

## IN OUR PRAYERS...

Your prayers are asked for Connie Lyons, who is hospitalized, and for Margaret, Adriane, Mia, Sheryl, Barbara, David, Melissa, Marybeth, Rubye, Carter, Dick, Ruth, Tina, Michelle, Andreanna, Henry, Delia, Emily, Josephine, Vilmarie, Elvira, Destiny, Pamela, Jim, Nancy, Ron, George, Donna, Carolyn, Franca, Robert, Madeline, Maria, Kathleen, Jennifer, Dan, Mike, Debbie, Donald, Janice, Andy, Sonya, Angel, for the children of the Carpenter's Kids program in Tanzania, for our service men and women on active duty, and for Cate, Becky, and Emily for safety in childbirth. And we pray for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, especially Anne Hoxsie.

## COMING EVENTS...

Cecilia Sparacio, our organist, is away Sundays, May 8 & 15 . . . Sunday, May 8 is Mother's Day . . . Saturday, May 14 we will have an outdoor work day, beginning at 9:00 AM . . . Sunday, May 15 is Good Shepherd Sunday. After church Father Matt will offer a presentation on Wills, Bequests, and Dying Prepared . . . Saturday, May 21, Alex Mattos will hold a pancake breakfast fundraiser for the Memorial Garden Woodland Path . . . Sunday, May 22 is the Sunday School Concert . . . Thursday, June 2, Ascension Day: 6:00 PM Service, 7:00 PM Steak & Wine Dinner . . . Sunday School Graduation is Sunday, June 5 . . . The Seniors Group has organized a trip to the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine on Wednesday, June 8 . . . Pentecost is Sunday June 12 . . . Trinity Sunday & Father's Day BBQ is June 19 (We begin cooking on Saturday, June 18, at 4:00 PM).



## FROM THE RECTOR: LIVING, DYING, AND RISING IN CHRIST: THE GOOD SHEPHERD LEGACY SOCIETY

*The Reverend Matthew Mead*

At the end of the "Thanksgiving for a Child" section in the Book of Common Prayer, is a note to the priest to instruct the congregation about a duty that all Christians (in fact, all people) share: "The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses."

We all will die, and thanks be to God we all share in the resurrection of Christ, and as Christians it is VERY important that we plan for the inevitable. Planning for death is not easy, but I can tell you from my experience, it is very painful for those we leave behind when we do not plan ahead. At a previous church that I served at a wonderful and very generous woman died after a long, full life. When we began to plan for her funeral, we discovered that she had not made or left behind any

## Senior Group On The Move!

By Bill Greene

The Church of the Good Shepherd's senior group has embarked on an ambitious agenda for the year. The group was formed several months ago to address the needs and interests of the church's older members and supported enthusiastically by our pastor Father Matthew Mead. We meet on a monthly basis.

The goals of the group include attending social and educational activities such as trips to museums, churches, historical sites as well as plays, concerts and various entertainment venues. In addition there will be informational forums and seminars to include such topics as health care and social welfare entitlement programs led by professionals in these respective fields.

There is no specific age requirements to be a group member only that the member identify with senior interests.

Our first trip will be a visit to The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Divine in New York City on Wednesday, June 8. We will meet at the church for lunch at 11:30 AM, and then head to the Cathedral as a group. The cost of the trip is \$20 per person (which covers the tour of the Cathedral and travel expenses). A signup sheet for this event is in the hallways. All are invited!

For additional information contact Father Mead.

plans. Everyone knew that she loved the choral music offered regularly at the church, and everyone knew that she would have wanted a full choral requiem mass with some of her favorite hymns. Unfortunately, since she had not planned for anything, we never knew what those hymns might have been, we couldn't hire the choir for the service because she had not left any money aside for her funeral, and after having given generously to the church for her whole life, since she left no will, what money and belongings that she had were simply given to her next of kin rather than at least some of it going to the church she had spent her entire life supporting. It was not tragic, but it was disheartening to know that a few moments taken to plan ahead were either never thought of or always delayed to a later date that never arrived.

That story pales in comparison to the stories most of us can tell about family members who died leaving no will, leaving the living the challenge of quickly making important decisions at a time when they are overwhelmed with grief. Generational family feuds often begin over the division of belongings after a death: people fight over the china set, or the house, or the various heirlooms, and those fights fought at that difficult time often open wounds that never fully

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heal. Likewise it can be extremely discouraging when a person dies without preparing a will and leaves nothing to continue the work she so loved to do in life, like supporting a particular charity, school, or the church in which generations of her family had been baptized, confirmed, married, and buried in.

Every year the church celebrates Jesus as the Good Shepherd on the Fourth Sunday of Easter. This year, that Sunday falls on May 15. We will sing hymns about the Good Shepherd who knows us all by name and calls us out of death into eternal life. Good Shepherd Sunday is not only our feast of title, it is also always close to the date, May 5, that this church building was consecrated. It is a good Sunday to give thanks for those who came before us and to focus on the reality that we too are obligated to think and plan ahead.

After church on **Sunday, May 15**, I will offer a presentation on wills, bequests, and planning for the future. My goal is threefold. Firstly, as your priest and rector, I hope to spur those of you who do not have wills already written and prepared into making wills as soon as possible – especially if you have children! Second, I hope to convince as many members and friends of Good Shepherd as possible that putting this parish into your will or making a bequest to Good Shepherd is (arguably) the most important way you can support the future ministry and witness of Good Shepherd in Granite Springs. Parishes build endowments and weather many financial hardships through the generosity and preparedness of every single person (wealthy or not) who put the church in his or her will. Third, I want to publicly recognize and thank all of those who have already put Good Shepherd in their wills. Those who have done that, throughout the history of the parish, ought to be

## ***EATING IN EASTERTIDE***



**Hot Dog Season** began on the Sunday after Easter. Weather permitting we will fire up the grill after church every Sunday between May and September. Thanks to Rick Vesperman, Jin & Jan Corning, and Diane Buschel for providing food for the opening of Hot Dog Season.

If you are interested in **signing up for coffee hour** (and we need volunteers) you are invited (though you don't have to) to bring grillables (and they don't need to be hot dogs). The ministry of hospitality is something that many Christians are able to take part in. The warmest welcome anyone can receive always comes with an invitation to eat and drink at our table (in church and after church). Is God calling you to this ministry?

On the 40<sup>th</sup> Day of Easter, we celebrate **Ascension Day, Thursday, June 2**. We will celebrate Sung Holy Eucharist at 6:00 PM and gather afterwards for a festive dinner of steak and wine. The steak will be provided, but wine, other beverages, and sides will be pot luck. A signup sheet is in the hallway. Please mark your calendars for Thursday, June 2.

**Trinity Sunday and Father's Day are on June 19**. The Brotherhood (Men's Group) will provide BBQ pulled pork sandwiches after church that day. We will have an all night pork smoking vigil (beginning at 4PM on Saturday, June 18), a signup sheet is in the hall! Potluck beverages and sides for the feast!



recognized and thanked every year, and I believe that Good Shepherd Sunday is the ideal time to do that.

This is your opportunity to think about the future. If you are interested in adding the church to your will, you can do it today. The specific language for including Good Shepherd in your will is to be made in this form: "I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the Church of the Good Shepherd, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and having its principal office at 39 Granite Springs Road, Granite Springs, [here state the nature or amount of the gift.]"

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**FROM THE RECTOR:  
LOOKING BACK AT HOLY WEEK &  
EASTER DAY**

*The Reverend Matthew Mead*

The rites of Holy Week were celebrated with wonderful joy and devotion this year! I'd like to share a few highlights from a wonderful week.

On Palm Sunday we were able to gather at the Memorial Garden for the blessing of Palms (the rain miraculously went away and the sun came out around 8:00 AM!) After entering into the church the service focuses on the Passion, and the hymns and anthems sung that day are some of my favorites. Throughout Holy Week, Cecilia Sparacio provided outstanding music. Her ability to play the organ and flute, direct the choir and soloists, and find great pieces of music is outstanding and we are lucky to have her at Good Shepherd. Thanks so much Cecilia and all of our singers, musicians, and choir members!

## Ascension Day

Thursday, June 2, 2011



**6:00 PM - Sung Mass**

**7:00 PM - Steak & Wine Dinner**

**Childcare is Provided!**

On Maundy Thursday, we gathered for a wonderful (and really crowded) Mediterranean Potluck Agape Dinner before heading into the church for the Maundy Thursday Liturgy. During the Washing of Feet we were blessed to have Diana Feaver sing *Ubi Caritas* – many thanks to her for that! It has been suggested (and I think wisely so) that we add a second chair for foot washing next year due to the fact that that so many people came forward to we washed and to wash. The Eucharist, reservation of the Blessed Sacrament, and stripping of the altar and sanctuary on Maundy Thursday is always a particularly moving experience for me, especially the simplicity and depth of the rite at Good Shepherd.

Throughout Holy Week I was struggling with the sudden critical illness of my grandmother, Anne Hoxsie (she died the day after Easter; please keep her and my family in your prayers), and for that reason I think the celebration of the Passion on Good Friday was particularly difficult and special for me this year. We were once again blessed to have Gwendolyn Greene sing during the showing of the cross, this year she sang a stunning version of *There is a Green Hill Far Away*. In the midst of Good Friday, I am always struck by the power of the Solemn Collects (the form of the Prayers of the People used on Good Friday) and the distribution of Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament: one might say that the “Good” of Good Friday is summed up in the fact that the power of the resurrection conquers death and it is with that knowledge that we know our prayers are heard and we are still invited to our Lord’s Table.

This year Johnny Feaver was baptized at the Easter Vigil. The Feavers generously supplied much food and champagne for our pre-service Pasta Pot Luck

## WORKDAY: MAY 14



On Saturday, May 14, we will have an outdoor workday at the church. The focus will be two-fold. We will put plants into the ground and clear out the woods of sticks and vines. All are invited to come and help out!



## *Memorial Garden: Funding & Building the Scenic Path: May 21*

Parishioner Alex Mattos, for his Eagle Scout Project, will be building the scenic path through the woods to the Memorial Garden. To fund his project, he will be holding a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser on Saturday morning, May 21. Please come and support him in his project as he works on Stage 2 of the Memorial Garden Project.



Dinner and to our after service reception! Congratulations and thanks! The obvious highlight of the Easter vigil was that someone actually caught on fire (and was quickly and safely put out!), illustrating first that the light of Christ can spread rapidly, and second that even in church one never escapes the real world. The service of light (once the Easter Fire was finally lit), singing of the Exsultet, and reading of prophecies are part of what makes the Easter Vigil so special, but I think my favorite thing about the Easter Vigil is the fact that so many people gather in the darkness to celebrate the joy of the resurrection. The Easter Vigil is something you can only experience, and once again, the experience was wonderful!

My favorite Sunday of the year is always Easter Sunday. It's the day when everyone is in church – despite the fact that the town schools always link spring break to Holy Week. The church was packed, we had extra chairs and people standing in the back, and, for the record, church still only lasted for 61 minutes! It was a great pleasure and honor to celebrate Holy Week and Easter Day at Good Shepherd as your priest and rector. Thank you so much!

There are too many people to thank for such a great Holy Week & Easter (but I will try to name a few)... Thanks so much to all who helped clean the church grounds on the day before Palm Sunday - The grounds and Memorial Garden looked great. Special thanks to Arleen Flury, Thelma Barlow and Anne Siemerling, for getting every single thing ready for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter Eve and Day - from palms to flowers, to linens, to Altar Guild stuff, to cleaning and polishing everything in the building and making sure everything was ready and beautiful. Thanks to Sally Stevens, Cate & Brhet Hohwald, and Amanda Slattery for making sure we

had proofed, folded and stapled bulletins and that our tables were always set and had fresh (and even new!) table clothes on them. Thanks to Jan Corning for getting the Easter Plants for the Children. Thanks to Cecilia Sparacio for providing such fantastic music. Thanks to Sharen McKenna for taking care of our children all week! Thanks to Jen Ciallella for planning and organizing the Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to the Feaver family for providing so much food and champagne on Saturday Night (and congrats to Johnny on his Baptism!). Thanks to our ushers, readers, pot-luckers, altar servers, worshippers, counters, cleaners, cooks, eaters, and everyone who helped to make this year the best Holy Week ever! Happy Easter to you all and God bless!!!!

## Happy Birthday to You!!!

05/02 Madeline Bronzo  
05/03 James Gardineer  
05/09 Luke Kordys  
05/13 Nicholas Mead  
05/22 Jay Bacal  
05/24 Lonnie Ciallella  
05/24 Kimberly Levy  
05/24 Lucas Hohwald  
05/25 Phillip Levy  
05/27 Richard Vesperman  
05/28 Marion Paustian  
05/28 Sandra Parks  
05/30 John Donnelly  
05/30 Horace Jordan  
05/30 Glenn Hintze

## Happy Anniversary!

05/16 Arleen & Roy Flury  
05/21 Anne & Bill Siemerling

## Around the Parish

- The parish office has a new photo copier. The service contract on the old one expired and required the replacement of the copier. The new copier is in the process of being installed (we hope it will be ready to print this Sunday's bulletins!). The new copier folds and staples.
- The Vestry went on a retreat at the start of April. We discussed communication and leadership. We plan to have all vestry minutes available on the bulletin board in the hallway. We also plan to have recent financial information available in the Shepherd's Voice (due to the busyness of Easter that information did not make it into this month's issue).
- The church & parish boiler has a crack in it and no longer functions. It is only six years old, but unfortunately needs to be replaced – it was under warranty, but that warranty may not cover labor. Right now Bruce Barber, our property warden, is in discussion with the manufacturer, the heating company, and the Diocese to ensure that we have a new and functional boiler as soon as possible.
- 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!

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent, April 3, 2010: 103

Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 10, 2010: 94

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 17, 2010: 112

Maundy Thursday, April 21, 2010: 40

Good Friday, April 22, 2010: 41

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 23, 2010: 66

Easter Sunday, April 24, 2010: 181

The Second Sunday of Eastertide, May 1, 2010: 99

**Total EASTER Attendance for 2011: 247**

**Total Sunday Attendance for 2011: 1959**

**Average Sunday attendance for 2011: 109**

## **Server & Reader Schedule**

### **Sunday, May 8, Easter 3**

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

### **Sunday, May 15, Easter 4**

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| Chalice   | Gwen Greene                                   |
| Acolytes  | Claire Hintze<br>Melody Rubino<br>Jesse Lewis |
| OT Reader | Marshall Kidder                               |
| NT Reader | Gwen Greene                                   |
| Prayers   | Fay Wright                                    |
| Ushers    | Bob Velzy<br>Bernie Sotter                    |

### **Sunday, May 22, Easter 5**

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| Chalice   | Diane Buschel                                       |
| Acolytes  | Abbey Vesperman<br>Emily Vesperman<br>Claire Hintze |
| OT Reader | Marshall Kidder                                     |
| NT Reader | Fran DiBernardo                                     |
| Prayers   | Bob Bubeck  |
| Ushers    | Rick Vesperman<br>Sally Stevens                     |

### **Sunday, May 22, Easter 5**

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| Chalice   | Dorothy Baeder   |
| Acolytes  | Kayleigh & Liam Kenny<br>Jesse Lewis                     |
| OT Reader | Sarah Corning  |
| NT Reader | Gretchen Hintze  |
| Prayers   | Chris Palmer   |
| Ushers    | Sally Stevens, Glenn Hintze<br>Rick Vesperman, Bob Velzy |



## **Our prayers our asked for those we love but see no more**

*Names are listed by date of death: Saints are customarily prayed for on the day they died. This list was compiled from the Burials Archive. If someone is not listed here, please tell Father Matt, and we will update our records.*

Ella Hyward 05/07/1910  
John Tompkins 05/16/1949  
Annie Newman 05/06/1960  
Monahan Florence 05/13/1961  
Albert Kremers 05/20/1963  
Howard McGrath 05/07/1970  
August Kegler 05/19/1970  
Rae Koegel 05/19/1973  
Frederick Meyer 05/01/1974

Anna Rahe 05/17/1976  
Alexander Addis 05/02/1981  
William Covert 05/26/1986  
Caroline Simendinger 05/31/1987  
Elvira Bliston 05/25/1988  
Jane Mitchell 05/13/1989  
William Volonino 05/24/1990  
Ludwig Sebesta 05/26/1991  
Harry Stebbins Jr. 05/11/2010

## Outreach News

*It is a pleasure to introduce Wilfried and Nancy Haench as our new co-chairs for Outreach & Mission. In April the Rector and Vestry asked them to co-chair the Outreach Committee, and after prayer and discussion they agreed. We felt that a fresh pair (or quartet) of eyes would be helpful in seeing new outreach opportunities and coordinating ongoing and new outreach efforts at Good Shepherd. Nancy and Wilfried both have wonderful organizational skills and they are committed to a thriving outreach and mission program at Good Shepherd. With their guidance we plan to have a well advertised and organized lineup of outreach events in 2011 and 2012. If you are planning or thinking about any outreach, charity, or mission effort at or involving Good Shepherd, please speak to Wilfried and Nancy, and plan to come to the August Outreach Committee Meeting so that the entire parish can help to support and advertise all of our outreach, charity, and mission events! - Father Matt*

From: Nancy & Wilfried Haensch

Outreach ministry has been an interest of ours for many years, with our primary commitment in Malawi, a neighboring country to Tanzania in southern Africa. Nancy will be leaving in May for her third visit to work with AIDS orphans and local women there who volunteer at Kwithu Community Center. The love found in these human connections has shown us that outreach is not about fund-raisers, but rather a perfect opportunity to grow in Spirit and experience God's love.

Outreach efforts are alive and well at Church of the Good Shepherd. In fact, this is one thing that excited us about this community when we first attended a service one year ago! Recently, we agreed to coordinate the many outreach activities already happening at Good Shepherd and to help the parish identify new needs or interests.

We would like to begin this task by asking that parishioners let us know about outreach projects in which they would like to involve Good Shepherd. We plan to gather this information over the next few months and have a meeting in August, where we will create a calendar of outreach projects for the next year.

We can be reached best by email at [haensch5@aol.com](mailto:haensch5@aol.com) , by cell phone (914) 419-3721 (Nancy)/ (914) 954-3912 (Wilfried), or after church on Sundays. Listen for reminder announcements during church and stay tuned for further information in the Shepherd's Voice.



Please send submissions to the Shepherd's Voice to  
**[news@goodshepherdny.org](mailto:news@goodshepherdny.org)**

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