

Good Shepherd Pastoral Council

Launch and Listening Phase

Week 2 – September 19 & 20

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.

Word considers and evaluates how we study, teach and evangelize our Catholic faith and way of life. This includes, but is not limited to, how we prepare for the sacraments, religious education, adult faith formation, youth ministry, and ecumenical opportunities. Similarly, the **Worship** component considers how we study, teach and evangelize our Catholic faith and way of life as it relates to our spirit of welcome and hospitality, atmosphere and environment, music, homilies, devotional services, and liturgical ministries. Above all, **Worship** asks us to ponder how we spend our time in prayer and in adoration of God.

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