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Sharing the Love of Christ

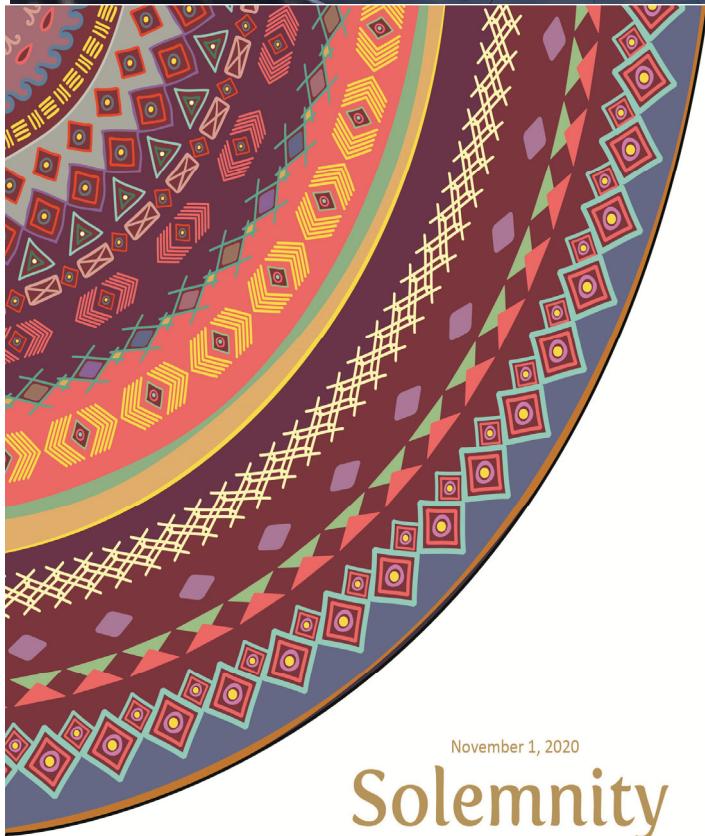
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November 1, 2020

Solemnity OF ALL SAINTS

I HAD A VISION OF A GREAT MULTITUDE, WHICH NO ONE COULD COUNT,
FROM EVERY NATION, RACE, PEOPLE, AND TONGUE.
THEY STOOD BEFORE THE THRONE AND BEFORE THE LAMB.

~ Revelation 7:9

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The Parish Office is operating virtually
during the pandemic.
We will answer your phone calls and
emails as soon as possible.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday

7:30am

Saturday

8:00am; 5:30pm Vigil – Livestream

Sunday

8:00am (in the garden) - Livestream

10:00am (in the garden) - Livestream

12pm - Livestream

3pm (Spanish) - Livestream

Communion

Drive through communion after each
Mass in front of the church.

Adoration

Fridays 8am – 9am

Confession

Fridays 8am-9am

Saturdays 4:00pm – 5:00pm

or by appointment

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My Dearest Good Shepherd Family,

We are entering the month of November. If you were to pick a month which stands out with the theme of gratitude, remembrance, and unity, it must be November because for a very long time, November has become a holy and memorial month when we come together to remember, to believe, and to celebrate the repose of the souls of our loved ones.

This month we are celebrating one of the most fundamental and most consoling truths of Catholicism, the Communion of Saints. November 1st is All Saints Day when we, the Church Militant, celebrates the Church Triumphant in heaven, and we remember the Church Suffering in purgatory on All Souls Day, November 2nd. That's the beauty of our faith. We will continue to practice and pass on such a beautiful tradition of our faith.

"Is there a purgatory?" Many people ask. The answer is Yes. Our reason says that there should be. We know that we are not perfect enough for heaven and not wicked enough for hell. So there must be a middle state of purification. According to the Catholic Catechism: "*All who die in God's grace and friendship but imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.*" (CCC #1030). Tradition testifies that from the beginning, Christians have prayed for the dead (they prayed at the Catacombs). Scripture has no explicit mention of purgatory, but it is implicitly contained in the Second Book of Maccabees, Chapter 12 where a mother prays for the repose of her sons. St John said in the Book of Revelation: "*nothing unclean will enter the presence of God in heaven*" (Rev. 21:27). So there is a purgatory.

How are the souls in purgatory being purified? By our prayers for them. That's why we have the Feast of All Souls. We light candles for them. We offer Mass intentions for them. In every mass we pray for these souls. We pray for them. They pray for us. We pray for each other. That is a beauty of the Catholic faith. Every member of the Communion of Saints is remembered and prayed for in every Mass. What a consolation for us to know that long after we are dead and forgotten, the Church will be praying for us in every Mass. And because of the 24 different time zones in the world, several Masses are being offered every minute of the day somewhere in the world. When we realize all of this, we see what a wonderful gift it is to be a Catholic and to be a member of the Communion of Saints.

Some of you may have lost a loved one recently. Some of you grieve someone lost in earlier years but still miss him or her terribly. The month of November is a source of consolation for each of us. If our hearts are broken and suffering about the loss of loved ones, or if we are dealing with unresolved issues about good-byes that were not said, peace that was not made, gratitude that was not expressed, let us ask the faithful departed to intercede for us and for our own peace. The consoling doctrine of the Communion of Saints allows us to feel ever close to those who have died and gives us much hope in moments of despair and sadness. We will celebrate two All Souls Masses here in our church: 7:30 am and 7 pm (Bilingual). The Masses will be livestreamed. All the names of the deceased buried through the Good Shepherd Church from Oct 2019- Oct 2020 will be written on the banners hung in the sanctuary through November and will be chanted at 7pm Mass on All Souls Day.

*Eternal rest grant unto all the faithful departed, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

May they rest in peace. Amen.

Fr. Thi Hoang



FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation for children and young people needing First Holy Communion and Confirmation has begun!

**There is still time to sign up by contacting
Dina (dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) or
Aylin (aylin@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)**

Also, any adults wishing to become Catholic or needing to complete their Sacraments of Initiation should also contact the parish office.



It is bitter-sweet that we say farewell to

FR. CHRIS

Fr. Chris will celebrate all of the masses the weekend of November 7/8 to say farewell to Good Shepherd.

He will be heading back to the Philippines to continue his priestly ministry in his own diocese, which is sad for us, but he will be returning to be with his own family, which is wonderful for him!

LET US PRAY FOR FR. CHRIS FOR SAFE TRAVELS AND IN HIS CONTINUED MINISTRY TO OTHERS!



FAMILY BIBLE CHALLENGE

Encounter Scripture • Encounter Christ

Engage your family with Bible Challenge to see how much you know about the Scripture.

**Go on this website to try it.
It has a Spanish version as well.
<https://familybiblechallenge.org/>**

POPE FRANCIS' NEW ENCYCLICAL *FRATELLI TUTTI*

Pope Francis introduced a new encyclical on Sunday about our world going backwards and how we can reverse that course.

We encourage everyone to read this very important document by going to:

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-10/pope-francis-fratelli-tutti-introduce-angelus-fraternity-friend.html>



Mi querida Familia del Buen Pastor,

Estamos entrando en el mes de Noviembre. Si vamos a elegir un mes que se destaque con el tema de la gratitud, el recuerdo y la unidad, debe ser Noviembre porque durante mucho tiempo, Noviembre se ha convertido en un mes sagrado y conmemorativo en el que nos reunimos para recordar, creer y celebrar el reposo de las almas de nuestros seres queridos.

Este mes celebramos una de las verdades más fundamentales y consoladoras del Catolicismo, la Comunión de los Santos. El primero de Noviembre es el Día de Todos los Santos cuando nosotros, la Iglesia militante, celebramos la Iglesia Triunfante en el cielo y recordamos el Sufrimiento de la Iglesia en el purgatorio el 2 de Noviembre el Día de los Difuntos. Esa es la belleza de nuestra fe. Continuaremos practicando y transmitiendo esta hermosa tradición de nuestra fe.

"¿Hay un purgatorio?" Mucha gente ha preguntado. La respuesta es sí. Nuestra razón dice que debería haberlo. Sabemos que no somos lo suficientemente perfectos para el cielo ni lo suficientemente malvados para el infierno. Entonces debe haber un estado intermedio de purificación. Según el Catecismo Católico: "Todos los que mueren en la gracia y la amistad de Dios, pero imperfectamente purificados, tienen la seguridad de su salvación eterna, pero después de la muerte se someten a una purificación, para alcanzar la santidad necesaria para entrar en la alegría del cielo". (CCC # 1030). La tradición testifica que desde el principio, los Cristianos han rezado por los muertos (rezaron en las Catacumbas). La Escritura no menciona explícitamente el purgatorio, pero está implícitamente contenida en el segundo libro de los Macabeos, capítulo 12, donde una madre ora por el descanso de sus hijos. Y San Juan dijo en el Libro del Apocalipsis: "nada inmundo entrará en la presencia de Dios en el cielo" (Ap. 21:27). Entonces está el purgatorio.

¿Cómo se purifican las almas del purgatorio? Por nuestras oraciones por ellos. Por eso tenemos la fiesta de todas las almas. Les encendemos velas. Ofrecemos intenciones de misa para ellos. En cada misa rezamos por estas almas. Oramos por ellos. Rezan por nosotros. Oramos el uno por el otro. Esa es una belleza de la fe Católica. Cada miembro de la Comunión de los Santos es recordado y rezado en cada Misa. Qué consuelo para nosotros saber que mucho después de que estemos muertos y olvidados, la Iglesia estará orando por nosotros en cada Misa. Y debido a los 24 horarios diferentes de zonas del mundo, se están ofreciendo varias misas cada minuto del día en algún lugar del mundo. Cuando nos damos cuenta de todo esto, vemos qué maravilloso regalo es ser católico y ser miembro de la Comunión de los Santos.

Algunos de ustedes pueden haber perdido a un ser querido recientemente. Algunos de ustedes lloran a alguien perdido en años anteriores pero aún lo extrañan terriblemente. El mes de Noviembre es una fuente de consuelo para cada uno de nosotros. Si nuestro corazón está roto y sufriendo por la pérdida de seres queridos, o si estamos lidiando con cuestiones no resueltas sobre despedidas que no se dijeron, paz que no se hizo, gratitud que no se expresó, pidamos a los fieles difuntos que intercedan por nosotros y por nuestra propia paz. La consoladora doctrina de la Comunión de los Santos nos permite sentirnos cada vez más cerca de los fallecidos y nos da mucha esperanza en momentos de desesperación y tristeza. Celebraremos dos misas para todas las almas aquí en nuestra iglesia: 7:30am y 7:00pm (Bilingüe). Las Misas se transmitirán en vivo. Todos los nombres de los difuntos enterrados a través de la Iglesia del Buen Pastor desde Octubre de 2019 hasta Octubre de 2020 se escribirán en las pancartas colgadas en el santuario hasta Noviembre y se cantarán en la misa de las 7 p.m. el Día de Todos los Santos.

El descanso eterno concede a todos los fieles difuntos, oh Señor,

y que la luz perpetua brille sobre ellos.

Que descansen en paz. Amén.

P. Thi Hoang



Información de Catecismo

Clases de para niños y jóvenes que necesitan primera comunión y confirmación comienzan por línea esta semana. Todavía hay tiempo de inscribirse. Contacten a

Dina (dina@goodshepherdpittsburg.org) o

Aylin (aylin@goodshepherdpittsburg.org)

Además, cualquier adulto que desee convertirse en católico o que necesite cualquier sacramento de iniciación (bautizo, primera comunión, confirmación) también puede comunicarse con la oficina parroquial.



Celebremos en medio de la Pandemia el “Día de los Muertos”

Les invitamos a que traigan las fotografías de sus seres queridos fallecidos a la Misa de las 3PM del domingo 1 de noviembre para colocarlas en el altar que haremos para ellos, y así poder rezar por ellos el día de los muertos, el 2 de noviembre. Les recordamos que solamente se aceptan 100 personas por Misa y que tiene que inscribirse en la oficina para poder asistir.

Let us celebrate in the midst of the Pandemic “the Day of the Dead”

We invite you to bring the photos of your deceased loved ones to the 3PM Mass on Sunday, November 1, to place them on the altar we will make for them, therefore, we can pray for them on the day of the dead,

on November 2. We remind you that only 100 people are accepted per Mass and that you must register with

ATTENTION LECTORS!



The new *Lector Workbooks* have arrived!

Please go to the altar server sacristy and pick up the copy with your name on it located on the piano.

We pray for you all as you prepare and proclaim the Word of God for our Community of faith.

ADORATION

Now that the church is reopened, we'll start our first Friday Adoration again in the Church on November 6th and thereafter on the first Friday from 8 AM to 6:45 PM. Adoration will be, followed by a Mass for the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus at 7 PM. We need at least one person per hour to sit with the Blessed Sacrament. If you have any questions please call Bill or Ann (432-3995)



*Jesus said to His Apostles: "My **soul** is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and stay awake with me." And going on a little further he fell on his face and prayed. 'My Father,' he said, 'if it is possible, let this cup pass me by. Nevertheless, let it be as you, not as I would have it.' He came back to the disciples and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, 'So you had not the **strength** to stay awake with me for one hour?'*

Church offers guidance on issues, not candidates By Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

I couldn't stand watching the first presidential debate. I had to leave the TV room where my fellow priests and I were watching after 15 minutes.

Some parishioners have been asking me, "Who should I vote for? I don't like either candidate." The Church does not take sides on persons running for office. But the Church does have clear teachings on some of the issues at stake that we offer for your consideration as you make your voting decisions. The Church does not tell Catholics which candidates to vote for. We may take an official stand as a Church on an issue put to the voters, but not on people.

Where can I find this guidance?

Go to USCCB.org — and you will find all the materials right there on the opening page. I especially recommend three short videos that summarize Catholic teaching on "Protecting Human Life and Dignity," "Promoting the Common Good" and "Love of Neighbor."

Across the country, some priests have gotten carried away and have endorsed particular candidates (of both parties) "from the pulpit." Some priests have gone further and said that "You're not a good Catholic if you vote for X."

Some people are so rooted in their particular political party that their hearts are not open to the message of Christ and the teaching of His Church. They look for pastors and bishops to endorse their candidates. May I make a suggestion? Be a Christian first, before you are a member of your political party. Pope Francis said that neither political party in the US supports Catholic social teaching on all the issues. True. But you will have to decide which one comes closest.

I was impressed with Cardinal Seán O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston, who issued a brief but clear statement on the election, with which I agree:

"The Catholic community has the right to expect the priests of the Archdiocese and those entrusted with handing on the faith to be clear and unequivocal on the Church's teaching concerning respect and protection for life from the first moment of conception to natural death. This teaching is of the highest priority for the Church.

"With regard to statements of the clergy and religious and laity who minister or serve in the Archdiocese of Boston, following the guidance of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, as representatives of the Archdiocese they may not endorse or oppose candidates for election or political parties. This directive also applies to parishes and organizations directly connected to the Archdiocese.

"The teaching role of the Catholic Church brings religious and moral principles to the life of our society, our Commonwealth, and our nation. Our advocacy addresses protection of human life at all stages and in all circumstances, including issues of social and economic equality, the pervasive influence of systemic racism and welcoming immigrants and refugees.

"Catholics are urged to play an active role in our public life and to fulfill the basic obligation of a democracy, to vote. We are called to bring the light of faith and reason to our civic responsibilities as we strive to build a civilization of love."

I hope you will consider Christ's and the Church's teaching as you make your voting decisions. Please DO vote. That is a duty of all good Catholics.

VOTE**VOTE****VOTE****VOTE****VOTE****VOTE****VOTE****VOTE**

All Souls Day 2019 ~ All Souls Day 2020 Deceased:

Clemente S. Hermano, Jr.	Rosemarie Hurtado
Nilo Balbin Dano	Rose P. Fernandez
Manuel Santos Nazareta	Jose Morales
Robert Fulton Laird	Rachel T Ford
Stephanie Watson	Adeline Territo
Leticia Leoncito	Maria Teodosio
Joan Marie Mayjoffo	Anthony P. Russo Jr.
Ronald Chambers	Gloria Corral Giambalvo
Sery Manalo Razo	Aiken Ann Q. Medina
Ann Rose Russo	Fe Flores Ybanez
Robert "Bobby" Carpino	Salvatore Anthony Aiello
Virginia Arceo	Stephanie Kathleen Perez
Deolinda Roberts	Eulogio Lizarraga
Teresa Custodio	Jimmie Lowe Webb
Frank Aiello	Vincent John Ferrante
Norma Aiello	Beatrix Ortiz
Melchor Maya	Michael Siscar
Sara Alexander	Roger J. Sanchez
Dolores Cabrera	Arturo Cabrera
Antoinette Beck	Frisco M. Apalit, Jr.
Charles Guerrero IV	Marianna Elizabeth Mercurio
Hygeia Gloria	Luisa Freirez
Baudilia Viart	Hiram Orlando G. Dolojan
Carlito Ibay	Diane Carpenello
Aileen Guzman Antonio	Deirdre Cronan Zigler
Carol Zbacnik	Josephine L. Aiello
Blesila Cebuano	Peter Van Hoang
Elena Caguimbaga	Paul Qui Phan
Barbara Jean Manalili	Gloria Carandang
Segundino B. Cruz	
Maxine C. Langley	
Prudy Lujan	
Ruby Cordova	
Federico Manuel Jr.	
Magdaleno Curiel Duenas	
Juan Benitez	



Mass Intentions

November 2-8

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Mon	7:30 am	All Souls † #
	7:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Calma & Carandang Families *
Tue	7:30 am	Capupus Family *
Wed	7:30 am	Deceased Members of the Vitalie Family † *
Thu	7:30 am	Francisco Manjares † #
Fri	7:30 am	Decased Members of the Continente Family † #
	7:00 pm	Birthday of Benedict Viloria Holy Souls in Purgatory Members of FOSS *
Sat	8:00 am	Facundo Dee † Birthday of Albert Calceta †*
Sat	5:30 pm	Francisco Del Rosario † #
Sun	8:00 am	Virginia Marie Medrano † #
	10 am	Birthday of Carol De Pasquale † #
	12 pm	Cecil R. Valenzuela † #
	3 pm	For the People #

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WEEKLY COLLECTION: Please help contribute to the smooth operation and services of our parish, especially during this most difficult time. You can give your donations to any staff member or place in the mail slot in the ministry building door. We appreciate your generosity and for making Good Shepherd a part of your family. Fr. Thi

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors.

Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**WISDOM 6:12-16, THESALONIANS 4:13-18
MATTHEW 25:1-13**

NEXT SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

ALL SOULS DAY MASS SCHEDULE



**Tomorrow, Monday
November 2
7:30am**

7pm (Bilingual)

Both Masses will be held in the church with 100 people and livestreamed

Go to

www.goodshepherdpittsburgh.org to reserve your seat.



SIMBANG GABI NEWS!

We will celebrate our yearly tradition of Simbang Gabi masses on December 16-24, 2020 with some changes. The mass will start at 5:30 am and follow current guidance and protocols for indoor masses and it is also going to be livestreamed. There will be no reception after the mass, only mass sponsorships. For inquiries ,please contact:

**Cecille Perez at 925-300-6234 ,
Cynthia Auza at 925-427-0778, or
Leilani Andes at 925-212-8408.**



Have you received your raffle tickets in the mail yet? Would you like to sell some on behalf of the church or purchase more for a better chance to win? Please contact Yvette in the parish office by emailing

yvette@goodshephrdpittsburgh.org

or calling 432-6404 ext 12 and she will help you out. We look forward to having lots of support and happy winners! 1st prize \$1,000, 2nd prize \$500 and 3rd prize \$250. Tickets are \$5 each or a book of 6 for \$25.

REOPENING OF OUR PARISH CHURCH

The county has determined that we can now open the church with limited capacity of 100 people for indoor services. We ask that you comply with the following procedures as we move indoors.

- ◆ Attendance at all masses requires a reservation through our website at www.goodshepherdpittsburgh.org
- ◆ Our mass schedule will be as follows:
 - ⇒ Daily Mass at 7:30 am in the Church-100
 - ⇒ Saturday Mass 8 am in the Church-100
 - ⇒ Saturday Mass 5:30 pm in the Church-100
 - ⇒ Sunday Mass at 8 am and 10 am in the Spiritual Garden-Unlimited with social distancing
 - ⇒ Sunday Mass at 12 pm in the Church-100
 - ⇒ Sunday Mass at 3 pm in the Church-100
 - ⇒ ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE LIVESTREAMED
- ◆ Please take the following measures when attending Mass
 - ⇒ Prior to coming to mass please take your temperature and ask yourself the following questions:
 1. *Have you or anyone in your household traveled domestically or internationally by air or cruise ship in the last 14 days?*
 2. *Do you or anyone in your household have the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, temperature over 100 degrees, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, loss of taste or smell?*
 3. *Have you or anyone in your household been notified of being exposed to someone with Covid 19 or respiratory illness in the last 14 days?*
 4. *Are you or anyone in your household currently under quarantine?*
 - If you answer "yes" to any of these questions PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND MASS.
 - ⇒ Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth
 - ⇒ Come to Mass 15 minutes early to check in
 - ⇒ Sanitizer will be available as you enter but we recommend that you bring your own
 - ⇒ Follow the ushers instructions for seating- Families may sit together but maintain social distancing from all others
 - ⇒ No worship aids will be provided but you may follow the Mass with your own book or on your mobile phone as long it is on silent mode.
 - ⇒ Follow the ushers direction to receive Holy Communion-Please receive in the hand.
 - ⇒ Follow directions when leaving the church.
 - ⇒ Please, only one person at a time in the restroom.