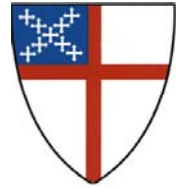


The Shepherd's Crook

The Church of The Good Shepherd
Pitman, NJ



Mother Patricia Daniels Pierce-Rector

May 1, 2010

"We Love Our Church"



Bible Study

We meet each Tuesday evening from 7 – 8:30pm. At this time we are reading and discussing the accounts of the Resurrection and Jesus' post-resurrection appearances to the Disciples, as recorded in the four Gospels. Please come and 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 **May 3rd**. Call 856-589-8209 for more information.

Janice Gowland



Deadline

The deadline for the June Crook will be on May 15, 2010. Please e-mail all articles to me at:

Truejoymin@aol.com

Thank you,
Carmen Russo
Editor

Services

Sundays

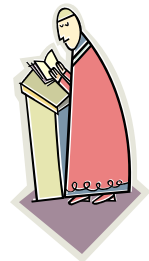
8:00 AM – Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM – Holy Eucharist

Saturdays – CASUAL DRESS

5:30 PM – Holy Eucharist

Daily, Monday-Thursday

9:00 AM Morning Prayer





**Prayers for Safekeeping in
the Military**

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

“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.”

**We pray for the Sick and
for those in any Need**



Kelly Clemment
Barbara Eastman
Barbara Ferrell

Kathy Napier
Jeanne Longmire
Stephanie Uibel
Sheila Prage
Josie Fletcher
Dane Dougherty
Ruby Waters
Janet Knoebel
Theresa Swam
Mary Fischer
Mary Still
Judy Clements
Stephanie
William Szalma
Cindy Kehler
Alexander
Steve Fama
John Wisniewski
Ashley
The Tait Family
Diane Cercurio
Jill Caskey
George Opel
Debra Russo
William Russo
Patricia Russo
John Miller
Makayla Healey
Bollendorf Family
Nora Wilson
Mark & Jacquie Daley
Barbara Ann Helman
Edward Pfaff
Mike Anderson
Paul
Greg Williams
Harold & Lucy Hansen
Joe Abate
Donald Scott, Jr.
Lillian
Laurie
Jane
Mr. Matthews
Diane Volberg
Salvatore Chillari
Harry Shaw

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Burial Office
Geoffrey Andrews
March 26, 2010

Remember

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

Editor's Note

In order to keep the **military** and **sick list** current, if you know of anyone's name that should be removed or added, please e-mail me or the church secretary.

Thank you,
Carmen



Handicap Access Ramp

As you all have seen, work has begun on the ramp that will provide access to our parish hall, bathrooms and office wing. This is a wonderful project, making most of our facilities, in addition to our church [which is already wheelchair accessible] a welcoming place for ALL. This special and necessary project is being made possible by Jan Snodgrass's bequest to Good Shepherd plus proceeds from our Yard Sale.

Outreach



Thank you so much for all your wonderful donations to Your Food Shelf in Camden! We had MANY shoes to deliver this month and that is great! Please continue to bring any shoes and clothes that you have, in good condition, for us to take to Camden. They are especially in need of men's shoes and clothes.

Please hold off on any coats that you may have at this point. They do not have the room to store them and neither do we so please don't drop any coats off to us until next September!

Thanks so much. You may drop them on our front porch at: 223 Highland Terrace, Pitman

**Thanks again,
Ellie and Carl Dunn**

CHURCH MINISTRY LEADERS

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

Senior Warden

Terry McCallum - 856/589-0370

Junior Warden

John Opel - 609/221-0722

Treasurer

Lee Braidwood – 856/228-0737

Assist. Treasurer

George Funk – 856/468-5543

Sunday School

Joy Lundahl - 856/863-8365

Patty Fortney – 218-9757

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

Carl Dunn - 856/582-9445

Women at the Well

Cindy Taglienti – 856/227-1566

Jennifer Harrington – 856/232-6842

Altar Guild

Shelly Harris - 856/589-8160

May Happenings

May 1 – Indoor Yard sale – 8am
– 1pm
5:30pm – Holy Eucharist



May 2 – GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
8 & 10AM Holy Eucharist
10am Sunday School
11:30am Inquirers' Group

May 3 – Retreat Meeting, 6pm
Ruth's Children, 7:30pm

All Tuesdays – Bible Study, 7 – 8:30pm

May 5 – Brotherhood of Saint Andrew, 7pm

May 6 – Fun with Friends, 1 – 3pm

All Thursdays - Choir Practice, 7pm

May 8 – First Communion Class, 10am
Holy Eucharist, 5:30pm

May 9 – 8 & 10am Holy Eucharist
9am – Annual Mother's Day Breakfast
10am – Sunday School

May 10 – Women at the Well, 7pm

May 13 ASCENSION DAY
Holy Eucharist 7pm

May 15 – UTO In-Gathering at the
Cathedral, 10am
5:30pm Holy Eucharist

May 16 – The Sunday after Ascension Day
8 & 10am Holy Eucharist
10am LAST day of Sunday School classes
11:30am Vestry Meeting
2:30pm, Supper Group

May 17 – Caring Hands Ministry 7pm

May 19 – Good Shepherd Quilters, 6:30pm

May 20 -- Fun with Friends, 1 – 3pm

May 22 – Holy Eucharist, 5:30pm

May 23 – THE FEAST OF PENTECOST
8 & 10am – Holy Eucharist
10am Awesome Attendance Awards Sunday

Prison Ministry Presentation, 11:30am
Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

May 25 – Caring Hands Ministry, 1pm

May 29 & 30 TRINITY SUNDAY
Sat. Holy Eucharist, 5:30pm
Sunday 8 & 10am, Holy Eucharist
11:30 am Page Turners Reading Group

May 31 – Memorial Day – Office is closed



WOMEN'S RETREAT Celebrating Blessings & Thanksgivings

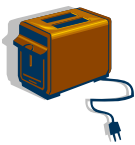
The planning committee of our Second Annual Women's Retreat met and we are pleased to tell you of what we are planning. The retreat will be held once again at the Stella Maris Retreat Center in Elberon NJ. The center is right on the beach, overlooking the ocean. It will be held on July 11 through July 13th, Sunday through Tuesday morning. We arranged to have the Retreat at this time, in order that some of the women who could not make last year's retreat would be able to come.

The theme of the Retreat is Celebrating our Blessings and Thanksgivings. We are planning activities and quiet times that we hope, will be enjoyed and will remind us of our Lord's deepest love for each one of us.

The cost will be \$200, scholarship is available if needed (please see Mother Pat). Please put July 11-13th on your calendars. If you have any questions, just ask any of the women who went on the first Retreat. A wonderful time was had by all.



YARD SALE



We are planning to hold a Parish Rain or Shine Yard Sale on Saturday morning, May 1st.

This will benefit the construction of our Handicap access ramp for entrance into our Parish Hall. We are asking for your donations of items for sale. Time to Spring-clean your basements and attics.

As always we can use plenty of help during the week leading up to the sale as well as on the day of the sale.

Your "good stuff" can be dropped off at the church office.

Thanks in advance.



SHEPHERDS' EATS AND TREATS

Our pick this month as a unique and excellent place to eat is the Woodbury Train Station Café. It is located on the site of the old Woodbury train station.

The owners have restored the station with both indoor and outdoor seating. So the setting is really nice and the menu/food is good.

They only serve Breakfast and Lunch and close about 2:30 in the afternoon. Mother Pat and I have eaten both lunch and breakfast there and both times have been very pleased with the food. Every entrée is Railroad themed. At breakfast I had eggs and bacon and Railroad Potatoes and toasted bialys. When we went for lunch Mother Pat had a meatloaf sandwich on sour dough bread with a small side salad and I had a chicken crepe with French fry kickers.

In addition to a large selection of dishes, they also have daily specials. They are priced right, and the food is freshly cooked. And, an extra treat, you might get to see a Conrail train pass, only 20 yards from where you are sitting.

Jack Pierce

Women at The Well

Women at the Well is collecting items for Mother & Child Residential Services in Woodbury.

Items they are in need of are:

Diapers & baby wipes

Formula-similac

Crib sheets

Receiving blankets or light blankets

Clothes: sizes 0-12 (boys & girls)

Wash clothes

Gentle baby lotions

Burping cloths

Rattles/ toys

Teething rings

Onies/layettes

Bottles-plastic

Diaper bags



We plan to collect items during the month of April.

In May around Mother's Day we will have a "shower" and present the items to the residence. What a great way to help out new mothers in need!

Please drop off items at the parish office during the week or at the back of the church before services.

Thank you for your generosity.

Cindy Taglienti



PRISION MINISTRY

Last year the Diocese began a special Commission for Prison Ministry.

Tom Rigg who one of our parishioners is a part of this project. He has been part of the organization of this Ministry. At the back of the church you will find a pamphlet which describes their hopes and goals in ministering to those in prison and their families, as well as what our parish can do also. Tom will speak Sunday May 26th after the 10 AM Eucharist and tell us all about his experiences, and this important ministry.



Page Turners Book Group

Here is the list of books for the next few months:

5/30 - *The Water Is Wide*, Pat Conroy

6/27 - *Those Who Save Us*, Jenna Blum

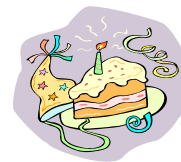
7/18 (3rd Sunday) - *Look Again*, Lisa Scottaline

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, May 30th at 11:30 AM. Please join us.

FORWARD DAY BY DAY

The new issue of Forward Day by Day for May – June –July are at the back of the church. Please take a copy to use for your daily prayer & meditation.

May Birthdays – 2010



- 01 – Diane DeLooff
- 03 – Nicollette Taglienti
- 04 – Steven Amato
- 04 – Donna Kebea
- 06 – Rachel Budmen
- 06 – Ryan Southwick
- 07 – Kelly Froio
- 09 – William Beard Sr.
- 11 – Jeff Kurkian
- 12 – Miranda Ross
- 14 – Betty Carita
- 15 – Morgan Wall
- 16 – Theodore Behm
- 16 – Robin Russo
- 16 – Jennifer Spears
- 17 – Jeff Snodgrass
- 19 – Guy Davidson
- 19 – Betsy Davis
- 19 – Gloria Moulthrop
- 20 – Elizabeth Bunce
- 20 – Peggy Chimenti
- 20 – Taylor Leash
- 20 – Carmen Russo - #56, what is his *youthful* secret?
- 23 – Elizabeth Moore
- 24 – Michael Cefaratti
- 24 – Virginia Fuller
- 25 – Katie Davis-Horan
- 27 – Griffin Clark
- 31 – Nancy Davidson



INQUIRERS' GROUP

We will be meeting on Sunday, May 2nd, at 11:30 am in the Conference Room. Our discussion this month will focus on how we in our personal lives as well as collectively in the Church express our Lord's Commandment to "Love God and to love our neighbor." Is the Church doing its part? Are we?



LAWN MOWING SCHEDULE

With thankfulness on our part, we rejoice that Spring has finally arrived. Now is the time that we have to make plans for the routine mowing of our church lawn. There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. Please add your name for one or two weeks during the warm month ahead. We have a ride-on lawn mower for you to use, so you don't have to worry about bringing your own. Our thanks in advance for helping to keep our church grounds looking as good as possible.

The Good Shepherd/Nancy Wasilnak Scholarship Fund



Each year over the past 10 years, we have awarded each of our college-bound graduates monetary scholarships to help with their college expenses. This fund was started in memory of Nancy Wasilnak, former parishioner and parish secretary. The Fund is supported by donations from Nancy's husband and daughter, and many generous gifts from the parishioners at Good Shepherd.

Choir Robes

On Sunday, March 21st, we blessed our new choir robes, a gift from the Memorial Fund of Sue and Al Bazzel. Sue and Al's family were with us that day which made the day even more special. The choir wore the robes for the first time at the great celebration of Easter Day. How wonderful that the devotion of Sue and Al to our parish can be remembered this way.

Progressive Dinner



46 of our parishioners took part in our Progressive Dinner Event on Saturday, April 17th. All 46 of us started out at the home of Sr. Cass for appetizers and then broke into smaller groups for dinner at the homes of Pat and Lee Braidwood, Audrey Buck, Diane and Mark Wall, Tom and Marie Rigg and Elizabeth and Bill Nelson. After enjoying the same chicken dinner at each house, with salads and sides, everyone then met together again for dessert in the Parish Hall. What a wonderful time we all had.

We look forward to repeating this enjoyable event next year. The money that we raised from this dinner will be put toward our Nancy Wasilnak College Fund.

Treasurer's Blog - May 2010 Results through March 2010

Total Income:

Here is a breakdown of our total income for 3 months into 2010:

	Budget	Actual
Loose Plate	730	449
Envelopes	48,971	49,663
Special	1,300	1,532
Other	75	75
Deficit support	0	0
Income	51,076	51,719

Total expenses:

Here is a recap of our total expenses for 3 months into 2010.

	Budget	Actual
Expenses	54,420	54,014

Without much fanfare, we are doing well with our pledges and managing our expenses. Our expenses are not exceeding our income by as much as we had expected after 3 months. Thanks to everyone for keeping your pledges up to date.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1><u>May 2010</u></h1>						
						1 9 AM Yard Sale 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
2 <u>Easter 5 Good Shepherd Sunday</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Inquirers' Group	3 10 AM Morning Prayer 6 PM Retreat Meeting 7:30 PM Ruth's Children	4 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Bible Study	5 9 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Brotherhood of St. Andrew	6 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 - 3 PM Fun with Friends 7 PM Choir Practice	7	8 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist
9 <u>Easter 6</u> 8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist 9 AM Parish Breakfast 10 AM Sunday School <i>Mother's Day</i>	10 10 AM Morning Prayer 7 PM Women at the Well - ECW	11 9 AM Morning Prayer 1 PM Caring Hands 7 PM Bible Study	12 9 AM Morning Prayer	13 <u>Ascension Day</u> 9 AM Morning Prayer 7PM Holy Eucharist 7 PM Choir Practice	14	15 10 AM UTO - Ingathering @ Cathedral 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist <i>Crook Info Due</i>
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