

# Church of the Good Shepherd

## Vincentian Mission Prayer

*By Saint John Gabriel Perboyre, CM*

Divine Savior, transform me into Yourself.

May my hands be Your hands.

May my tongue be Your tongue.

Grant that every faculty of my body may serve  
only to glorify You.

Above all, transform my soul and all its powers,  
that my memory, my will and my affections,

may be the memory,  
the will and the  
affections of You.

I pray You to destroy in me,  
all that is not of You.

Grant that I may live but in You,  
and that I may truly say with

St. Paul, "I live now, not I, but Christ lives in me."



SAINT JOHN GABRIEL PERBOYRE, C.M.



# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME LORD – FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

## Week of February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Calendar of Events

Rosary 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month 20 minutes before 9am Mass

Monday, February 17th Office Closed – President’s Day

Tuesday, February 18th

Wednesday, February 19th

Thursday, February 20th Scripture Study 9:30-11am or 4-5:30pm

Friday, February 21st

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND, THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN AND THE HOSPITALIZED

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### COLLECTION

02/09/2025

# of Registered Families 568

# of Envelopes Used 145

Attendance at Mass 366

Attendance Online 328

Offertory Collection \$5,802.00

Loose Offertory \$639.50

Ash Wednesday \$10.00

Catholic Communications \$22.00

### Mass Intention Date & Time

### Intentions

### Requested By

Monday, February 17th at 8:30am

Tim & Kevin Gilfoyle

Paul & Kathy Bauer

Tuesday, February 18th at 8:30am

Marguerite Canada

Ed Robich

Wednesday, February 19th

NO MASS NO COMMUNION SERVICE

Thursday, February 20th at 8:30am

Dana Wagner

Frank & Jean Fetsko

Friday, February 21st at 8:30am

For Our Parishioners Living and Deceased

Saturday, February 22nd at 6:00pm

Lois Fetsko

John & Donna Pavlovich

Sunday, February 23rd at 9:00am

Melanie Sabo

Estate

Sunday, February 23rd at 11:30am

Aunt Helen David

Mark & Karen David

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### LECTOR

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### USHERS (HU – Head Usher)

#### GREETERS

#### ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
6:00pm

Nora Songer

Cliff Sederland  
Fran Deeb  
Monica Hanrahan  
Gary Salatino

Mat Macchia – HU  
Mona Macchia  
Neil Hosick

Connie Titus

Alexa Macchia  
Antonio Macchia

SUNDAY  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00am

Carol Gilliland

Tom Hubert  
Tom Sokolak  
Ken Rogers  
Bonnie Smith

Patrick Miller – HU  
Vicki Miller  
Jeff Creveling

Amy Hubert

Vincent Miller

SUNDAY  
February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
11:30am

Jennifer Muir

Beth Garrett  
Ted George  
Mary Lu Walters  
Arlene Repko

Pam Esposito – HU  
Raymond Repko  
**VOLUNTEER**

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Madison McClelland



FROM OUR PASTOR

“Mom and Dad, land your helicopter.”

A mother wonders aloud about the wisdom of “protecting” kids from bad things.

“When my children were younger, my go-to response when they came to me with fear, anger or grief about their future was to emphatically contradict them. To offer them a carefully curated version of, ‘O no, it’s not that bad. It could never be that bad – here’s why!’ Those conversations routinely drained me, because deep down I knew that I was operating out of panic. I assumed that my faith required me to put apposite spin on even the bleakest things. Also, I wanted to spare my children pain. So I wore myself out bending their lived reality into pretzels to make it prettier, more palatable, and more “Christian.”

“It took me a long time to recognize that I was serving no one with these efforts. Not God, not my children, and not my own heart. What I was offering my kids was not hope; it was denial. It has taken me even longer to understand that whatever hope entails now – in the shadow of America’s failing democracy, at a time when students coming out of college and even grad school can no longer find jobs or afford homes, a time when young adults are increasingly opting out of starting families because they’re legitimately terrified of climate collapse – it simply cannot entail a Pollyannaish minimization of what is real and true. Even if what is real and true is terrifying.

“When my twentysomething children share their sorrows, fears and frustrations with me now, I try hard to assume a different posture. I try hard to embody a different version of hope. This version doesn’t flinch away from truth telling. It embraces Jesus’ risky teaching that the truth alone will set us free. Yes, the truth might hurt first. It might hurt a lot. But acknowledging and naming it is

the only way forward, especially for those of us who want to bear credible witness to Christ in this moment...

“The hope I’ve arrived at now simply compels me to choose the good, the beautiful, the loving, and the just on a daily, minute-by-minute basis – regardless of the results. I will never do this perfectly. But I will make it my goal, and I will encourage my children to make it their goal, too.”

*From “The Hope I’ve Arrived At,” by Debie Thomas, The Christian Century, October 2024.*

We can’t escape the “woes” of life. Disappointment, heartache, brokenness, and fear are all part of the human experience, and try as we might, we can’t isolate our children – or ourselves for that matter – from such trauma and pain. But Christ calls us to embrace the wisdom and courage to transform life’s woes through the “blessedness” of compassion, sacrifice and patience. Catholic author Henri Nouwen writes, “Hope is willing to leave unanswered questions unanswered and unknown futures unknown. Hope makes you see God’s guiding hand not only in the gentle and pleasant moments but also in the shadows of disappointment and darkness.”

In Luke’s Sermon on the Plain, Jesus challenges everything our consumer-driven, me-first, bottom-line-oriented society holds dear: wealth, fame and power are not the stuff of hope, but hope is realized in compassion, mercy and justice.

Today’s gospel challenges us to embrace a different understanding and commitment to truth: to seek the common good before what is good mainly for us, to bring compassion and forgiveness to others despite our own anger and discomfort, to free ourselves from the pursuit of the things of this world in order to seek the lasting treasures of the kingdom of God.

Enjoy the week! Fr. Glenn

## RELIGIOUS ED. CALENDAR

Class time 10:00am – 11:15am

**March 2** Class all grades

**March 8** Saturday 6pm is a Class Mass for grades 3,4 & 5 with student Ushers and Greeters

**March 9** class all grades

**March 23** class all grades

**Parent Thank You:** Parents, thank you so much for supporting your children in the Religious Education program. Your donations to the class baskets for the Spaghetti Dinner were much appreciated.

**A Family Perspective** When you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, hunger, sorrow, or exclusion, you don't have to look far. These struggles often occur within families. Children feel 'insulted' when constantly criticized. Spouses 'hunger' for affection. Grandparents feel 'excluded' by divorce and custody decisions. Parents 'weep' because they feel alienated from their children.

**Marriage Moments** Presidents' Day: What is your marriage founded on? Love, of course. Common beliefs, hopefully. When George Washington became the first president of the U.S. he had little idea how this fledgling country would evolve. So too, most of us are relatively naïve on our wedding day. Perhaps a penny could be a reminder of your wedding vows, "In God we trust."

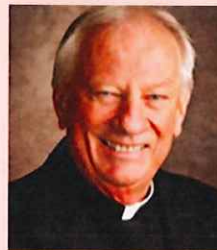
**Parenting Pointers** Black History Month: Few people think of themselves as racist, but do you or your children have friends of a different race? It may feel awkward, but find a way to meet someone who looks different than you this week. Perhaps go to a church, store, or neighborhood where people who look different from you gather. Of course if you are in a minority race...relax.

## BIBLE STUDY AT GOOD SHEPHERD

For those of you who signed up for the Bible Study, this Thursday, February 13, begins our ten-week Scripture study on the Raising of Lazarus. The morning session is from 9:30 – 11:00 am and the afternoon session is from 4:00 – 5:30 pm in the meeting room.

## PARISH MISSION / RETREAT

Members of BOTH parishes are invited to attend the Mission talks by Father Bob Gielow, a Vincentian from Illinois at 6:30 pm on February 24, 25 & 26 (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday). He has returned again this year to get us ready to celebrate Lent which begins on March 5.



## Parish Mission February 24,25,26

He's back !

Fr. Bob Gielow will present  
a parish mission

**WHERE : GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH**

**TIME 6:30PM**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

**MISSION THEME: NOW WHAT?**

refreshments after each mission talk  
in the social hall

Would you like to donate food items for  
refreshments ?

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## Parish Mission

**Liturgical Ministers needed.** Each night of the parish mission there will be a 6:30pm Mass. Are you a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Greeter/Usher, or an Altar Server? Can you give one hour of your time for the parish mission? A sign-up sheet is in the gathering space. Contact Lauren with any questions.

## Prayer for Government Leader

God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through you authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed. Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President and other government leaders of these United States.

May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice and mercy.

Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection to lead our country with honesty and integrity.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**CATHOLIC ONLINE**

## Contribution Statements for Tax Purposes

If you wish to receive a statement of giving for your 2024 income tax records, please fill out the information below. Please return it to the parish office or by placing it in the mail or in the collection basket marked to the attention of the Parish Secretary.

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## OUR LADY OF FATIMA NEWS

### OLF EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

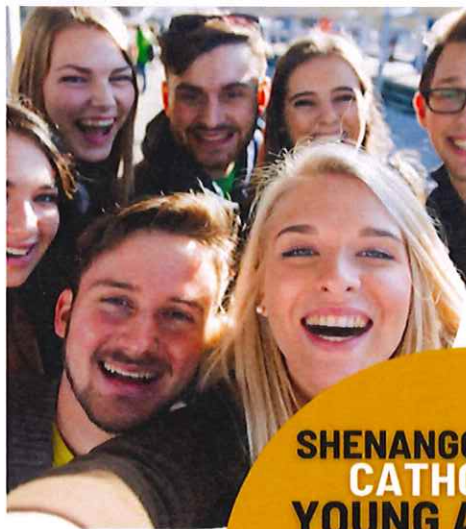
This coming Saturday both the “veteran” and new Eucharistic Ministers of Our Lady of Fatima will participate in an updating/training session in the church beginning at 9:30 am. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

### OLF CAVATELLI'S FOR SALE

Our Lady of Fatima's Cavatelli can be purchased in the Good Shepherd Social Hall on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am - noon. The cost is \$15 for a 5 lb. bag of cavatelli.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT OLF

Next Saturday, at the 4:00 pm Mass at Our Lady of Fatima, Father Frank and Father Glenn will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. This is an opportunity for those who are dealing with physical frailty and the burdens of age, as well as anyone who wishes to experience the power of God's gentle healing to come forward to receive the sacrament.



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### FLOCKNOTE



Stay up to date with events & happenings by joining our Flocknote. No app or account necessary.

### MORE INFO

Contact Gabby Herndon  
Email: youthforChrist@DioceseofErie.com  
Phone: (724) 301-6127

Website: [www.CatholicyouthforChrist.com](http://www.CatholicyouthforChrist.com)

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## Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday March 16, 2025

8am - 1pm

Saint John Paul II Elementary Multipurpose Room

Includes Pancakes, Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Fruit, and Drinks!

## Men's Lenten Breakfast

March 8, 2025, at 9:30AM  
Notre Dame Multipurpose Room

Speaker - Very Rev. David Foradori, EV

- Looking for a way to get closer to God this Lenten season?
- Do you need a little spiritual boost to help you prepare?

Fr. David Foradori, campus minister at Grove City College, pastor of Beloved Disciple Church in Grove City, and Vicar for the south-west corner of the Diocese of Erie will be our guest speaker.

Fr. Dave promises spiritual contemplation, good food, and even better camaraderie among the men of our parish community.

Register by calling the Notre Dame Parish office at: 724-981-5566



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January 28, 2025

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We deeply appreciate community partners like you who collaborate with us in our mission to strengthen families, build community and reduce poverty in Mercer County. Thank you for helping to make this year's toy distribution an overwhelming success!

Wishing you all good health and abundant blessings in 2025!

With gratitude,

  
Sarah Worthington  
Chief Executive Officer

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