

Church of the Good Shepherd

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Remember when
“Wind Chill”
was just a bad memory?



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Schedule of Masses - Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM • Sunday: 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM
Daily Mass - 8:30 AM - M,T,Th,F • 7:00 PM - W **Holy Day Mass** - 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Confessions - Saturday 5:15-5:45 PM

Baptisms - Arrangements should be made 6 weeks in advance.

Marriages - Arrangements should be made 6 months in advance.

Care of the sick - Please notify the rectory when someone is hospitalized or seriously ill.

PARISHIONERS REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ PHONE _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____

CHECK: New Registration Change of Address Moving out of Parish Want envelopes

Please drop this information into the Offertory basket or mail to the Rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 15th

8:30 AM – Poor Souls
c/o Marie Flickinger

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16th

8:30 AM - Frank & Mae Langosh
c/o Son, Frank

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th

7:00 PM - Joanne Cox
c/o Craig & Deb Cox

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18th

8:30 AM – Joe Miller, Sr.
c/o Wife, Judy

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th

8:30 AM - *Communion Service*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th – Vigil

6:00 PM – Terry Walters
c/o Jim & Pat Gianoglio

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st

9:30 AM – Theresa Stanger
c/o Karen Cashier & Fran Giroski
11:30 AM – For our Parishioners

ALTAR SERVERS

E. MINISTERS

<u>1/20 6:00 pm</u>	Rylie Adams Kambri Adams Blaze Knight	Phyllis Williams Mary Cline Ken Cline Rudy Koraus Carol Baker Ron Adams
<u>1/21 9:30 am</u>	Devaun Jordan Layla Jordan Lydell Jordan	Ken Rogers Judy Miller Jim Uram Pat Uram Denise Burger Tom Hubert

<u>11:30 am</u>	Garrett Donaldson Michael Morelli Delaney Donaldson	Ken Garver Marsha Garver Dave Morelli Volunteer
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LECTOR #1

LECTOR #2

<u>1/20 6:00 pm</u>	John Pavlovich	Donna Pavlovich
<u>1/21 9:30 am</u>	Ron Carson	Denise DeFiore
<u>11:30 am</u>	Gr. 6 Student	Gr. 6 Student

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

1/20 6:00 pm Mat Macchia/Colleen Pickens
Jen Drda/Madeleine Songer

1/21 9:30 am John Moroco Jr./Kylee David
Dave Wareham/Amy Hubert

11:30 am Craig & Kathy Patrizi
Gr. 6 Students

**O Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us
and obtain many and holy vocations.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Week/January 14, 2018

Monday, January 15th

NO Men's Club Meeting

Thursday, January 18th

9:30 am – Gospel of St. Mark Bible Study

Saturday, January 20th

9:00 am – Religious Ed Classes Grs. 1 – 6

Sunday, January 21st

6:30 pm – Religious Ed Classes Grs. 7 - 11

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 1/7/2018

Number of Adult envelopes issued.....	515
Adult Offertory Collection.....	\$ 6,411.00
Children's Offertory	\$ 22.95
Loose Offertory	\$ 205.00
# of adult envelopes used	222
Attendance at Mass	487

PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND & HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS & THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN

Margaret Baker – Nugent's Nursing Home Rm. 32
Kathy Kosty – Sharon Regional / Rehab.

FOR SALE – BEST OFFER We have an old chest-style freezer in the social hall that will be replaced during the remodeling. If you'd like to see it and put in a bid, please stop by during the week and check it out. Bids due by Monday, January 15 at 4:30 pm.

LOTTERY WINNERS Jan. 1 – 7: Jan. 1 - #389 Kelly Ignaszewski, Jan. 2 - #253 Geri Carson, Jan. 3 - #313 Jean Colella, Jan. 4 - #481 Ted Griffith, Jan. 5 - #750 Audrey Bakuhn, Jan. 6 - #116 Doug Ferguson, Jan. 7 - #630 Louise Stefanak. *Congratulations!*

THANK YOU to Craig Smith of Smith Funeral Home Ltd. for providing the 2018 calendars for our parish. We are very appreciative of his generosity.

SAVE THE DATES

For the 22:32 Men's & 1:38 Women's Conferences both to be held at Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie:
March 3, 2018 – 22:32 Men's Conference
April 21, 2018 – 1:38 Women's Conference

Check out our new parish website:
www.goodshepherdwm.org

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT
for TAX PURPOSES**

If you wish to receive a statement of giving for your income tax records for 2017, please fill out the information below and return it to the parish office by way of the collection basket or my mail. Thank you.

FULL NAME _____

ENVELOPE # _____

FROM OUR PASTOR

“Where are you staying?” In a way distinct from the other three gospels, the Gospel of John does not depict Jesus calling the disciples while walking along the docks of the fishing villages of Galilee. It is John the Baptizer who points two disciples toward the “Lamb of God” and they follow Jesus. Jesus hasn’t called them, so he asks them what they’re looking for, and they reply, “Where are you staying?” And it’s there in this passage we are introduced to a concept that we might miss on first coming upon it – the idea of “staying” with Jesus. And in case we missed it the first time, the word “stay” is repeated twice more: *“they saw where Jesus was staying and they stayed with him.”*

I know, you’re thinking, “There goes Fr. Glenn again, off his meds, getting all excited about repeating a word three times in a couple sentences. Give it a break. Get a life!”

But that’s exactly what it’s about – getting a life with Jesus. The only way to get one is to stay / abide with him. Don’t you think it’s curious that we know the chitchat that led up to the encounter, but know *nothing* about what he told them that afternoon? Wouldn’t that have been a sweet thing to know? A private Religious Education session with Christ for the afternoon, just the three of them, Andrew, Jesus and one other unnamed disciple. How come nobody remembers what was said there? But we ARE told that they stayed with him. Do you think that just maybe what’s important aren’t the words spoken, or questions asked, or parable told, but just the “staying”?

A retreat director told a group of us once that whenever there is an unnamed disciple in a scripture story, we should try inserting our own names in the narrative to imagine what it would be like. Who is the “Andrew” in your life who leads you to Jesus? Wouldn’t you like to “stay” with him/her and Jesus for a while?

In the fourth Gospel (John), the call to discipleship comes through the witness of somebody else: the Baptizer brings Andrew, Andrew brings Peter, Philip brings Nathanael (Bartholomew). In the first reading today, Samuel has a direct experience of God, but it is through a more seasoned companion that he is able to understand what it’s all about.

And into this blur of stories about “staying: and “being ready to listen” (as Eli instructs Samuel), Paul tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit and that Christ was raised physically to underscore the importance of the body – a spiritual stance that can help us counter any exploitation of the body as is only too frequently witnessed in the sex trade, or the physical, emotional or sexual abuse or torture and the devaluing of aging bodies in cultures worldwide. Time magazine’s “Person of the Year”, #MeToo, and the energy and support brought to that movement is evidence of institutional blindness to this systematic devaluation of women in particular and of humanity in general. So we can add St. Paul to the growing list of supporters of this movement.

That’s a long way around from “staying” with Jesus, you might say, but I’d like to think that the other unnamed disciple was a woman, maybe Andrew’s wife. That they wanted to learn how to abide with Jesus and he instructed

them by just being with them, helping them to see in each other the internal GPS to Jesus, which starts with reverence and respect.

Have a good week. Fr. Glenn

RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

A THIRD GRADE PARENT MEETING is scheduled for **next Saturday, January 20 at 9:00 am** in the Youth Room. This important meeting concerns 1st Eucharist.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS – Five Steps to Safer Environments

The Diocese of Erie mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools undergo child abuse prevention training. The training details five steps to prevent child sexual abuse.

1. Know the warning signs! 2. Control access to children by carefully selecting the adults who work with children and youth. 3. Monitor all programs for the safety of children and youth. 4. Be aware of and sensitive to what is going on in the lives of children. 5. Communicate concerns to the appropriate person in authority. (Source: www.virtusonline.org/virtus) To see what the Diocese of Erie is doing to help create safe environments, check out <http://www.eriered.org/protectyouth.htm>

KENNEDY CATHOLIC FAMILY OF SCHOOLS

would like to thank the businesses that participate in the EITC, (Education Improvement Tax Credit) and OSTC, (Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit) Programs. Both programs fund thousands of dollars in tuition scholarships every year that are awarded to student for education, while providing tax credits to the eligible businesses. Because of your commitment to education, we are able to meet our mission of giving every child an opportunity at The Kennedy Catholic Family of Schools they may not otherwise have. For more information or how your business can get involved, please contact the Finance Director, Bill Blum, at 724-346-5531.

NEXT ENGAGEMENT ENCOUNTER

January 26, 27, 28, 2018

Weekend begins Fri. at 7 pm and conclude Sun. at 1 pm.

At St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie, PA

Engagement Encounter appeals to couples of all ages and faiths who wish to begin married life with a better understanding of themselves as individuals and as a committed couple. Please register at www.eriered.org/ee.htm or call 1-814-824-1265

PRINCE OF PEACE BOWL-A-THON 2018 is Sun.

Feb. 11 @ 12:30 pm at Thornton Hall Bowling Lanes, Sharon. Register by Jan. 25. Call 724-346-5777 ext. 14. Cost \$30/person (includes 3 games, shoe rental T-shirt, food, drink & raffle tickets).

HOMEMADE SPAGHETTI DINNER – Sunday,

January 28, Noon – 4 pm @ St. Batholomew Ch., Sharpsville parish center. Adults: \$10, Children under 12: Take outs available. Call the parish office 724-962-7130 for tickets. Limited tickets at the door.



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