

Current, Upcoming & Special Events:

<u>Wednesday, November 2nd:</u>	Holy Eucharist (6:30pm Jenks Room)
<u>Friday, November 4th:</u>	Fun Friday (5:30pm to 7:30pm)
<u>Saturday, November 5th:</u>	Safe Church Training (9:00am to 4:00Pm St. Martin's, Providence)
	United Thank Offering Ingathering and Annual Meeting of the Diocesan ECW (10:00am-Cathedral of St John)
<u>Sunday November 6th:</u>	All Saints' Day celebration (8:00am & 10:00am)
<u>Wednesday, November 9th:</u>	Holy Eucharist (6:30pm Jenks Room)
<u>Friday/Saturday Nov. 11-12:</u>	221 Diocesan Convention
<u>Sunday November 13th:</u>	Stewardship Sunday (8:00am & 10:00am) (9:00am Parish Breakfast)
<u>Wednesday, November 16th:</u>	Holy Eucharist (6:30pm Jenks Room) Vestry Meeting & Trash and Treasure Work Party
<u>Saturday, November 19th:</u>	Parish Pasta Dinner (6:00pm) (Hosted and Courtesy of the Parish Wardens)
<u>Sunday November 20th:</u>	St. George's Soup Kitchen (1:00pm)
<u>Wednesday, November 23rd:</u>	Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist (6:30pm Church)
<u>Friday, November 25th:</u>	Newsletter deadline December 2011 (Submissions to Jim Kelliher)
<u>Sunday, November 27th:</u>	Outreach Committee Meeting (following 10am Service)
<u>Saturday, December 3rd:</u>	Alter Guild Parish Clean-up (9:00 am – 12:00 noon)
<u>Sunday, December 4th:</u>	Bishop's Visitation-One Service (10:00am) (Reception to follow)
<u>Monday, December 12th:</u>	ECW Christmas Party (6:00pm) Old Grist Mill Tavern, Seekonk

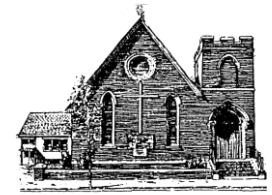
Planning Ahead 2012:

<u>Saturday, June 2nd:</u>	Special Diocesan Convention (Election of the XIII Bishop of RI)
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ECC Camp Schedule

Week #1	Teen Camp	July 1 – July 6
Week #2	Music Camp	July 8 – July 13
Week #3	Older Children	July 15 – July 20
Week #4	Nature Camp	July 22 – July 25
Week #5	Younger Children	July 30 – August 3
Week #6	Camper's Choice	August 5 – August 10
Week #7	Summer's End	August 12 – August 17

The Shepherd's Voice



The Newsletter of the Parish of the Good Shepherd

November 2011

Dear Friends — As most of you know, Rhode Island Episcopalians are now involved in the prolonged process of searching for a new bishop who will succeed Bishop Wolf at the end of next year. The diocesan Search and Nomination Committee has already begun to review applications, and once they have interviewed the most qualified candidates, they will announce a slate of finalists in March. In May all of us will have an opportunity to meet and speak with these nominees, and a special convention will be held on June 2nd, at which parish delegates and clergy will elect the 13th bishop – Samuel Seabury (1790-96) was the first – of our diocese. Finally, that person will be ordained bishop on November 17th.

Anyone who is interested in monitoring this election process will find information posted regularly at our diocesan website (www.episcopalri.org). This past summer a survey form was made available to all parishioners of Episcopal churches in Rhode Island, and based on the information and opinions that were gathered from the 400+ responses to that survey, an official diocesan profile was composed. This document, which describes “*where we are now as a diocese and where we aspire to go*,” was released a few weeks ago and is also available online.

Let me share with you some basic statistical information contained in the diocesan profile. There are currently 53 Episcopal churches in this state with a total membership of 20,469. 44 of these churches are self-supporting parishes, while 9 are missions at least partially maintained by diocesan funds; 34 have at least one full-time clergy person, while 19 are served only by a part-time priest. Although the average Sunday attendance throughout the entire diocese is 106 per church, about 40% of all congregations have an average attendance of 70 people or fewer. (Good Shepherd, by the way, falls into this category: so far this year we have been averaging 60 people per week, which is actually an *increase* from prior years.)

Given these statistics, our new diocesan bishop will face some very daunting challenges, related principally to shrinking attendance and declining financial contributions. The Episcopal Church in Rhode Island is by no means unique in having these problems, but we still are very much in need of a leader who will both inspire and guide us wisely through these current difficulties. Please pray for our diocese over the next twelve months as we seek a capable and discerning person to fulfill this essential ministry in the church — **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.

Worship Service Schedule

Sunday: The Holy Eucharist
8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

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Choir Rehearsal: 9:15am
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

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

Vestry Meeting: Wed. Nov. 16th at 7 p.m. (Jenk's Room). Also during every vestry meeting there will be a "Trash & Treasure" Work Party.

ECW News and Information:

United Thank Offering Ingathering & Annual Meeting of the Diocesan ECW, Cathedral of St. John @ 10:00am

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

Newsletter:

Please submit any information or notices for the December newsletter by *Friday November 25th* to Jim Kelliher at jwkel-liher@aol.com

Rhode Island State Council of Churches:

Heroes of Faith Breakfast

Held on Thursday October 27th, was the setting where our own Dennis and Karen Tripodi were honored for their faithful and dedicated work here at Good Shepherd. Also, among the honorees was The Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF. Congratulations to them on receiving this prestigious award.

Fun Friday:

Come to **Fun Friday** for the umpteenth time or the first time on Friday, **November 4th** from 5:30 - 7:30. There are always more kids looking for a partner to play a board game than we have volunteers, so please consider giving a few hours to this project.

Outreach:

Good Shepherd has one more turn in 2011 to serve **lunch at St. George's, Central Falls** and the date for that is Sunday, **November 20th**. We arrive by 1:30 and are usually homeward bound by 3pm. There's no special training needed, just bring a welcoming smile.

The Outreach Committee voted on Oct. 23 to contribute \$250 to the Good Neighbor Energy Fund, providing warmth to families in need; for every dollar given the energy companies will reciprocate with various matching programs.

The Food Closet: On **Sunday, November 6th** we will continue our collection of instant potatoes, stuffing or gravy mix, canned veggies, etc. - items to fill Thanksgiving baskets. Already on hand are many cans of cranberry sauce. Whatever you can give will make a difference to a family.

Sunday School Announcement:

As part of the Sunday School lesson for St. Francis day, we were asked to see how we could share what we have with others. It was the perfect opportunity for the children to decide how to spend the funds we collected for the Heifer fund. After reviewing some of our options, and with a lot of participation from all, the following was decided: a share of a cow, a pig, a flock of chickens, a fruit tree, and drought resistant seeds and tools, along with clean water, food for the littlest scholars and money for roving health clinics. All this for just \$290! It was truly amazing to witness the reasons and ideas the kids talked about while making our choice. Way to go kids!



Birthday Greetings to...

Jim Scarpetti	11/2
Raymond Stephenson	11/5
Barbara Pelchat	11/8
Walter Guest V	11/15
Brinton Dekreon	11/16
Peter Olayinka	11/16
Jenna Silvestri	11/18
Janet Jackson	11/19
Karen Tripodi	11/28
Zachary Dekreon	11/29



Happy Anniversary to...

Joseph & Amy LeFort	11/16
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In the Parish and Deanery:

A meeting of the Blackstone Valley Deanery will be held at St. Paul's, Pawtucket on Tuesday November 1st at 7:00pm. The meeting will follow a service of The Holy Eucharist in celebration of All Saints Day.

There will be a meeting of the **Outreach Committee** on Sunday, Nov. 27th in the Jenks Room after the 10 am service. All are welcome as we continue to make plans for both our outreach activities and our giving in the name of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Save the date: December 4th, will be our final service with The Rt. Rev. GERALYN WOLF, here at Good Shepherd before her retirement. We will be celebrating this event with one service to be held at 10:00am, followed by a special coffee hour/reception. Please plan to attend this special service of worship to wish Bishop Wolf well in her future endeavors.

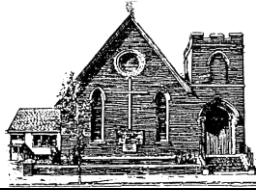
The 221st Convention of the Diocese of RI:

It will be held on November 11 & 12. Every congregation is represented by clergy and lay people (Fr. Tuck, Jim Kelliher, and Caryl Frink for Good Shepherd) who will hear reports and make decisions that affect the life of our diocese; this regular convention will be followed in June 2012 by a Special Convention to elect the 13th Bishop of RI.

Planning your funeral service in advance:

Some parishioners have recently asked Fr. Shattuck whether it would be useful to speak with him about their preferences for hymns, prayers, and other details related to their funeral service at the church. The answer to this question is "Yes"! The information you give Fr. Shattuck will be placed on file in the parish office, and he (or any priest who succeeds him) will be able to consult your file when it becomes necessary to arrange your funeral service. Although most people don't like to think about dying, planning in advance with a funeral director, lawyer, priest, and family members will significantly ease the burden for loved ones left behind at the time of your death.





THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Blackstone Valley Deanery Meeting: 7:00pm (St. Paul's)</i>	2 <i>Holy Eucharist: 6:30pm (Jenks's Room)</i>	3	4 <i>Fun Friday: 5:30pm to 7:30pm</i>	5 <i>Safe Church Training 9:00am to 4:00pm (St. Martin's, Providence) United Thank Offering Ingathering/Annual Mtg. 10:00am (Cathedral of St. John, Providence)</i>
6 <u>All Saints Day</u> *Holy Eucharist: 8am & 10am* *Sunday School: 10am *Choir Rehearsal: 9:15am	7	8	9 <i>Holy Eucharist: 6:30pm (Jenks's Room)</i>	10	11 <i>221st Annual Diocesan Convention 6:00pm (St. Luke's, E. Greenwich)</i>	12 <i>221st Annual Diocesan Convention (7:30am Check-In) 9:00am (Providence Marriott)</i>
13 <u>Pentecost 22</u> <u>Stewardship Sunday</u> *Holy Eucharist: 8am & 10am *Parish Breakfast: 9am *Sunday School: 10am *Choir Rehearsal: 9:15am	14	15	16 <i>Holy Eucharist: 6:30pm (Jenks's Room) Vestry Mtg. 7:00pm Trash & Treasure Work Party</i>	17	18	19 <i>Parish Pasta Dinner 6:00pm Free Hosted and Courtesy of: The Parish Wardens</i>
20 <u>Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King</u> *Holy Eucharist: 8am & 10am *Sunday School: 10am *Choir Rehearsal: 9:15am	21	22	23 <u>Thanksgiving Eve.</u> <i>Holy Eucharist: 6:30pm (Church)</i>	24 	25 <i><u>Deadline</u> Newsletter Submis- sions for December 2011 jwkelliher@aol.com</i>	26
27 <u>Advent 1</u> *Holy Eucharist: 8am & 10am *Sunday School: 10am *Choir Rehearsal: 9:15am *Outreach Committee Mtg.	28	29	30 <i>Holy Eucharist: 6:30pm (Jenks's Room)</i>			

First Sunday and remainder of the month reminder: Food Closet donation suggestion is for instant potatoes, stuffing, gravy mix, canned vegetables, etc., for Thanksgiving Baskets.
Also, the first Sunday of each and every month, half of the loose collection goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.