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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MASS INTENTIONS**

**MONDAY, MARCH 22nd**

8:30 AM – Dolores Wayne  
c/o David L. Wayne

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23rd**

8:30 AM – Helen David  
c/o Lawrence Zunic

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24th**

7:00 PM – Mary Robich  
c/o Floyd & Mary  
Ann Agostino

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25th**

8:30 AM – John Yourga  
c/o Tommie Yourga

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26th**

8:30 AM – Paul Radkowski  
c/o Mary & Rick Rumelfanger

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27th**

6:00 PM – Kevin Gilfoyle  
c/o Philip Sunseri

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28th**

9:00 AM – For Our Parishioners

11:30 AM – John Rumelfanger  
c/o Cliff, Marie, & Claire Toth

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**E. MINISTERS**

|      |          |                   |                  |
|------|----------|-------------------|------------------|
| 3/27 | 6:00 pm  | Reagan Simmons    | Gary Salatino    |
|      |          |                   | Frank Langosh    |
| 3/28 | 9:00 am  | Rylee Adams       | Ron Adams        |
|      |          |                   | Mary Ann Palanti |
|      | 11:30 am | Delaney Donaldson | Beth Garrett     |

**LECTOR #1**

|      |          |                  |
|------|----------|------------------|
| 3/27 | 6:00 pm  | Phyllis Williams |
| 3/28 | 9:00 am  | Mary Svirbly     |
|      | 11:30 am | Judy Miller      |

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS**

|      |          |                                 |
|------|----------|---------------------------------|
| 3/27 | 6:00 pm  | Paul Bauer/Kathy Bauer          |
|      |          | Colleen Pickens/Pam Esposito    |
| 3/28 | 9:00 am  | Bob Devlin/Patti Chupak         |
|      |          | <b>Volunteer/Judy Selenchik</b> |
|      | 11:30 am | <b>Volunteer/Patrick Chovan</b> |
|      |          | <b>Volunteer/Volunteer</b>      |

**A MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL** was celebrated for Dominick Eugene Nigro, Sr. this past week. Prayers and sympathy of the parish are extended to his daughter, Debra Lynn (Brian) Biggins, their family and friends. May Dominick rest in peace.

**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY OF THE PARISH** are extended to Donna (Joseph) Mastrianno, their family and friends on the death of her father, Gerald Fox. May Gerald rest in peace.

**Fr Malene's mailing address is as follows:** Msgr. Robert Malene, c/o Mary Malene, 8719 E. Palo Verde Drive, Scottsdale, AZ 85250.



**MARCH 21, 2021**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS Week/March 21, 2021**

**Sunday, March 21th**

Religious Ed Classes – Grades 1-11 (In-Person)

**Monday, March 22nd**

9:15 - 10:15 am – I Heard God Laugh (Discussion Group)

**Tuesday, March 23rd**

12:00 noon until 5 pm – Red Cross Blood Drive (Social Hall)

**Wednesday, March 24th**

5:30 pm – I Heard God Laugh (Discussion Group)  
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm – Zoom Meeting – I Heard God Laugh (Facilitator: Mary Pat Hanssen)

**Friday, March 26th**

7:00 PM – Stations of the Cross / Church

**COLLECTION – 3/14/21**

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Number of Adult envelopes issued..... | 529         |
| Adult Offertory Collection.....       | \$ 4,781.25 |
| Children's Offertory.....             | \$ 10.00    |
| Loose Offertory.....                  | \$ 55.00    |
| # of Envelopes Used.....              | 143         |
| Attendance at Mass.....               | 197         |

**CSA PLEDGE INFORMATION**

|                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|
| # of pledges.....   | 187         |
| Amount Pledged..... | \$69,045.00 |

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND  
THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN & HOSPITALIZED**

**TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE/COULD BE SAINTS**

1. Pierre Toussaint, a former slave in New York City, declared venerable in 1996, did this type of work, from which he gained a sizable income, most of which he gave away in charity.  
A) Carpentry; B) Hairdressing; C) Teaching; D) Map making
2. Which author's daughter, who founded a community of Dominican sisters to care for terminally ill cancer patients with few resources, is a candidate for canonization?  
A) Mark Twain; B) F. Scott Fitzgerald  
B) William Faulkner D) Nathaniel Hawthorne
3. Dominican Father Samuel Mazzuchelli, declared venerable in 1993, founded a variety of churches, including which following state?  
A) Texas; B) Iowa; C) Florida; D) Pennsylvania
4. Father Edward Flanagan, founder of the Boys Town orphanage in Nebraska and whose canonization cause is underway, was played in the 1938 film "Boys Town" by which actor?  
A) Bing Crosby; B) Spencer Tracy; C) James Stewart; D) Gregory Peck
5. Sister Blandina Segale, whose canonization cause opened in 2014, is known for her work in the American Wild West and is remembered for an encounter with which famous outlaw?  
A) Butch Cassidy; B) Jesse James; C) Billy the Kid; D) Bronco Billy

**CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**FROM OUR PASTOR**

***"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies..."***

A couple weeks ago I was pleased to catch up with a couple I had known in my first pastorate in Girard. Denny and Patricia were telling me about their "empty nest" experience and their story, not loaded with too much sentiment, was quite full of detail.

Their daughter had moved into a new home with her husband and newborn baby – their first grandchild. Dennis Jr. is a senior in grad school, working on his thesis and setting his sights on some job interviews. So, they are tip-toeing into the empty nest period of their life together, and truth be told, they are looking forward to it.

The big four-bedroom house is more than they need, and it sold within three days of its' listing. They quickly found a three-bedroom townhouse within walking distance of the church and many of their friends. Perfect. The downsizing begins. Like I said, they're not especially sentimental, but going through the things they'd accumulated in almost 40 years of marriage became a surprisingly emotional experience.

Packing up the kids' sports equipment brought back memories of those cold, early morning hockey practices because once you could locate "ice", it didn't matter what time of the day you could get in to sharpen skills. They'd be wrapped up in parkas and warmed by who-knows-how-many cups of coffee as they sat in empty freezing arenas before sunrise as their son developed into quite a talented hockey player who would be recruited by several colleges.

Pat said she never realized how chipped and scratched their good dishes were until they packed them for moving. But every crack seemed to remind them both of some memory of a Christmas or Thanksgiving meal and often a face or voice of a cherished loved one.

Down in the basement they moved out the old dining room table, one of the first pieces of furniture they purchased together. She recalled how she fretted that they couldn't afford it, but soon it became the center of their home, the location for meals and games, a place for homework and bill-paying, temporary landing places for laundry, backpacks and mail.

Denny said they were making progress lickety-split until they came to their children's baby books. Once they began thumbing through the pages, they found themselves sitting together on the couch amid the packing boxes, reliving their fears of being first-time parents, the mistakes they made that their kids managed to survive, the long nights and lasting joys their daughter and son brought them.

It was the story of a marriage told in ten rooms – each room with a story of heartbreak and healing, of sowing seeds in fear and harvesting in hope, or experiencing little "deaths" on the way to a new chapter of life.

All our lives are filled with moments of change and discovery – some difficult and painful. Jesus' image of a grain of wheat reminds us that life demands change, risk and "dying" to our fears, despair and sense of self. But if we're willing to risk loving and allowing ourselves to be loved, Jesus promises us the harvest of the Gospel wheat.

*Test your knowledge answers: 1 B; 2 D; 3 B; 4 B; 5 C*

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If we're able to nurture healing and forgiveness, in our openness to God's grace and the compassion of others, there will always be new beginnings, second chances, constant plantings and unlimited bounties. Jesus says it over and over in the Scriptures, in many different ways: only by loving is love returned, only by giving to others do we receive, only by dying do we rise to new life.

**WE HAVE REACHED OUR DIOCESAN GOAL!** That means whatever pledges arrive from now on in remain here at Good Shepherd. Please try to make your pledge by Easter.

Stay safe, Fr. Glenn

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**CLASS SCHEDULE**

**March 21st** – Class grades 1-11 (in-person)

**March 28th** – Class grades 1-11 (in-person)

**CONGRATULATIONS** To the second graders who celebrated First Reconciliation on Saturday, March 20th. They are as follows: Eva Bartel, Abigail David, Reese Diaz, Paxton Gilliland and Jackson Seelbaugh.

**Confirmation Class:** Using Zoom and our smart TVs donated by the Men's Group, our confirmation students at home participated in class with the in-person students on March 14th and March 21st.

**Easter Egg Hunt:** CDC protocols will be followed.

**DATE:** Palm Sunday, March 28th

**TIME:** 10:45 AM (During the end of class time)

Religious Ed Grades 1-6 and siblings in preschool or kindergarten.

**NO CLASS APRIL 4th (Easter Sunday)**

**LAST CLASS APRIL 29th**

**TEEN SHEPHERDS**

The Teen Shepherds, students in grades 7-11, are continuing to collect items for St. John XXIII home:

- Puzzles
- Crossword books
- Playing cards
- Sudoku
- Men's or women's socks
- Adult slippers of varied sizes
- Small prayer booklets

There is a collection bin located in the gathering space of the church. The **last date** donations will be accepted is **Palm Sunday, March 28th**.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**St. Anthony Church, 804 Idaho St., Sharon, PA**

**EASTER BREAD SALE**

Plain bread - \$6.00; Raisin bread – \$7.00

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Pickup: Tuesday, March 30th – 5:00 pm in the church hall.