diocese mandated that all volunteers must also take a re-certification of VIRTUS every five years.

All of these items are available online at the web page that you will find in your letter. If you cannot complete these at home, you will need to make an appointment with Carol to come to the Parish Office to complete them.

If you receive one of these letters, **please make it a priority to complete all of the parts that need to be completed or renewed, and to do so as soon as possible.** These are an **all-or-nothing** matter—volunteers who are not in compliance with all parts cannot serve as volunteers. Although most parish activities have been suspended, we want all of our volunteers to be able to resume their ministries immediately once activities resume.

*(Third Notice)*

**Thank you to all who have already completed your renewals for your quick response, as well for all of the service you give to our parish.**



# 17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”

- Mt 13:44

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