



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
JANUARY 28, 2024



QUIET!
Come out
of him!

MARK 1:25

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Mission Statement

“Good Shepherd parish, under the guidance of the true Shepherd Jesus Christ, is a Catholic faith based community seeking to proclaim and live the gospel message. Recognizing our diversity, we strive to bring together a church family, welcoming all people as we grow together in faith, hope and love.”

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PASTOR'S REFLECTION OF 4TH SUNDAY IN O.T. [B] JAN 28, 2024.

The words of today's gospel can be a very provocative for us. In today's gospel we hear how there was "in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit" who was crying out. Evil manifested itself in the holy place of God and our Lord handled it.

The demon says, "I know who you are- the Holy One of God." The demon could distinguish between the authentic and false one. One may ask how did they know who is who? Which the demon or devil knows who has the authority.

The demon sensed the power and authority and sensed a deep-seated authority that comes knowing who you are and your call or vocation. The demon knew who has and teaches with authority. "I will raise a prophet among you who..." as God said in the Book of Deuteronomy. We need true prophets in this modern time.

We need prophets like Ghandi of India or our own admired the voice of truth Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as we celebrate his birthday this month who preached non-violence and gave his life to the truth of racial equality. Someone can be very persuasive, when they live in truth, in faith, with that real sense and belief that God is with them.

Living in the Spirit, always naming the truth, seeking to live as a disciple of Jesus. We need not to lose our faith in Jesus, instead we turn to the One who has the authority to silence the voice of evil and cast it out.



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Good Shepherd Parish Schedule for Mass & Worship (schedules are subject to change)

Saturday (anticipated) 5:30pm
Holy Day TBD.

Sundays —9:00am, 11:00am
Reconciliation: Saturdays 4:45-5:15pm

National Holidays —9:00am
Adoration Mo-Fri 7:30am-5:00pm

Mass Intentions For the week of January 27 - February 3, 2024

Saturday 5:30pm For Partick and Isabel Rozzo
Jan 27

Sunday 9:00am For The People of Good Shepherd Parish
Jan 28 11:00am For the Repose of the Soul of Tristen Brevik

Monday 9:00am For The Repose of the Soul of Rogelio Gonzaga
Jan 29

Tuesday 7:00am For God's Protection and Guidance of May Ann Piccorelli
Jan 30

Wednesday 7:00am For God's Protection and Guidance of Rihanna Scott
Jan 31

Thursday 7:00am For God's Protection and Guidance of Denise Younker
Feb 01

Friday 7:00am For God's Protection and Guidance of Venus Matthews
Feb 02

Saturday 8:30am For the Repose of the Soul of Alfred Tatyrek
Feb 03 5:30pm For the Repose of the Soul of Kory Chapman

Kindly keep our parishioner's family, with health and other challenges, in your prayers

Let us always remember in our prayers the sick members of our Parish

Kingsley Oba	Paul Kocum	Sandi Mosley	Debbie Watson	Rihanna Scott
Elizabeth Cassata	Pope Francis	Frank Rocchi	Camile Laidlaw	Denise Younker
Frederick Hamilton	Curtis Richards	Carlos Quinones	Venus Matthews	
Jean Michelin	Corizon Abuzied	Bob and Barbara Nezlick		

* Please advise if any names should be added or delete from the list

Hospital Privacy | Please remember that current privacy laws regarding patients in hospitals do not allow hospitals/ pastoral care offices to contact parishes. If you or a loved one are in the hospital and want a priest to visit, please call the I office at (973)375-8568

Announcement
Our Church now has an Adoration Room. All are invited to visit the room, Mon-Fri 7:30AM-5:00PM.
To gain access to the adoration room, reservations are required. Please visit the rectory to reserve your date and time.

Please contact Fr. Valentine or call the rectory if you are interested in Intensions, of a Sanctuary Lamp, Alter bread and wine or Alter Flowers



Ministries: If you're interested in ministries of service either as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister, please call the rectory at 975-375-8568 or fill out the Information below and place in the collection basket.
Name : _____
Telephone #: _____
Lector _____ Eucharistic Minister _____

REPORT ABUSE
Protecting God's Children
The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all credible complaints, and encourages anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct by the clergy, religious and lay staff to tell us immediately, so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to sexual abuse victims.
Individuals who wish to report an allegation may do so by calling the Child and Youth Protection. 201-407-3256, Fax: 973-497-4001. Or In person, 171 Clifton Avenue. Newark, NJ 07104.

Collection Report		January 21, 2024
Weekly Target		\$6,500.00
Collection (Offering+ Fuel & Energy)		\$ 2,864.00
Surplus (Deficit)		\$ 3,636.00
Fiscal Year to Date		
Budget:		\$346,811.00
Actual:		\$54,424.00
Surplus (Deficit)		\$292,387.00
Rolling 4 Week Averages		
Average Collection:		\$ 2,741.00
Average Surplus (Deficit)		\$3,759.00

Minister Assignments February 3 - February 4, 2024

Saturday Sunday	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Presider
02/3 5:30pm	Doris Omoighe	Denise Perry Barbara Banks Nellie Bate	Fr. Val
02/4 9:00am	Marylyn Amah	Helen Chife-Akude Stanislaus Egeolu- Obmezie	Fr. Val
2/4 11:00am	Dorothy Nwanonyiri	Janice Comacho Luer Drews Janet Drews	Fr. Val

GSP EVENT CALENDER

Sunday Jan 28
Monday Jan 29
Tuesday Jan 30
Wednesday Jan 31
Saint John Bosco
Thursday Feb 01
Friday Feb 02
The Presentation of the Lord
Saturday Feb 03
Saints Blaise and Ansgar

Good Shepherd Parish Information

RECTORY HOURS: Monday Thru Wednesday 10:00AM-2:00PM; Thursday / Friday 9:00AM-12:00PM

Parish Registration Forms can be found at the back of the church or call the rectory at (973) 375-8568

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturday 4:45-5:15 pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM In order to have your child baptized at Good Shepherd, the parents must be registered and active members of our parish. Godparents or sponsors must meet qualifications as to have received both sacraments of Communion and Confirmation, attend Mass regularly and been a registered parishioner at a Catholic Church For more information please call the Rectory at (973) 375-8568

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Couples who are planning a wedding should call the parish office to meet the priest, to choose the date of the wedding and before any other arrangements are made call (973)375-8568

PASTORAL OF THE SICK Notify a priest of all who are hospitalized, home-bound, or Emergencies call (973)375-8568

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS, RCIA. Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church and Catholics in need of Sacraments, Confirmation or Eucharist; inquire at the Rectory. To register please call the rectory at(973-375-8568

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Sunday of October-April from 10:00-11:00 am in the Church building. For more information please call the Rectory at (973-375-8568

**Pope John Paul II Homily at Giant's Stadium;
Visit to the United Nations and the United States: given on October 5, 1995
"Thy Kingdom come!" (Mt 6:10).**

The Church must continue to build God's spiritual house in America! Here in the Church in Newark, last year's Archdiocesan Synod put the whole Catholic community in a state of mission. In particular, the Synod appealed to the laity to work for God's Kingdom by their efforts to shape society in accordance with God's designs. No aspect of life—whether in the family, in the workplace, in schools, in economic, political or social activities—can be withdrawn from God's dominion (cf. *Lumen Gentium*, 36). As we prepare to celebrate the two thousandth anniversary of Christ's Birth, your Synod, like the whole Church, recognized the need for a new evangelization, a new and vital proclamation of the Gospel aimed at integrating your faith ever more fully into the fabric of your daily lives. In the words of the Second Vatican Council, wherever there is little concern for seeking what is true and good, and wherever conscience is blinded by being accustomed to sin (cf. *Gaudium et Spes*, 15), there the Church must make a supreme effort to teach the objective truths of the moral order, form consciences, call people to conversion and make present the inexhaustible riches of God's mercy in the Sacraments, and especially in the Sacrament of penance.

Jesus reminds us that more workers for the harvest are urgently needed, and he commands us to pray for them: "The harvest is rich but the workers are few; therefore, ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest" (Lk 10:2). The question of vocations is vital to the Church. Everyone has a vocation: parents, teachers, students, workers, professional people, people who are retired. Everyone has something to do for God. We must pray that young people especially will listen to the Lord's call to serve as priests, as Religious Sisters and brothers, as missionaries at home and in other lands. Young people of Newark and New Jersey, young Americans, the Lord needs you! The Church needs you!

6. Compared to many other parts of the world, the United States is a privileged land. Yet, even here there is much poverty and human suffering. There is much need for love and the works of love; there is need for social solidarity. Early Americans were proud of their strong sense of individual responsibility, but that did not lead them to build a radically "individualistic" society. They built a community-based society, with a great openness and sensitivity to the needs of their neighbors.

Quite close to the shores of New Jersey there rises a universally known landmark which stands as an enduring witness to the American tradition of welcoming the stranger, and which tells us something important about the kind of nation America has aspired to be. It is the Statue of Liberty, with its celebrated poem: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free ... Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me". Is present-day America becoming less sensitive, less caring towards the poor, the weak, the stranger, the needy? It must not! Today, as before, the United States is called to be a hospitable society, a welcoming culture. If America were to turn in on itself, would this not be the beginning of the end of what constitutes the very essence of the "American experience"?

To a great extent, the story of America has been the story of long and difficult struggles to overcome the prejudices which excluded certain categories of people from a full share in the country's life: first, the struggle against religious intolerance, then the struggle against racial discrimination and in favor of civil rights for everyone. Sadly, today a new class of people is being excluded. When the unborn child—the "stranger in the womb"—is declared to be beyond the protection of society, not only are America's deepest traditions radically undermined and endangered, but a moral blight is brought upon society. I am also thinking of threats to the elderly, the severely handicapped and all those who do not seem to have any social usefulness. When innocent human beings are declared inconvenient or burdensome, and thus unworthy of legal and social protection, grievous damage is done to the moral foundations of the democratic community. The right to life is the first of all rights. It is the foundation of democratic liberties and the keystone of the edifice of civil society. Both as Americans and as followers of Christ, American Catholics must be committed to the defense of life in all its stages and in every condition.

7. Dear Sisters and Brothers: Christ pointed the Church and the whole human family toward the future when he rolled away the stone from the entrance to the tomb and unveiled the mystery of new life. In his Resurrection, the Lord revealed the new creation, the promise of new heavens and a new earth (cf. 2 Pt 3:13). As Christians, we live by faith and in hope. We wait for the return of the Lord as the judge of the living and the dead. We await his return in glory, the coming of God's Kingdom in its fullness. That is the constant invitation of the psalms: "Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord" (Ps 27:14).

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