

CROSSROADS

Sunday's Scriptures

Epistle:

2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1

Gospel:

Luke 6:31-36

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TICKETS FOR THE FANTASY AUCTION -

\$20.00 (meal included) includes

See:

Carol Ann Curry,
Barbara Mosser or
Phyllis Pritchard

Coming Up in October:

Here are some of our upcoming events:

- 1) **Sunday, October 5:** Church Musician Sunday /
Commissioning Service for our Church School and
Catechesis Classes

Class: "***I look for the resurrection of the dead and the
life of the world to come.***"
- 2) **Sunday, October 12:** Awarding of the ***Skvir Ganister
Grant*** to **Providence House / Crop Walk**
- 3) **Saturday, October 18:** ***Fantasy Auction***
- 4) **Sunday, October 19:** 2nd Catechesis Class
(***I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of
sins.***)
- 5) **Friday, October 24:** ***Hayride***
- 6) **Sunday, October 26:** **Jane Zimmer** – Guest Speaker
during Coffee Hour on ***Elder Care Issues***
- 7) **Sunday, October 26:** ***IOCC Benefit Dinner***
- 8) **Sunday, November 2:** ***Thanksgiving Meal***



CROP WALK – OCTOBER 12

Food insecurity means having limited access to enough nutritious food due to a lack of money. Many seniors in South Jersey face the impossible choice of how best to use their money – should they pay for housing, medicine, utilities, transportation, or food? Far too often the choice to pay for food becomes the lowest priority. 1 in 7 adults and 1 in 5 children don't know where their next meal is coming from. Every single \$1 you give will provide 3 meals to people in need throughout Burlington County.

With your special gift during our CROP Walk Food Drive, the **Wiley Mission Food Pantry** can continue to work towards their vision of a hunger-free South Jersey. Every 2 weeks, the Wiley Food Bank services 200 families in our community

14th Annual



Philadelphia Banquet to Benefit IOCC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

3:30 pm Hors d'Oeuvres & Silent Auction • 5:00 pm Dinner & Program

Adelphia Restaurant, Pan Athenian Grand Ballroom •
1750 Clements Bridge Rd., Deptford, NJ 08096

**SEE JUDY CLYDE or SCOTT SORRENTINO
FOR TICKETS – \$85.00**



Walk to the Finish Participants

Marie & Elise Clifton

Caitlin & Ted Evgeniadis

Phyllis & Joe Pritchard

Nadine Schmidt

Genie & Mark Skuby

Mary & Ted Stosuy

Michelle Wash

Elise Clifton, Gregory & Laura Heiland,
Sophia Gotowchikov, & Kim Wash

Sponsor your favorite team!

Put your donation in the envelope with your team's name and place in the box!

Results will be posted each week until the final day of the CROP Walk,

October 12th



20% OFF GIFT CARD SALE

Need a gift card for someone or just for yourself?

Take advantage of our 20% off sale starting this Sunday.

All proceeds go toward our **CROP Walk**.

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Amoriello Hair Salon: \$100 for \$80

Cup and Cones

Del Buono's Bakery: \$25 for \$20

Femina Italian Grill: \$20 for \$16

Medford Lanes Bowling: \$25 (25 free games) for \$20

Mt. Laurel Nails and Spa

Ott's: \$50 for \$40

Reilly's Candy: \$25 for \$20

Richardson's Flowers: \$25 for \$20

Available In The Vestibule After Liturgy

The FANTASY AUCTION is just around the corner :

Saturday, Oct 18th from 5-8 pm (after 4pm Vespers)

#1) **Sunday, Oct 5th** is the deadline for signing up to donate a gift card or themed basket, which allows us time to prepare the Program book. The sign-up sheet is in the Social Hall at the Auction table or call **Leslie Lane** at 609-790-3470.

#2) We need donations of the following gift cards:

**\$30 Target, \$50 Amazon, \$25 or \$30 Home Depot, \$50 Lowe's,
Top Golf (any amount), \$25 Best Buy**

#3) Tickets are on sale for \$20 each Sunday – see Carol Ann Curry and Barbara Mosser. Please bring your family and friends! The admission includes a food buffet.

Advance ticket sales will help us plan for food. More bidders mean more competition and more money raised for the Parish. Tickets are also available at the door on 10/18.

#4) Please bring all donations to the Hall on Oct 5th and Oct 12th and give them to Phyllis Pritchard, Leslie Lane, Carol Ann Curry, or Barbara Mosser. At drop off, please fill out your donation form describing your item, its retail value and what you paid for it (if you wish to receive credit on your annual donation statement).

#5) Please sign-up to bring food items by Oct 5th – sheet on Social Hall bulletin board

#6) Only Cash and checks to “**St Helena's Guild**” will be accepted for all payments.

#7) Volunteers needed to clean up and reset the Social Hall – sheet at Auction table

Many thanks to all who have already generously donated an item or service for the Auction. The Committee has solicited many donations from local area businesses and restaurants. We have a great selection for you to bid on!

Please join us for an evening of fun, food, fellowship, and fundraising!

Please join us for our
Seventh Annual

FANTASY AUCTION

Great variety of Gift Baskets & Gift Cards
Includes Live Auction and 50/50

Saturday, October 18th, from 5-8 pm

Items preview at 5 pm, Live auction begins at 5:30 pm

\$20 ADMISSION FEE entitles you to:

- Auction Program listing the items you can bid on LIVE
- Food and Beverages
- Evening of fun and fellowship

Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross
11 Wilkins Station Road, Medford, NJ 08055
(609) 654-4865
www.holycrossmedford.org

Located .3 mile north of Junction Rt 70 & Rt 541
(Medford-Mt Holly Rd)

Please contact Phyllis with any questions
phyllis.pritchard@gmail.com
Or text 609-315-1258

UPCOMING LADIES' ACTIVITIES (Woman2Woman)

Woman2Woman meetings:

Please join us to “snack, pray, and chat:

Monday, October 6: REFLECTIONS ON THE NEWLY CANONIZED MATUSHKA OLGA OF KWETHLUK, MOTHER OF ALASKA

at Diana Pasca's home, 7 p.m.

10 Breckenridge Drive, Shamong

diana.pasca@outlook.com

Please RSVP.

Monday, November 3: ALL ABOUT HEART HEALTH

at Diana Bisinger's home, 7 p.m.

12 Forsythia Court (Wiley complex), Marlton

diana.bisinger1@verizon.net

Please RSVP.

Ladies' Luncheons:*

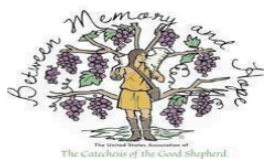
Thursday, Oct. 30 Harvest House, Moorestown Mall, 12 noon

Thursday, Nov. 20 Ginger Asian (by church), 12 noon

Thursday, Dec. 18 Kettle 'n Grille, Crispin Square, 12 noon

*This schedule may differ from previous ones. Follow this one please.
RSVP with me by the night before. If you are new to our parish, don't be shy!
All are welcome! Questions? Contact Genie Skuby 856-266-4294

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD UPDATE



Parent Page Newsletter

For the parents of children in the CGS Atrium
September-October 2025

Practical Life

What is Practical Life?

In the atrium, young children are typically first drawn to the Practical Life area, as its materials closely resemble those found in their everyday home environment. These exercises—such as pouring, folding, and table washing—offer familiar, hands-on experiences that help the child transition into the atrium while building concentration, coordination, and independence.

What does Practical Life have to do with the child's spiritual formation?

Practical Life activities are essential to the spiritual formation that is nurtured in the Atrium. As children engage in these simple, purposeful works—such as pouring, sweeping, or arranging flowers—they develop inner order, concentration, and a sense of peace. These qualities prepare the heart and mind to encounter God. Through repetition and care in their work, children begin to experience stillness, attentiveness, and joy in doing small things with great love—dispositions essential for prayer and contemplation. As children engage in these practical life works, they will:

- **Develop a sense of wonder and reverence:** When the child carefully arranges flowers or polishes wood or silver, it can become a meditative act, which invites contemplation and a deeper connection to God's presence in creation.
- **Encounter the joy of serving God and others:** When the child contributes to the care of the Atrium environment and participates in activities like setting the prayer table or creating a prayer card, it is an act of love and service to our Lord.
- **Build the foundation for prayer and contemplation:** When the child engages in a practical life activity, the concentration and focus developed help prepare the child for periods of silent reflection and listening to God's Word.
- **Make Silence:** Silence is important as a necessary means of listening to and responding to God. This is the greatest help to the child in becoming aware of and mastering his or her own actions. The experience of silence heightens the child's awareness of self, others, and the environment. Silence fosters a state of inner peace and thus, also a greater capacity for listening to God. Silence is the beginning of prayer.

Montessorian Gianna Gobbi, co-founder of this work, reminds us that the atrium environment and the materials on the shelves speak to the children about God without using any words. The materials allow the adult to limit their own interaction with the children, as not to interrupt the child. When the child is allowed to work and is not interrupted, the materials offer the child the time and space to think deeply about what has been proclaimed in the atrium, without the constant interference of the adult. How wonderful for the child, that he or she can enter this experience with God without needing the adult to have to say or to speak words every time

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Helpers of God's Precious Infants, NJ

"Building a Culture of Life and Family"

Church of the Holy Cross
PO Box 805
Medford, NJ 08055

September 25, 2025

Dear Father Shimchick and Parishioners,

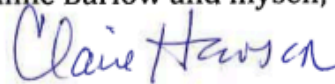
Thank you for the \$550.00 in gift cards collected from your "Mother of God" collection. They will be distributed for our families' needs.

Many of the mothers who will benefit from your generosity have chosen life despite difficult circumstances. They are our neighbors. Your efforts to help are a tangible sign of your love for them.

So far this year, we have seen 46 clients and welcomed 38 new babies into our Helpers NJ family! Each one of these mothers and babies is a precious gift from God.

We are blessed to act as intermediaries between donors who love life and those who need support to say yes to God's gift of life. We appreciate your trust, and we know our mothers will be very grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
Mary Anne Barlow and myself,


Claire Howson



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PO Box 8424, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002

www.helpersnj.org

Church Dome Project:
Iconography – \$50,000.00

Dmitri Shkolnik (Iconographer)

Here are Dmitri's sketches of the five sections within the dome. The areas around the windows will include two of the four evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) and three Prophets.

Each section is similar in size and has a "value" of \$10,000.00. We welcome donations towards any of the sections and they can be donated in memory of individuals or families.

The iconographic work will be prepared on canvases and Dmitri hopes to complete and install them by the end of the year.

However, this will require additional expenses: travel and housing for him and any staff, and the installation of scaffolding. See Fr. John for more information.



Some Ways to Support our Parish

As we enter the summer months with vacations and time away from church, we are grateful to everyone who is able to maintain their regular financial commitments to our parish.

Here are some ways that this can be done:

- 1) **Cash** (If an annual record of this donation is desired then it should be put in an envelope with your name on it, so that a record can be kept and a receipt eventually will be prepared and available).
- 2) **Monthly Envelopes** can be sent to your home (see Fr. John if you would like to donate this way).
- 3) **A Check** can be made out to the church and given in the donation basket or left in the church office.
- 4) **Having a check sent directly from your bank account to the church** (in the same way that bills can be paid on your computer through your bank).

Address the check to:

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- 5) **Using our online app, tithe.ly** – Please note that there is a 3% processing fee - this can be added to the donation or it will be subtracted from the donation):

- 1) You can use the **QR Code to the left:**
- 2) Go to: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/1197928
- 3) TEXT the word, **“Give” to: 1-833-854-9049**

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SHOP-RITE GIFT CARDS

Cards are available in denominations of \$100, \$50, \$25, and \$20.

If you're doing your grocery shopping at Shop Rite, please consider purchasing a Gift card from Holy Cross. We receive a 5% discount for cards we purchase in bulk, which benefits the parish.

Please see **Larry Skvir** on Sundays after liturgy if you're interested.

You can purchase the cards by check or cash.