



**The Weekly Newsletter of
The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham
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Friends of the Good Shepherd,

On Sunday we will hear Jesus state the following in Luke's Gospel:

"For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?"

How is it that one can save one's life by losing it? What does this mean? And what does it mean that one can forfeit one's life and yet gain the whole world? These are questions each of us has to answer for themselves. How is Jesus challenging me with these words?

What aspects of my life are not in line with The Way of Jesus? What aspects of my life are not healthy for me? What do I need to let go of in order to be closer to God? What in my life do I look to for safety and security that are incompatible with The Way of Jesus, the way of Love?

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

Discretionary Fund Donations

Sunday, September 19, 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!

The Next Vestry Meeting

The next meeting of the Vestry will take place on Thursday, September 9, beginning at 6:00PM. If you would like to submit possible agenda items for consideration, you can do so through Pastor Dan or through Senior Warden Chuck McCullough by September 2.

Monthly Liturgical Ministry Schedule

In addition to the liturgical ministry schedule being emailed to liturgical ministers each month, the liturgical ministry schedule can now be found on the Good Shepherd website under "Sunday Services Information."

Good Shepherd's Guild Fall Rummage Sale – September 25

Annual Good Shepherd Guild Fall Rummage Sale will be Saturday, September 25 from 9am to 1pm. We are looking for clean clothes and clean white elephant items. We do not take items that are broken or otherwise unsellable. We are not taking computers, tvs, microwaves and large framed pictures. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up on Thursday/Friday, work the rummage sale on Saturday, and/or to help clean up at the end of the rummage sale on Saturday. Unfortunately, in recent years the Guild has lost quite a few members due to moving and passing away. We would appreciate any help you can give us. You can drop off items on Friday from 10am to 5pm. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Karen Clark 508-763-5129. ***Facemasks will be required for all inside the building, including both volunteers and customers.***

Volunteers Needed

The Good Shepherd Guild is looking for volunteers to help with their September 25 rummage sale. They are looking for help with setting up (Thursday and Friday), working the rummage sale and cleaning up. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Karen Clark 508-763-5129.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to help with weeding the gardens around the church. Please contact Pastor Dan or the parish office (508-295-2840) if you would be willing to help. Thank you.

A Message From Rosanne Leverone

Dear Church Family: In January of this year, I relocated to Ponte Vedra, FL, to be closer to my son and his family. It was the most difficult decision of my life but I trust God has led me in a new direction. I miss you all and want to let you know I keep you in my daily prayers. I wish I could have said my farewells to you in person but, with the Covid restrictions, I was unable to do so. My ties to Good Shepherd are strong and deep and will remain that way. I watch the services on FB Live weekly and will remain as the Clerk of the Vestry for this year. As of 9/17/2021, my new address will be: 41 Wheatfield Avenue, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081. I will use my son's address until that time. I will visit Wareham and my church family as often as possible. I hope you all are well and stay safe. Sending my blessings to each of you. Much love, Rosanne Leverone

Facemasks Required

Until further notice all participants of our Sunday Services and all other meetings held in the church building are required to wear facemasks, regardless of their vaccination status. All who visit the parish office during office hours are also required to wear facemasks. This decision is based on the rising number of COVID-19 cases in our area among both vaccinated and unvaccinated people, due to the highly infectious Delta Variant of COVID-19. Please be

in touch with me if you have any questions regarding this decision. Meanwhile, please keep those who are suffering with COVID-19 around the world and their loved ones in your prayers. *Pastor Dan*

Good Shepherd's Table

Good Shepherd's Table serves a free take-out meal every Thursday afternoon from 3:30-5:00pm. All are welcome.

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.

Mid-Week Eucharist

On Wednesdays at Noon, 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 20 minutes.

Contacting Pastor Dan

You can contact Pastor by email (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).

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.

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.

September



**CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			12Noon Mid-Week Eucharist	3:30 - 5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Takeout meals		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
The 15th Sunday after Pentecost 8 AM Sunday Service 10 AM Sunday Service including Facebook Live	6:00 PM Good Shepherd's Guild Crafts	6:00 PM Good Shepherd's Guild meeting	12Noon Mid-Week Eucharist	3:30 - 5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Takeout meals 6 PM Vestry Mtg.		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
The 16th 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	3:30 - 5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Takeout meals		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
The 17th 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	3:30 - 5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Takeout meals		9AM - 1 PM Good Shepherd Guld Rummage Sale
26	27	28	29	30		
The 18th 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	3:30 - 5 PM Good Shepherd's Table Takeout meals		