



Church of the Good Shepherd

PITTSBURG, CALIFORNIA

We, the members of Good Shepherd Catholic Church, are a sacramental community of faith, guided by the Holy Spirit, inspired by the Word, and centered in the Eucharist.

We are diverse in culture and talent, but one in purpose – to make known the presence of God’s saving love as revealed to us by Jesus Christ.

In partnership with other Christians in our deanery and diocese, and with the larger community, we share responsibility to foster spiritual growth and conversion, and to reach out to all people in their spiritual and temporal needs.

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Sundays 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 12 noon
 2 pm Spanish Mass
 5:30 p.m. Life Teen
Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m.
Liturgy of the Hours/Morning Prayer 6:45 a.m.
Saturdays 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. (Vigil)
Holy Days 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Saturday, 3:30 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: In order to make baptismal arrangements, parents are required to call the parish office to make an appointment to fill out paperwork and schedule a baptismal class (required of parents and godparents) and a baptismal date. A meeting will not be scheduled unless the family of the child for baptism is registered, attending mass regularly and contributing to the parish with a history of at least six (6) months, preferably through electronic fund transfer.

MARRIAGES: Couples are required to make arrangements six months prior to the date of marriage and attend a marriage preparation program. No exceptions can be made. One or both must live in the parish. A meeting will not be scheduled unless the couple is registered, attending mass regularly and contributing to the parish with a history of at least six (6) months, preferably through electronic fund transfer.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS: Should be arranged by family, church and mortuary. Normal Christian burial consists of Vigil Service, Holy Mass and Burial in a Catholic Cemetery. Any other arrangements should first be discussed with parish priest.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL-St. Peter Martyr 439-1014
PARISH MINISTRY
Altar Guild – 432-6404
Altar Servers – Dina Russell 439-1092
Bingo Office (Tuesdays only) 439-3100
Buildings & Grounds 432-6404
Music Ministry
Parish Music Dir.–Rocco Enea 432-6404
Instrumental Music Dir. – Damian Ting 432-6404
8:00 a.m. Choir – Evelyn Arms 439-5351
10:00 a.m. Choir – Sal Bruno 432-0736
Couples for Christ – Barbara & Kalani Tai 458-0250
CYO – Diane George 432-3043
Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion –
 Ann & Bill Abitz 432-3995
Extra Ordinary Ministers to the Sick – Rose Riso 432-4362
Finance – Andrea Campos 432-6404
Grief Ministry – Judy Dudziak
Hospitality –
Knights of Columbus – Ted Franger 252-0421
Lectors – Gus Lee Saca 439-7077
Liturgy Committee - Staff 432-6404
Pastoral Council –
Religious Education/Sacramental Preparation
Faith Formation – Dina Russell 439-1092
Youth Ministry – Debbie Lawson 439-1091
RCIA –Deacon Ken Wedge 432-6404
Baptismal Prep – Robert & Sheena Beck
 427-5926
Returning Catholics 432-6404
Santo Nino Family Prayer Ministry –
 Romeo & Sery Razo 439-7706
Spanish Ministry-Teresa Salazar 432-6404
Social Justice – Deacon Ken Wedge 432-6404
St. Vincent DePaul 432-6404, ext 17
Stewardship – Darla Kilgannon 432-0243
Ushers – Frank DiMaggio 776-5107
Vocations-Parish Office 432-6404
Wedding Liturgy Coordinators-Danette Shipe 427-9561
 Bee Francisco 473-9247

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m.
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES – DIOCESE OF OAKLAND
HOLY CROSS CEMETERY – ANTIOCH 757-0658

Youth Mass for Graduates TODAY!

Please join us at the 5:30 pm Youth Mass on Sunday, September 4th to honor this year's graduates! This is for all graduates from kindergarten to college! We want to bless them and wish them well on their way to new schools and new adventures!

**PREPARING FOR THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE MASS****What Will Be Happening with the Prayers at Mass?**

On the First Sunday of Advent, November 27, 2011, Catholic parishes in the United States will begin praying the texts of the Mass using a new English translation of *The Roman Missal*. *The Roman Missal* is the large book that we are accustomed to seeing the priest use at our Eucharistic liturgies. It contains the official prayers of the Mass. In the early part of this century, the late Blessed Pope John Paul II called for the original Latin Missal (the official prayer book for Mass for the entire Catholic Church worldwide) to be re-translated into the various languages prayed throughout the world. He and other Church leaders felt that our current English translation could be improved. He called for new translations that would be much more faithful to the original Latin texts, so that all Catholics throughout the world would become more closely united by praying translations that were closer to the original. The words that we pray at Mass express our beliefs; it is important that the translations capture and express these beliefs clearly. The translation process has come to a culmination now, and on the First Sunday of Advent we will begin using this new translation at Mass.

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Wanted Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Anyone interested in becoming an Extra Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion is invited to attend a procedural training on Saturday, September 17th 9:00 – 1:00 pm. in the Church. If you plan on attending or have any questions, please contact Ann & Bill Abitz at 432-3995. If we do not have enough response the training will be cancelled.

PARISH SPRUCE UP/CLEAN UP DAY
IN THE RECTORY
SEPTEMBER 24, 2011
9 AM

EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO COME ON BY AND HELP US WITH THE UPKEEP OF OUR BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS! BRING YOUR CLEANING SUPPLIES AND AN ITEM TO SHARE FOR OUR POTLUCK LUNCH! THIS IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR CHURCH AND TO SOCIALIZE WITH FRIENDS!

FLEA MARKET

Come one, come all to Fr. Helmut's Good Shepherd Flea Market!!

When: Saturday, September 17th- 7am – 1pm

Where: Good Shepherd Parking Lot

Last year, some of our sellers made OVER \$500! The price this year to rent a space is \$35 for a single stall and \$50 for a double stall. We take care of advertising and removal of unsold items.

If you don't want to sell your own items, you can still get involved! You can donate items for the Church to sell by dropping items off at the parish office during business hours. We would also LOVE to have volunteers to help on the day of the event! The more the merrier! Come join us for a fun morning of discovering old treasures!

Please call (925) 777-1106 to register for a stall or to volunteer. God bless you all for all you do for our parish!

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS!

God gives us all many talents. If you are a crafts-person, then Good Shepherd needs you and your God-given gifts for our upcoming Fall Craft Fair.

The Craft Fair will be on **November 19th** from **10am to 5pm** in the Parish Hall. Handcrafted items or art supplies can either be sold by individuals or donated for the Church to sell. All types of crafts are welcome! This will be a wonderful opportunity to buy and sell homemade gifts in time for Christmas. Start crafting now!

For more details on how to donate or to register to sell, please email: goodshepherdcraftfair@gmail.com or call (925) 777-1106.

THE MINISTRY OF SACRISTAN

The Parish is currently looking for individuals who are interested in volunteering in the ministry of Sacristan by assisting during Sunday masses and/or funerals. If you are interested in this very important liturgical ministry, please contact Fr. Helmut in the parish office. Training will be provided.

SAVE THE DATE

The Most Reverend Bishop
Salvatore Cordileone

will be here on Saturday, October 1st to bless the newly renovated sanctuary at the 5:30 pm mass. Mark your calendars! We will be publishing more details about the events of that day as they become available.

COMMEMORATING 9/11

Please join us in commemorating the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and in honoring our first responders at the pageantry-rich Blue Mass on September 17th at 9:30 am, St. Ignatius Church, Antioch. Our own Pastor, Fr. Helmut Richter, who is Chaplain for the Pittsburg Police Department, will be concelebrating the mass.

FLU SHOT CLINIC AT GOOD SHEPHERD
AFTER THE 5:30 MASS ON SEPTEMBER 10
AND AFTER THE 10 AM AND NOON MASSES
ON SEPTEMBER 11

FREE TO ALL MEDICARE B MEMBERS!

\$29.95 TO ALL OTHERS!

(UNABLE TO ACCEPT KAISER &
HEALTH NET, SORRY!)

CONTACT BERNIE RODRIGUES AT THE CVS
PHARMACY, 439-7545, AND LET HER KNOW
YOU WILL BE COMING FOR YOUR SHOT!

*Congratulations and prayerful wishes to
Anthony & Lucy Nicolosi as they celebrate
50 years of marriage on
September 3rd by having their union blessed
at our 5:30 pm liturgy!*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CORNER

Parishioners in need of assistance may fill out a Food Pantry Application in the parish office during regular business hours. Food distribution hours are from 11am to 12 noon on Saturdays.

Next weekend's needed food item is: Soup

Have you seen the new SVdP food boxes at the parish entrance?

Please put your much needed food donations in our new baskets! They are picked up every Sunday and distributed the following Saturday.

Help! We need gardeners!

We now have our garden boxes, irrigation system and thanks to a wonderful donation of 3 yards of top soil, we will soon have all of our boxes filled with dirt. Now we need gardeners. If you have wondered what you can do to make a difference (STEWARDSHIP) here is your chance. We would like to have families or teams adopt a garden box and grow food for our poor. Groups can adopt a box and plant vegetables that will be used to support our Saturday food pantry. Water is provided! Contact Deacon Ken at 925-318-4278.

We thank you for all of your help so that we may help others! God's blessings on you all!

Deacon Ken Wedge and the St. Vincent De Paul Conference of the Church of the Good Shepherd

SHEPHERD'S CLOSET

The "Shepherd's Closet", supported by your generous donations to the **Gabriel Project**, is located in the Good Shepherd Ministry Building. The closet will be open for business again on **Tuesday, September 13th between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm.** If you have any questions, feel free to call Ann Abitz at 432-3995.

At the present time we could use help locating infant creepers of all infant sizes. We could also use grooming items, nail clippers, scissors, combs and brushes, also baby lotion, baby oil and shampoo. In addition we will gladly accept safe and usable furniture, such as regular or umbrella strollers, carryalls, and bouncers.

The Gabriel Project is a movement of churches working together to offer friendship and support to women in crisis pregnancies. For more information about this project phone 1-800-910-0191.

Mass Intentions

Sept 5-11

Mon	7:00	Laura Di Maggio †
Tue	7:00	Jenny Mandab †
Wed	7:00	Tyrone Plata
Thur	7:00	Frank Garcia †
Fri	7:00	Garlit & Viernes Families †
Sat	8:00	Nena Erfe †
	5:30	Eleanor Coniglio †
Sun	8:00	Joseph Bertoglio †
	10:00	Marianne Palomino Messer †
	12:00	Living and Deceased 9/11 Victims †
	2:00	FOR THE PEOPLE
	5:30	Laura Di Maggio †

†Indicates those who are deceased

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULED FOR
September 10/11

Saturday		
5:30 pm		Erik & Chase Smith, Rafael Almarinez, Devin Brown
Sunday		
8:00 am		Giovanni Ferrante & Jordan Windham
10:00 am		Westley Hart, Gillian & Giles Carlos, Margarita Gonzalez
12 noon		Jared Tamondong, Ku' u Tai, Nikolas Abenoja, Colin Monasterial, Eva Jimenez
5:30 pm		Anthony Johnson, Tiffany Vo, Riodelle Reyes

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR
September 10/11

Saturday		
5:30 pm		Carol Davi, Ben Davi, Carmen Bond, Lucilla Mangante, Rose Riso
Sunday		
8:00 am		Patrick Wilson, Diane Gonsalves, Cynthia Greely, Martha Marin, Ed Woodrow
10:00 am		Fran Confetti, Dom Confetti, Florida Castillo, Mimi Reynoso, Fran Scott, Tammy Vo
12 noon		Jubene Lagarejos, Roy & Ronne Lagarejos, Melis Ramirez, Romeo & Sery Razo

WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE

\$9,600.00 Needed~1st Collection & EFT
(budgeted as income needed for 1st collections only for 2011)

\$ 4,460.00 1st Collection

\$ 970.00 EFT

\$ 5,430.00 Total 1st Collection

Negative this week \$ 4,170

YEAR TO DATE FINANCE UPDATE

All parish income as of

August 31, 2011 \$552,683

Expenses as of 8/31/11 \$570,542

Expenses over Income **-\$ 17,859**

YEAR TO DATE SACRAMENT TOTALS

Baptisms	46
First Holy Communions	38
Confirmations	47
Deaths	46
Weddings	1
Sick Calls	344

RCIA IS BACK AT GOOD SHEPHERD!

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Are you missing some sacraments and want to become more fully involved in the Church? Call Deacon Ken at 432-6404 ext. 27 for more information.

FLOWERS AND CANDLES

If you are one of the faithful that brings flowers to the Blessed Mother or any of the other icons in our church, please make sure to also take responsibility for removing the flowers once they have wilted. We'd appreciate it since we do not have a regular janitor for the church! Also, please **DO NOT** bring any candles into the church as they present a potential fire hazard. The votives that are available in the church are the only approved and safe candles to leave lit in the sanctuary. Thanks for understanding.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

September 11, 2011

NEXT WEEK'S 2ND COLLECTION

**Sirach 27:30-28:7, Romans 14:7-9,
Matthew 18:21-35**

St. Vincent De Paul