



# Good Shepherd

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The Road to Emmaus

## Mass Schedule

Saturday 5PM

Sunday 9 AM & 11 AM

### Served by:

**Rev. Drew Miller**

Pastor

**Rev. Donna Lombardi, OSFC**

Associate Pastor

**Joe Lombardi**

Music Director

**Karen Suter**

Parish Secretary

### Parish Council Members

Sue DeMaria

Ginny Hoyt

Lisa Perez

Joyce Droney

Ricky Moore

David Rasp



### Our Mission:

To create a sense of home in an atmosphere of belonging, as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ ... using words when necessary.



*Prayer requests for parish  
family & friends:*

*Dick Lolla, Carmela M., Rich V.,  
Vicki S., "Wes" Wesolowski,  
Kathy, Sandy, Bill Linke,  
Nick Minutolo, Devin S., Donita K.*

*Kyle Huhn (US Army—deployment)*

*If you wish to place someone on the prayer list, or  
know of a parishioner who is hospitalized or is  
homebound and would like to receive Communion,  
please contact the church at:*

Telephone: 732-279-6837 or  
Email: GoodShepherdARCC@gmail.com

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

*Peace be with you! Of all of the things the  
resurrected Christ could have said, he chose  
this: Peace be with you! These calming words  
lessened the disciples' anxiety and gave them a  
wonderful sense of reassurance. Words have  
the power to do that. Jesus touches his  
friends with his breath and breathes his Spirit  
upon them. This intimate gesture of peace  
begins to alleviate the uncertainty and fear  
that no doubt consumed their thoughts and  
hearts. Words and gestures are so important  
in doing God's work. Even the simplest of  
greetings and actions can profoundly move  
people and direct them to God. By our words  
and actions, may we show that merciful love  
to others.*

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

After my mother passed away, my sister and father had a falling out of sorts. When he moved to be closer to me, she told me that she didn't ever want to speak to him again, saying, "Even if he is on his death bed, do not call me." My father was in his late 70's, and the pain he would have felt if he knew her wishes would have been too much to bear. Because of this, I made a decision to not tell him. This also put a strain on my relationship with my sister as I cared for the one person in this world she seemed to despise the most.

Of all the gifts God has given us, time and family are at the top of the list to be cherished. Also, both are finite gifts. Our family members will not walk in this world forever, and each day that slips away cannot be restored. Still, we build up walls of fear, doubt, resentment, anger, and pain, not allowing ourselves to forgive and be good stewards of what we have been given.

God's mercy is overflowing through all the earth. There is no excuse for you and me to not be reconciled with God and accept this profound compassion. In turn, there is no excuse to not extend that mercy and reconcile with those who have hurt us.

I always believed I would have a renewed relationship with my sister when my father's death would come to pass. Two weeks after he passed, my sister suddenly died as well. There is no rewind of time. Yes, good stewards, today is the day!

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



# Thank You.

The beautiful liturgies of Holy Week don't happen without the effort, time, and talents of so many. I am so grateful to all who gave of their gifts to make this past week so moving and meaningful. I am especially grateful to . . .

**Christos** for decorating our little chapel so beautifully.

**Joe** for choosing and playing music that inspires everyone to sing joyfully unto the Lord! And **Alberto**, our wonderful new addition to the music ministry!

Our **Seminarians, Jack and Terry**, for always being there – serving, proclaiming, and just doing anything that needs to be done. And, of course, for their awesome intro to the Memorial Acclamation!

**Bob, Mike, and Joe (the Carpenter)** for moving those heavy tables, setting up the chairs, ringing bells, clothing the cross, starting fires – liturgical ones, that is! – and other duties that made the liturgies special.

**Patti S**, the Master of Ceremonies, for ensuring everyone was in the right place at the right time and on cue! And to her **and her husband, Don**, for designing and creating the beautiful bulletin board.

**Karen**, the wizard behind the curtain, for the gazillion things she does, from the bulletin to paying the bills, to making sure we have matches to start the fire!

### **The Liturgical Ministers:**

**Hospitality** – who always make everyone feel at home and always do those behind-the-scenes tasks that make everything run smoothly—which includes cleaning and ironing!

**Lectors** – for proclaiming the Word with your hearts.

**Eucharistic Ministers** – for serving at the table with a generous spirit.

**Acolytes** – for your devotion to the liturgy and making everything we do a little easier.

**Fr. Vinnie** – for celebrating with us. It was a blessing and a joy to celebrate at the altar with you.

**Fr. Drew** – for always bringing your enthusiasm, joy, and inspirational message to us all!

Peace and every good!  
*“Mother” Donna*



## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### On the Road to Emmaus

Use the word bank below to fill in the blanks and learn what happened on the Road to Emmaus. Some words are used more than once.

\_\_\_\_\_ and his friend were walking on the road to Emmaus. A \_\_\_\_\_, whom the disciples didn't recognize, joined them on their journey. The man asked what was wrong and the disciples explained what happened to their Master, \_\_\_\_\_. The man told the disciples to \_\_\_\_\_ everything the prophets said and Christ would enter into \_\_\_\_\_.

When the three men reached \_\_\_\_\_, the disciples invited their new friend to have \_\_\_\_\_ with them. The new friend held a piece of bread, said a \_\_\_\_\_, broke the bread into pieces, and gave it to the two \_\_\_\_\_. At that moment, the disciples realized their new friend was actually \_\_\_\_\_!

Immediately \_\_\_\_\_ disappeared.

The disciples were \_\_\_\_\_ in themselves for not recognizing the man as Jesus.

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#### WORD BANK

DISCIPLES CLEOPAS PRAYER EMMAUS  
MAN DISAPPOINTED BELIEVE JESUS  
DINNER GLORY

Arise  
Learn - Live - Share

Will resume on Friday, May 10th  
at 7 pm.

It will follow **Centering Prayer**  
which will begin at 6 pm

The next Topic will be:

“From Jesus to Christ”

This is a four part series that will consist of  
viewing video lessons followed by  
discussion.

We will meet on Fridays: May 10th, 17th\*,  
31st, & June 7th.

\* note: there will be no session on Friday,  
May 24th, due to Memorial Day weekend.



**Centering Prayer** is a contemplative practice that consists of learning to withdraw attention from our thoughts — those incessant creations of our busy minds — in order to rest in a gentle, open attentiveness to the divine. This "letting go" in Centering Prayer is "*consenting to the presence and action of God.*"

Sessions will be held on Wednesday  
mornings at 9 am



Thank you for all of your thoughtful Easter cards and goodies! We are abundantly blessed to have such a loving & generous Parish Family.

Drew & Donna

*Congratulations and welcome to our Faith Family ....*



Skylar Arromando

Baptism



Jackie Santos  
Felipe Santos



Jackie Santos  
Felipe Santos



A local non-profit community restaurant that serves all, in-need and paying customers.

Additional information—hours of Operation and weekly menu can be found via their website: [www.jbjsoulkitchen.org](http://www.jbjsoulkitchen.org) or their Facebook page: JBJ Soul Kitchen