

# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

## All Pre-Schoolers are Welcome

St. Genevieve Parish, Flourtown, PA 19031

Cost: \$50 / child



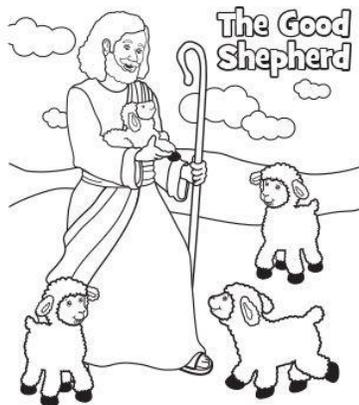
- **Tuesday Evening Session**

- Age: 4 years old to Kindergarten
- Time: 6:15pm-7:35pm
- Dates: September 26 - May 08
  - September 26 - Parent Only Meeting
  - October 03 - First Class
  - No Class: 10/31 (Halloween), 11/21 (Thanksgiving Break), 12/26 & 01/02 (Christmas Break), 3/20 (Confirmation), 3/27 (Holy Week)

- **Wednesday Morning Session**

- Age: Potty Trained 2 1/2 (by January 1) years old to 5 years old
- Time: 9am - 10:30am
- Dates: October 11 - May 16
  - Orientation: October 4 @ 9am-9:45am - New Children to Program  
October 11 @ 9am-9:45am - New Children to Program  
@9:45am-10:30am - Returning Children
  - No Class: 11/22 (Thanksgiving Break), 12/20 (Due to Giving Tree), 12/27 & 01/03 (Christmas Break), 3/28 (Holy Week)

To Register or Gain Additional Information: Please contact Mrs. Joan Dierkes, Coordinator of Religious Education, at 215-233-8934 or PREP@stgensparish.com.



### What is Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

Our Atrium (Classroom) is located in Delaney Hall at St. Genevieve's Parish, 1225 Bethlehem Pike, Flourtown, PA 19031

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is faith formation for children that draws upon the Bible and the Liturgy to present the essential mysteries of the Christian faith. CGS uses the educational principals of Maria Montessori who was a devout Catholic who believed faith formation has an essential role in the development of the child.

The heart of CGS is a special room called the 'Atrium', a place where the catechists help children fall in love with Jesus, the Good Shepherd. The Atrium contains age appropriate materials that are simple and lead the children toward a closer relationship with God. Many of the materials will remind the children of what they see in Church. The children are taught a sense of reverence for the Atrium and for the items it contains. Expected behavior in the Atrium is peaceful and respectful, similar to what is expected at Mass.

Each session consists of a presentation of new material, work time, and prayer. Presentations include biblical geography, liturgy, the Nativity narratives, parables, and practical life lessons. The presentations are selected to coincide with the Church year. The children spend time working individually. This personal work allows the children enter into the mysteries of our faith at their own pace, with the 'Inner Teacher,' so that the mysteries of our faith can live in the children's minds and hearts and memory.