



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham July 14, 2021



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Good Shepherd Friends,

It is so easy to get out of the practice of our faith, and even to drift away from God and our Good Shepherd community. Has this happened to you? Is it happening now? I have heard from some of you that your Sunday morning routines and your prayer life were changed during the pandemic, and not always for the good. What routines have you developed that have drawn you closer to God and made your faith stronger? And what routines have you developed that have drawn you away from God and made your faith weaker.

To have a strong faith life, we have to practice our faith. This means we have to participate in the Sunday Services every week, and in person whenever possible. We have to incorporate prayer into our day so we can stay connected with God. We have to limit our exposure to cable news and social media, and stay focused on living and loving as Jesus has called us to live and to love. We have to remind ourselves that first and foremost we serve and follow Jesus and not anyone or anything else.

Yes, to remain strong in faith and to have a sense of peacefulness at the center of our lives, we have to practice our faith every day. How are you doing?

Peace,

Pastor Dan

A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. 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

Final Update - Good Shepherd Reopening Process

The Final Update of our Good Shepherd Reopening Plan, which is now in effect, can be found on our Good Shepherd website or by clicking on the "Final Update – Good Shepherd Reopening Plan" link button below. This will be the final update for our reopening plan and will remain in effect moving forward. Please pray for those suffering from COVID-19 around the world, stay vigilant in preventing the spread of the virus, and consider getting the vaccine if you have not already done so.

Fairless Fair Fundraiser

Thank you to all who have made donations to our Fairless Fair fundraiser. Because of your generosity, to date we have received **\$8,300**. If you have not already made a donation, please consider doing so. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to "The Church of the Good Shepherd" and mark for: "2021 Fairless Fair". Please return your donations either by mail or by dropping them in the offertory box on Sundays. You may also donate through the PayPal button on our Good Shepherd Wareham website. Thank You!

The Next Vestry Meeting

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place on Thursday, July 22, 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 July 8.

Pastor Dan Will Be on Vacation

I will be taking some vacation time the week of July 12-20. The Reverend John McGinn will be presiding at the Sunday Services on July 18. If you have some church related business which cannot wait until my return, please contact our Senior Warden Chuck McCullough (his contact information can be found in the church directory or on the back of the Sunday Service booklets) and he will assist you. **Pastor Dan**

Music from Land's End Concerts

Music from Land's End Wareham is returning to Good Shepherd this year with concerts on July 25 and August 15. Wareham summer resident Ariadne Daskalakis said she started this series as an intimate summer chamber music festival. At Music from Land's End Wareham, Ariadne and her husband Sebastian Gottschick have created fascinating programs combining different musical styles. The concerts will be 50 minutes in length, and there will be two separate seatings; 3:00 and 5:00. The concert on July 25 will feature Music for piano and strings by W.A. Mozart and Johannes Brahms, with Special Guests DIANE WALSH, piano and PAIGE RIGGS, cello. The concert on August 15 features Music for strings by Bach, Purcell and Haydn, on period instruments, with Special Guests Cynthia Roberts, violin, and Phoebe Carrai, cello. There will be limited capacity seating for the concerts. For advanced reservations: email asmith@nbsymphony.org or call 508-999-6276-ext. 222. Please plan to wear a face-mask if you are not fully vaccinated against Covid-19. Donations for the concerts will be accepted at the door. For more information, and for the full schedule, please visit their website www.mlewareham.org.

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Discretionary Fund Donations

Sunday, July 18, is the third Sunday of the month. Although donations can be made at any time during the month, on the third Sunday of the month parishioners are invited to contribute to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, as they are able. It is from the discretionary fund that Pastor Dan assists those in need. You may make contributions to the discretionary fund by placing them in the offering box at the entrance to the church in an envelope marked discretionary fund (there are some in the back of the church) or by mailing them to the parish office. Checks should be made out to "Church of the Good Shepherd – Clergy Discretionary Fund." Thank you to those who have made contributions in the past!

Sign Up to Receive Diocesan News

Join the diocesan E-news list to receive regular news of the Diocese of Massachusetts, its people and parishes, as well as event information. Text DIOMASS to 22828 to subscribe or visit <https://www.diomass.org/subscribe-e-news>. Find an archive of recent issues of E-news [here](#).

Sunday Flower Donations

Please consider donating for the purchase of altar flowers for our Sunday Services in memory of deceased loved ones or in thanksgiving of blessings in your life. More information about how this works can be found on the [Sunday Flower Donation Forms](#) which are located in the back of the church and on the Good Shepherd Website. Please call the parish office (508-295-2840) to determine which upcoming dates are available.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

As a way of reaching out to those who are ill or struggling in some way, parishioners have knitted shawls to be given to those who can benefit from receiving these gifts of warmth and comfort. Pastor Dan blesses each shawl before it is given. He prays that "this mantle be a safe haven...a sacred place of security and well-being...sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones." Please contact Judy Ellis (Prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinator) or Pastor Dan if you would like a shawl for yourself or someone else. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, and join our knitting team, please be in touch with Judy Ellis (508-295-5318). There is a very basic pattern that makes a beautiful, lacey shawl. It can also be modified to make a man's lap robe. All patterns, of course, are welcomed.

Mid-Week Eucharist

On Wednesdays at Noon, beginning June 9, there is a celebration of the Eucharist in the church, which is open to all. This is an opportunity to gather for prayer and reflection; and be reminded of God's presence between Sundays. For those on your lunch break, the celebration of the Mid-Week Eucharist is approximately 25 minutes. ***There will be no Noon Eucharist on July 14.***

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.

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.

New Food Pantry Schedule

The Food Pantry is now open every Thursday from 2-5pm. People can pick up food from the Food Pantry one time each month.

Good Shepherd Food Pantry Wish List

We are looking specifically for cereal, toilet paper (4 packs), and individually packaged rolls of paper towels. Donation to the Food Pantry can be dropped off on Thursday afternoons from 2:00-4:00.

Pastoral Care

If you would like yourself or someone else placed on the Good Shepherd prayer list, please contact Pat Probert (508-291-3364) or myself. The Good Shepherd prayer group prays daily for those on the prayer list. If you need or would like a pastoral visit from the priest, please let me know. My contact information can be found below and is also on the back of the weekly Sunday Service Booklet. The only way I know that you need a pastoral visit is if you let me know. You might want to keep my contact information (cell # 603-953-3659 for emergencies) somewhere handy, so you know where to find it if the need arises. ***Pastor Dan***

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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.

July 2021



**CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				4-5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
The 6th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Sunday Service including Facebook Live		3-5 PM Food Pantry	12Noon Mid-Week Eucharist	4-5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Sunday Service including Facebook Live	6:00 PM Good Shepherd's Guild Crafts			4-5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
The 8th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Sunday Service including Facebook Live	6:00 PM Good Shepherd's Guild Crafts		12Noon Mid-Week Eucharist	4-5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals 6 PM Vestry Meeting		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
The 9th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Sunday Service including Facebook Live	6:00 PM Good Shepherd's Guild Crafts		12Noon Mid-Week Eucharist	4-5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Take-out Meals		