



# Along The Way

## The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham April 21, 2021

Reflections



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Good Shepherd Friends,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 25 this year) is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. On the fourth Sunday of Easter there is always a passage read from the Gospel of John referring to Jesus as being the Good Shepherd. As followers of Jesus and his Way of Love, we are called to imitate him in all we say and do. He is our shepherd, guiding us and teach us. When we stay focused on Jesus, trusting in the power of his love, there is a sense of peace in our lives, even during the storms of life. When we get distracted and lose our focus on Jesus, we can become anxious, and when the storms of life come along they can easily overwhelm us.

This week, let be more aware of the need to keep our focus on Jesus, our Good Shepherd, and his tremendous love for us. And let us dedicate our lives to being messengers of his love for those we encounter.

Peace,

*Pastor Dan*

### A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

**1. Holy Week Services Schedule:** Maudy Thursday 7pm (April 1), Good Friday 7pm (April 2). The Holy Week Services will be held on Facebook Live, and the recorded Services will be sent to those on our church email list.

**2.** If you have parish information to pass on to the Good Shepherd community in our weekly newsletter ("Along The Way"), please submit the information to our office manager Cathi Maurice or to Pastor Dan.

# Current Happenings

WEEKLY UPDATE

## Church Reopening Plan

The process for us to gradually reopen our church to in-person worship has been delayed due to the current “high risk” (red) category of Wareham and many other communities in southeast Massachusetts. We will reinitiate the reopening process once the case numbers begin to decrease, hopefully soon. Safety will always be a priority in our re-opening process. We are almost there, but not quite yet. Please continue to be patient and stay vigilant in preventing the spread of the virus. Please continue to wear face masks, maintain social distancing, not gather in large numbers, and get the vaccine when you are eligible. ***Peace, Pastor Dan***

## Pastor Dan Will Be on Vacation

I will be taking some vacation time the week of April 19–27. There will be no Facebook Live Service on April 25. If you have some church related business which cannot wait until my return, please contact Chuck McCullough (our Senior Warden) and he will assist you. ***Pastor Dan***

## There Will Be No Facebook Live Service on April 25

Pastor Dan and the music ministry team will be taking a rest on Sunday, April 25, so there will be no Facebook Live Service on that Sunday. Facebook Live Services will continue on May 2.

## Sunday Flower Donations

Altar flowers are purchased for the church monthly, for the first Sunday of the month, and remain in the church for the month (we keep the in a refrigerator during the week). ***The new cost to the church (charged by the new florist) for altar flowers is now \$70 for the two arrangements.*** You can pay the whole amount and your exclusive intention will be remembered during the Sunday Services for the first two weeks of the month, or you can share the cost (\$35 from each donor) and the intentions of both donors will be remembered during the Sunday Services for the first two weeks of the month.

The Sunday Flower Donation Forms can be found on the Good Shepherd Website. Please call the parish office to reserve the month you wish to donate flowers. Your check for \$35 or \$70 should be made out to “Church of the Good Shepherd.” Mail the Sunday Flower Donation Form (found on the church website) with your check to: The Church of the Good Shepherd, P.O. Box 719, Wareham, MA. 02571. *The months of March, April, and December are not available; due to it being Lent (no flowers), Easter (we already have Easter flowers), and Advent/Christmas (no flowers & Christmas flowers).*

## Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

On the first Sunday of the month we recognize, with a special blessing at our Sunday Services, those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries during that month. On Sunday, May 2, we will celebrate with those who have May birthdays and anniversaries.

### **Vestry Meeting**

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place on Thursday, May 13, beginning at 6:00PM. Anyone who would like to submit possible agenda items for consideration can do so through Pastor Dan or through our Senior Warden Chuck McCullough by May 6 (one week before the meeting).

### **Good Shepherd Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry is open on the first Tuesday of the month from 3-5 pm. The Food Pantry will next be open on May 4. Food donation to the Food Pantry can be dropped off on Thursday afternoons from 2:00-4:00. ***We are looking specifically for cereal and for toilet paper, bars of soap (full size), toothpaste, and dishwashing liquid.***

### **No Walk for Hunger**

There will not be a Walk for Hunger held in Wareham this year due to the pandemic. Normally the Walk for Hunger, which raises money for Project Bread and local feeding programs (like the Good Shepherd Food Pantry), is held on the first Sunday of May. You are welcome to make a donation to Project Bread directly this year, in support of their efforts to feed the hungry in Massachusetts.

### **Pledges and Other Contributions**

Thank you to those who have been mailing in pledge payments and donations to the church. It is very much needed and appreciated, as our bills still need to be paid.

### **Good Shepherd's Table**

We are continuing our ministry to feed the hungry through Shepherd's Table by providing takeout meals from 3:30-4:30pm on Thursdays.

### **No Meetings in the Church Building**

Until further notice there are no meetings being held in the church building. This includes support group meetings as well as church meetings.

### **Parish Office**

The parish office is not open for drop-in parish business. If you need to contact the church (or Cathi Maurice our church office manager), please either call (508-295-2840) or email ([goodshepherdwareham@gmail.com](mailto:goodshepherdwareham@gmail.com)) the church.

### **Contacting Pastor Dan**

Though I am at the church a few times during the week, I am working mostly from home. You can contact me by email ([pastor.dan.bernier@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.dan.bernier@gmail.com)), by calling the church number (508-295-2840) and leaving a message, or if it is an urgent matter by texting or calling me through my cell phone (603-953-3659).

## **Please “Like” us on Facebook**

Please like us on Facebook (“Church of the Good Shepherd Wareham”) so we can get the word out about what is happening in our parish community, especially about our Facebook Live Services..



# April 2021

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
				<b>4-5 PM</b> Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals <b>7 PM</b> Maundy Thursday Service	<b>7 PM</b> Good Friday Service	
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b> <hr/> <b>10 AM</b> Sunday Service - Facebook Live		<b>3-5 PM</b> Food Pantry		<b>4-5 PM</b> Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals <b>6 PM</b> Vestry Meeting		
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <hr/> <b>10 AM</b> Sunday Service - Facebook Live				<b>4-5 PM</b> Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals		
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <hr/> <b>10 AM</b> Sunday Service - Facebook Live Bishop's Visitation				<b>4-5 PM</b> Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals		
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	
<b>The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b> <hr/> No Services Today				<b>4-5 PM</b> Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals		