

# NOVEMBER 24, 2019 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

## *The Covenant Community of Jesus the Good Shepherd*



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The rulers sneered at Jesus and said, "He saved others, let him save himself if he is the chosen one, the Christ of God." - Lk 23:35

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#### Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	4:30 PM
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 & 10:45 AM; 5:00 PM
<b>Sunday Nursery</b>	7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. (ages 4 mos—3 yrs).

(Please, no children in nursery without an adult)

#### Daily Mass (Chapel):

8:00 AM Tuesday-Saturday\*

Mondays: Communion Service 8 AM

*\*unless otherwise noted in the bulletin*

*Low gluten hosts are available in the priest's line at Communion time.*

**Reconciliation/Penance:** Sat 3:00 PM –4:00 PM

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Thursday | 8:30 a.m.-8:45 p.m.

(Sign up outside chapel)

*If you have young children your thoughtful use of the Quiet Room during Mass is appreciated*



#### Cardinal Hickey Academy

301-812-0404

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**NEW TO PARISH?** – To register, we invite you to the next New Members Meeting. See page 3 for dates and times. To receive a Sacrament or to be eligible to be a sponsor one must be registered and practicing the faith.

**RCIA** – We welcome adults interested in becoming Catholic into our RCIA program. Please contact the church office at 410-257-3810.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS** - Usually held the third Sunday of each month following the last morning Mass. Please call the church office to register for the class. Catholic parents of the child to be baptized must be registered members of JGS. We welcome you to a New Members Meeting in advance. A Catholic godparent must be a registered and practicing Catholic, confirmed in writing by his or her proper pastor.

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY** - We rejoice with members who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact our office at least **six months** in advance; otherwise, dates cannot be guaranteed. Please do not set a date before making Church arrangements first. Dates for weddings will not be arranged before a preliminary meeting.

**JGS CEMETERY:** Serves people of all faiths. Registered parishioners of Jesus the Good Shepherd, Jesus the Divine Word, and St. Anthony of Padua receive parish rates. Please call Catholic Cemeteries at 301-475-5005 or email: [qop@ccaw.org](mailto:qop@ccaw.org).

**MISSION STATEMENT:** "We, the Roman Catholic Parish of the Covenant Community of Jesus the Good Shepherd, have chosen to serve the Lord by evangelizing through the virtues of Hospitality, Spirituality and Stewardship."

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We look forward to seeing you at Mass again soon.

### JGS Staff

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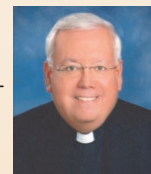
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**CHA Principal**

Darlene Kostelnik  
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We have over 70 ministries at JGS. We invite you to go to our website at ccjgs.org and click on the Ministries tab and then click on "Our Ministries" to see the complete listing.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,



What a beautiful time of year. It is beautiful for the following reasons:

Today the Church celebrates the end of the church's liturgical year as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. We hear in today's Gospel overtones of Christ's passion. This Gospel reading shows who we are to be Christians. Just as Christ did not respond to the soldiers who taunted him, we are to turn the other cheek. As the criminal put his faith in Jesus, we are to rely on God. Our lives are a gift. We know that God is responsible for all that is good.

This Thursday is our national Day of Thanksgiving. I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Thanksgiving. Before you "indulge", I invite you to the table Jesus has set for us – the Eucharistic Table – to give thanks and praise to HIM for all the blessings He has bestowed our nation. Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m.

Today's celebration reminds us that next weekend we begin the Season of Advent. What a joyful season! The Church reminds us that the purpose of Advent is two-fold: to recall the return of Christ at the end of all time and [2] to recall the birth of Jesus in order to save humanity and to unite all people and nations unto Himself. The songs we sing and the readings we will hear the next four weekends prepare all of us once again for the celebration of our Savior's birth at Christmas. Let us rejoice!

*Let us pray: Lord God, you sent your Son to die for our sins and reconcile us with you. Attune our hearts to walk faithfully to the call of our Baptism to build a Kingdom of reconciliation, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



Happy Thanksgiving!  
Father Mike

**Weekend Mass Intentions for November 23-24, 2019**

4:30 PM Vigil	† David Kuhn, son of Chuck and Lynn Kuhn, at the request of Mike and Barbara Hotchkiss
8:00 AM	† Genevieve Shustock at the request of the Scott/Shustock family
10:45 AM	† David Kuhn, son of Chuck and Lynn Kuhn, at the request of Sandy Soderstrom
5:00 PM	† David Kuhn, son of Chuck and Lynn Kuhn, at the request of Mary Ann and Buck Rodda



**Mass Intentions for November 25-30, 2019**

Mon	11/25	8 AM	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tues	11/26	8 AM	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wed	11/27	8 AM	† Gil Poudrier, husband of Lucy, at the request of the Poudrier family
Thurs	11/28	9:30 AM	† Marie Mocny, mother of Laurel Ann Renaud, on the anniversary of her death
Fri	11/29	8 AM	† David Kuhn, son of Lynn and Chuck Kuhn, at the request of Bill and Donna Phalen
Sat	11/30	8 AM	† Monsignor Maury O'Connor, brother of Maggie McLaughlin, at the request of May Toepfer

## Ministry Schedule for Nov 30-Dec 1, 2019

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers	Greeters
4:30 PM Vigil	Eason/Schrodel	Addison/Hoffman/Rock/M.Scott/Volunteer	Moomaw/Moomaw/Skiados	Hopson/Hopson/Petricko/Regan
8:00 AM	Polk/Volunteer	Dusseau/Harrington/Johnson/Manuel/Thorne/Wagnhofer	Harrington/Harrington/Mudd	Kaputa/Leslie/Sampson/Sampson
10:45 AM	Dorsett/Nazzaro	Collins/James/Poudrier/Talbot(2)/Tereshinski	Cox/Kovash/Ryon	Lindsey/Talbot/Thompson/Volunteer
5:00 PM	Smith/Smith	Horabik/Langley/Remington/Watkins/Volunteer	Connolly-Schultz/Volunteers(2)	Martinoli/Sherbert/Volunteers

Last names beginning with A-D please bring baked goods for hospitality after morning Masses, either homemade or store bought. Drop off in the kitchen before Mass.

## The Virtue of Hospitality

**NEW to JGS?**



**JGS MEMBER REGISTRATION** – Are you new to JGS? Want to join? **THE NEXT NEW MEMBERS MEETING IS JANUARY 12 AFTER THE 10:45 A.M. MASS. FAMILIES WELCOME!** In the mean time check out our website at [ccjgs.org](http://ccjgs.org) and sign up for Flocknote to receive alerts about news and events. (see page 6).

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** It is a beautiful tradition at JGS during November to have available for public signature our **“Book of Remembrance.”** You are most welcome to inscribe the name[s] of your beloved dead in this book which is available by the chapel doors until this weekend, November 23-24.

**THE FIRST ROUND OF LIFETOUCH 8X10'S ARE IN:** If you participated in the first round of pictures for the pictorial directory and you have not received your portrait, it may be at the JGS office. Please contact us to arrange for pickup. Email or call Laura at 410-257-3810 x1000 or [secretary@ccjgs.org](mailto:secretary@ccjgs.org) or Sheryl at 410-257-3810 x1001 or [receptionist@ccjgs.org](mailto:receptionist@ccjgs.org).

### UPCOMING EVENTS



**Thanksgiving Day Mass—9:30 a.m.**



**ADVENT CANDLES:** Advent candles are available after Mass in the Centre. The price is \$4 for the candles, \$6 for the wreath and \$10 for the set. **The first Sunday of Advent is December 1.**

**SECOND SPRING POTLUCK DINNER** is scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2019 at 5:00 PM in the church hall. This will be our annual “Christmas Sing Along”. JoAnne and Richard Alu and other members of our 8:00 AM Choir will lead us in song as we sing our favorite Christmas Carols. Come dressed in holiday colors. We will also be planning our annual New Year’s Eve celebration.

## #iGIVECATHOLIC #GIVINGTUESDAY

**JGS IS PARTICIPATING IN #GIVINGTUESDAY!** We are asking you to participate in #iGiveCatholic by donating on #GivingTuesday, December 3rd! It's easy as 1,2, 3!

- Step 1: Visit [iGiveCatholic.org](http://iGiveCatholic.org)
- Step 2: Search for “Jesus the Good Shepherd”
- Step 3: Donate \$25 or more

You can give early! Help us reach our goal of \$5000. Advanced giving runs Nov 18-Dec 2nd. Thank you for participating!



**THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION** – JGS and CHA will be participating in the annual Thanksgiving food collection to benefit the Ladies of Charity Food Pantry in North Beach, which serves our neighbors in Northern Calvert and Southern Anne Arundel Counties. The most needed items are cereal, soup, and canned meat and fish. Donated items may be left in the rear corner in the Centre. Please check the expiration date on all donated items.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT:** Good news: the No-Rehearsal Christmas Pageant is back... with one catch! If your child would like to play a bigger role, we will have just ONE (short!) rehearsal on Tuesday, December 10th from 6-7 p.m. in the Centre. **Please note: we are only doing one Christmas pageant this year and it will be at the 4:30 Mass in the Gymnasium.** Any and all children in Grades K-5 are welcome to show up on Christmas Eve in costume (be a stable animal, an angel, a wise person, or a shepherd! The narrator will direct the children.). If you don't have a costume, we will have some available on a first-come basis that night.

**If your child would like to be Mary, Joseph, the star carrier, or one of the three main gift bearers/wise people, they must attend the rehearsal on Dec. 10th.** We have costumes for them and will give them out that night. Questions: Contact Vikki Sickels at [vsickels@yahoo.com](mailto:vsickels@yahoo.com)

**RELIGIOUS GIFT CHRISTMAS SALE:** We are delighted that JGS will be hosting a CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE IN THE CENTRE ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DEC 1. Religious items for sale are made from beautiful olive wood from the Holy Land. Please remember to stop by before or after the Sunday Masses. Proceeds go to support Christians who live in the Holy Land. We hope that this will be helpful to you for your Christmas giving list as well as be of assistance to Christians in the Holy Land who need our support. Thank you!



**OUR DECEMBER WEEKEND WATERCOLOR** is scheduled for December 8 at 1:00 pm in the JGS Adult Art room, which is located behind the school on the right side of the campus. Parishioner and artist Joyce Bare Conlon will guide you step-by-step and you will leave with a beautiful painting that is frame-worthy! This Christmas boot with a single ornament is simply gorgeous and you won't want to miss out on this class! All supplies are included for a small fee of \$25; checks are made payable to JGS. Pre-registration is required by contacting Joyce at either [jconlon@comcast.net](mailto:jconlon@comcast.net) or 301-717-0222.

**JGS CAREGIVERS MINISTRY** meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 in the Centre. The next meeting is Thursday, Dec 5th. Please call or email Theresa Mills at 410-349-6123 or [familycenter@ccjgs.org](mailto:familycenter@ccjgs.org) if you have questions or would like to join.

**SOS! SOS! SOS! A lot of excitement is building in our senior ministry:** We now have 48—4 dozen—volunteers!

At last count, 6 of us had completed all the Volunteer Requirements and training that the ADW (Archdiocese of Washington) and Catholic Mutual have demanded of us. Hopefully at the beginning of the new year, when many more have satisfied the training outlined for compliance, SOS will be ready to begin assisting our older adults.

Mark your calendars! JGS and SOS, in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Washington and their Department of Special Needs, will host a one-day retreat on March 28, 2020, with speaker, retired judge and author Barbara Lee. The topic of her book “God Isn’t Finished with Me Yet,” addresses the spiritual aspects of aging, and will be the focus of this workshop. It will include her speaking; breaking into small discussion groups; and a light lunch. Since ADW has designated our church as their “pilot parish” in the area of senior ministry, they wanted us to host this event!

If you are interested in assisting SOS as a volunteer or would like more information, please contact Raleigh Weckbaugh at 410-610-2953 or [jgsservingourseniors@gmail.com](mailto:jgsservingourseniors@gmail.com).

**ACTIVE CATHOLIC TEENS**— All teens in grades 10-12 are invited to join us after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We have great food, plenty of games, and time to catch up with friends. Parent volunteers are needed and new teens are welcome.

Meeting dates are as follows:

- Sat, Nov 23—Operation Gratitude, Centre
- Dec 8—ACT
- Dec 15— ACT (*Advent Confessions for the Parish*)

**CONFIRMATION**—Classes take place in Shepherd’s Cove after the 5:00 Sunday Mass from 6:20-8:00 p.m. Upcoming class dates are:

- Sat, Nov 23—Operation Gratitude, Centre
- Nov 24—Confirmation Class
- Dec 8—Confirmation Class
- Dec 15—Confirmation Class (*Advent Confessions for the Parish*)



Go to [ccjgs.org/youthministry](http://ccjgs.org/youthministry) for full calendars and registration. Contact Casey Esser, Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Confirmation at [youth@ccjgs.org](mailto:youth@ccjgs.org) or 410-257-3810 x1009

## The Virtue of Spirituality

*Pray For...*

*The sick:* Susan White; Anne Marie Scarpino; Ed Reilly; Doris Parker; Steve Schult; Sue Baczynski; Joan Carr; Donna Boylan; Raymond Stubbs; Stephanie Wyvill; Anne Brophy; Ryan & Cuppy Silva; Ron Weller; Gavin DiBitetto; Nancy Harvey; Baby Parker Smola; Mary Chin; Ray Wenderlich; Jovannie Licalzie; Les Silva; baby Logan Townsend; Sammy Baugh; Debbie Kineer; Heather Williamson; Kathy Bigelow; Duke Dusseau; Kathy Freudenberg; Sylvia Proctor; Herbert Cassalla; Loretta McMurtrie; William “Billy” Crandall; Buddy Curtis; Kelly McCarley; Bob Adams; Marsha Dunn; Katie Lakie; Janet Cleary; Colleen Casse; Robert Barklage; Janet Barklage; William Barklage; Jeffrey, Alec and Dawson Barklage; Cindy Miller; Martin Seitter; Pat Conway; Marilyn Taylor.

Friends/relatives in need of prayer and for those who have died contact the church office monthly to include them in our bulletin.

**We pray for all the members of the United States Military. We pray that all are kept from harm, especially:**

*Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Skirchak; Ensign Matthew Schwartz; Steve Looney; Billy Looney; Will Jones; Michael Hardy; LT. Alex Scott; Nicholas Majers; David Keffer; James Lanson Weeks; Captain Robert Patterson, USMC; LT Nadila Khan, USN; Ross Noone; LT. Col. Robert Magnuson; Col Phil Noltemeyer; Sr A Matthew Cullens; Wil-*

*liam Ryan Thayer; LT. Col. Brian Genelin; Michael Parker; Michael Henry Thayer; LT. Col. Gerald Cullens; Noah Pirner; Scott Mega; Capt. Kal Bassma; Mark Smith; Jacob Floyd; Joseph Masoero; Christopher Kuczek; Tyler Menoche; Tim Addison*

**GOD BLESS THEM ALL**

Please contact the church office to have a name added to this list.

**Readings for the week of November 24, 2019**

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**Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22

**Next Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

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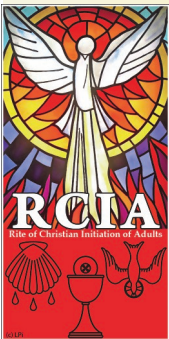
Are we looking for Christ to be our earthly king or our eternal one? We often go back and forth with God on this question. What we find in the content of our prayer usually reveals the answer. Because life can be difficult, we may desire that God cushion our earthly experience a bit, make it more tolerable, remove the crosses, and do the miraculous. Preserving our earthly lives can take too much precedence and be of too much concern. Christ the eternal king offers a different promise and hope. The eternal king offers us a way through suffering and hardship to the greater glory to be revealed when our journey is completed in heaven. The eternal king is not the king of earthly comfort but the king who advocates for the poor, vulnerable, lost, broken, marginalized, and hurting. We are asked to become like the eternal king, Jesus Christ, both in this life and in the life to come. ©LPi

# The Virtue of Spirituality



**MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY:** A nice way to begin one's Thanksgiving Day is by coming to our annual Thanksgiving morning Mass at 9:30 a.m. What a great way to begin Thanksgiving – by thanking God who is the source of all our blessings! It is a wonderful way for our community to come together and to give thanks to God for the many blessings that God, in His Providence, has given us collectively and as individual households. We all have something to thank God for: *“Lord, we thank you for the many blessings you have bestowed upon us in this life. Thank you for the plentiful food we eat, especially on the wonderful feast of Thanksgiving. Thank you for the warmth of home, and the love and joy of family and friends. Bless those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering, especially victims of natural disasters and wars. We ask your blessing through Christ your Son and our Lord, Amen!”*

**WALKING WITH PURPOSE (WWP)** Did you want to join Walking With Purpose, our women's bible study, and it just got away from you, and now you think it's too late? Well, its never too late to join one of our 4 classes (Monday or Tuesday AM and 2 on Tuesday PM). **And**, we hope to begin a new Walking With Purpose Bible Study called Opening Your Heart beginning on or about Wednesday evening, January 8, 2020. What a wonderful New Year's Resolution, drawing closer to our Lord and Savior by spending 2 hours a week studying His Word and building fellowship and friendships with other women in and around our Parish. Call or email me on 301 325-4904 or [vw22@comcast.net](mailto:vw22@comcast.net) to learn more. Vicki Thorne, Pastoral Coordinator, JGS WWP.



**RCIA:** Interested in becoming Catholic? Are you missing the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and/or Eucharist? The RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS for YOU! Please join us and be part of THE JOURNEY OF FAITH! We also want to reach out to children age 7 and above who are lacking these same sacraments. We have a program for them to assist them in “catching” up with their sacramental needs. For more information, please contact Father Mike or Deacon Paul [contact information on page 2]. No question is unimportant; all questions will be gladly addressed and answered. We will be happy to assist you and guide you!

**CALVERT CATHOLIC** seeks to connect Catholics in their 20s and 30s so we can encounter Christ in community. Join us for a meal, discussion, retreats, or service. We are always looking for new members and new ideas!

We meet at least once a month in one of our homes for good food, prayer and discussion. Daycare always provided. Meet us on Facebook or by e-mail to learn more!



## Liturgy Corner

### News on the Work of the People

#### Calling all Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers!



**SAVE THE DATE:** Our Liturgical Ministers Workshop will be **Saturday December 7 from 8:30am -12pm.** We welcome Director of Worship for the Arlington Diocese, Dr. James Starke who will speak about Christian service and the liturgy. Full schedule on our website!

#### November is All Souls Month

Thank you to all the families and friends who came to the Mass of Remembrance to commemorate all the faithful departed. Combined with the Faure Requiem, guest organists and singers, it was truly a memorable experience for all. A special thanks to the Music Ministry and the Bereavement Ministry for facilitating such a seamless liturgy. The entire month of November is devoted to our dearly departed, and we continue to remember and pray for the souls in purgatory.



#### A GRATITUDE EXAMEN

Gratitude is one of the greatest spiritual practices. It opens our minds, calms our hearts, and rids bitterness of it's power. The “examen” is a spiritual practice to reflect on how we have responded to God's work in our lives. This Thanksgiving, consider your own reasons for thankfulness!

What Gifts have You given me?

How have I Received love from others?

How is grace at work in Aspects of my life story?

Do I Trust You to continue to bless me?

Where have I missed Your movements?

Have I used my Talents at the service of other?

Do I see a purpose for my life Underway?

How can I have the Discipline to thank You daily?

Help me give Everything back to You! ©LPi



**NURSERY NEWS: WE NOW JUST NEED ONE MORE ADULT TO WORK IN THE NURSERY ON SUNDAY MORNINGS!** We are looking for a responsible adult to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings. Hours of operation are: 7:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m. (summer: 7:45 a.m.—11:15 a.m.) Additional hours may be available throughout the year. Applicants for this position must comply with the ADW Child Protection Policy prior to assuming duties. We are looking to fill this position A.S.A.P. Please call the church office for more details.

Prayer is powerful! Please send your request to [mdmassil@aol.com](mailto:mdmassil@aol.com) so that our team of prayer warriors with our Prayer Chain Ministry can lift your need to the Lord.



## The Virtue of Stewardship

### Safety and Security: November Message

Blocked exits and doors may prevent escape in an emergency. If you see something blocking an escape route, move it or tell someone. The effort may save your life.



**FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY:** We kindly remind all parents to accompany their children to restrooms in the Centre during Mass times. In addition, one parent must be with their children at the outside playground at all times. Thank you.



### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, December 1st  
7:00 am – 12:30 pm in the Family Center Gym

**Give the gift of life! Blood donations during the Holiday Season are usually in high demand. Your donation matters! Please make a donation appointment today.**

Call 1-800-REDCROSS or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

Requirements: Must be in good health, weigh at least 110 lbs., no tattoo within the past year; at least 17 years old (16 with parents written permission); and have not donated whole blood within the past 56 days. Questions? Contact Cheryl Gilmer 301-509-3642.



**SHARE the Holidays**—the JGS SHARE food ministry is collecting monetary donations to help feed at least 30 families a holiday meal. Donations may be left in the “Share the Holidays” box on the shelf in the Centre. Your donation of \$36 will buy a FULL HOLIDAY DINNER. Thank you!

**GIVE THE GIFT OF SERVICE**—Catholic Charities DC encourages you to give back by taking advantage of a variety of volunteer opportunities available in Washington, DC and southern Maryland. For more information on volunteering with Catholic Charities, or to register to volunteer, visit [catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer](http://catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer).

**TOILETRIES FOR THE POOR**—Donations of travel size toiletries are needed. Donations may be left on the shelf in the Centre. Thank you!



**Do You Want to Sing Praise to God?**  
All are welcome to join the JGS Music Ministry Contact Katie Evans at [music@ccjgs.org](mailto:music@ccjgs.org) or 410-257-3810 x.  
**Rehearsal Schedule** is Thursday's from 7-8:30pm for the Combined Adult Choir.

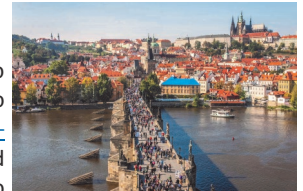


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Get involved  
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to receive reminders

From your phone:  
Text: 84576 Keyword: ccjgs  
From your computer:  
<https://app.flocknote.com/ccjgs>

### CHOIR TOUR TO PRAGUE, AUSTRIA, AND GERMANY!

All are invited to join! For more info or to view a detailed itinerary, go to: <https://www.ccjgs.org/music-ministry> of contact Katie Evans and she can email you more info at [music@ccjgs.org](mailto:music@ccjgs.org).



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**SECOND COLLECTION, WEEKEND OF NOV 30-DEC 1:** Many in our community know first-hand the benefits of a Catholic grade school education. Are you an *alum* of a Catholic grade school, either locally or beyond? Please consider “passing on” the gift of a Catholic elementary school education! Kindly support the second collection at all the weekend Masses Nov 30-Dec 1. *All income goes to the general operations fund of our regional Catholic elementary school, Cardinal Hickey Academy.* The operation of CHA has become more and more expensive like everything else over the years. Your gift will help move forward some projects not able to be addressed within the limits of in-coming tuition. Please give generously to the CHA Second Collection, Nov 30/Dec 1 to support CHA. God bless you!

**TAKING THE NEXT STEP:** Several weeks ago, we launched TAKING THE NEXT STEP [TNS] for our Sunday offertory. We thank parishioners who have so far responded. However, we have yet to hear from many. *The participation of all parishioners is vital to the future financial stability of our community.* Operational costs have risen over the years and we really need the consistent, financial support to maintain the quality and quantity of our ministries here at Jesus the Good Shepherd. Kindly respond asap. Thank you.

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