

The Shepherd's Crook

The Church of The Good Shepherd
Pitman, NJ



Mother Patricia Daniels Pierce-Rector

June 1, 2011

"We Love Our Church"



Bible Study

With our careful inquiry into the New Testament Acts of the Apostles, we learned a great deal about the early days of the Christian Church. It was a time of great excitement and faith, along with many challenges. It has been very interesting to learn of the issues that were often raised then, in relation to what issues the Church encounters today.

In order to learn more about this period of time, we are now reading and discussing Saint Paul's Letter to The Romans.

We meet each Tuesday night, 7 – 8:30pm, ending with the reading of Compline. Please join us.



Ruth's Children

Ruth's Children is a support group for the adult children of the elderly. We meet on the first Monday of each month at the Church from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. The format is a free flowing conversation in which we offer understanding and comfort to all who are facing the difficult task of caring for our aging parents. There is complete privacy and no judgment is ever made. If you are the adult child of an elderly parent or you know someone who is, please join us on **6/6/11**. Call 856-589-8209 for more information.

Janice Gowland



Deadline

The deadline for July Crook will be on June 15, 2011. Please e-mail all articles to me at:

Truejoymin@aol.com

Thank you,
Carmen Russo
Editor

Services

Sundays

10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist

Saturdays

5:30 PM – Holy Eucharist

Daily, Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer



Church of the Good Shepherd

Prayers of the People

We try our best to keep our Prayer list current. At times we do slip up. Would you please, to help us, take a moment to peruse the list below and if there are any changes to be made, please let Maryanne, the Parish Secretary, know. The office number is 856/589-8209 or email Goodshepherdpitman@comcast.net or Carmen Russo at truejoymin@aol.com. Thank you, Mother Pat+

Prayers for the Church and Clergy

For all Churches in the Diocese of NJ & Ecuador
Katherine Jefferts Schori, the Presiding Bishop
George Edward Councill, Our Bishop
Patricia Daniels Pierce, Our Priest

Carl and Sally, Candidates for Holy Orders
Sister Cass, AF

Prayers for the Nation

Barack Obama, Our President
Chris Christie, Our Governor

Prayers for the Sick and in Need

Ruby Waters	Stephanie Uibel
Sheila Prage	Edward Pfaff
Mary Fischer	William Szalma
Steve Fama	Diane Volberg
Makayla Healey	Marvin Dawley
Dane Dougherty	Theresa Swam
Kathy Napier	Alexander
Barbara Ann Helman	Ashley
Joe Abate	Mike Anderson
Donald Scott, Jr.	Judy Clements
Longmire	Jeanne
Salvatore Chillari	Mark & Jacquie Daley
Josie Fletcher	Paul
Craig Stern	Laurie
Kelly Clemment	Mr. Matthews
Mary Still	Joe Rocco
Stephanie	Joe Rome
Tait Family	Joe & Dawn Cameron
Diane Cercuiro	Sandi Geller
Nora Wilson	Maureen Guzzetti
Debbie Russo	Kara Guzzetti
Gloria Rubino	Betty Jane Sliben
Jullian Shallock	Marlene
	Bill Aymen

Tim Hughes
Maria & Bob
Bill Schwiegart
Elizabeth Albinson
Helen Born
Paula
The Fritz Family
Avril

Angela Gattuso
Charles Weatherby
Shirley Daniels
Carol & Bill Andersen
Bob
Tom Poitras
Greta Daczowski
Marie



Prayers for all Military Personnel

Curt Townsend	Hugh Robinson
Peter Larrabee	Andrew Olsson
Brian Almondrod	Joshua Albright
Raymond Harris, III	Ted Pickering
Steven Sanders	Zachary Guise
Matt Spangler	Scott McPherson
Lynn Spangler	Andrew Ten Eyck
Scott Thomas	Shaun Hoffman
Glen	Greg Bentancourt
Tim	Matthew Cushinotto
Dan Hurlbut	Theresa Cushinotto
Zak Bartelt	Mike Grzybowski
Alex Driscoll	Dale Marta †
Brian Randazzo	Greg Murphy
Buzz Parish	Don Bollinger
Charlie Hiemeril	Sandreno Plutino
John A. Lukacs	Ted
Joe Sheridan	Ryan Brinkerhoff
Hal Wagner	Mike McHugh
Matt Rebecca	Tom DeVore
Jon S. Lehr	Bonnie Weis
Keith Tucker	Dave McElwain

* We pray for our enemies and for those with whom we are at war. *

“Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils, which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*”

Prayers for the Parish Families

For June

Clark Families, Conover Family, Copeland Family & Corbett Family

Remember

If you need to get in touch with **Mother Pat**, please call the Rectory phone at 856/582-6712.



Outreach

Thank you so much for your donations of clothing to Your Food Shelf in Camden. This is an organization that helps obtain job interviews for men and women and then trains them for the interviews. It is very important to look your best during an interview and that is why we gather clothing to take there. The clothing needs to be gently worn and in good shape. They are always in desperate need of men's clothing and shoes. If you have anything that you wish to donate, please place it – IN BAGS – on our front porch and we will see that it gets to Camden for you. We are located at **223 Highland Terrace, Pitman.**

Thanks so much!

Thank you,
Carl and Ellie Dunn

MORNING PRAYER

Remember Morning Prayer is read on Mondays at 10am. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 9am. Even though our Chapel of the Holy Cross is not quite finished, that is where we gather for Morning Prayer so please join us. It is an excellent way to begin the day.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK GROUP



We met in May and had an interesting discussion about the book **The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks** by Rebecca Skloot.

Our schedule through the summer is

Jun 26 - Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

Jul 24 - Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson

Aug 28 - Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery & Alison Anderson

Sep 25 - This Much I Know is True by Wally Lamb

Summer is a great time to relax put up your feet and read a good book. Please join us.

CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERS

These are some of their names and numbers, if you have any questions.

Senior Warden

Diane Wall - 856/374-9081

Junior Warden

John Opel - 609/221-0722

Treasurer

Lee Braidwood – 856/228-0737

Assist. Treasurer

George Funk – 856/232-0941

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Wayne Szalma - 856/582-7225

Women at the Well

Cindy Taglienti – 856/227-1566

Altar Guild

Shelly Harris - 856/589-8160

Newcomers

Joy Lundahl – 856/863-8365

Youth Group

Kris Bergman - 856/521-0029

Chuck Lezenby - 856/728-7721

Maria Szalma - 856/582-7225

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Baptisms

May 1st. 2011

Zeb Michael Campagna

*Infant son of Nicole Brabazon & Zeb
Campagna*

Lyric Christopher Chimenti

*Infant son of Megan Chimenti & Ryan
McCarthy*

May 15, 2011

Addison Rose Esgro

Infant daughter of Anthony & Jessica Esgro

*“Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked as
Christ’s own, forever.” BCP p. 308*

Renewal of Marriage Vows

May 21, 2011

Michele & John Watson

Burials

May 23, 2011

Virginia Y. Fuller

*“May her soul and the souls of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God, rest in
peace.” BCP p. 502*

ANNUAL WOMEN’S RETREAT

We are into the planning for our Third Annual Women’s Retreat. It will be held again at the Stella Maris Retreat Center, at the shore in Elberon NJ, from Sunday, July 10th to Tuesday, July 12th. Please put these dates on your calendar. The previous retreats were just wonderful. Don’t miss this one. The cost for the 3 days, with everything included is \$200. Scholarship is available if needed.



Women at the Well

Ship Ahoy ... come join us on the US Good Shepherd, for 2-nights/3-days ... of fun and fellowship... Sunday, July 10 – Monday, July 12th. Please see Cindy Taglienti for more details.



Good Shepherd Quilters

Good Shepherd Quilters have finished a special project using the book "Still Stripping After 25 Years" by Eleanor Burns. I bet that got your attention!

This is part of her Quilt-in-a-Day series of publications. Sodie & I have led our intrepid and enthusiastic quilters in the creation of a quilt block pattern from that book.

We have a dedicated group of about 25 quilters who meet on the 3rd Wednesdays in the Parish Hall. We also do many philanthropic projects: Stockings for Soldiers, Konker Cancer Pillowcase projects for children, and premie quilts for neonatal units.

You are welcome to attend out meetings from 6:30 to 8 pm. Our last meeting is June 15th, until Sept. when we begin again.

Shelly Harris & Sodie Potter

ECW Student Service Awards

Very proudly, both **Peggy Nicolle** and **Katharine Nicolle** have both earned the Student Service Award from the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women. Congratulations!

June Birthdays

01 – Aidan Ray
02 – Kaitlyn McVeigh
03 – Katharyn Nicolle
04 – Renee Amato
05 – Tryg Farestad II
06 - Erica Davidson
06 – Jenna Derkoski
06 – Ruth Kesser
06 – Jorge Prieto
09 – David Opel
10 – Isabella Snodgrass
13 – Hayley Harrington
13 – Bill Morris
14 – Joseph Snodgrass
16 – Linda Behm
16 – Ross Higgins
19 – Jackie Smith
22 – Logan Powell
23 – Lee Braidwood
23 – Scott Carita
25 – Ross Scull
26 – Eric Lundahl
27 – Beth Portocalis
28 – Jordyn McFadden
28 – Gary Zeigler
29 – Bill Lundahl
29 – Nicholas Rogers



INQUIRERS' GROUP

We will be meeting on Sunday, June 5th in the Conference Room at 11:30am. We will be discussing two important questions:
Does God always answer our prayers?
What is the Christian response to the killing of bin Laden?

Please join us, there is always interesting and thoughtful sharing.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE



June 1 – 6:30pm Last EFM Session until Sept. 7

Brotherhood of St. Andrew 7pm

June 2 ASCENSION DAY
7pm HOLY EUCHARIST

1 – 3pm Fun with Friends

June 4 & 5 The Sunday after the Ascension

Sat. 5:30pm – Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 10am – Holy Eucharist

11:30 Inquirers' Group

June 6 – Ruth's Children, 7:30pm

June 7 – Bible Study, 7 – 8:30pm

June 11 – Altar Guild Meeting, 9am

June 11 & 12 THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Sat. 5:30pm Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 10am Holy Eucharist

11:30am Vestry Meeting

June 14 – Bible Study, 7 – 8:30

June 15 – Good Shepherd Quilters, 6:30pm

June 16 – Fun with Friends, 1 – 3pm

June 18 & 19 – TRINITY SUNDAY

Sat. 5:30pm – Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 9am - Fathers' Day Breakfast

10am Holy Eucharist

June 25 & 26 – PENTECOST 2

Saturday, 5:30pm – Holy Eucharist

Sunday, 10am Holy Eucharist

11:30 - Page Turners' Reading Group
discussing The Joy Luck Club by Amy Tan

2:30pm – Supper Group

**EFM – EDUCATION
FOR MINISTRY**

The first half of our year of study and Theological Reflection amazingly has ended as we now take a break for the summer. The classes will resume in September. We have had the most wonderful beginning to this program at Good Shepherd and look forward to starting up for the fall.

**MUSIC AT
GOOD SHEPHERD**

Music and hymns are so important in our Worship here. With Sally leaving to continue her studies toward Ordination to the Diaconate, we are now in the middle of a Search for her replacement. In the meantime, beginning Sunday, June 5th, Jen McDonald will be our interim musician, leading us in hymns on the piano. Jen filled in last summer for Sally, so she is no stranger to Good Shepherd. Please welcome her to Good Shepherd.

GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER

Sunday, June 12, 2011

Our Chapter of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew is joining with the Brothers of Christi Church, Woodbury and St. Bart's in Cherry Hill, on Sunday afternoon, June 12 to take part in the GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER. It will be held at Red Bank National Park in Thorofare. A great reason to spend the afternoon at the park, have a family picnic and join the Brotherhood all over the country in offering prayer for the world. If you can't make it to the park that day, why not pause at 2pm and pray?

**THE NANCY WASILNAK –
GOOD SHEPHERD
SCHOLARSHIP**

Each year each of our graduates going on to college receive a scholarship from our parish. It shows them our pride in their accomplishments and our support as they move to another phase of their lives.

We raise money for this Fund through our Annual Progressive Dinner, the Yard Sale, and from monetary gifts from our parishioners.

Please support this most important internal Ministry of our Parish.

MUSIC & HYMNS

With Sally leaving to do her “Field Placement” studies toward her Ordination to the Diaconate we are now in the Search for a new Organist/Choir Director. In the meantime we will be having **Jen McDonald** playing the piano for us from June through the summer.

And starting in June we plan on including some of our parish favorite hymns each week.

Please fill out the short form below with your favorite hymn and put it in the offering plate. Thank you.

Name of Hymn _____

Your Name _____

ASCENSION DAY

Ascension Day falls on Thursday, June 2nd. This day marks our Lord's Ascension into heaven. We will have the celebration of the Holy Eucharist that day at 7pm. It is one of the major Holy Days of the Church Year. Please plan on coming to the Service.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Once again this year the progressive dinner was an outstanding success. More than 35 people were treated to appetizers and wine at the home of **Ellie and Carl Dunn**. Then we moved on to sit down dinners at 5 different homes. Dinner hosts included **Maria Brent, Audrey Buck, Linda and Ed Behm, Jennifer and Rich Harrington, and Millie and Harvey Corbett**. We concluded the evening with an array of special desserts, including a chocolate fountain, back at the Church. The desserts were hosted by **Cindy Taglienti and Maria and Wayne Szalma**. What a night!

Special thanks to all of the hosts and to everyone who supported our Scholarship Fund this year.

Janice Gowland

SALLY'S THANK YOU LUNCHEON

May 1 we had a wonderful Potluck luncheon to honor **Sally Maurer**.

Sally has been our Organist and Choir Director for over 22 years. It was a long-overdue thank you to show our appreciation for the wonderful music programs she has orchestrated over the years.

THANK YOU AGAIN, SALLY!

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The local chapters of the Brotherhood of Saint Andrew will be gathering together in prayer at 2PM June 12, 2011 in Red Bank Park for the 2011 Global Day of Prayer. We would like to invite anyone interested to join us. For further information please contact **Wayne Szalma, Jim Wynkoop, George Funk of Harvey Corbett** or see the link below. The Global Day of Prayer started in 1999 in South Africa and has spread worldwide with literally millions joining together in prayer each Pentecost.

<http://www.globaldayofprayer.com/>



OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Scott Carita going to Indiana University of Penn.

Area of Study – Mathematics

Allistair R. Edinger going to Salem Community College

Area of Study – Academics

Peggy Nicolle going to Seaton Hall University

Area of Study – Early/Elementary Education & Special Education

Victor Prieto going to Rice University

Area of Study – Chemistry

Jessica Wolk going to Seaton Hall University

Our College Graduates

In addition to our five High School graduates, some of our young members of our parish have completed their college studies.

From Gloucester County College:

Denise Carita earning an AS in Arts & Science

Alicia Fortney earning an AS in Business Science

Our good friend **Debby Guarni** earning her Certificate as a Para Legal

From Ramapo University:

Candyce Smashey earning her BA in Accounting

From Georgian Court University:

Becca & Anthony Spellacy, earning their Masters in Theology

Congratulations and Blessings!

The Tri-County Community Action Partnership

The Tri-Country Community Action Partnership, a non-profit organization in Southern NJ is looking for volunteers for its Mill Creek Urban Farm in Bridgeton (Cumberland County). They need help with seed planting and general farm upkeep during March-September, their busiest time. Volunteers are needed Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm. No experience necessary.

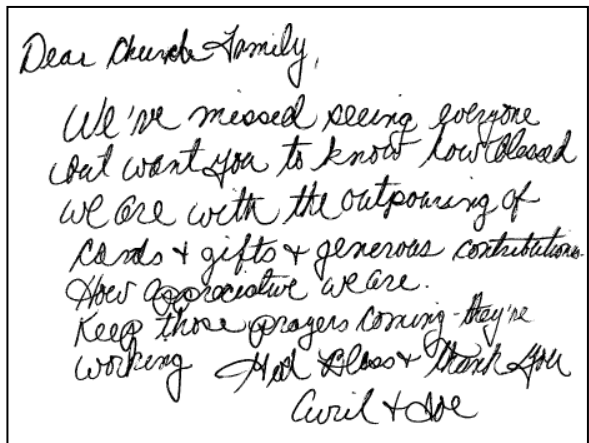
Produce harvested from the farm is sold to the local community or donated to those in need. If you are interested, please email **Vanessa Gattinella** (Volunteer Coordinator) at tricityvolunteers@gmail.com or call 856/451-6330, ext. 6731.

Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AWARDS DAY – YOUTH SUNDAY

On Sunday May 22nd we celebrated Youth Sunday. Our children were really a wonderful part of the Eucharist, acolyting, ushering, reading, offering the Prayers of the People and singing too.

We recognized all our Sunday School Staff, and each of our Sunday School children from the Pre-K class to Sr. High School were presented with an Awesome Participation Certificate. Awesome Attendance Awards were given out too. The Nancy Wasilnak/Good Shepherd Scholarships were presented to **Scott Carita, Allistair Edinger, Peggy Nicolle, and Victor Prieto**. It was a morning filled with excitement and joy, followed by an Ice Cream Social for the kids.



Dear Church Family,
We're missed seeing everyone but want you to know how blessed we are with the outpouring of cards & gifts & generous contributions. How appreciative we are. Keep those prayers coming they're working. God Bless & Thank You
Ariel + Joe

THE SUPPER GROUP

The Supper Group meets at a different local restaurant each month. We enjoy good food and excellent conversation and fellowship.

In May we all went to the Adelpia Restaurant in Deptford and had a wonderful meal and a good afternoon.

Please join us.

Treasurer's Blog - May 2011

Results through April 2011

Total Income:

Here is a breakdown of our total income for 4 months of 2011:

	Budget	Actual
Loose Plate	960	492
Envelopes	65,705	69,077
Special	4,100	5,739
Other	100	75
Income	70,865	75,379

Thanks to a few one-time contributions, we were able to see the envelope giving through April exceed our budget.

Total expenses:

Here is a recap of our total expenses for 4 months of 2011.

	Budget	Actual
Expenses	78,460	76,603



First Communion

The weekend of June 4 & 5 some of our children will be coming to God's Table (Altar) with their families, to Receive Holy Communion for the first time. They have all attended a special class held by Mother Pat and Doctor Deb where they learned how our Lord, Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. We also learned how one may receive the Blessed Sacrament. And, one of our kids has been receiving Holy Communion attended the class because he and his Mom wanted him to have a better understanding of this most Holy Sacrament of the Church.

Please pray for Ethan & Adam Bathurst, Kaitlyn Greco, and Brad Johnson as they enter a new holy relationship with our Lord.

Spring 2011 Yard Sale Results

Our Spring Yard Sale which was held on Saturday April 30 raised \$825 for the scholarship fund. Thanks to everyone who helped during the event and to all of you who helped clean up the Parish Hall at the end of the day.

Sunday School for our older kids

George Funk, Stu Lynd and Darrin Buono will be manning the Sunday School Class for our older students, (13+). There is always LOTS of good discussion and thoughtful sharing. If you're in church stop by the Conference Room and join us. All questions are welcome.



Father's Day Breakfast

June 19th at 9 AM we will be having our *famous* Father's Day Breakfast. Please plan on coming and enjoying homemade breakfast delights. The sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall - Please add your name.

Memorial Day Service

This year for the first time [that we know of] Good Shepherd hosted a special Service for Memorial Day. It was WONDERFUL! We remembered those who gave the ultimate offering for their country. The colors were presented. We sang patriotic Hymns. We shed a few tears.

We thank everyone who had a part in this very special Service of Remembrance. Mother Pat+



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May 10, 2011

The Church of the Good Shepherd
c/o Millie Corbett
315 Highland Terrace
Pitman, NJ 08071

Dear Friends:

I would like to express my appreciation for your interest in Center For Family Services. We have gratefully received your donation of 40 teddy bears, and your commitment to helping the Center is truly appreciated.

By contributing to Center For Family Services, you are making a difference in the lives of people in need. Your support enables families to stay together, young adults to make empowered choices, and victims to become survivors.

Through our more than 40 programs, CFS provides the tools that help families build a healthy foundation. The Center has been dedicated to helping people make these positive changes for more than 85 years and has maintained a commitment to serving low-income, disadvantaged children and families. It is often with the Center's support that people are able to rise above the environment they are frequently a victim of, and improve their lives.

We are grateful to have you as a partner in our important work. On behalf of the children and families we serve, our staff, and our Board of Trustees, thank you for your interest in the important work we do at Center For Family Services, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Richard Stagliano
President/CEO

TEDDY BEARS

We'd like you to know that all the Teddy Bears that the Women at the Well recently collected have been distributed to the following places, one large bag filled to the brim with Teddies was given to the Pitman

Fire Department, 2 more filled bags were given to the Washington Township Fire Department, and 4 and ¼ bags was brought to the Center for Family Services in Camden.

So all our Teddy Bears have new homes where they'll be loved. Many thanks.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1><u>June 2011</u></h1>						
			1 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM Last EFM 7 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew	2 Ascension Day 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 - 3 PM Fun with Friends 7 PM Choir Practice <u>7 PM Holy Eucharist</u>	3	4 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
5 Sunday after the Ascension 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Inquirers' Group	6 10 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 PM Retreat Planning 7:30 PM Ruth's Children	7 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	8 9 AM Morning Prayer	9 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Choir Practice	10	11 9 AM Altar Guild Meeting 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
12 Pentecost 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Vestry Meeting	13 10 AM Morning Prayer	14 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 PM Caring Hands 7 PM Bible Study	15 9 AM Morning Prayer 6:30 - 8 PM Good Shepherd Quilters <i>Crook Info Due</i>	16 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 - 3 PM Fun with Friends	17	18 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
19 Trinity Sunday 9 AM Parish Breakfast 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM Youth Group <i>Father's Day</i>	20 Mother Pat's Vacation	21	22	23	24	25 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
26 Pentecost 2 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30 PM Page Turners 2:30 PM Supper Group	27 6:30 PM Retreat Planning Mother Pat's Vacation	28 1 PM Caring Hands	29	30		

