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Ministers

Priest-in-Charge
Senior Warden
Junior Warden

All members of the parish

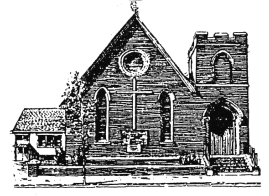
Gardiner H. Shattuck, Jr.
Richard Emerson
Dennis Tripodi

Worship Services: Summer Schedule

Sundays 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Holy Days As announced

Trash & Treasure: 9:00 a.m.-Noon Wednesdays & Saturdays
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The Shepherd's Voice



The Newsletter of the Parish of the Good Shepherd

July-August 2011

Dear Friends — Since we're now in the middle of summer, it's fitting that Jesus' words in the Gospel read on the July 4th weekend (Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30) refer to the almost universal human desire for relaxation and leisure: *"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."* At the conclusion of this same Gospel Jesus dramatically changes course, however, and imposes upon us another, seemingly contradictory commandment when he says, *"Take my yoke upon you."*

Although *"yoke"* no longer has the resonance it had in ancient times, this word refers to an implement that was placed over the neck and shoulders of oxen, enabling two beasts to work effectively together. A properly fitted yoke made it possible for a pair of oxen to undertake tasks that one alone could not have accomplished. Thus, by using this imagery Jesus invites us as Christians to work productively with him in mission.

Among first-century Jews like Jesus and his disciples the term *"yoke"* had a further connotation, for it was used in reference to the Torah, the law delivered by God to Moses at Mt. Sinai. In Jesus' day the biblical law was sometimes described as the yoke that bound Jews to God – the Torah representing both the priceless gift that God shared with His people and the weighty instrument that kept them forever faithful to their Creator.

There was a third usage of the word *"yoke"* that deserves mention in relation to this Gospel passage. This term also referred to the power that rulers held over their subjects and that compelled people to do the rulers' will. Given the fact that Judea had been conquered by Rome, Jesus and his contemporaries undoubtedly considered themselves to be laboring under the yoke of the Roman emperor. Thus, in this Gospel Jesus may be making a pointed comparison between the reign of imperial Rome and the reign of God, the former being based on coercion and brutality, and the latter being founded on beneficence and compassion.

Whichever interpretation we choose to emphasize this Gospel is an excellent lesson to read on the July 4th holiday weekend. As we celebrate the political independence Americans won in the revolt from Great Britain, Jesus' remarks encourage us to consider seriously where our ultimate allegiance lies. The Gospel reminds us never to take our liberties for granted, and it challenges us to accept Jesus' *"yoke"* and to acknowledge with humility our enduring dependence upon God's grace — **Faithfully yours, Tuck**

The mission of the Church of the Good Shepherd is to be a community of faith with Jesus Christ as the head, committed to worship and to proclaim his universal acceptance and healing by word and deed.



Birthdays Greetings to...

Worship Service Schedule

Sunday: The Holy Eucharist
9 a.m.

Wednesdays: The Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m.

(*please see calendar for notations and special events*)

Reminder:

We are now in the thick of summer and before we know it September will be here. Sunday School, Fun Friday, and etc. will be returning. That said, we will be celebrating the Holy Eucharist at 9am, until September 4th. Please join us, for this celebration, and of course Coffee Hour and Fellowship, as this continues all summer, with the help of the dedicated volunteers that help our family continue to grow and prosper, even in the heat of summer. Thanks to everyone, who keep us going, what would we do without you?

Offered:

Notary Services are available Tuesday's 9:00am to 12:00 noon, see or contact: Jim Kelliher.

Parish Outing:

Thursday July 21st. The Annual Paw-Sox Event, please see Dennis Tripodi to reserve your tickets.

JULY

Joseph Risho	7/1
Michael Dwyer	7/2
Michael Scarpetti	7/3
Logan Tripodi	7/3
Elizabeth Cook	7/5
Keane Marcello	7/7
Emily Lagerquist	7/10
Janice Bouchard	7/17
Roberta Cook	7/18
Kelley Dwyer	7/23
Carol Keiser	7/23
Chesney Rose Scarpetti	7/23
Brady John Scarpetti	7/23
Thatcher Berry	7/25
Juliet Lonergan	7/28
Muriel Madigan	7/28
James Karneeb	7/29
Charlotte Emerson	7/30
Morgan Ainley	7/31
Cheryl Scarpetti	7/31

AUGUST

1 Jennifer Alarie	8/1
3 Clifford Sutton	8/3
4 Susanne Stewart	8/4
5 Denis Fontneau, Jr.	8/5
7 Bertha Bourgault	8/7
7 Sheila Clough	8/7
7 Carol McCusker	8/7
8 Barbara Michel	8/8
10 Doris Lewis	8/10
22 Christie Olayinka	8/22
24 Joseph LeFort	8/24
25 Doren James, Jr.	8/25
25 Melissa Brailsford	8/25
26 Diana Bethel	8/26
28 Richard Emerson	8/28



Happy Anniversary to...

JULY

Philip & Jennifer Alarie	7/20
Frank & Clarinda Allsup	7/30
Mol & Steven Ainley	7/31

AUGUST

Charles and Kerri Marcotte	8/1
William & Danielle Cook	8/8
Dennis & Karen Tripodi	8/9
Kevin & Sue Hosey	8/12
Vincent Cherico & James Reynolds	8/17
Maurice & Marie St. Jean	8/23
Gregory & Melissa Brailsford	8/30

The Food Closet: While donations for the Food Closet are welcome anytime, our first Sunday collections will be on July 3 (all American peanut butter and/or jelly) and August 7 (crackers). We make suggestions for these Sundays, but any basic non-perishable food will be appreciated.

Help!!

Unfortunately, things are even financially tighter than a year ago for our schools; keeping a teacher in every classroom is the first priority and what we used to call essentials are gone from budgets. BUT, we can make a difference for the Winters School across the street from Good Shepherd. We call that difference - Tools for School! The requests from our teacher contact are simple: pencils (any kind); single subject spiral notebooks; glue sticks; crayons. Of course, any other basic supplies will be appreciated, too. And, boxes and boxes of tissues! **This our special summer outreach project.** If you don't want to shop at the "Back to School" sales that will be starting in July, there will be a can for donations in the church and we'll shop for you!

Let's Sing, Sing a Song...

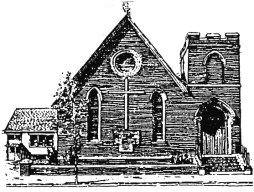
Please take a minute and let me know if you have a request for a hymn or song this summer. Either jot down the name or number or just tell me and make sure that I write it down! If you have a special Sunday for your "Singer's Choice", do let me know. (Caryl)

In the Parish and Deanery:

St. Luke's will have a Vacation Bible School again this summer and would like to extend an invitation to any children and youth members of your churches to attend. The VBS will run from Monday August 1 through Friday August 5 from 9 AM to noon. A simple lunch will provided and cereal will be available for those who need breakfast as well. There is no cost involved. The school is intended for children in first to sixth grade. Teenagers played an important role last year and I hope they will be available to help again this year. I think they got a lot out of leading the younger kids and the younger kids really lived being with the "big" kids. Please let me know if you have any children who want to participate or teens willing to help out. Call me or the office for any additional information you may want or need.

Newsletter:

Please submit any information or notices for the September newsletter by Thursday August 25th to Jim Kelliher at jwkelliher@aol.com

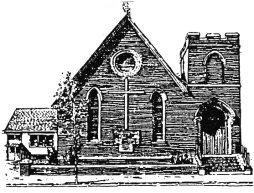


THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>31</u> <i>Pentecost 7</i> *Holy Eucharist: 9am					1	2
<u>3</u> <i>Pentecost 3</i> *Holy Eucharist: 9am	<u>4</u>  Independence Day	5	<u>6</u> <i>Holy Eucharist:</i> 6:30pm (Jenks's Room)	7	8	9
<u>10</u> <i>Pentecost 4</i> *Holy Eucharist: 9am	11	12	<u>13</u> <i>Holy Eucharist:</i> 6:30pm (Jenks's Room)	14	15	16
<u>17</u> <i>Pentecost 5</i> *Holy Eucharist: 9am	18	19	<u>20</u> <i>Holy Eucharist:</i> 6:30pm (Jenks's Room)	<u>21</u>  Parish Outing at McCoy	22	23
<u>24</u> <i>Pentecost 6</i> *Holy Eucharist: 9am	25	26	<u>27</u> <i>Holy Eucharist:</i> 6:30pm (Jenks's Room)	28	29	30

First Sunday of the month reminder: Food Closet donation suggestion is for Peanut Butter/Jelly – Also, half of the loose collection goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Vacation Bible School <i>St. Luke's</i> <i>9am to 12noon</i>	2 Vacation Bible School <i>St. Luke's</i> <i>9am to 12noon</i>	3 Holy Eucharist: <i>6:30pm</i> <i>(Jenks's Room)</i> Vacation Bible School <i>St. Luke's</i> <i>9am to 12noon</i>	4 Vacation Bible School <i>St. Luke's</i> <i>9am to 12noon</i>	5 Vacation Bible School <i>St. Luke's</i> <i>9am to 12noon</i>	6
7 <u>Pentecost 8</u> *Holy Eucharist: <i>9am</i>	8	9	10 <u>NO</u> Holy Eucharist	11	12	13
14 <u>Pentecost 9</u> *Holy Eucharist: <i>9am</i>	15	16	17 <u>NO</u> Holy Eucharist	18	19	20
21 <u>Pentecost 10</u> *Holy Eucharist: <i>9am</i>	22	23	24 Holy Eucharist: <i>6:30pm</i> <i>(Jenks's Room)</i>	25 <u>Deadline</u> Newsletter Submissions for September 2011 jwkelliher@aol.com	26	27
28 <u>Pentecost 11</u> *Holy Eucharist: <i>9am</i>	29	30	31 Holy Eucharist: <i>6:30pm</i> <i>(Jenks's Room)</i>			

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