



## **PRAYER LIST**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, we pray especially for the churches and clergy of the Saw Mill Clericus, for the children of the Carpenter's Kids program in Tanzania, 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 MaryLou, Marshall, Khloe, Elizabeth, Ellen, Marty, Debbie, Donald, Muriel, Rubye, and for Leslie who is gravely ill.

## **AUGUST EVENTS**

On Saturday, August 4, a group from Good Shepherd, led by Scott Jones, will gather in FDR Park. We will meet in Section 6F at 10:00 AM. There are opportunities for fishing, boating, swimming, hiking, and relaxing. Burgers and Hot Dogs will be provided, please bring a side dish with you. If you want to fish, boat, or swim, please check out our website **NEWSFEED** for details on costs and licenses.

On Wednesday, August 22, the Senior's Group has organized a yacht cruise around New York City. Please speak to Paul or Lorraine Miller for more information.

## **DAILY PRAYER**

Prayer is essential to a Christian's life and witness to Jesus Christ. Through prayer we become closer to God. Good Shepherd offers daily Morning Prayer on Tuesdays through Fridays at 8:30 AM, and also Morning and Evening Prayer on Sundays. Stop by the church and join us some morning! If you want you can also read the Daily Office each morning and evening online: Click **Daily Office** under the **Prayer Resources** tab on the parish website.

## **SEVERAL SHORT ARTICLES**

**by the Rector**

I had a wonderful vacation in July. Like it or not, I still do think about Good Shepherd when I am on vacation, and so I have about ten different Newsletter articles in my head right now. I'll give you the digest version of a few of these articles.

### **Advertising the great things we do...**

During my vacation in July my family worshipped in five different churches. Of those only Good Shepherd provided supervised nursery care and activities for the children. The others did provide helpful things, such as books, toys and crayons, rooms with live TV feeds of the service, announcements that children were always welcome in worship, and notices that nursery care would resume in September. I'm not going to spend time worrying about why other churches do or don't do what they do, but I was struck that what we do is really, really great for parents. After each visit to a new church I began to wonder how well we advertise the fact that child care is provided every Sunday of the year. Then I began to wonder how well we advertise some of the other things we do. We have a Senior's Group that meets religiously on the first Sunday of every month. How well do we advertise that group? How well do we advertise that it's easy to get involved with Outreach and Inreach efforts at Good Shepherd?

I think that we advertise for these things quite well, but we can always do better, we can always be clearer. Two great ways that we communicate what we offer to visitors is our website (before someone arrives) and our ushers (when a visitor walks through the doors). The website has recently been rebuilt, and I think that it is pretty clear in terms of letting people know what we do and what we offer. Please take a look at it, and let me know how it can be improved. I am very happy to say that we have helpful and friendly ushers; if you are interested in becoming an usher, please speak to me. Every time someone volunteers as an usher that person sees

## Sunday School Begins September 9; Crafts Continue in August

The 2012-13 Sunday School year will formally begin on September 9 with the annual Blessing of the Backpacks and registration at the 10am service. We're looking forward to welcoming back more than 25 children!

We will divide the children into two groups again this year. One will include pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade students, the other will 4th through 7th graders. Yes, we have expanded beyond sixth grade after last year's sixth graders, who would normally have "graduated", asked if they could stay on!

Jan and Sarah Corning will instruct the younger students in the first session, while Paul Miller and Courtney Velzy have signed on for the full year again to teach the upper grades. Thank you so much, Paul and Courtney!

Again this year, we will use a lectionary-based curriculum (where students learn the same lessons that we experience in church) and hold five sessions of approximately six weeks each. They will feature Family Sundays, the Christmas Pageant/Twelfth Night, the Spring Concert, and other special presentations. A full calendar will be provided at registration to all Sunday School parents.

We are looking for teachers for pre-kindergarten through 3rd grades. We need at least two per session, starting at the end of October. Anyone teaching will have plenty of support from their fellow instructors and the Sunday School Committee. Please consider teaching---it is a most rewarding experience. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board, and you can talk to any Sunday School Committee member.

Crafts will be offered on most remaining Summer Sundays through September 2. See you September 9 and don't forget those backpacks!

*Glenn Hintze, for the Sunday School Committee (Jan Corning, Arleen Flury, Leslie Fulton, Suzanne Bracken, Fran DiBernardo and Father Matt)*

things that the rest of us don't see and our ushering improves by leaps and bounds.

When we have weddings and funerals I offer a welcome before the service begins. Maybe I should do that every Sunday? Would it be helpful for the priest to welcome everyone, let people know that the entire service is available in the bulletin, and that we offer child care for families who would like it? Think about it. I may try it out the next few Sundays. I don't want TWO extended periods of announcements, but a 30 second welcome right up front might be helpful.

I think our bulletins are great and informative, but I am always worried that the information about childcare gets buried under an avalanche of other helpful information. For that reason, I have reworked the opening page of our bulletin. The first thing you see when you open this week's Sunday bulletin is that Good Shepherd provides child care and children's activities each Sunday. As you scan that page, some of the other regular ministries that are offered are highlighted. Please take a look at the bulletin on Sunday and let me know if you can think of other ways we can better advertise the great things that we do.

### Going GREENER at Good Shepherd...

A few days ago my wife went into New York City for a dinner with some friends. When she came back she told me that the restaurant they had gone to had provided an iPad for the wine list. Presumably since the wine list is only needed at a few tables at a time, they don't need dozens of them, but I did wonder whether or not it was worth it financially. Strictly speaking, it's probably far cheaper to print a handful of copies of a new wine list every few days, even if the list is very long and printed on high quality paper. That said, the value of something isn't only measured in dollars and cents. A digital wine list enables the sommelier (aka the resident wine expert at the restaurant) to update the list immediately when something runs out, or when a new wine arrives, or if an error is discovered in the list. It also ensures that the wait staff never needs to come back and explain that "We're out of that today." Likewise, it gives the diner the knowledge that the wine list is almost certainly up to date. Finally, it's just really cool, hip, and with it. I don't think it's a huge leap to think that in a few years restaurants (and churches?) will provide tablets as menus or for kids to play games on to children instead of crayons and paper table clothes.

Hearing about a digital wine list finally spurred me to do something I have been contemplating for years. Beginning Sunday we will offer a "digital worship aid", a digital version of the bulletin for anyone who wants to worship "without paper". We cannot provide iPads or Kindles or any other tablet for you, but if you have one, you are invited to bring it on Sunday so that you can connect to our digital bulletin. Unfortunately due to copyright restrictions, we cannot just put our bulletins online for the public to view. After thorough research, I am sure that we are allowed to make digital copies of our bulletins available to people who come to church. We pay a small annual fee to reproduce hymns and other music for our Sunday worshippers, and that fee covers paper leaflets and any other worship aid available when you come to the church. If you bring your iPad or tablet this Sunday, please speak to me and I will show you how to access the digital bulletin.

I have a Kindle Fire and though the digital bulletin is very clear, the screen is a bit small for my eyes unless I view the bulletin in widescreen. When I do that I can see half of the bulletin, and I can scroll up and down with ease. I assume that the digital bulletin will be quite satisfactory on the larger iPad screen. We will have digital bulletins available for the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services each Sunday. I will try it out myself on Sunday, and I hope at least one other brave soul will join me! If it seems like something that you might want to use each Sunday, please let me know, and I will print one less bulletin each week. Over the course of a year that will save about half a ream of paper per person. That is not a huge monetary savings, but if we can get 20 people to go paperless, then we save a case of paper every year... and you get to say that your

## Good Shepherd Tag Sale

### Too much stuff? Here's the answer – Good Shepherd Community Tag Sale – Saturday, Oct. 13

Good Shepherd will be holding a community tag sale on Saturday, October 13 from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM on the Church grounds – both inside and outside on the lawn. The cost to reserve a space for the day will be \$35.00 per space which will go to the church's general fund. Spaces are available to all church members, their families, friends, neighbors and outside vendors. You will need to bring a table and whatever you wish to sell. Please remember as you select your items for sale, that you cannot leave anything behind at the end of the day, so you will need to take home anything that is not sold.

There are limited spaces still available inside in the Parish Hall. These will be assigned on a first come basis. All other spaces will be outside on the lawn. The sale will take place Rain or Shine, so be prepared to bring some kind of covering if you are outside. (But of course, we are planning on a great, sunny, crisp, Fall day!)

If you are not able to purchase a space you can still contribute. Good Shepherd will have a few tables where we will sell items (including books) donated by parishioners. All of the proceeds from these sales will go to the Church. Since space is limited, please keep your donated items smaller in nature. Check with Nancy Anderson or me if you have any questions about what you would like to donate. We will also have a bake table so we will be looking for donated cakes, pies, cookies, candy, breads, etc. And we will also be selling hot dogs and soda.

This will be a fun event -- one where everyone can benefit.

- . Save the date
- . Sign up early to get a good spot
- . Tell your family, friends and neighbors
- . Donate baked goods or small items for sale
- . Volunteer to help at the church sponsored tables
- . Come and shop

Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to participate so we can get a good idea for planning space layout. Fliers will be available for you to distribute. Watch for more details in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, would like to help with the planning or have any great ideas to enhance the day – I'm happy to discuss them with you.

Looking forward to a fun day!  
Arleen Flury

# Outreach News

*Most Loving God, Give bread to those who are hungry; give hunger for justice to those who have bread. Amen.*

## Loaves and Fishes Fish Fry 9/8/2012

The Gospel for Sunday, July 29, John 6:1-21, was a story familiar to all, relating the miracle of Jesus feeding the 5000 with five barley loaves and two fish.\* Father Powell's sermon on the verses provided an easy transition for me to remind everyone of the thoughts behind our own Loaves and Fishes event. He spoke about providing hospitality to others simply because they "are" and not because they are asking for it. Jesus trusted in the abundance of creation, even in the face of scarcity. He was *abundantly hospitable* to the 5000 hungry people joining him by the Sea of Galilee that day.

On Saturday, September 8, we will offer the loaves and fishes fish fry as a chance to practice this "theology of abundance". Your food will be provided at this parish event, but we ask that you bring non-perishable food items for the food pantry. The goal, of course, is that we can gather 12 baskets of food after everyone has eaten, just like the disciples!

\* NOTE: The Gospel passages throughout August in Year B all come from John 6. We will continue to hear about and reflect on Jesus as the True Bread from Heaven.

## Community Center of Northern Westchester

Some of you may not realize that the food pantry we support is part of CCNW in Katonah. I visited the Center recently to learn what sort of volunteer opportunities they might have for Good Shepherd parishioners. I met with several Board members who were so appreciative of the food donations received from Good Shepherd and our interest in expanding this support. Did you know that the Center serves almost **1,800 families** in the area? They distributed **184 tons** of food and **83 tons** of donated clothing last year!!

Our parish has donated around 50 pounds monthly for some time now, but I'm sorry to say our total has dropped quite a lot since this time last year...from 569 lbs. to 358 lbs! I'm not sure why this is, but maybe because the bin was moved to a new spot?? I hope that we can turn this trend around, now that I've mentioned it. Let's challenge ourselves to raise our

church is on the cutting edge of technology! Woo!!

## **Church School & Christian Education...**

The Sunday School kicks off the 2012-2013 year on Sunday, September 9, with the Blessing of Backpacks. Backpacks will be blessed during the Prayers of the People. We will also offer special prayers for those beginning college. Formal registration for Sunday School classes is that day as well.

If you wish to join our EfM group, please speak to Fay Wright, Chris Palmer, Wilfried Haensch or Nancy Haensch. Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EfM) program provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. During the Service of Confirmation we ask God to "Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them." EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service. The EfM Group meets once a week (at a time mutually convenient to everyone in the group) and offers a chance for participants to dig deeply into Scripture, Church History, Theology, and reflect on their own spiritual journeys. It is intense... it is awesome!

On Sundays between 9:00 AM and 9:45 AM, beginning August 5, I will offer a Breakfast Bible Study. We will read, mark, and inwardly digest the lessons assigned for the day over a cup of coffee. We will read the lessons, examine their original context, talk about why they were chosen by the church for a given Sunday or Holy Day, discuss how they fit together as a group (if at all), and reflect on what these lessons might mean for us as Christians today.

## **Going to Jerusalem and the Holy Land...**

In the summer of 2013 I am leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In the next week or two printed brochures will be available giving the itinerary of the trip. It ain't cheap to visit the Holy Land, but it's an opportunity that doesn't come along often, and in the

monthly donation amount! When I remember how heavy my weekly grocery shopping is, I think it should be an easy thing for a parish our size to hit the 100 pound mark every month!!

The pantry currently needs peanut butter, pasta/sauce, cereal, dried beans, canned fruit, and baby food. Please buy something extra for the food pantry on your next trip to the supermarket! **Let's see if we can get to 100 pounds next month!!**

### **Good Shepherd Drivers**

We are happy to begin a trial of offering rides for parishioners who need some help getting around. Our group of volunteers is starting out small, but we hope more will join as people return from summer vacations. Please let me know if you would like to become a volunteer driver. I will be the contact person and will try to match the ride request to an available driver. If you need a ride, please call Nancy Haensch at (914) 419-3721.

**\*\*\*Next Outreach Meeting: September 23\*\*\***

*Check out the photos below from Relay for Life!*



grand scheme of things, it's the financial equivalent of any big vacation. Most Christians never visit the lands and places where Jesus lived. Even fewer have the opportunity to go with friends from their own church.

I will advertise at Good Shepherd and at some other churches in the Diocese. For starters, I will be at Saint Mary the Virgin on Wednesday, August 15 to advertise at the Feast of Saint Mary on that day. We are hoping to have between 20 and 30 people on the trip, and I would love it if a large part of our group comes from Good Shepherd.

If you are interested in the Pilgrimage, please speak to me or to Amanda Slattery. If you are sure you want to go, we are happy to reserve a space for you.

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER** **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012**

**LOCATION:** The TRAVELER REST

**COST:** \$65.00 per person

*The Dinner will include a four course dinner including Soda, Wine and Beer. A Silent Auction will be held, and Raffle Ticket sale will be carried out in conjunction with the Dinner.*

**Lorne Robbins will put together a working committee in the coming weeks and will keep the congregation informed as we progress in the planning of another successful AWARDS DINNER.**

# BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

**08/01 Palmer, Luke**  
**08/02 Gardineer, Jennifer**  
**08/05 Palmer, Zachary**  
**08/06 Velzy, Robert**  
**08/06 Galloway, Daniel**  
**08/07 Campo, Laura**  
**08/10 Mead, Matthew**  
**08/11 (Ringer) Lepre, Carolyn**  
**08/16 Palmer, Scott**  
**08/18 Slattery, Amanda**  
**08/22 Haensch, Johannes**  
**08/23 Barber, Jean**  
**08/27 Harbort, George**  
**08/31 Fetzer, Ashley**  
**08/31 Jones, Scott**

# IN MEMORIAM

**08/05/1958: Smith, Edith**  
**08/06/1983 : Hoy, Edwin**  
**08/08/2004: Gazis, Denos**  
**08/08/1957: Newell, Arnold**  
**08/09/1962: Briganti, Enis**  
**08/11/1984: Corsa, Viola**  
**08/12/1980: Corell, Philip**  
**08/14/1989: Jagers, Marion**  
**08/16/1989: Barlow, William**  
**08/21/1956: Klingenstein, Conrad**  
**08/22/1995: Light, Harry**  
**08/24/1979: Feldt, Edward**  
**08/27/1989: Ackerly, Clara**  
**08/29/2008: Katz, Harry**

## 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

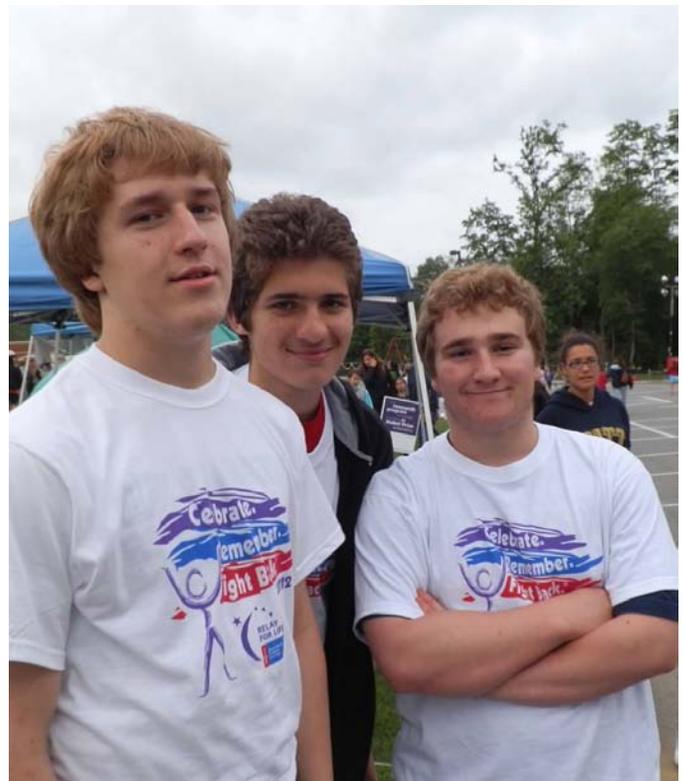
Chalice	Jim Corning
Acolytes	Abby & Emily Vesperman
Readers	Wilfried Haensch & Jim Corning
Prayers	Jan Corning
Ushers	Glenn Hintz & Rick Vesperman

### Third Sunday of the Month

Chalice	Phil Levy
Acolytes	Claire Hintze & Melody Rubino
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



## COMING EVENTS

- August 4, Saturday –Fishing Trip
- August 5 - Senior's Group Meeting
- August 22 - Senior's Trip (cruise)
- September 2 - Senior's Group
- September 8, Saturday - Loaves & Fish Fry
- September 9 - Sunday School & Backpacks Blessing
- September 14, Friday, Holy Cross Day Sung Mass & Chicken Wings
- September 16 – Wills, Etc.
- September 23 – Outreach Meeting
- September 28, Friday - Michaelmas & Oktoberfest & Bishop Visitation
- October 7 - Senior's Group Meeting
- October 13, Saturday – Good Shepherd Community Tag Sale
- October 18, Thursday – Awards Dinner & Fundraiser
- November 1, Thursday - All Saints' Day Mass & Slow Cooked Foods
- November 2-3 - Diocesan Convention (Phil Levy; Wilfried Haensch)
- November 4 - Senior's Group
- December 2 - Senior's Group
- December 8, Saturday - Christmas Bazaar

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## SUMMER FUN

By the Rector



**I spent a good portion of July in Rhode Island – the photo above was taken at the Narragansett Town Beach, which is one of my favorite places in the world. The summer, whether you are at the beach or not, is a great time to read a good book, listen to some music, or check out a local attraction like a beach if you are in RI. Many of these things can be done for very little money (some are even free!)**

**Mozart Piano Concertos and Piano Sonatas:** I listen to a fairly wide variety of music. If you are a Mozart fan or even if you want a good introduction to Classical Music, you can't go wrong with Mozart's Piano Concertos & Piano Sonatas. You can find the complete Piano Concertos on iTunes for \$9.99 and the complete Piano Sonatas for \$5.99. Both collections are played by Carmen Piazzini. The recordings sound great, you can't beat the price, and you will have hours of great music by one of the Masters!

**The Odyssey by Homer, War of the Worlds H.G. Wells and Journey to the Center of the Earth by Jules Verne:** I have a Kindle and there are TONS of free books, as long as you are willing to read something that was written a few decades ago or more. These three classics are better than any movie; in fact more movies that you know are loosely based on classics like these.

**The Danbury Railroad Museum and Lasdon Arboretum with Veterans Trail of Honor:** For \$6 a person (kids over 3 are \$4), you can visit this Railroad Graveyard & Museum in Danbury. They have tons of cool old and out of service trains and you can even go inside many of them! They also have a great museum with a number of model train layouts. Lasdon is a free park on Route 35 between Somers and Katonah. It's a great place to relax and walk around with or without the kids and see a huge amount of amazing trees. The Trail of Honor is attached to the Arboretum and contains powerful memorials and statues commemorating and remembering American wars and soldiers. Both the Arboretum and the Trail are free.



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