



## Our Worship Schedule

### Weekly Sunday Worship

**8:00 am** Rite 1 Eucharist, with coffee afterwards

**9:45 am** Sunday School & Middle School Youth

**10:00 am** Rite 2 Eucharist with hymns, followed by our festive coffee hour

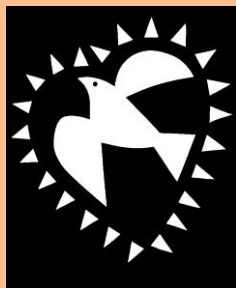
**11:30 am** High School Youth meets

### Upcoming Special Services

**Sunday, October 7**

#### **Blessing of the Animals**

Bring your animal friends to Good Shepherd at 1:00 pm for our annual animal blessing in church. All animals and their humans are welcome!



## Rector's Remarks

Hello good people,

What do you think of when you hear the word "sanctuary"?

Birds? Holy space? Farm animals?

The word sanctuary is derived from the Latin *sanctuarium*, which is a vessel for safekeeping. Wildlife sanctuaries are well known, like the local Audubon sanctuaries, providing safekeeping for birds and other living creatures. Did you know farm-animal sanctuaries now exist, providing rescued livestock safety from abuse and starvation? Covenant House, a shelter program in New York and throughout the world, provides sanctuary to homeless youth so they can get their lives together and get back on their feet. (I worked there from 1989-1990 and it's an important ministry.)

Places of worship have always been sanctuaries, too, and this represents the sacred dimension of the word. Religious sanctuaries are places of

safety, rest, and rejuvenation, where one can encounter the Holy.

Good Shepherd as sanctuary – as a place of safety, rest, and rejuvenation where one can slow down and encounter the Holy – has been on my mind a lot lately. Especially as the fabric of society seems to fray more and more weekly before our eyes. In such turbulent times, what is one to do? Where is one to go to find sustenance, support, and strength to endure?

Ancient Israel knew troubles (far greater than ours) and the psalmist sings their wisdom:

*“In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears” (Psalm 18:6).*

*“We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple” (Psalm 48: 9).*

*“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold” (Psalm 18:2).*

For those on the journey of faith, Sunday worship is a pit stop, a self-imposed time out, a short retreat from the torrent of daily life – a sanctuary, in other words – so we can access safety, rest, and rejuvenation through the Holy. It’s vital that we not lose that sacred sense of church at Good Shepherd. It’s vital – especially in these times – that we remain sanctuary for one another, with one another, and through one another as the Body of Christ.



## Safety

by Rupert Brooke

Dear! of all happy in the hour, most blest  
He who has found our hid security,  
Assured in the dark tides of the world  
that rest,  
And heard our word,  
‘Who is so safe as we?’  
We have found safety with all things  
undying,  
The winds, and morning, tears of men  
and mirth,  
The deep night, and birds singing, and  
clouds flying,  
And sleep, and freedom, and the  
autumnal earth.  
We have built a house that is not for  
Time’s throwing.  
We have gained a peace unshaken by  
pain for ever.  
War knows no power. Safe shall be my  
going,  
Secretly armed against all death’s  
endeavour;  
Safe though all safety’s lost; safe where  
men fall;  
And if these poor limbs die, safest of all.



Our ancient Christian forbears also knew troubles (far greater than ours) and they bequeathed their wisdom to us in their/our scriptures:

*"Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Corinthians 12:27).*

*"With all humility and gentleness and patience, bear with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2).*

*"The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?" (1 Corinthians 10:16).*

*"This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us" (1 John 3:23).*

*"I have said these things to you that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation, but take heart. I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).*

Membership, humility, and gentleness. Distress and tears. Patience. Steadfast love. Rock, fortress, and deliverer. Fear, anxiety, and dread. Safety, slow-down, rejuvenation, and perspective. Promise, hope, and victory.

Sanctuary.

Drink up.

With love and prayers,

*Hal*





# Sunday School

The Sunday School program year began with the Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10am service on September 9. All children loaded their backpacks onto the altar to be blessed by Father Hal. They also received a special back to school gift. After the service, families registered for Sunday School and ate Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Rita's Ice at the Festive Coffee Hour. Now the work begins.

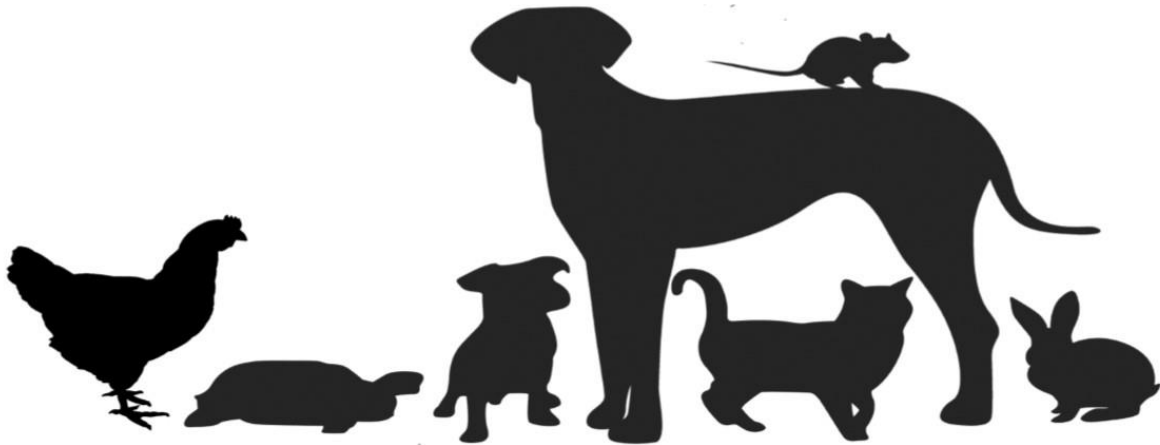
For the next 5 weeks Sunday School children will do crafts, lessons, games and stories to help them understand the Gospel readings at their level. Sunday School families look forward to: Holy Cross & Chickenfest (Sept 14), Michaelmas and Oktoberfest (Sept 29), the Blessing of the Animals (Oct 7,) and finally our Family Service and Halloween Party on October 28 at 10AM.

Special thanks to Amy Baisley, Susan Robbins, Kerry Irwin, Teresa Larsen and Megan Whalen for teaching during the first session of Sunday School. Please share thoughts and feedback with Megan Whalen [meganswidorski@hotmail.com](mailto:meganswidorski@hotmail.com).

**We had a great time at our Parish  
Peach Picking at Stuarts Farm!**



# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



All are invited to bring their pets for a blessing!

Bring your beloved animals of all kinds to church for a blessing! We will have a short service, followed by a small reception with doggy treats and a few human treats.

Invite friends. Bring neighbors.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 AT 1:00 PM**

The Church of the Good Shepherd

39 Granite Springs Road

Granite Springs, NY 10589



# Middle School Youth



The Middle School Youth Group came out to celebrate the beginning of the program year on September 9. They added their Backpacks to the mix on the altar and participated in the festive coffee hour eating burgers and Rita's Ice. On September 16, the MS Youth Group meetings began at the 10AM Service in the Guild Room. The rest of September will follow the regular MS Youth Group format until our first Family Sunday on October 28<sup>th</sup> which will also be our Halloween Party. In addition – a main focus for the MS Youth Group is service, and here are the MS Youth Service Projects for September and October:

- September – MS Youth will grab a bag from the back of the church and go to the grocery store with their families. Each family will fill a bag with items for CCNW as part of COGS Oktoberfest Food Drive.
- October – MS Youth will help the Seniors with the Coat Drive at church including: putting out boxes, making announcements, writing emails, and organizing coats collected
- October 7 – MS Youth will walk in the Support Connection Walk to help fight women's cancers.



## iPhones anyone?

Have an old iPhone lying around the house? Going to upgrade yours soon? Consider donating your old iPhones to Good Shepherd so Fr. Hal can teach the Middle and High School Youth how to create, shoot, edit, and publish their own videos using Apple's iMovie software. To do that, we need iPhones that can still record videos. If you have one to donate, email Fr. Hal ([hal@goodshepherdny.org](mailto:hal@goodshepherdny.org)). Thanks for the consideration!

Special thanks to Lori Kennedy, Courtney Velzy, Jeff Donaldson, Bruce Barber, Jose and Catalina Trinidad and Megan Whalen for leading the MS Youth Group during our first session. Please share thoughts and feedback with Megan Whalen at [meganswiderski@hotmail.com](mailto:meganswiderski@hotmail.com)



# OCTOBER 2018 SERMON SERIES

## WHEN

Oct. 7, 14, 21, & 28  
8 & 10 am Sunday services

## WHERE

Church of the Good Shepherd  
39 Granite Springs Road  
Granite Springs, NY 10527

## WHO

THE REV. HAL ROARK  
PRIEST & RECTOR

PRAGMATIC THINGS WE CAN DO TO DEEPEN THE  
FELT PRESENCE OF GOD IN OUR LIFE.

## INVITE FRIENDS

### OCTOBER 7

**Prayer:** what is it, how do we do it well, and what common mistakes should we avoid?

### OCTOBER 14

**Practice:** How can our daily life become our personal path to God?

### OCTOBER 21

**Presence:** How does our personal presence affect God's personal presence in our life?

### OCTOBER 28

**Pledge:** What is the deeper meaning of a pledge and how can it affect our relationship with God?

### NOVEMBER 4

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY &  
PLEDGE SUNDAY

FREE

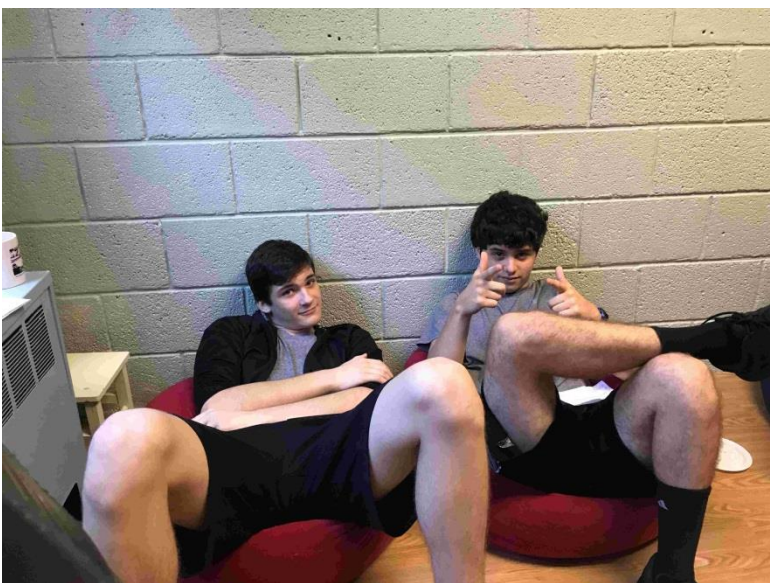
ALL WELCOME



# High School Youth



The High School Youth Group was blessed at the 10:00 am service on September 16, and this year's HS Youth leaders, Emily & Max, were commissioned. Afterwards, the Youth gathered in the Youth Room to discuss standards of how we treat each other during conversations so we can be fully present and support each other on our journey with Jesus.



Calling all High School Youth!  
Meet us in the Youth Room –  
Sundays at 11:30 am!



# Charitable Opportunities

If you have wandered into church during the week over the last month, I undoubtedly asked you your opinion about the level of the “ask fatigue” in the church. A growing number of people have been telling me for about a year that they feel accosted by too many requests here at church. It’s feeling a bit too much, they have increasingly said. We have had great discussions about this at the vestry level and with a number of the ministry leaders, like Outreach, Sunday School, High School Group, Seniors, etc.

Here’s the current majority opinion on this issue: 1) we are grateful for all the activity – in terms of ministries, events, and charitable opportunities – here at Good Shepherd and we don’t want to see that decrease; 2) there also are a lot of asks that can take place on Sundays during announcements as a result of all that activity – join a group, take a bag, walk with us, donate a coat, buy a raffle ticket, etc. – and it is understandable that some could experience “ask fatigue” as a result. So, after much discussion and idea-sharing, here is how we are going to decrease the verbal asks at announcements without decreasing the ministries, events, or charitable opportunities themselves.

We’ve started using a table, like the one below, in our weekly service leaflet inserts so everyone can see what events and charitable opportunities are going on each month. The table will also be included in our monthly newsletter and posted on our bulletin boards. At announcements, we will verbally promote these opportunities less, referring you instead to this table in the insert, and we hope that will both bring these opportunities to your awareness as well as decrease the sense of being asked for things here often.

Also, don’t forget: ***no one is expected to go to all the events we do at Good Shepherd. No one is expected to support all the charitable opportunities, either. Do what makes sense to you.*** Do what you can do, and no more. Also, rejoice – we do an enormous amount of good together. Thank you for that. And, as always, feel free to provide me and the wardens with feedback about these new strategies.

What?	For Whom?	When?	How?
Support Connection Walk	Breast & ovarian cancer support	Sunday, October 7, 9 am, FDR Park	Come walk with Diane Buschel’s team, including the HS & MS Youth, or pledge support online.
Pet donations	Local Pet Shelters	October	Bring thru the month, but especially on Oct. 7, our annual pet blessing day (Lindsey V.).
Coat/sweaters	Veterans	Till Halloween	Consider donating coats & sweaters for veterans, to be delivered by our seniors & Middle School Youth groups (Bruce B.).
Food donations	Community Center of Northern Westchester (CCNW)	Ongoing	Put donations in the basket under the table in the back of church; consider filling a reusable bag (Chris P.).

# Seniors Group

In September, the Senior Group enjoyed a trip to the Bear Mountain Inn for lunch.



*Come and join our  
dynamic and fun  
Seniors Group!  
All are welcome!*

Our next outing:  
**Hudson River  
Fall Foliage Cruise**  
Sunday, October 21, 2018  
**\*Note Date Change\***



In October, the senior group will be working with the Middle School Youth Group gathering coats, sweaters and jackets for our **annual Veterans Warmth Drive**. Collection bins will be located in the parish hall. During your Fall closet cleaning, please bring lightly used or new items to the church which will be delivered to the VA Hospital in Montrose, NY on November 6, 2018. A tour of sections of the facility will be conducted. All are welcome.

Also in October, the group will be coordinating our annual **Hudson River Fall Foliage boat tour** which everyone is welcome to attend. **The new date is Sunday, October 21, 2018.** Sign up in the Breezeway today – only a couple of seats left!



From Oct. 1 to Oct. 31, we will be having the seniors and MS youth coat drive again! Please bring your new or gently used winter coats to donate to the Veteran's hospital in Montrose. There will be boxes in the parish hall where you can drop off your coats. When we delivered the coats last year, the MS youth group and some seniors went to the vet hospital. We had a great tour and are hoping to do it again this year. Thank You!

~ Julia W.



**The coat boxes are ready to accept donations!**





**Church of the Good Shepherd  
HALLOWEEN**

# **PARTY**

**Sunday October 28 10AM**

**39 Granite Springs Rd**

**Please join the fun:**

**Family Service**

**Costumes to Church**

**Guess the Candy Corn**

**Donuts on a String**

**Crafts, Tattoos and Stickers**

**Spooky Music**

**Halloween Treats**

**Bobbing for Apples**



# Great for Newcomers!

At Good Shepherd, we offer a continuous stream of events and opportunities that are great for newcomers. Here are some to consider this month:

## Sunday, Oct. 7

Blessing of the Animals at 1:00 pm in the church  
Bring your animal friends to church for a blessing!  
Doggie treats and some human treats will be served after the service.  
(To learn more, contact Fr. Hal at [hal@goodshepherdny.org](mailto:hal@goodshepherdny.org))

## Friday, Oct. 12

Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd (WOCOGS) monthly book group meeting  
at 7:30 pm in the Guild Room  
(To learn more, contact Arleen Flury at [afgranite@aol.com](mailto:afgranite@aol.com))

## Sunday, Oct. 14

Visitor and New Member Welcome at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall  
(To learn more, contact Fr. Hal at [hal@goodshepherdny.org](mailto:hal@goodshepherdny.org))

## Sunday, Oct. 21

Fall Foliage Cruise on the Hudson River  
(To learn more, contact Bruce Barber at [barberbruce@yahoo.com](mailto:barberbruce@yahoo.com))

## Sunday, Oct. 28

Family Sunday & Halloween Party after the 10:00 am service  
Wear a costume to church and have some fun at our annual Halloween party!  
(To learn more, contact Megan Whalen at [meganswidorski@hotmail.com](mailto:meganswidorski@hotmail.com))

## Every Wednesday

Weekly Bible study of the upcoming Gospel reading resumes in the Guild Room, noon-1:30 pm.  
Bring your own bag lunch  
(To learn more, contact Fr. Hal at [hal@goodshepherdny.org](mailto:hal@goodshepherdny.org))

Check the calendar at the back of the newsletter for other opportunities in October, November, and December. All our events are open to our members, their guests, and walk-in visitors. The key to spiritual growth is involvement, and we have something for everyone at Good Shepherd.

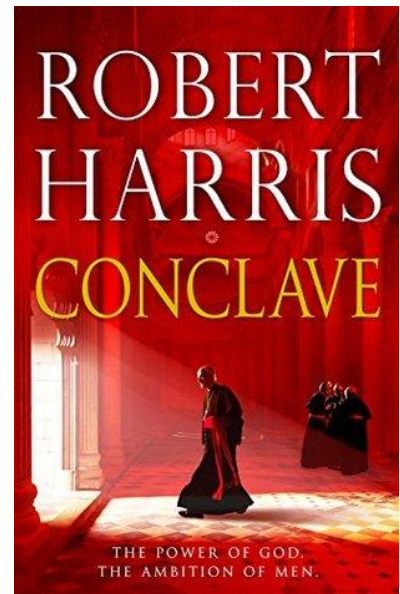


## Update on our Oktoberfest Food Drive

We collected 62 bags of food on Oktoberfest, Saturday, September 29, for a total of \_\_\_\_ pounds! Thank you to all who contributed to this year's effort. Our CCNW food collections are ongoing, so please feel free to bring in non-perishable items at your convenience.

### **WOCOGS** **(Women Of the Church Of the Good Shepherd)**

The book selected to read for our October meeting is "Conclave" by Robert Harris. We'll meet on **Friday, October 12 at 7:30 PM** in the Guild Room. Hope you can be there.



## Calling all Christmas elves!

We would like to be able to offer some really nice raffle prizes at this year's Christmas Bazaar (Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>). Please let me know if you have any "Santa/Elf" connections or ideas for obtaining some great prize donations. Your help is always appreciated.

Watch for more "News from the North Pole" regarding Christmas Bazaar preparations.

Arleen Flury





# Weekly Bible Study

- ♦ **Wednesdays from noon to 1:30 p.m.** in the Guild Room.
- ♦ Fr. Hal leads. **All welcome! Come join us!**
- ♦ **No previous experience presumed.** You don't even need a Bible; we supply that!
- ♦ **Bring a bag lunch** so we can eat together.
- ♦ **We have fun discussing the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading.**

What do you hear in the passage?

What do you like? Dislike?

If you could learn something from a Bible scholar about this passage, what would you want to know?

**Starts Wednesday, September 26!**

**Join us! See you then!**

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am  
going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.  
I cannot know for certain where it will end.  
Nor do I really know myself, and the fact  
that

I think I am following Your will does not  
mean that I am  
actually doing so. But I believe that the  
desire to please You  
does in fact please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I  
am doing.

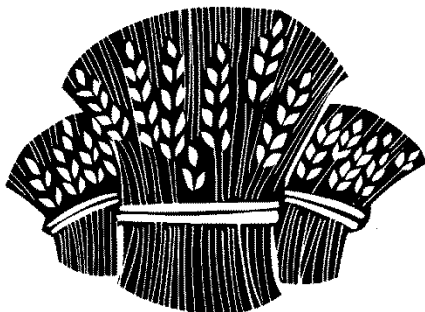
I hope that I will never do anything apart  
from that desire.

And I know that, if I do this, You will lead  
me by the right road,  
though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust You always though I  
may seem to be lost  
and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for You are ever with me,  
and You will never leave me to face my  
perils alone.

Thomas Merton



## Curious about...?

### Here's a summary of our Confirmation Program, *Journeying with God in Christ.*

Designed by Dr. Fay Wright and The Rev. Hal Roark

#### The Goals and Methods of this Curriculum:

- The overall goal of this course is to help the confirmands deepen their relationship with God through Jesus Christ in a way that is personally relevant and meaningful to them.
- We provide the confirmands with information and opportunities necessary to make an informed decision about choosing to be confirmed, or not. The method is to provide basic information with discussion afterwards, exploring how these topics relate to the young adult's lives.
- We impart basic knowledge about key areas of Episcopal Christian life that provides a foundation for continued lifelong Christian growth. This areas include:

1. **Introduction:** to the course, one another, and the program for the year. A discussion of journey as a metaphor for life. What confirmation is (and is not). Also, an introduction to *The Book of Common Prayer* and its catechism. A review of basics about the *Bible*.

2. **World Religions** other than Christianity: can one journey with God through them? (Answer: yes). A discussion of what is distinctive about the Christian approach. (Answer: Journeying with God through a relationship with Jesus). What does that mean? What does that imply? Why is it important and relevant about that



relationship?

3. **Jesus and the Old Testament:** what's the relationship? What does this mean for us today? How do Episcopalians interpret the Bible? Why?
4. **Jesus and the New Testament:** what's the relationship? What does this mean for us today? How do we use this to interpret the Bible?
5. **Episcopal Worship:** why do we worship the way we do? What are the parts of Sunday worship? How can we get the most out of it?
6. **Christian Prayer:** what is it? (Answer: it's talking with and listening to God). How do Christians pray? Does God hear us? How do we know? And more.
7. **Christian Spiritual Discernment:** how do we identify our gifts and talents? Why are they important to develop? What role can mentors play? Mentor testimonials.
8. **Christian Ethics:** why is being loving so important in Christianity? How can we incorporate it regularly into our daily lives? The importance of Christian charity.
9. **Christian Theology:** what is it and how can it help us? How can it help us answer hard questions? For example, If God is good, why is there evil in the world? And more.
10. **Making an informed choice:** what does that mean? What's my choice as a young adult? Should I continue in my journey with God through Jesus? Should I choose to be confirmed? What is the confirmation ritual like? A run-through in the church.



Blessing of Backpacks

*"Make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in your midst"*  
(Exodus 25:8).



Chickenfest on Holy Cross Day was awesome!







11. It is expected that the confirmands will attend all the **Holy Week services**: Maundy Thursday (April 18, 2019), Good Friday (April 19, 2019), and the Easter Vigil (April 20, 2019), including both the food celebrations and the worship services. Confirmation culminates in the Triduum: the Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil services.

12. Additionally, the students are also required to attend the **Yorktown Interfaith Prayer Service** in November.

13. Furthermore, there shall also be a one day retreat at **Holy Cross Episcopal Monastery** in the Hudson Valley on March 2 from 7:45 am to 3 pm.

#### **Requirements:**

- The program is open to all Good Shepherd 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders. It will be taught again in the fall of 2020. There is no homework to complete.
- The Confirmation Class shall meet on Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the rectory. It is co-led by Fr. Hal and Fay. We start and end on time. Thank you for being punctual.
- The dates for the 2018-2019 Confirmation class are October 14, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16, Jan. 27, 2019, Feb. 10, Feb. 24, Mar. 2, and Mar. 31. The Holy Week services are April 18, 19, and 20, 2019.
- Also, on Sunday, November 18, 2018 the confirmands will attend the annual Yorktown interfaith Prayer Service and then discuss the experience together afterwards over pizza. The hours for this meeting shall be shared with the confirmands and their families once the YIPC leaders decide where





Fay Wright, Steve Ukco, & Bill Rothschild

Fay & Bill were honored by the local fire departments for saving the life of Mr. Ukco at last year's Interfaith Prayer Service at Good Shepherd.

*"Be still  
and know  
that I am God"  
(Psalm 46:10).*

and when the service will be this year.

- The March 2 date is a day trip to Holy Cross Episcopal Monastery in West Park, NY. We shall leave from Good Shepherd at 7:45 am and return at 3 pm. We shall drive the confirmands to and from the monastery. We shall eat lunch at the monastery and pray with the monks, as well as have private discussion time.
- The Confirmands are allowed only one excused absence. The confirmand must notify Fr. Hal by 11:30 am on the day that he/she will miss the class.
- We are waiting to hear from the diocese about a confirmation date, preferably on either May 19, 2019 (first choice) or May 5, 2019 (second choice). The service will be at 9 am on a Sunday morning, celebrated by one of our three bishops, and all are invited for the celebration. We shall share a date with you as soon as we receive one.
- There is a \$200 cost per confirmand to cover materials to be provided for this year-long course. Neither Hal nor Fay are paid for this ministry. The fee covers: 1) their own leather Prayer Book/Bible book, our text for the class, to be given to them at the first class; 2) food for 12 dinners; 3) gas for trips, etc. As always, financial support is available from Fr. Hal upon confidential request. Never hesitate to ask!
- During each meeting at the rectory, the confirmation group prepares and eats their dinner together and cleans up afterwards, all the while discussing the topics presented that evening for discussion and debate.
- We have fun and a good time together. After all, Christianity is about Good News and that includes making new friends and having laughs. Get excited! This is going to more fun than you realize.



# HOLY CROSS MONASTERY

## An Anglican Benedictine Community of Men

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We're a Benedictine Community in the [Anglican Communion](#) which includes [The Episcopal Church](#). Holy Cross Monastery is part of the Order of the Holy Cross (OHC), founded by the [Rev. James Otis Sargent Huntington](#) in 1884. An active reformer on New York City's Lower East Side with an enduring sense of social responsibility, Fr. Huntington had both courage and foresight. He understood the role prayer and contemplation could play in sustaining social justice efforts. The earliest community moved to Maryland before settling in West Park in 1902. Today, our West Park monastery includes housing for male and female guests and the Monastery Church of St. Augustine, in addition to the Monastic Enclosure.

Because Fr. Huntington's vision as our community lived it was essentially Benedictine, we formally adopted the Rule of St. Benedict in 1984. Over the years, we've adapted the Rule to account for different settings as well as the demands of contemporary life. Our primary ministry is welcoming guests on individual and group retreats. We also operate a book and gift shop that features calligraphy, icons, incense, and photography created by our monks.

*Want more rest,  
rejuvenation &  
reconnection with  
the Holy?*

**Mark Your calendars!**

Come join us for the 2nd annual  
Good Shepherd retreat at Holy  
Cross on Friday January 11 —  
Sunday January 13. No experi-  
ence necessary. See Fr. Hal.





## SERVER, READER & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER 7:

CHALICE: CATHY TRINIDAD  
 CRUCIFER:  
 READERS: LORI KENNEDY, DOROTHY BAEDER  
 PRAYERS: ARLEEN FLURY  
 USHERS: NICK POYSER, RICK VESPERMAN  
 COUNTER: VILMA MULHOLLAND

### OCTOBER 14:

CHALICE: JOSE TRINIDAD  
 CRUCIFER: CLAIRE HINTZE  
 READERS: CHRIS PALMER, JOSE TRINIDAD  
 PRAYERS: BOB BUBECK  
 USHERS: GLENN HINTZE, RIC LARSON  
 COUNTER: KERRY IRWIN

### OCTOBER 21:

CHALICE: JIM CORNING  
 CRUCIFER: JIM CORNING  
 READERS: LUIS DELAHOZ, JIM CORNING  
 PRAYERS: JAN CORNING  
 USHERS: ARLEEN FLURY, CATHY TRINIDAD  
 COUNTER: LUIS DELAHOZ

### OCTOBER 28:

CHALICE: DIANE BUSCHEL  
 CRUCIFER: EMILY VESPERMAN  
 READERS: JULIE MAYE, RICK VESPERMAN  
 PRAYERS: LORI KENNEDY  
 USHERS: RICK VESPERMAN, BOB VELZY  
 COUNTER: COURTNEY VELZY

## PRAYER LIST

We pray for our core partners: the Community Center of Northern Westchester; the Putnam/ Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center; Somers Boy Scout Troop 376; and the Somers Granite Springs AA Group.

We pray for all who serve in the armed forces, especially Billy, Brendan, Jason, Matthew, Nicholas, and Noah; and we pray for Connie, Judy, Alex, Kerry, David, Nancy, Diane, Yvonne, Bob, Debbie, Alex, Sharen, Steven, Doug, Diane, Walter, Peter, Kristi, Julie, Michael, Janice, Arthur, Katherine, Max, Rich, Nancy, Michael, Judy, Laura, Bernie, Connie, Margery, Franca, Lois, Lee, Herb, & Maureen.

We pray for all who have died, especially Charles, Joan, & Bill, and for all those who mourn.

### Are there others?

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, simply go to [goodshepherdny.org](http://goodshepherdny.org), click on "[Prayer Request](#)" at the top of the page, and fill out the online form. You will receive a confirmation email that your request has been received, and it will be added to the prayer list. Alternatively, you can fill out a paper Prayer Request form, which can be found on the shelf at the back of the church. Simply fill out the form and place it in the wooden box marked "Prayers".



# Lots of projects around the campus



Fr. Hal & Max cleaned and dried all the books & pews.



Rick, Bob, & Fr. Hal got the new banners up!



The Memorial Garden has gone through a major upgrade.



Lots of mulch to move.



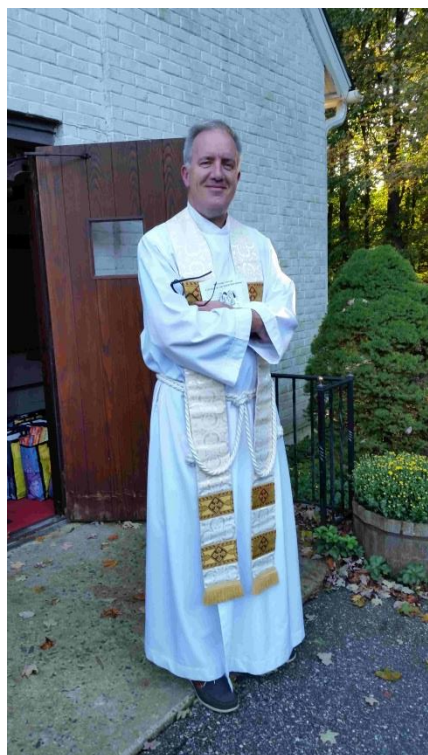
Michael & Bruce clean up the path.



Claire & her Dad start her project.



# Oktoberfest 2018 was fabulous!



# Our Calendar of Events

- **Note:** *This is a list of the main events for our 2018-2019 program year, from September to June, but not all our activities. It includes neither our Sunday 8 am and 10 am worship services nor our Sunday School and Middle School Youth meetings, since these happen every week of the year. It also does not include meetings for the individual COGS ministry groups, AA, or the Boy Scouts.*
- *If in doubt about an activity, see the master calendar in the church office for these details and/or contact the ministry leader for specific ministry details. Ministry leaders responsible for their events below are in parenthesis. To contact them, see your parish directory, contact the office at [admin@goodshepherdny.org](mailto:admin@goodshepherdny.org), or call the office at 914-248-5631. These are a friendly group of people to get to know.*
- *Assume the events below are free and child-friendly unless otherwise noted. Fr. Hal also has discretionary funds to support everyone to participate in our community life; money will never be a barrier to participation at Good Shepherd. Contact Fr. Hal at [hal@goodshepherdny.org](mailto:hal@goodshepherdny.org) for confidential support, if needed.*
- All are welcome! Get involved in anything and everything that interests you!
- **Finally, know that no one does all events. We all have busy lives and a busy church. Engage those events that appeal to you; there are no expectations of attendance. Do those things that fit and enhance your lives. Enjoy!**

## October 2018

- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Wednesdays: Weekly Bible study of the upcoming Gospel reading in the Guild Room, noon-1:30 pm (Hal).
- 7, Sunday: Support Connection Support-A-Walk at FDR Park. Join the COGS team! (Diane).
- 7, Sunday: 1 pm Blessing of the Animals. All welcome. Bring friends and neighbors. (Hal)
- 12, Friday: Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd (WOCOGS) monthly book group meeting at 7:30 pm in the Guild Room (Arleen).
- 18, Thursday: Vestry meeting 7:30 pm (Hal).
- 21, Sunday: Community Forum – New Visitor & Member Welcome 9 am in the Parish Hall (Hal).

- 21, Sunday: Hudson River Cruise (Bruce).
- 21, Sunday: High School Group meets in the Youth Group room after the 10 am service (Emily & Max).
- 28, Family Sunday: Halloween theme at the 10 am Worship Service, with youth taking important roles in the liturgy. Halloween party afterwards. Kids of all ages are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to 10 am worship and the party afterwards (Megan W).

### **November 2018**

- 2, Friday: All Saints/All Souls Rite 3 Eucharist (6:30 pm) with Slow Cooker Potluck afterwards (Hal & Chris).
- 3, Saturday: Stewardship Prayer Vigil, 8 am – midnight (Jan?).
- 3, Saturday: Middle School Youth deliver food to CCNW and help stock shelves. They also shop together to buy food from a charitable donation to purchase what we discover CCNW needs but lacks.
- 4, Sunday: All Saints & Pledge Sunday. 10 am service starts in the Memorial Garden (Hal).
- 6, Tuesday: Seniors and Middle School Youth coat drop off at the VA (Bruce & Megan).
- 7, 14, 28 Wednesdays: Weekly Bible study of the upcoming Gospel reading in the Guild Room, noon-1:30 pm (Hal)
- 9, Friday: Tastes of Somers Church Fundraiser
- 10, Saturday: Diocesan Convention (Hal, Fay, HS Youth).
- 15, Thursday: Vestry meeting 7:30 pm (Hal).
- 17, Saturday: Seniors Saturday 11:00-3:00. Seniors Group meeting at 11 followed by food and fellowship time (Bruce).
- 18, Sunday: Local Interfaith Community Prayer Service (Hal). Place and time: TBD.
- 22, Thursday: Thanksgiving Day Rite 2 Eucharist at 10 am.

### **December 2018**

- 2, Sunday: Advent begins. St. Nicholas visit; Mite boxes distributed (Amanda, Megan).
- 2, Sunday: High School Group trip to the Cloisters in NYC (Fay).
- 5, Wednesday: Last weekly Bible study of the calendar year, noon-1:30 pm, until it resumes again in January 2019 (Hal).



- 7, Friday: Quiet Advent Prayer Service. 6:30 pm Simple Soup and Bread Supper; service begins at 7:00 pm (Hal).
- 8, Saturday: Christmas Bazaar from 10 am to 4 pm (Arleen).
- 9, Family Sunday: Christmas Pageant at the 10 am Worship Service (Megan).
- 9, Sunday: Seniors' Trip to Westchester Broadway Theatre – A Christmas Carol (Bruce).
- 13, Thursday: Vestry meeting 7:30 pm (Hal).
- 14, Friday: Deepening our Relationship with God in Advent, Eucharist (6:30 pm) & Simple Soup and Bread Supper (7pm) (Hal).
- 14, Friday: Women of the Church of the Good Shepherd (WOCOGS) monthly book group meeting at 7:30 pm (Arleen).
- 16, Sunday: High School Group meets in the Youth Group room after the 10 am service (Emily & Max).
- 23, Sunday: Advent IV. 8 and 10 am worship services as usual.
- 24, Monday: Christmas Eve. Family service at 4:30 pm; 7:30 pm Carols & Anthems, followed by the 8 pm Christmas Eve service (Hal, Cecilia, Megan).
- 25, Tuesday: Christmas Day 10 am Rite 2 Eucharist (Hal).
- 30, Sunday: Nine Lessons & Carols service at 10 am (Amanda & Cecilia). No 8 am.
- Last week of December TBD: Sunday School Family trip to Radio City Music Hall Christmas spectacular (Megan).



Thelma, Beverly, & Sandy were all smiles at Chickenfest!

# October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CF = Community Forum	1	2	3 12:00 Bible Study	4 6:30 Boy Scouts	5	6
7	8	9 6:00 AA	10 6:00 AA	11	12	13
8:00 HE Rite 1 9:00 Support Connection 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 1:00 Animal Blessing 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	12:00 Bible Study 6:00 AA		7:30 WOCOGS	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	12:00 Bible Study 6:00 AA	7:30 Vestry Meeting		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:00 HE Rite 1 9:00 CF Visitor Welcome 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour Hudson River Cruise 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	12:00 Bible Study 6:00 AA			
28	29	30	31			
8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 Family Sunday 11:00 Halloween Party 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	12:00 Bible Study 6:00 AA			

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				1 6:30 Boy Scouts	2 6:30 All Saints/All Souls Rite 3 Eucharist w/ Slow Cooker Potluck	3 8:00 am – Midnight Prayer Vigil MS Youth to CCNW
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
All Saints & Pledge Sunday 8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	Seniors & MS Youth drop coats at VA Hospital 6:00 AA	12:00 Bible Study 6:00 AA		7:00 Tastes of Somers	Diocesan Convention
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8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	12:00 Bible Study 6:00 AA	7:30 Vestry Meeting		11:00-3:00 Seniors Saturday
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:00 HE Rite 1 10:00 HE Rite 2 11:00 Coffee Hour 4:00 Interfaith Prayer Service 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	6:00 AA	Thanksgiving 10:00 am Eucharist		
25	26	27	28	29	30	Dec 1
8:00 Morning Prayer 10:00 Morning Prayer 11:00 Coffee Hour 6:00 AA	7:00 EfM	6:00 AA	12:00 Bible Study 6:00 AA			





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## WEEKLY SUNDAY WORSHIP

**8:00 am** Rite I Eucharist, with coffee afterwards  
**9:45 am** Sunday School & Middle School Youth  
**10:00 am** Rite II Eucharist with hymns, followed  
 by our festive coffee hour  
**11:30 am** High School Youth meets

## OUR STAFF

The Reverend Hal Roark, *Rector*  
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 Sharen McKenna, *Childcare*  
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Leslie Fulton, *Warden*; Rick Vesperman, *Warden*;  
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 2018: Luis Delahoz, Vilma Mulholland, Vito Rizzi  
 2019: Jim Corning, Donna Nygard, Courtney Velzy  
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