



## IN OUR PRAYERS...

Your prayers are asked for Joan, Harrison, Ryder, Susan, Billy, Sari, Margaret, Mia, Sheryl, Barbara, David, Melissa, Marybeth, Rubye, Ruth, Tina, Andreanna, Henry, Delia, Emily, Josephine, Vilmarie, Elvira, Destiny, Jim, Nancy, Ron, George, Donna, Carolyn, Franca, Robert, Madeline, Maria, Kathleen, Jennifer, Dan, Mike, Debbie, Donald, Andy, Sonya, Angel, the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem, the children of the Carpenter's Kids program in Tanzania, our service men and women on active duty. We pray also for Becky for safety in childbirth and we give thanks for the birth of Jessica Elizabeth and Jason Michael. And we pray for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, especially Mike Zadoydo.



## Rector's Vacation & Committee to Elect A Bishop Dates:

- I will be in meetings for the Committee to Elect a Bishop between July 11-15 & July 18-22.
- I will be on vacation July 24-28.
- I will be on vacation August 2-6.
- I will be on vacation August 30-September 10.
- Please note that these vacation dates include only one Sunday, September 4.

## "GUEST" CELEBRANT & PREACHER

We are thrilled to welcome back the Reverend Robert Dresser to be celebrant and preacher on Sunday, September 4! Father Dresser was the 4<sup>th</sup> Rector of the Church of the Shepherd and served as rector from 1980 through 1995. It is a great honor and pleasure to have him back!



## PLANNING AND LOOKING AHEAD: OUTREACH, WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, EDUCATION

*The Reverend Matthew Mead*

In the midst of summer, it's a great thing to know that the Church never takes a vacation. There are a number of really exciting things coming up at Good Shepherd in the weeks and months ahead. In the busy world that we live in, planning ahead is essential. Mark your calendars so you don't miss the great stuff that is coming up this summer and fall!





Church is July is actually quite wonderful. Contrary to popular belief, not everyone leaves for the summer. Last Sunday we had a triple treat. At Sung Mass we had a great selection of patriotic hymns mixed with hymns and a sermon reminding us that Christ is our King. Sung Mass all summer is stripped down: there is no liturgical singing, just a said service with hymns. After church the Greene family treated us to a wonderful brunch (including deviled eggs, smoked salmon, and bagels). Throughout brunch, the Senior Group met in the Guild Room. Led this month by Bill Greene they delved into the world of computers, tablets (like an iPad) and e-readers (like the Kindle). We had a good crowd, lots of fun, and it began a great run of Sundays this month.

Those three themes: education, fellowship, and the Kingdom of Heaven, continue to come up this month. This Sunday, July, 10, Sibyl Barnett and Gwen Greene are offering a morning of song singing for the children: in lieu of Sunday School, we offer a craft or activity throughout the summer. Make sure you and your family are there this and every Sunday for these great summer treats. This Sunday's gospel passage features the first of several parables by Jesus on the Kingdom of Heaven. We are treated to the Parable of the Sower this week, and next week we continue reading more parables about the Kingdom. Brunch/Coffee Hour/Hot Dog Season continues all summer. Our current signup sheet is filled into (but not through) July: if you haven't yet signed up, sign up soon! You can offer snacks, a full blown brunch, or if the weather is nice, fire up the grill and serve an early lunch! The church kitchen, hall, lawn, and grill, is at

**There is a Food Basket** for food and supplies located at the back of the church. The food and supplies are donated to the Food Pantry at the Community Center in Katonah. We hope to fill this Food Basket with canned food and supplies every month in Eastertide and throughout the summer. The foods and supplies they need the most are:

**Dried black and pinto beans**  
**Tuna**  
**Spaghetti sauce**  
**Baby food**

**Cold cereal**  
**Canned beef stew**  
**Fruit juice**  
**Diapers**

Please bring your donations at any time and place them in the container at the back of the church. We will deliver the food to the Community Center.

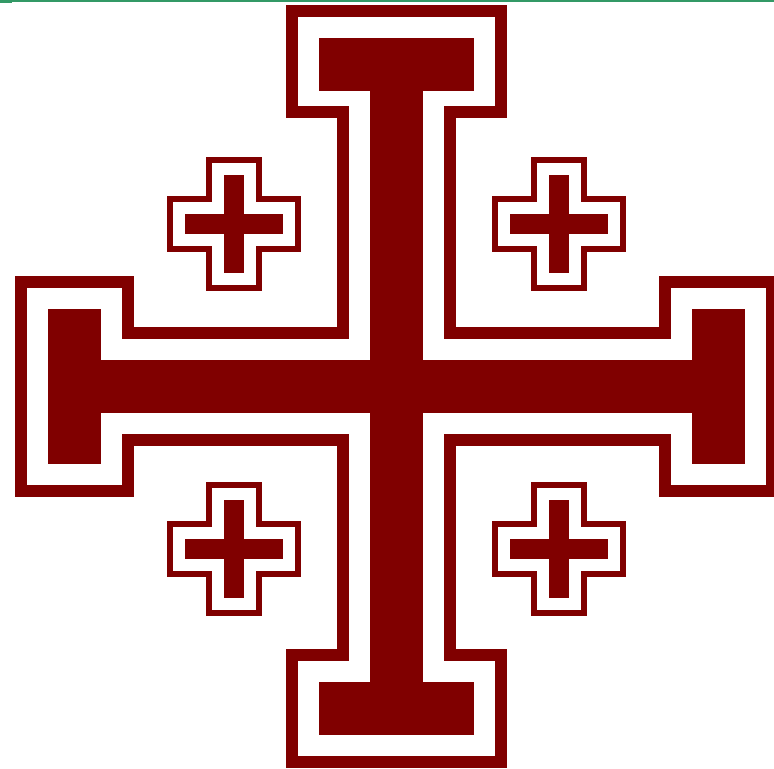


your disposal! The ministry of hospitality is very important. A new comer or occasional worshipper can be blown away by our friendliness and hospitality, and after-church reception is a major part of that.

July is also a big planning month for the year to come. The Sunday School Committee meets in July – on Monday, July 11. If you are interested in being on the Sunday School Committee, please let me or Glenn Hintze know. Also, if you are interested in teaching Sunday School this year, helping out in the Christmas Pageant, or getting involved with Christian Education in anyway, please speak to me or Glenn. The more people we have involved the better.

The summer is also one of our prime times for outreach. Many events can only happen when the weather is nice out. Several outreach projects have just concluded and are also on the horizon: they are mentioned here and throughout this issue.

Our local and regional outreach efforts the past few months have been great successes. Good Shepherd had a number of parishioners on several different teams at this year's inaugural Somers Relay for Life: an all-night sleep-over and walk-a-thon to raise money and awareness for Cancer. In addition to those who were on teams, many more stopped by to offer support. We clearly has enough people who are interested in the Relay For Life, and we are already planning to organize our own "Good Shepherd" team for next year. In other local outreach efforts, the final report on the Annunciation Charity Wine Tasting for Keon Center is in. Please take a look at Glenn Hintze's article in this issue, the event was a great success and a whole lot of fun. Each month we bring a full basket of food and supplies to the Northern Westchester Community Center Food Pantry in Katonah. The basket was recently emptied and I expect to discover that we have surpassed 500 pounds of food and supplies donated thus far this year. We were at 492 a few weeks ago. The goal for 2011 is to break 1000 pounds! We are well on our way to our goal! One event that is not yet attached to any specific



**Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem:  
St. Andrew's Clinic in Ramallah:  
Special Appeal for Support**

*Thank-you to everyone who responded to Bishop Dawani's request for funds for the echo-sonogram for the new clinic in Ramallah. I do not have final figures yet, but based on the support we received from Good Shepherd, I expect that we have reached our part in the target of \$150,000 for this machine. Thank-you to all who made a contribution.*

***Amanda Slattery***





## **Bwana Asifiwe! (Praise the Lord!)**

As most of you know, I will soon be going back to Izava. This time, I will be bringing Matt and Sarah with me. This year is the year "of the book". Last year, I asked for you to donate money to purchase a backpack for the carpenter's kids. If you don't know, we support 54 of them. Four have made it into Secondary School. Four others have "graduated" from primary schools and are attending a trade school. I tell you this because I would like to request that you donate a single book for a child. Picture books are fabulous! Light weight picture books are even better.

We are allowed 50 pounds each of "excess luggage" to bring into the country. I originally thought that we were golden! Three people is 150 pounds. The gifts that we are bringing for the children – socks, soap, a notebook and pens – weigh a little over 35 pounds. We have solicited donations of several world almanacs for the village leaders and committee members. They weigh about 15 pounds.

We are bringing blankets to both of the priests wives (to share warmth) and I think they weigh about 6 pounds each. (Anybody know how to really weigh a blanket?) I hope to be bringing a stole or something else from the sanctuary for

outreach venture is an in-the-works award dinner and fund raiser this October. Take a look at Lorne Robbins article which details some of what this Award & Charity Fund Raiser Dinner will be like.

The parish is involved in several international outreach efforts as well as our local efforts. At the start of the summer Amanda Slattery offered an informational session with a follow-up appeal for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem. She and I are hoping to have a group visit the Holy Land in 2013. If you are interested in making such a pilgrimage, please let Amanda know: it's never too early to start planning. Jan Corning and members of our Youth Group are heading off to Africa at the beginning of August. This will be Jan's second Carpenter's Kids trip to our sister church in Isava. Such a personal connection to the program is essential to our understanding and support of this and any outreach effort. They will give us a wonderful presentation on the trip in the autumn. Nancy Haensch recently returned from her annual mission trip to Malawi. At both services on the last Sunday in June she offered a reflection on her trip. A selection of that reflection is offered later in this issue, make sure to read it!

Tying all of these various events, programs, pilgrimages, and ventures together is the Outreach Committee. The purpose of the Outreach Committee is to support, advertise and in every way assist the outreach activities of the parish. Some activities are new. Others have been going on for years. Some are supported by a single member of the parish. Others are supported by many in the parish. It is our



hope that every event, big or small – whether it's a walk, a raffle, a bike ride, or an international pilgrimage – will be brought to the Outreach Committee so that the entire parish can get involved and so that the event can be advertised to the parish and to our neighbors and friends. The Committee will meet on Sunday, September 11 after both the 8am and 10 am services. September 11 will of course be a day of remembrance to honor those who died in the terrorist attacks ten years ago, but it is also a good day to remember and strengthen the relationships we have with each other and with our neighbors (local, regional, and international). Led by co-chairs Wilfried and Nancy Haensch, the Committee plans to come up with a working schedule of events for the coming year. When we are all on the same page, we work together and accomplish far more and advertise what we are doing to many more people: spreading the love of God to those around us and throughout the world in the best and most organized way that we can.

Finally, there are a few really great events that I hope you will mark on your calendar now. On Wednesday, September 14, we will celebrate Holy Cross Day. This will be my second anniversary as rector at Good Shepherd. Mass will be at 6:00 PM and the service will be followed by a hot (and mild) chicken wings & lemonade festival. Bring your favorite homemade lemonade, and join me for wings and the ultimate summer refreshment at the end of summer! On Thursday, September 29, at 6:00 PM, Bishop Sisk will be with us for Michaelmas & Oktoberfest. It is a great honor to have the Bishop of New York with us for this wonderful service and celebration, please make sure you and your family and friends

each of the priests – weight anybody?

We are bringing a bracelet for each of the priest's wives and each of the Mama Lishes (about five pounds). We are bringing some clothes for the general needy in the area - about 20 pounds there.

We are bringing candy and pencils for the 400 or so other children in the community. We have purchased 54 four tex books in honor of each of our carpenters kids. They will be donated to the school and stay the property of the school. We are bringing two good sized dictionaries and a world atlas. I haven't weighed them yet...

This is all because of your generosity of spirit. Every extra penny that you and other local people in the community have donated have helped to purchase these gifts. Every bracelet and necklace that you bought helps to provide something directly for these communities. We are able to not only give the 54 children education, but to support those in their community that support them!

What's the total weight. I don't know yet! But we still need a couple of things - Baseball caps, books (light weight please!!!) and most importantly, your prayers. We will manage to get the books and caps into the luggage and your prayers will be felt throughout the journey!

We are leaving August 1 – so you still have time. I may not be in church on Sunday, so please, please call me if you have something to offer!!! If you have questions, please call me 248-7056

Asante Sana (thank you!)

Jan Corning



## 2nd Annual Wine Tasting: A Festive Affair

*Glenn Hintze*

More than 60 people attended our second annual charity wine tasting on March 25, in conjunction with the Annunciation. Following a 6pm service led by Father Matt, everyone enjoyed approximately 25 varieties of red and white wines from around the world in the Parish Hall, presented by Suburban Wines of Yorktown. Experts were on hand to describe the wines and their origins. Many attendees purchased wine, and 15% of those proceeds were donated back to the church. A wide variety of hot and cold appetizers, provided by those attending, accompanied the wine. We also held a raffle for more than 20 great prizes, mostly gift certificates donated by area restaurants and retail stores. Total net proceeds from the tasting, which totaled approximately \$2,000, were split evenly between the church and the Keon Center located in Montrose, which provides services to developmentally disabled individuals. Officials from the Keon Center spoke at the event to describe the services they offer and expressed their gratitude for being the beneficiary of the proceeds. The evening was one of festivity and fellowship for a good cause. Please plan to join us at next year's Annunciation wine tasting!

are here: childcare and a movie for the kids will be provided. The election of the next Bishop of New York will take place on Saturday, October 29. The slate of final (four or five) candidates will be released on or before August 29. Three great services begin November. On Tuesday, November 1, we celebrate All Saints' Day. We will celebrate Sung Mass followed by our annual "slow cooked potluck". The food last year was out of this world, and the Hymns for All Saints' Day are fabulous. The next day, Wednesday, November 2, is All Souls' Day, and we will celebrate Mass with remembrance for the parish departed at 6:00 PM. Finally, Sunday, November 6, is All Saints' Sunday, and our 10:00 AM service will conclude with procession and blessing of the Memorial Garden.

It is amazing to me how much is going on in the doldrums of summer at Good Shepherd. I hope everyone has a great and pleasant summer. Enjoy the weather. Enjoy vacations. Read some great books. Get to the beach. Relax and have a wonderful time outside! And remember, the summer and autumn at Good Shepherd looks absolutely fabulous... mark your calendars and make sure that you don't miss a thing!

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## Outreach News

*Dear God, You sent us Jesus, whose compassion never failed; that by following his example, we may bring healing to this hurting world. We ask that you show us how to be the arms and legs of Christ in the world today and to follow where you lead without fear or hesitation. So that we are*





*compelled to offer our very selves in loving response to those in need. Amen.*

**The first meeting of the Outreach Committee will be September 11 after the 8:00 & 10:00 services. All are invited to attend! We plan to discuss and create a calendar of outreach projects for the next year, so please let us know about your activities before then, if possible.**

**Excerpt from Nancy Haensch's Malawi mission reflection (6/26/11)...**

My relationship with Malawi began about 6 years ago when I heard the Bishop of Southern Malawi talk about the challenges currently facing the Anglican Church in his country...the dire poverty, the unrelenting HIV epidemic, the growing number of AIDS orphans, and precious little hope of relief in sight. Bishop Tenganenga seemed to look me right in the eyes and say, "If you really want to help Malawi, though, you have to go there and spend time with the people". I knew in my heart that God was speaking to me and that I had to respond to that call. Since that time, I have visited Malawi three times.

I work with a group of 15 Malawian women who provide meals, tutoring, and a loving environment to about 120 orphans at a place called Kwithu Community Based Organization in Mzuzu. I have grown to appreciate that my purpose in going to Africa isn't about stuff, but rather about the human connections I have made with the people there. After all, being the body of Christ in the world all comes down to just one person loving another and being loved in return. The truth is I could never carry enough stuff to make any sort of sustainable difference in the poverty of the Kwithu families. What they really want and need from me are the

## **Another Busy Sunday School Year Concludes; Volunteers Needed for Summer**

Sunday, June 5 marked the official end of the Sunday School year. On that day, students sang a prayer, performed sign language with Mella Donofrio, performed the duties during Family Sunday at the 10am service and received certificates and awards for another successful year. This followed an outstanding spring concert on May 22, when the children performed seven songs under the direction of Cecilia Sparacio and Gwen Greene. They rehearsed hard for four weeks prior to the concert and it showed!

It was a tremendous year for the Sunday School program, and we'd like to see it continue through the summer. We are looking for volunteers to spend a single Sunday teaching a craft or an activity. If anyone is interested in doing this on July and August Sundays (specifically July 24 and Aug. 7 and 28), that would be fantastic. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board and ask the Sunday School Committee any questions you have. Sunday School alumni are welcome to teach--in fact Carly Bracken (along with Suzanne Bracken) plans to teach on several Sundays--thank you! The children in the Sunday School program are delightful to work with---you will be rewarded by them!

The Sunday School Committee appreciates all the efforts of those who taught this year, as well as parents who often were asked to bring their children in early for pageant and concert rehearsals. We have a very strong program with many children who will hopefully continue to enjoy their Christian education for years to come! Have a great summer!



## Vilma Torres Mulholland

Honored by the Somers Democratic Town Committee  
Chairman's Award Recipient  
June 28, 2011

*Vilma was presented this award in recognition of her tireless efforts on behalf of the rights of all union workers, her devoted work for our veterans and as a Somers Democratic Town Committee district leader.*

One of the pleasant duties that Chairman Christine Robbins has is the privilege of selecting and presenting the annual SDTC Chairman's Award. Traditionally, the award is given to an individual who has consistently added to the civic and political life of Somers - so as to improve the quality of life in our community and, at the same time, bring success and credit to Somers Democrats. Such a person is Vilma Torres Mulholland.

In the early 1980's, Vilma Torres, a native of Puerto Rico, moved to New Jersey in search of a better life for herself and her three children. In 1982, she enrolled in a secretarial business school where she graduated a year later.

In 1995, she found employment at Coupon Services, a shop represented by UAW Local 2179. Her union representative Pablo Valcarcel, educated Vilma about her rights as a worker and the importance of being involved in order to fully exercise and protect those rights. Her co-workers recognized her potential and quickly elected her as their shop steward. Vilma's belief that the rights of working people should always be respected was certainly noticed by her local union. She was encouraged to run for Recording Secretary of Local 2179 UAW and was elected. Vilma's also serves as the liaison for the retired members of Local 2179.

As a vigilant fighter for the working class, as well as for those less fortunate, she demonstrated her willingness to stand her ground on defending and protecting their rights. She is an advocate, friend and mentor to all. Her fellow workers appreciate and respect her as a trade unionist woman on

things I already have in my heart...love, compassion, and a willingness to help them carry the burdens of their lives for a short time by listening. In a place with so little material wealth, the most precious gift I can offer is being present and sharing of myself.

I long to understand how the women and children in Malawi continue to find such joy in their daily lives in the midst of terrible suffering, poverty, and loss. During my trips there, I have witnessed how their profound faith in God has carried them through their daily hardship and struggle. When faced with poverty, disease, and hunger; they put their complete trust in God to provide their needs from one day to the next. When living in such abundance as we do here, how easy it is to overlook the grace of God that touches our lives every single day.

Every Sunday we meet at Good Shepherd to share the bread and wine of the Eucharistic celebration, in a perfect expression of God's love for us. Our work begins as we walk out the doors though, taking that love into the world. Fulfilling God's commandment, as the arms and legs of Christ in this world, we have to respond with love and compassion for others on this same journey. We are the body of Christ when we leave this place and we must act where there is suffering and injustice.





We hope you will join us in having a renewed sense of commitment to our outreach ministry at Good Shepherd. We can be reached by email at [haensch5@aol.com](mailto:haensch5@aol.com) , by cell phone (914) 419-3721 (Nancy)/ (914) 954-3913 (Wilfried), or after church.

Nancy & Wilfried



## Summer Reading with the Rector

I love to read, and with the advent of the Kindle (I have one!) Nook, iPad, and other electronic readers more and more people are taking the time to read! Plus, it's the summer and there is nothing like taking a few hours to enjoy the weather and read a book. With that in mind, I hope that recommending a few books that I have read in the last few months might be useful. If you have a recommendation on what to read, please let me know... I am more than happy to have a regular section in the Shepherd's Voice on "Recommended Books".

**The Hangman's Daughter by Oliver Pötzsch:** A fabulous read! The book details a multiple murder mystery in a small Germanic town about 500 years

the move on the Labor front. Vilma worked with Region 9A UAW members in their hard fought campaign to organize the workers at Fox Woods Casino, resulting in a tremendously successful victory for those workers and the UAW. Vilma likes to point out that "The hard work and commitment demonstrated by the Regional organizers only reinforces her belief in what the labor movement is all about, UNITY!"

Serving alongside her husband Pat, Vilma is an active member of Region 9A, UAW Veterans Committee. She is the first female non-veteran to serve in the Council and as a member of the "color guard". Vilma is committed to honor and never forget the sacrifices our veterans have made for us. She is always collecting clothing and donations for the Montrose food bank and she proudly marches in Memorial Day and Veteran's Day parades.

She also holds the position of Recording Secretary on the 65 Family Federal Credit Union Board of Directors, a financial institution created to help the union member with their financial needs. In 2010 Vilma was elected Vice-President of her Local Union 2179.

Her union training has empowered her through community action and with a little encouragement from her very persuasive friend Christine, Vilma became involved with the Somers Democratic Club. Of course, the next step was to be elected as a Somers Democratic Town Committee district leader.

Her commitment also extends into her community. Vilma is a member of the Somers Women's Club, an organization whose mission is to help those in need. She is a member of The Church of the Good Shepherd where she and Pat have committed to financially support the education of a child in Tanganyika under "The Carpenter Kids" program. She has also organized and raised money for the Support Connection's annual cancer walk.

Whenever called upon, she is there ready, willing and able to meet the task set before her.



## Good Shepherd Bulletin Board

*This new section of our newsletter exists to help parishioners help each other out. If you are a member of our parish and you want to place an advertisement for some service you provide to the community, please email the Rector.*

**DINNER FOR EIGHT:** Join a growing group of parishioners who enjoy "Dinner for Eight". Couples and individuals sign up with Sally Stevens. A couple hosts the dinner and provides a main course. Three other couples (or individuals) make up the "Eight", each bringing beverages and another part of the meal (appetizer, salad or vegetable side, or dessert). Every few months Sally reshuffles the group and we start again with new hosts and new groups of eight. All are invited to join and have a great evening with friends.

**CARPENTER:** Bob Velzy is a Carpenter. If you need a job done professionally, contact BV Carpentry, LLC at 914-505-4299.

**TRAVEL AGENT:** Amanda Slattery is a Travel Agent. If you are going on a trip, give her a call rather than making dubious plans on the internet. Travel Emporium, Inc., 40 Triangle Center, Suite 203, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, 914-245-8825.

**TUTORING:** Nancy Buschel has her Master's Degree in Education and minors in Special Ed and Math and is available to tutor. She can be reached at 914-302-6920 . . . Carolyn Buschel is also a tutor. She just completed her junior year in college and is majoring in English and Education. She has been tutoring a high school student for years in all subjects and Spanish. Carolyn can be reached at 914-302-6920.

**FREE MUSIC: Golden Apple Chorus on Saturday, July 23rd at 11am:** The Golden Apple Chorus, of which parishioner Diane Buschel is a member, is celebrating Sweet Adeline's International Day with a free performance at the Mt. Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla on Saturday, July 23rd at 11 am. It is a free performance and open to the public. The purpose of this performance is to make people aware of the art of barbershop and we would love to have people come and celebrate with us. Light refreshments will be served.

**LOOKING FOR A JAM SESSION:** Father Matt plays guitar and is interested in putting together a group of people to rock out for a few hours each month. If you are interested, please let him know.

ago. The cast of characters includes the local hangman who serves as the anti-hero of the book, a local physician, corrupt local leadership, mysterious murderers, and of course the hangman's daughter. It's fast and fun, and the story is great.

**King Solomon's Mines by Henry Rider Haggard:** Apparently George Lucan read this before writing Indiana Jones. This adventure story from about 130 years ago details the journey and adventure finding King Solomon's Mines. The book was made into a second rate movie in the 1980s – not worth watching – and has been "ripped off" by such legends as Lucas and Michael Crichton. It's a great read and left me wishing that a descent movie could be made of it.

**Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy: A Righteous Gentile Vs. The Third Reich by Eric Metaxas:** The life and story of Dietric Bonhoeffer is worth reading. A Pastor and Theologian in 1920s and 1930s German, Bonhoeffer was eventually caught and executed for being part of a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler. The author, who also write an autobiography of William Wilberforce called Amazing Grace, keeps you interested and wanting to read more, as he rotates between events in Germany to events and writings of Bonhoeffer.



**The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas:** This is perhaps the single greatest book that I have ever read. The classic escape, adventure and revenge story of Dumas is the best of the best. The Count is a devious, interesting, flawed, diabolical, sympathetic, and heroic character who ranks among the greatest characters in the history of fiction.

**Alice's Adventure's in Wonderland by Lewis Carol:** The great children's story is also a great read for adults... and it makes a good movie too (the book is better!). The fantastic journey of Alice into Wonderland is worth reading for several reasons. Most people know but have never actually read the book. Those who have can attest to the fact that it really is a lot of fun. Escape with Alice, a deck of cards, a hatter, and a host of bizarre animals!

**The Legend of Sleepy Hollow by Washington Irving:** Required reading for locals of Northern Westchester County. Move past the second rate Hollywood take son this classic and experience the original for yourself!

**Harry Potter (Books & Years 1-7) by J. K. Rowling:** The series, like the Lord of the Rings, takes time to plow through, but honestly, it's worth it! Harry Potter and his friends take on "He Who Must Not Be Named" over the course of seven years at Hogwarts School in a world of wizards and non-wizards. When my back blew out in November, I read all seven books in two weeks (time incapacitated and the inability to sleep go a long way!). The movies are good, but the books are fabulous!

**Crime and Punishment by Fyodor Dostoyevsky:** The classic story of guilt and conscience. A crime is followed by a punishment that steps outside of traditional law and order. Does anyone really ever get away with it?



## Server & Reader Schedule

### Sunday, July 10

Chalice	Fran DiBernardo
Acolytes	Kayleigh Kenny Liam Kenny Jesse Lewis
OT Reader	Jim Corning
NT Reader	Wilfried Haensch
Prayers	Jan Corning
Ushers	Glenn Hintz Arleen Flury

### Sunday, July 17

Chalice	Dorothy Baeder
Acolytes	Claire Hintze Melody Rubino Jesse Lewis
OT Reader	Marshall Kidder
NT Reader	Gwen Greene
Prayers	Fay Wright
Ushers	Bob Velzy Bernie Sotter

### Sunday, July 24

Chalice	Diane Buschel
Acolytes	Abbey Vesperman Emily Vesperman Claire Hintze
OT Reader	Fay Wright
NT Reader	Fran DiBernardo
Prayers	Bob Bubeck
Ushers	Rick Vesperman Sally Stevens

### Sunday, June 26, Corpus Christi

Chalice	Phil Levy
Acolytes	Kayleigh & Liam Kenny Jesse Lewis
OT Reader	Sarah Corning
NT Reader	Gretchen Hintze
Prayers	Chris Palmer
Ushers	Sally Stevens, Glenn Hintz Rick Vesperman, Bob Velzy





## CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD ANNUAL FALL AWARDS DINNER & FUNDRAISER

**A Presentation by Lorne Robbins**

The Vestry has given its approval to investigate the possibility of creating an Annual Fall Awards Dinner. This event should develop into a major fundraiser for the Church of the Good Shepherd and become an annual event.

We celebrate many events during the Church year which have minimal costs and are really enjoyed by the congregation. I believe as a congregation that we need to carry out one major fundraiser that can be used to fund capital expenditure needs. (i.e. we currently have a pressing need to repair/replace our furnace before fall arrives.)

I have had some discussion with Travelers Rest on Route 100 and have reserved Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> for the event. Please be advised that Saturdays are not available and are much more expensive.

I am proposing the following format:

### **Dinner Format**

- a) A cocktail hour followed by a sit down four course dinner. There will be a selected menu that includes an appetizer, salad, dinner selection from the menu, i.e. meat, fish, chicken, pasta and dessert.
- b) Coffee, tea, soft drinks and wine will be included.
- c) Travelers Rest has quoted us a favorable price.
- d) The ticket cost per person would be in the range of \$65.
- e) We would need a minimum of 100 persons to meet our fundraising goal.

### **Raffle Ticket Sales**

In conjunction with the dinner, we would create a committee to conduct a raffle drive to sell tickets. The committee would also be responsible to utilize the members of the congregation to obtain donations for the raffle, so that all proceeds of the raffle would be free of cost. Cost of raffle tickets would need to be established.



## **Silent Auction**

Conduct a silent auction during the evening of the event. Items can be donated by Church members or the community. Suggestions for the silent auction are gift certificates or items donated by restaurants, nail salons, businesses, etc. For example, I would donate to host a round of golf at my Golf Club for 3 other players. There would be an opening bid attached to each item to ensure that the value of said item would be appropriately bid on.

## **Recognition Awards**

Propose that we establish a committee to identify about 4 members of our congregation who have made a strong contribution to the Church of the Good Shepherd and to our community as a whole. Our community can be established as local or global.

The awards to recognize members of the congregation should be a celebration of the commitment that these individuals make for the betterment of our Church and the community. Plaques and proclamations will be given to each honoree. There could also be a "Hall of Fame" bulletin board at the Church listing each year's recipients.

## **Summary**

I am prepared to chair this undertaking. However, it will only be successful if we bring together the entire congregation to make the commitment to 1) attend the dinner and bring friends and family 2) obtain donations from our community for raffle and silent auction prizes 3) commit to serve on the various committees.

I believe if we all work together to make this project a reality it will not only be a fun , but will also improve our presence in the community.

I am setting a goal to raise \$5,000 at this combined event.

## **Do You Want To Get Involved?**

If you are interested in learning more or helping to plan this event. Please contact Lorne Robbins. More information will be coming soon!

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## Happy Birthday to you!!!

07/03 Laura Gannon  
07/03 Lindsey Velzy  
07/09 Jim Ringer  
07/14 Sarah Corning  
07/15 Andrew Galloway  
07/16 Donna Nygard  
07/17 Kristi Corcione  
07/17 John Thomas Rubino  
07/18 Julia Bacal  
07/21 Emily Barber  
07/24 Mike Sciarabba  
07/29 Katie Donnelly  
07/30 Katrina Stebbins  
07/30 William Greene  
07/31 Jayne Preiser  
07/31 Nancy Anderson

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## ***Sunday & Holy Day Attendance for June***

Ascension Day, Thursday, June 2, 2011: 63  
The Seventh Sunday of Eastertide, June 5, 2011: 105  
The Day of Pentecost, June 12, 2011: 68 (Father Powell supply)  
Trinity Sunday, June 19, 2011: 101  
The Second Sunday after Pentecost, May 29, 2011: 52 (Morning Prayer offered)

**Total Weekday Attendance for 2011: 399**

**Total Sunday Attendance for 2011: 2716**

**Average Sunday attendance for 2011: 105**





## **Grant Them Eternal Rest and Let Light Perpetual Shine Upon Them**

- Elbert F. Dearborn 07/28/1930
- Lora Launer 07/18/1941
- Samual J. Casey 07/30/1942
- John Schierer 07/27/1955
- Harold J. Baldwin 07/21/1957
- Herbert A. Thompson 07/30/1968
- William Jr. W. Dowden 07/10/1973
- William Norbutt 07/29/1976
- Louis Joseph Briganti 07/06/1977
- Chester H. Tompkins 07/24/1976
- Gertrude M. Eggers 07/11/1981
- Hazel G. Flewellin 07/30/1981
- Samuel A. Barnett 07/26/1984
- Katherine W. Kennedy 07/02/1985
- Anna D. Fuchs 07/16/1989
- Francis H. Johnson 07/10/1993

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**Special Thanks to Thelma Barlow for her continued generosity towards the Parish Family Support Fund. In June, she made a donation in thanksgiving for the birthdays of her grandsons Keith's & Billy! Happy birthday and God bless!**

## **Around the Parish**

- The Parish NEEDS a News & Communication Committee to assist with putting together the newsletter, getting mailings out, advertising, and keeping the parish informed. Much of this would be done by a parish secretary, but we do not have a parish secretary and we cannot afford to hire anyone in the near future. Are you interested in volunteering to help in any way? Do you feel that our newsletter could use your help, input, and expertise? Are you a person who likes to get things advertised? Can you carve out a few hours each month to work in the parish office? If so, please contact Father Matt!
- E-Pledging is the future... and the present! If you are interested in having your pledge taken directly from your bank account, just like your loans or car payments or cable bills, then you should sign up for E-pledging today! E-pledging greatly helps the parish because it avoids people falling behind on their pledges and it helps to alleviate cash flow problems during the summer and during snowy months. Speak to Sally Stevens this Sunday (or any time) and become an E-pledger!
- The Fetzer - Gardineer Wedding will be Friday, June 29.
- The Gross – Delahoz Wedding will be Sunday, August 14.



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Sally Stevens, Treasurer; Arleen Flury; Glenn Hintze; Maria Kaprielian; Dorothy Light;  
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