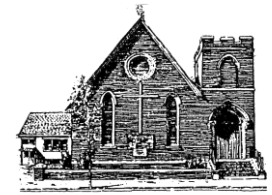


The Shepherd's Voice



The Newsletter of the Parish of the Good Shepherd

January 2012

Current, Upcoming & Special Events:

<u>Sunday, January 1st:</u>	Festival of Lessons and Carols (10:00am)
<u>Wednesday, January 4th:</u>	Holy Eucharist (6:30pm Jenks Room)
<u>Sunday, January 8th:</u>	"Partners in Faith" Presentation (Dennis and Karen Tripodi; honorees) Guest: Rev. Dr. Don Anderson; RISSC
<u>Wednesday, January 11th:</u>	Holy Eucharist (6:30pm Jenks Room)
<u>Wednesday, January 18th:</u>	Holy Eucharist (6:30pm Jenks Room) Vestry Meeting (7:00pm Jenks Room) Trash & Treasure Clean-Up (7:00pm)
<u>Sunday, January 22nd:</u>	Annual Parish Meeting (Following one service of Holy Eucharist 9am)
<u>Wednesday, January 25th:</u>	Holy Eucharist (6:30pm Jenks Room)

Next Month and Beyond:

<u>Wednesday, February 22nd:</u>	Ash Wednesday/Holy Eucharist (7:00pm Church)
<u>Tuesday February 28th:</u>	Deanery Lenten Series Begins: "A Lens on Lent" (Good Shepherd)
<u>Friday March 9th:</u>	Diocesan Convocation , opening service of Holy Eucharist, location TBA
<u>Saturday March 10th:</u>	Diocesan Convocation: Location TBA
<u>Fri/Sat May 18-19:</u>	Bishop Nominees: "Walkabouts" (times and locations TBA)
<u>Saturday, June 2nd:</u>	Special Diocesan Convention (Election of the XIII Bishop of RI)

ECC Camp Schedule:

Week #1	Teen Camp	July 1 – July 6
Week #2	Music Camp	July 8 – July 13
Week #3	Older Children	July 15 – July 20
Week #4	Nature Camp	July 22 – July 25
Week #5	Younger Children	July 30 – August 3
Week #6	Camper's Choice	August 5 – August 10
Week #7	Summer's End	August 12 – August 17

Dear Friends — As we begin a new year, in which the next bishop of our diocese will be elected and consecrated, let me bring you up-to-date on the search for the one who will lead us in 2012 and beyond.

The initial stage of this process took place in October and November with the submission of applications from forty priests seeking the bishop's position. About three-quarters of these individuals are men; the majority of them are in their fifties; and they come from eighteen different states, stretching from New England to the West Coast. As you might expect, most of the applicants are parish rectors, cathedral deans, and senior associates at large churches, though one is a seminary professor.

After reviewing these applications, the Search & Nomination Committee narrowed the field of candidates from forty to nineteen, and during a two-week period in mid-December the members of that committee conducted interviews using Skype video-conferencing technology. Now that the computer-to-computer interviews have been completed, the top candidates will be visited in person at their churches in January, and in February some of them will be brought to Rhode Island for a third round of interviews.

The final stage of the search will commence in early March with the announcement of a slate of three to five finalists. These men and women will participate in a "walkabout" at several parishes in our diocese during the May 18-19 weekend, and at that time anyone who is interested, whether a convention delegate or not, will be welcome to attend one of the walkabout events and meet the finalists face-to-face. In early April there will be a brief opportunity to nominate additional candidates for consideration (this was once called "nominations from the floor"), and on Saturday, June 2nd, a special diocesan convention will elect our new bishop.

The convention itself sometimes can be a lengthy affair, since the person elected must receive a majority of votes on the same ballot both from the lay delegates and from the clergy. In addition, the canons of our denomination require a majority of bishops and deputies from all Episcopal dioceses, assembled at the General Convention in Indianapolis this July, to consent to whomever the Rhode Island convention elected on June 2nd.

If this process seems complicated, it is! But this is the painstakingly democratic method Episcopalians use to choose our bishops — **Faithfully yours,**
Tuck

The mission of the Church of the Good Shepherd is to be a community of faith with Jesus Christ as the head, committed to worship and to proclaim his universal acceptance and healing by word and deed.

Worship Service Schedule

Sunday: The Holy Eucharist
*8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal: *9:15am
Sunday School: *10:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: The Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m.

**Please note changes in service offerings for the month of January listed on the Parish Calendar.*

Vestry Meeting: Wed. Jan 18th at 7pm, in the Jenks Room.

Newsletter:

Please submit any information or notices for the February newsletter by *Thursday January 26th* to Jim Kelliher at jwkelliher@aol.com

Notice:

The annual reports of all organizations should be submitted to Jim Kelliher (jwkelliher@aol.com) by Tuesday morning, January 17th, in preparation for the Parish Annual Meeting.

Outreach News and Information:

Fun Friday:

There's no snow as this is written, so we'll make some fake snowmen and other winter items at **Fun Friday, January 6th** from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Hot coffee for parents, a good meal and lots of noise from the game players will make even the coldest of nights worth going out for.

The Food Closet:

Help and stock the **food closet** with pasta and/or sauce on January 1 & 8 or anytime during the month. New Year's, continuing need to help our neighbors.

The Soup Kitchen:

On January 15th, it will be Good Shepherd's turn to serve lunch at the **St. George's Soup Kitchen**; as always we'll take food (often salad, bread, and dessert), a check to help pay for the main course and welcoming smiles. This is an important hour and a half for both volunteers and those who depend on our being there.

Sunday School Announcement:

Children's Envelopes are available; please see Mrs. Karen Tripodi or Mr. Jim Kelliher or any Sunday School teacher to pick them up or for more information. No commitment is expected or asked, we offer an opportunity to participate in YOUR Parish, "...an offering and sacrifice to God"

Stewardship Sunday:

If you have not already done so, please note that your pledge envelopes have been placed in the back of the church. If due to a clerical error and you have not had your envelopes provided, please see either Jim Kelliher or Ric Emerson. **And again, Thank You!**

Fund Raiser (sort of) reminder:

Good Shepherd is now registered with bluepew.com. Here's how it works, log on to bluepew: ID jwkelliher@aol.com, Password: outreach. View the vendors participating, and shop normally. There's no additional cost to you, nor are the prices elevated. Depending on the vendor, Good Shepherd gets a percentage as outlined every 6 months. It's that simple. Vendors include: Kohl's, Target, Sears, Barnes & Noble, and many others. In order for Good Shepherd to get this credit you MUST register/shop through bluepew.com, each purchase you make. Don't forget Valentine's Day is coming.

Save the date: January 8th, we will welcome The Rev. Dr. Don Anderson from the Rhode Island State Council of Churches to "Re-present" our honorees: Dennis and Karen Tripodi, the **"Partners in Faith" award** previously awarded on October 27th at the "Heroes of Faith Breakfast"



Birthday Greetings to...

Joseph Silvestri	1/2
Mildred Cyganoski	1/4
Denis Fontneau	1/6
Cynthia Shattuck	1/6
Paige Quirk	1/11
Gregory Brailsford	1/15
Rosa Sylvester	1/16
Emily Truesdale	1/16
Fr. Jim Frink	1/18
Abigail Tripodi	1/19
Philip Alarie	1/21
Azhenee Mclean	1/21
Joyce Rodrigues	1/27
Cassidy Dekreon	1/28
Jared Ainley	1/29
Peter Dekreon	1/30



Happy Anniversary to...

Fr. "Tuck" & Cynthia Shattuck	1/8
Ralph & Barbara Pelchat	1/23

In the Parish and Deanery:

A meeting of the Blackstone Valley Deanery will be held at Emmanuel, Cumberland on Tuesday February 6th at 7:00pm. (***There is NO January meeting***)

There will be an **Outreach Committee** meeting on Sunday, January 29th in the Jenks Room after the 10 am service. Among the discussion topics will be requests for funds from the Advent Fund for ministry in 2012, criteria for donations of \$\$, and extra outreach during Lent.

Choir News:

There will be rehearsals at 9:15 am on January 8, 15, and 29. If you can carry a tune, and carry one or two with us!

Annual Parish Meeting:

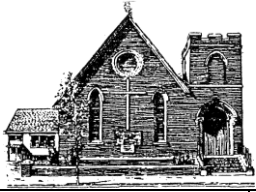
Sunday Jan. 22nd, we will vote to fill twelve parish leadership positions: Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden, Treasurer, Clerk, four Vestry members, two delegates to diocesan convention, and two alternates. If you would like to run for any of these positions, please speak to a member of the nomination committee (Mr. Thatcher Berry, Mr. Franklyn Cook, or Mrs. Susan Hosey)

Looking ahead to Lent in 2012:

The season begins on February 22nd, when we will celebrate the **Ash Wednesday** Liturgy and Eucharist in the church at 7:00 p.m. As we did in 2011, there will also be a **Blackstone Valley Deanery Lenten Program**, led by the three Pawtucket parishes. This year the meetings will take place on **Tuesday evenings**, starting February 28th, at **Good Shepherd**. The program ("A Lens on Lent") will begin each week with a light supper at 6:00 p.m., followed by the viewing of a film that deals with significant moral or religious concerns. The evening will conclude at approximately 9 o'clock with a brief celebration of Compline. Please speak with Fr. Shattuck if you have any questions about these plans for Lent.

www.goodshepherdri.net:

Yes, we do have a church website! It is updated weekly, at least with the Sunday lessons, the Good Shepherd Staff and any announcements. Also The Shepherd's Voice newsletter and the church calendar are available monthly. You can help by forwarding information and communications to Mike Bouchard the webservant. There's much more we can do with our website, so keep in touch by sending information and suggestions to: goodshepherdri@comcast.net



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <u>Feast of:</u> <u>The Holy Name</u> *Holy Eucharist: 10am (Only)	2	3	4 Holy Eucharist: 6:30pm (Jenks's Room)	5	6 Fun Friday: 5:30pm to 7:30pm (The Epiphany)	7
8 <u>Epiphany 1</u> <u>The Baptism of Our Lord</u> Rev.Dr.Don Anderson RISSC *Holy Eucharist: 8am & 10am *Sunday School: 10am *Choir Rehearsal: 9:15am	9	10	11 Holy Eucharist: 6:30pm (Jenks's Room)	12	13	14
15 <u>Epiphany 2</u> *Holy Eucharist: 8am & 10am *Sunday School: 10am *Choir Rehearsal: 9:15am *St. George's Soup Kitchen: 1:30pm	16	17 <u>Annual Organization</u> <u>Reports Deadline:</u> This morning in the Parish Office or e-mail (jwkelliher@aol.com)	18 Holy Eucharist: 6:30pm (Jenks's Room) Vestry Mtg. 7:00pm Trash & Treasure Work Party	19	20	21
22 <u>Epiphany 3</u> <u>*Annual Parish Mtg.</u> *Holy Eucharist: *9am (Only)	23	24	25 Holy Eucharist: 6:30pm (Jenks's Room)	26	27	28
29 <u>Epiphany 4</u> *Holy Eucharist: 8am & 10am (2012 Vestry Commissioning) *Sunday School: 10am *Choir Rehearsal: 9:15am	30	31				

First Sunday and remainder of the month reminder: Food Closet donation suggestion is: Pasta and/or Sauce
 Also, every Sunday of each and every month, one quarter of the loose collection goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.