



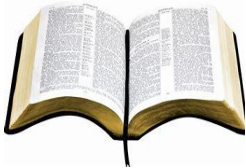
Good Shepherd Catholic Church Saints Peter and Paul the Apostles June 28 & 29, 2025

Mass Schedule:

Wednesday 9 am
Friday 9 am
Saturday 4 pm
Sunday 11 am

Confession 8:15 – 8:45 am
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Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm

Glory & Praise Book Cycle C 962



First Reading:

Acts of the Apostles 12: 1-11

Responsorial:

Psalm 34: 2-9

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18

Gospel:

Matthew 16: 13-19

Livestream Mass on YouTube or Facebook at Good Shepherd Catholic Church McCormick

Welcome

We welcome all visitors and invite you to join us again for worship. Please sign our guest book and feel free to write your prayer intentions in our Community Book of Prayer. If you would like to help us with the support of our Church campus, please place an offering in the "Welcome" envelopes located on the back of the pews and drop it in the offertory basket.

Mission Statement

Good Shepherd Catholic Church is passionately committed to service, in accordance with the pastoral vision of the Diocese of Charleston, to being servants of God and good stewards of the Sacred Mysteries. We strive to be a holy and God-centered community growing in joyful righteousness and living without fear by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Spirit, we will help inspire, educate, and support our community and work for unity among the Churches.

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Parish Office Hours: Tues-Fri 9 am-Noon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 28th 4 pm + Roberta Mattio requested by Tom & Debbie Popejoy

Lector: Jackie Novak

EM of HC: Karen Boerner

Ushers: Ray DeShano & Chris Benedetto

Sunday, June 29th 11 am + Deceased members of Vincent Snyder family.

Lector: Rick Ring

EM of HC: Pat Stickdorn

Ushers: Pat Ouellette & Mark Leszczynski

Wednesday, July 2nd 9 am + Adolph Schmidt requested by the Schmidt Family

Friday, July 4th 10 am + Tom Morgan and special intention for Kyle Morgan requested by Joan Morgan

Saturday, July 5th 4 pm + Helen Balogh requested by Renee Strunk and + Lora McCants requested by Ted & Linda Hansen

Lector: Bernadette Tarrant

EM of HC: Fabio Espinosa

Ushers: Karen Faaborg & Linda Bumber

Sunday, July 6th 11 am + Deceased members of Good Shepherd Men's Club

Lector: Teresa Leszczynski

EM of HC: Mark Leszczynski

Ushers: William & Gretchen Keneson

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jul 04 | 10 am Mass Independence Day First Friday Benediction/Adoration |
| Jul 14 | Joyful Journey Group 3 pm |
| Jul 16 | Women's Club "unbirthday" party |



Pray for our Military Members

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sophie Augustine | Sean Avery |
| Brianna & Stephen Balogh | Christopher R. Balogh |
| Sarah Balogh | Aaron T. Bird |
| Andrew Brandon | Eric Brandon |
| Drew Chadwick | Ryan Chemelewski |
| Paul Cross | Nate Dreslinski |
| Jake Ivey | Connor Joyce |
| Ian Leszczynski | Michael Mathews |
| Cassie Newkirk | Noah Neuman |
| Kaylin Neuman | Stockton Obermeyer |
| Savanna Obermeyer | Declan Pemberton |
| Aspen Quam | Timothy Shively |
| Daniel O'Donnell | Daniel & Brandi Stricker |
| Jonathon Taylor | Cody Tiller |
| Ashley Wulforst | Thomas Wulforst |



Pray for our Sick & Home Bound

Dick Balogh, Michael Daly, Frank DeRoller, Lana Kittenbrink, Bobby Passafaro, John & Diane Scardace, Larry Slater, Lee Stickdorn, Mary Stirtzinger, Mike Thompson, Skip Tortorello, and Bud Webster

....and those intentions written in our Community Book of Prayer. The recipient or family must clear all requests if possible.

Collection Report

Weekend of June 21 & 22, 2025

| <u>Offertory</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Variance</u> |
|---|---------------|-----------------|
| \$3,454.00 | \$5,319.00 | -\$1,865.00 |
| THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGULAR CONTRIBUTIONS. | | |
| You can mail your contributions to Good Shepherd | | |
| Church, P. O. Box 1468, McCormick, SC 2983 | | |



LET'S BE TOGETHER.

Catholic Appeal Update

In 2023 and 2024, the first two years of the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina, we at Good Shepherd Parish exceeded our goal by a combined total of \$14,604, half of which was returned to us to use for parish projects and expenses. This year, we're keeping our record intact of surpassing our goal. The most recent diocesan report shows that, as of June 20, we were \$1,500 ahead of this year's goal with 66 families, of the 214 registered parishioners, have made generous contributions. The Appeal is not over yet, so there is still time for those who have not donated to make a cash contribution or pledge, either by mail using the donor card and envelope that came from the Diocese, or by placing the envelope with the card enclosed in an offertory basket at Mass. Gifts are also accepted online using a credit card or by arranging a draft from your bank account. Go to www.charlestondiocese.org/donate. And again, this year, half of the amount over our goal will be returned to Good Shepherd. Thanks for supporting the Appeal, which underwrites the cost of diocesan programs and services that help people in all of South Carolina.

Dave Lorenzatti, Catholic Appeal Coordinator

If you had ordered a brick for the pathway between the Church and the Life Center, they have been installed. Thank you for your patience with this project

There will be a second collection on June 28 & 29 for Peter's Pence.



FOOD PANTRY DONATION GUIDELINES

14.5 oz cans of vegetables, soups and fruits, canned tuna, salmon or chicken – 7 – 12 oz. Standard size box of cereal, crackers, mac & cheese, rice, and pasta. Toilet Tissue – individually wrapped if possible. Individually wrapped bars of soap. **FYI**

soon you will be able to visit their wish list at Amazon, Walmart and Target to select items to be delivered for you



GRANDMOTHER MINISTRY

The following items are needed for this ministry: fruit cups, canned or microwave spaghetti, mac & cheese, cereal, soup, regular grits, peanut butter and jelly or any other non-perishable items that kids will eat or drink. Please also consider toilet paper, cleaning products, cash and gift cards from Food Lion or the Dollar stores. Please drop off your items in the Life Center marked “Billie”. Thank you for your generosity.

New Parish Directory



It has been 4 years since we last published a Parish Directory. The Parish Council has decided it is time for a new one. Please consider volunteering to help with this project, by contact Ginny Vose at 617-584-6900



Father Marreddy

On June 22nd , a few of our parishioners travelled to St. Philip Benizi in Moncks Corner, SC to celebrated Father Marreddy's retirement Mass and luncheon.

Father Marreddy was the pastor at Good Shepherd from 2002 to 2012, and he appreciated all the good wishes sent from Good Shepherd Parishioners. He has been a priest

for 46 years and will end his time at St. Philip Benizi on June 30th and will begin his next chapter of ministry.

Feast of Saints. Peter & Paul, the Apostles

Today we honor saints Peter and Paul, two great apostles and two great heroes of our faith. We know, however, that they were very human heroes. Their limitations are spelled out for us in the Scriptures. We all know Peter's shortcomings from the gospels. We know Paul's limitations from his own letters. That very human dimensions of their personalities make them very attractive models for us. We can all recognize something of Peter and Paul in ourselves.

When we come back to our gospel, it is said, "For some of them you are John the Baptist, for others Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the prophets." In other words, people see you through the eyes of the past; in fact, they think that you are the past; all these names mentioned are names of the dead people. That is not unusual. When we think of it, it is what we do most of the time. We interpret the present not as something new but as something old.

But for a moment, that dead past moves aside for a fraction of inch, and Peter sees Jesus as "the One who is to come" the future, the Messiah. Immediately there came Jesus' response, "and now I say to you: You are Peter, (or Rock) and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the Keys to the kingdom of heaven." Sometimes people explain this as Jesus build his church on the faith of Peter; no, it is on Peter Jesus builds his church.

We know the shortcomings of Peter from the gospels as a soft-hearted person who denied Jesus three times, looking for something asking Jesus, we left everything and followed you, what we will get?"

Paul himself says about him in his letter to the Philippians: "Circumcised in the eighth day of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamine, a Hebrew from the Hebrew parentage, in observance of law a Pharisee, In zeal I persecuted the Church, in righteousness based on law I was blameless. But whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss...because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord." This is his conversion – a change from the righteousness from the law to a righteousness from the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. He is one of the greatest theologians and the first missionary. Paul's life and teaching remind us that no one is beyond God's mercy. According to Paul we are called to enter more deeply into Christ's death and to live a new life.

If Peter was to be the rock of apostolic faith, Paul was to be the great missionary who would bring that faith to the world he knew. St. Paul represents the local bishops who must bring the gospel to people of different cultures and deal with problems and challenges that are very individual. The church lives by the interaction between Peter who represents our roots and Paul who manifests our reach. Peter stands for our unity and Paul for our universality.

How universal are we? To be a universal Church is, on the one hand, to bring the gospel to the ends of the earth. The missionary work of the Church is never over. Every place on earth is a place that the Church can call home. Every culture adds a new and gracious branch to the growing tree of the Church. No two branches are identical, yet they all draw life from the same roots and are part of the same tree.

The question of universality of the Church on the other hand, is about much more than the geographical spread of the Church. It raises the question of how inclusive we are. Can the Church be a home for people who are poor, unconventional, inquiring, intellectual, divorced, criminals, dysfunctional, prophetic or weak in faith? Is the Church is only for people "like us" or is the Church called to be a model of the kingdom that will gather all people within her? This annual feast of saints Peter and Paul calls us to remember these two giants of our faith. It also is reminder that the enduring offices they fill, pope and local bishop, are necessary for the life of the Church. If the Church is much more than the pope, the local bishop is not a free agent but a member of the college of bishops and is called to be in communion with the Holy Father. This is also a feast for us to examine our unity with the holy father and to examine our universality and inclusivity, whether we are what we are called to be. The Petrine and Pauline dimensions are necessary for the Church to truly be the Church Jesus founded. We cannot have one without the other. We need Peter and we also need Paul.

Father Jacob Joseph



A true Eucharistic miracle occurs at every holy Mass when the priest utters the words of consecration, and the substance of the bread is transformed into the substance of Jesus' body and the wine is transformed into the substance of his blood. However, this term is sometimes used to refer to extraordinary empirical signs of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist, most notably, bleeding hosts, or the transmutation of a consecrated host into a piece of cardiac muscle tissue.

The Mexican miracle case starts in October 2006 in Tixtla, Mexico, when Father Leopoldo Roque, pastor of the parish of St. Martin of Tours, invited Father Raymundo Reyna Esteban to lead a spiritual retreat for his parishioners. As Father Leopoldo and another priest were distributing Communion, assisted by a religious sister who was to the left of Father Raymundo, this latter one turns towards him with the "pix" containing the Sacred Particles, looking at Father with eyes filled with tears, an incident that immediately attracted the attention of the celebrant; the Host that she had taken to give Communion to a lady parishioner had begun to effuse a reddish substance. The host was secured and the ecclesiastical authorities commissioned Dr. Castignon Gomez to initiate a scientific investigation of the host. Gomez had previously participated in the scientific investigation of the miraculous hosts found at the Church in Buenos Aires. The scientific commission included several scientists, physicians and laboratories. The research conducted between October 2009 and October 2012 came to the following conclusions, presented on May 25, 2013, during an international symposium held by the Diocese of Chilpancingo, on the occasion of the Year of Faith.

1. The reddish substance analyzed corresponds to blood in which there is hemoglobin and DNA of human origin.
2. The blood type is AB, similar to the one found in the Host of Lanciano and in the Holy Shroud of Turin.

In brief, the host has partially transmuted into heart tissue in which blood is effusing. The blood is fresh, indicates that the tissue continues to effuse fresh blood, which has no known natural explanation. Furthermore, the blood contains proteins indicating elevated metabolism in the person from which the tissue came, perhaps suggesting trauma.

In view of the scientific evidence and the theological significance, the ecclesiastical authorities in Mexico approve this host as having supernatural origin. On October 12, 2013, H. E. Most Rev. Alejo Zavala Castro, Bishop of the Diocese of Chilpancingo-Chilapa, announced through a Pastoral Letter the recognition of the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred at Tixtla, Mexico.



The Fourth of July

Prayer for our Nation

God our Father, giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people.

Send your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will.

Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Source: BostonCatholic.org

The American flag has 50 stars and 13 stripes. The 50 stars represent the 50 U.S. states, while the 13 stripes represent the thirteen British colonies that declared independence from Great Britain. The colors of the stripes do not have an officially designated meaning and are inherited from the British flag. However, generally, red denotes hardiness and valor, while white symbolizes purity and innocence. The blue background behind the stars represents vigilance, perseverance and justice



Betsy Ross (1752–1836) was an upholsterer in Philadelphia who produced uniforms, tents, and flags for Continental forces. Although her manufacturing contributions are documented, a popular story evolved in which Ross was hired by a group of Founding Fathers to make a new U.S. flag. According to the legend, she deviated from the six-pointed stars in the design and produced a flag with five-pointed stars instead.

The design of the "Betsy Ross flag" conforms to the Flag Act of 1777, passed early in the American Revolutionary War, which merely specified 13 alternating red and white horizontal stripes and 13 white stars in a blue canton.



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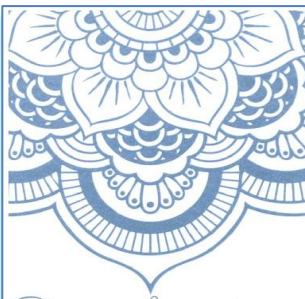
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