

Good Shepherd Pastoral Council

Launch and Listening Phase

Week 1 – September 12 & 13

Bishop Bambera, in his 2011 pastoral letter, “Wounded and Loved, Regathering the Scattered,” calls all parishes to listen to God’s voice within and to make plans for their future. Bishop Bambera’s letter calls for the reinvigoration of Parish Pastoral Councils throughout the Diocese of Scranton to help support the spiritual renewal needed in our Church communities. These councils are to promote servant leadership in four areas: **Word, Worship, Community, and Service.**

The Pastoral Council of Good Shepherd Church is dedicated to this mission and has determined that to begin the reinvigoration of servant leadership, we must first learn of your desires and needs as they relate to your faith and our parish. The Council has developed a survey to learn what is important to you—how you see things in your parish as well as your hopes and dreams for what could be.

When we consider **Community**, we will focus on how we live out our Catholic faith and way of life within the parish community. This includes recognizing our mission, our goals, and implementing them in a spirit of welcome and hospitality, communicating information on parish programs and opportunities, and developing our sense of family in community.

Service provides us with avenues to be supportive to our parishioners and local communities through ministry, such as the food pantry, sock drive, bereavement support, Salvation Army lunches, as well as outreach to the homebound, those in nursing homes, or those with other special needs.

Next week, before beginning our parish survey, we will present two other parts of the survey: **Word** and **Worship.**

We invite each member of the parish to participate in completing the survey. Thank you for your time and thoughtfulness in providing your feedback, and for all that you do in our community of faith. May God bless us as we walk together this path of faith, hope, and love. Please join us in praying that this time of prayer and reflection bears fruit for our parish community and others we support and love.

Sincerely in Christ,

The Parish Pastoral Council of Good Shepherd Church