

The Shepherd's Voice



Practical Stuff from the Rector: A New Website, Newsfeed & Newsletter Design

PRAYER LIST

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, we pray especially for the churches and clergy of the Sawmill Clericus, for the children of the Carpenter's Kids program in Tanzania, for Nancy Haensch on her mission trip to Malawi, for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem, for our service men and women on active duty especially Brandon, Adam and James, for Adrienne for safety in childbirth, and for Amanda, MaryLou, Marshall, Khloe, Elizabeth, Michael, Larry, Jay, Josiah, Allison, Jose, John, Esther, Harrison, Ryder, Susan, Sari, Emily, Josephine, Jim, Donna, Carolyn, Franca, Robert, Kathleen, Kevin, Laura, Jim, Andra, Marty, Cathy, Ellen, Leslie, Marty, Madeline, Debbie, Donald, Muriel, and Rubye. And we give thanks for the birth of Eden Lark Ryder and Brady Martin. You prayers are asked especially for the repose of the soul of Horace Jordan (RIP: May 24, 2012), and for all who mourn.

FATHER'S DAY BBQ

Our annual Father's Day BBQ will be on June 17. Following the 10AM service we will have a HUGE BBQ picnic on the front lawn.

BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

06/01 Rubino, Melody
06/04 Kenny, Kayleigh
06/05 Buschel, Carolyn
06/07 Ringer, Jackie
06/12 Siemerling, William
06/13 Lyons, Judy
06/13 Hohwald, Maximus
06/16 Fulton, Leslie
06/21 Kaprielian, John
06/21 Sotter, Bernard
06/22 Rubino, Matthew

A few months ago I discovered that the Diocese of New York provided FREE web and email hosting for the churches in the Diocese. Conveniently, our paid hosting service was due for renewal in May, so we made the switch to the new service a few weeks ago.

The new website service that the Diocese provides allows for a much better and more interactive website. All of the information from the old site is there, but now we have a live online Newsfeed, which all of the Committee Chairs and Liaisons have access to. When someone (me or one of the wardens or the outreach chair for example) posts something to the Newsfeed, it immediately appears on the website AND it is emailed out to everyone who "follows" our parish website.

"Following" the website & Newsfeed is easy. Just go to www.goodshepherdny.org, and click the black "Follow" button at the bottom right corner of your browser (there is also an entry form at the top right of every page that does that same thing). Just fill in your email address into the space provided, and you will be sent a confirmation email. Open the confirmation email and click "CONFIRM". So far 40 people have signed up to the Newsfeed – we have well over 100 on our normal email list, so we are hoping that everyone else who is active in the church will sign up. If you want to stay connected to what's happening at Good Shepherd, please sign up today!

The Shepherd's Voice, our monthly newsletter is also undergoing a few changes. It costs a good amount of money to print and mail it out every month. To save money and some paper, we are going to a shorter and hopefully easier to read format – the newsletter will be an 11x17 ledger sheet of paper, folded in half. The online version should be much easier to read, and we will only print paper versions for those who specifically request them (and a few for visitors too).

I am very excited about the new website and the Newsfeed. I think that they will make it much easier for our friends and members to get

RIP HORACE JORDAN

Horace Jordan died Thursday, May 24, 2012. He had been gravely ill and at the hospital for nearly two weeks before he died. May God bless and keep Horace, and may the angels lead him to paradise. Please continue to keep Horace and his family in your prayers.

A wake will be held on Thursday, May 31, from 3pm to 8pm, at Granby's Funeral Home – 4021 White Plains Road, Bronx, NY. The funeral will be held on Friday, June 1, at 11am, at Saint Luke's Church – 777 East 222nd Street, Bronx, NY. Burial will follow immediately after the service. A reception will be offered by the family at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Granite Springs, following the burial – it will probably begin at 3pm. Father Matt is coordinating carpools to get to the funeral in the Bronx on Friday. If you want to ride or you can offer rides to passengers, please contact me at mead@goodshepherdny.org. We will gather at the church and then head down together around 9:15 am on Friday.

FOR HORACE JORDAN

*Dreams are the residue of our existence
Even when shadows fall in peculiar places Horace was a man
of Harlem family man Storyteller historian Trusted
companion and repository of tales Long forgotten in the
passion of time*

*On the streets of Lennox, Seventh Avenue, St. Nicholas
Avenue
125th he strode with some (later) Bronx in his veins
In pursuit of the evasive dilemma of Why Relying on the jazz
of Sarah and Ella And the Gershwin song book
as direction
never losing touch with the blues*

*He heard the echo of paradiddles
In his son's dreams
love in his wife's lips
And compassion in his daughter's sighs*

*Wearing the inscrutable mask
Of the African griot with unsharable secrets He waged war
on hypocrisy With a satirical smile*

*the dawn was beckoning
And he embraced his mortality
Only regretting the sadness of goodbyes*

by bill greene, a friend

information about events that are coming up, and see photos from events that just happened. I am also excited about the new Shepherd's Voice. I think the new format will save us money and time and allow us to continue publishing a great newsletter each month.

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Liturgical Stuff from the Rector: Trinity Sunday & following

The Sunday after Pentecost is always Trinity Sunday – this year it is June 3. The hymns on Trinity Sunday are among most people's favorites. We get to sing "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty", "I bind unto myself today", and many other stellar hymns about the Trinity. Great hymns can be very long, and these hymns are no exception. For that reason, and since we enter a new liturgical season this Sunday, our Sunday morning liturgy is shortened a bit beginning on Trinity Sunday: the entrance hymn and *Gloria* are combined into one entrance hymn of praise, the Eucharistic Prayer is changed from Prayer D (the longest) to Prayer A (the shortest), the *Sursum Corda* ("lift up your hearts"), proper Preface, and other parts of the Eucharistic Prayer are said rather than sung, the Lord's Prayer is said, and aside from long hymns, the service moves much more quickly. These liturgical changes will remain in effect until September when Sunday School resumes.

This year Sunday School graduation and our annual Sunday School Concert will take place on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday, June 10. This Sunday is often observed as a celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ. Our hymns that Sunday will be from the Holy Eucharist section of the hymnal, and the readings will focus on the Sacrament.

The first "Green" Sunday – when Green vestments are worn – will be Father's Day, June 17. As is our custom, our annual Father's Day BBQ will be held after church. All are invited to help watch for an hour or two at the all night BBQ on the front lawn. Bring picnic food and plan to stay!

5:00 PM Sunday Evening Prayer will continue in the June-August **IF, and only if, PEOPLE SIGN UP TO LEAD IT.** A signup sheet is in the Hallway.



Senior Group Trip to the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine



Hot Dog Season begins at Good Shepherd!



SERVER & READER SCHEDULE

First Sunday of the Month

Chalice	Fran DiBernardo
Acolytes	Claire Hintze & Melody Rubino
Readers	Chris Palmer & Fran DiBernardo
Prayers	Arleen Flury
Ushers	Bernie Sotter & Sally Stevens

Second Sunday of the Month

Chalice	Jim Corning
Acolytes	Abby & Emily Vesperman
Readers	Wilfried Haensch & Jim Corning
Prayers	Jan Corning
Ushers	Glenn Hintz & Rick Vesperman

Third & Fifth Sunday of the Month

Chalice	Phil Levy
Acolytes	Claire Hintze & Melody Rubino
OT Readers	Fay Wright & Gwen Greene
Prayers	Sally Stevens
Ushers	Bob Velzy & Sally Stevens

Fourth Sunday of the Month

Chalice	Diane Buschel
Acolytes	Abby Vesperman & Emily Vesperman
OT Readers	Julia Bacal & Eric Parsons
Prayers	Bruce Barber
Ushers	Rick Vesperman & Arleen Flury

POETRY GROUP

We are delighted that those so far involved seemed to be enjoying the Poetry & Prose Group.

If you are interested, please join us for our next meeting on June 4th at 7PM in the Guild Room.

The July meeting will be later than generally scheduled. Instead of the 1st Monday, we will meet in the following week on July 9th instead, same place, same time.

Bring your own work and/or bring the works that inspire you. Poetry, prose, parables - all contributions welcome. Let's hear a little bit about the authors also to help with context - maybe that's you! Either way, let those creative juices flow...

There is a sign-up sheet in the Breezeway. Please sign-up in advance if possible so that we have an idea on numbers. As we always say, if it's poetry to YOU, that is ALL that counts...

Outreach News (from Malawi)

By Nancy Haensch

I find myself thinking about relationships and love these days in Malawi. In the evenings I sit in absolute quiet and solitude--often in the dark because of frequent power outages--wondering if my being here really makes a difference in the lives of my friends here. Would the 16 women, 250 orphans, and countless other people with whom I have daily contact be better served by a donation of money?? Could my presence alone make a difference to an HIV+ widow struggling to support her 6 children by selling embroidery? Or to an orphan who is unable to take her HIV medications regularly because there is no food in her home?

Adding to my questioning and doubts is the feeling that I am so richly rewarded by my relationships here. That may seem strange at first glance...why does feeling rewarded add to my doubts about my purpose in Malawi? I am here to serve the Lord by seeking the face of Jesus in everyone I meet and sharing God's love, so why is MY heart brimming over with the love I am receiving?? It would seem that when the love of God is allowed to flow, it bathes everyone in its light. Both the giver and receiver of love walk away feeling pretty great!

A priest here once told me that there is a tradition in Africa of being present with people in their time of need. It's not uncommon in this land of such poverty for people to have nothing more than their presence to offer. The great value of this gift is never doubted, though. A priest in the U.S. named Titus Pressler said this so much better than I ever could. (sorry... I don't have the complete citation with me here in Malawi.) In his book about mission work in the 21st century he wrote,"You yourself are a precious sacrament. The people to whom you have come are sacraments. Your relationships are holy. That is enough." What powerful words these are for us to remember each and every day, as we go about fulfilling our baptismal covenant!

Vitu Mtete, my good friend here in Malawi offered to share some words with us after a recent conversation we had about relationships and love across time and many miles:

"my name is vitu and we are so happy to have Nancy coming to visit us in malawi. She is doing Gods work and we dont take that for granted. She is amazing us each time she comes to malawi so to you our freinds there in states we just say thank you so much for allowing Nancy to be visiting us each and every year. And also we thank God for keeping her strong so that she can keep coming here. She has a parental care just like a parent always visits the children. When

always she is there in U.S. we miss her a lot because we need her more. She is our mother. We know that she can manage just to send us the money, but we prefer seeing her. It is a better thing to do. And always she is nice to us. The children always cry when she travels back and the women always need for her to be here. So we are begging you that every time please, you should be giving her time to visit us. And to the husband, we are saying God should be blessing you abundantly for you always allowing Nancy to come and visit us. We know it's not easy but we say, God bless you for that. And to the church, we also say thank-you for she is amazing to us. She is just like one of us. I mean she is just like a black person from Malawi. And you have to believe that we are saying this from deep down in our hearts. And one day we want her to come and stay here for 6 months. We hope God will allow that. Thank you so much. God bless you."

Wow. That about sums it up I think. Let me close by saying how much the prayers of Good Shepherd have meant to me during my weeks here. I am lonely for friends and family and the kind thoughts from you have sustained me. I will continue to keep you all close through my prayers. I will see you in June!

Sunday School

Sunday School is steaming toward a strong finish to the year. Thanks to Megan Whalen and Kathleen Parsons for teaching the younger students this session and to Paul Miller and Courtney Velzy who instructed the older students all year! The children celebrated Earth Day by planting vegetables and flowers in the new garden, and we look forward to a bountiful harvest soon! The children have been rehearsing for the Spring Concert under Gwen Greene and Cecilia Sparacio and will perform 5 songs on June 10 during the 10am service. On that day we will also present certificates and gifts to all Sunday School students.

Starting June 17, we will offer crafts and activities every Sunday for the summer through September 2. We would love you to sign up and either oversee a craft (we do have some on hand) or share an interest or activity with the children. It's a great way to get to know them--and maybe you'll want to sign up for a teaching session next year! We thank Megan Whalen and Suzanne Bracken who have signed up so far. Please see any Sunday School Committee member if you have questions. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board. Looking ahead, Sunday School will resume September 9 with Registration Sunday and the annual Blessing of the Backpacks as the children begin another academic year! Sessions will begin the following week, September 16. Thank you for your support and have a wonderful summer!

- Glenn Hintze for the Sunday School Committee

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SUSTAINABILITY TIP FOR JUNE

Water: Fill a plastic water bottle $\frac{1}{4}$ of the way full with oil—this is how much oil is required to make the typical bottle of water. The numbers are staggering—adding up the plastic used, the energy required to collect and clean the water, and the fuel it takes to ship the bottles to stores, equates to millions of barrels of oil each year (Sierra Club). Kick the bottled water habit by installing a water filter on your faucet and purchasing a reusable water bottle. Aim for a water bottle that does not leach chemicals, by looking for 'BPA Free' labels, or by choosing stainless steel.



The Sustainability Committee builds a raised bed garden for the church!



The Sunday School planted herbs and vegetables in the new garden for Earth Day!





Relay for Life

JUNE 1, FRIDAY

Join and support Team Good Shepherd this Friday evening as we walk from 7PM-11PM at Somers Middle School.



Ascension Day Steak Dinner was AWESOME!

THE CALENDAR OF KNOWN COMING EVENTS

June 1, Friday - Horace Jordan Funeral (St. Luke's, Bronx, reception at Good Shepherd)
June 1-2, Friday-Saturday - Somers Relay For Life: (7-11PM)
June 3, Sunday - Sustainability Meeting (at 9AM)
June 3, Sunday - Senior's Group Meeting
June 4, Monday - Monday, Poetry Group
June 10, Sunday - Sunday School graduation & concert
June 10, Sunday - Next Outreach Meeting after church
June 10, Sunday - "At Home in Somers" after church
June 17, Sunday - Father's Day BBQ potluck sides & apps
June 23, Saturday - Billy Barlow Burial at Amawalk Cemetery
July - Rector Vacation
July 1, Sunday - 8AM and 10AM Morning Prayer led by AS
July 1, Sunday - Senior's Group Meeting
July 8, Sunday - 8AM and 10AM Morning Prayer led by CP
July 9, Monday - Poetry Group
July 15, Sunday - 8AM and 10AM Father Powell
July 21, Saturday - Senior's Trip (9-11 tour)
July 22, Sunday - 8AM and 10AM Father Powell
July 29, Sunday - 8AM and 10AM Father Powell

August 4, Saturday - Fun Bunch Fishing Trip - See Scott Jones
August 5, Sunday - Senior's Group Meeting
August 22, Wednesday - Senior's Trip (cruise)
September 2, Sunday - Senior's Group Meetings
September 8, Saturday - Loaves & Fishes Fish Fry
September 9, Sunday - Blessing of Backpacks
September 14, Friday - Holy Cross Day Mass & Chicken Wings
September 28, Friday - Michaelmas & Oktoberfest & Bishop
October 7, Sunday - Senior's Group Meeting
October 7, Sunday - Support Connect Walk
November 1, Thursday - All Saints' Day - Mass & Slow Cooked
November 2, Friday - All Souls Day Cancelled in 2012 due to Diocesan Convention
November 2-3, Friday & Saturday: Diocesan Convention: (Wilfried Haensch *Delegate*; Phil Levy *Alternate*)
November 4, Sunday - All Saints' Sunday Blessing of Memorial Garden
November 4, Sunday - Senior's Group Meeting
December 2, Sunday - Senior's Group Meeting
December 8, Saturday - Christmas Bazaar

If you have an event coming up in 2012 that is not listed here, please contact Father Matt



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