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The 20th annual
Mardi Gras Potluck Dinner
Tuesday, February 21st at 6:00pm
in the Common Room

This is always a fun event every year.
Simply bring yourself, your family and a dish to share with others.

There will be lots of beads, masks and other fun things to help celebrate!

I am trying to plan seating and drinks
and want to make sure I have enough of both.

Kindly RSVP to kimnauen@gmail.com to let me know if
you and/or your family will be coming.



Ash Wednesday
February 22nd

7:15 a.m. *Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes*

12 noon *Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes*

7:30 p.m. *Sung Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes*

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Weekday eucharist: Wednesday, 7:15 a.m.

February 19 Adult Forum: Science and Religion

Is there a war between science and religion? And has science won? Or does a proper understanding of the relationship between science and religion leave them both strong, and actually enrich our understanding of not just religion but of God? Charles Foster will lead us in an exploration of the history of the debate between science and religion, and issues such as evolution and Intelligent Design, and neuroscience and religion.

Lenten Forum Series, beginning February 26: The Gospel of John

This Lent we will meditate the riches and mysteries of the Fourth Gospel. We will explore how John differs from the other three gospels; Jesus' unique identity in John; John's version of the Passion narrative, and the difficult issue of John's harsh language about the Jews. Join us for an in-depth reading of a biblical book that has had an enormous influence on the Christian faith.

The Centre Street Food Pantry Could Use Our Help

Get a jump on your Lenten fasting and almsgiving by making donations to the Centre Street Food Pantry, housed in Trinity Church, Newton Centre. Becky Brack has offered to be our liaison to the food pantry, and will bring donations over after Sunday, 2/26. Please add the food pantry to your shopping list, or donate items from your cupboard (check expiration dates first!). Donations can be dropped off in the bin in the Common Room. The pantry has requested the following items:



- Meals in a can (chili, ravioli, spaghetti-oes)
- Meat in a can (tuna, chicken)
- Shelf stable milk (powdered or Parmalat)
- Jams and jellies
- Juices
- Paper grocery bags

Also, Whole Foods at Four Corners (corner of Beacon St. and Walnut St.) is doing a 5% day for the Centre Street Food Pantry on **Tuesday, February 28**. Please mark your calendars and, if possible, save your shopping for that day so that the food pantry can receive a cash donation equal to 5% of what you spend!



Bodybuilding group to meet

The "Bodybuilding group," which aims at building us up as the body of Christ on earth and growing our parish, will be meeting again after coffee hour on March 4. (Our fitness analogy is perhaps apt as we've over the winter not been formally working out together!). All are welcome as we join to think about how we can be more welcoming and what our vision is for Good Shepherd in the years to come.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

www.TrueVineChronicles.blogspot.com

FEBRUARY

19 – The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

(time to bury the Alleluias at Coffee Hour!)

8:45 AM: Nursery Open
8:45 AM: Level I Atrium
9:45 AM: Level II Atrium
10:00 AM: 3rd-5th gr to Loring Room,
6th-8th gr to Youth Room

19-25: High School Youth Group will be at Camp Restore in New Orleans, LA

21 - 6:00 PM Annual Parish Mardi Gras Potluck

22 - Ash Wednesday

26 - First Sunday in Lent

8:45 AM: Nursery Open
8:45 AM: Level I Atrium
9:45 AM: Level II Atrium
10:00 AM: 3rd-5th gr to Loring Room,
6th-8th gr to Youth Room

MARCH

3-4: Confirmands will be at Barbara C. Harris Camp in New Hampshire

4 – Second Sunday in Lent

8:45 AM: Nursery Open
8:45 AM: Level I Atrium
9:45 AM: Level II Atrium
10:00 AM: 3rd-5th gr to Loring Room,
6th-8th gr to Youth Room

Save the Date: Communion Instruction for children Saturday, March 10, 2012 at 10:00 AM. If you are interested in having your child receive this instruction, please let Mary Ann Stewart know. We will think about why we go to church and what we do when we are there. We will talk about the very special thing that the Church does: Eucharist, or Holy Communion. Children will be shown how to receive (unconsecrated) bread and wine or, how to show the priest they do not want to take the bread or wine.

Save the Date: Middle School youth from across the Charles River Deanery will be here at Good Shepherd on Friday March 23 through Saturday, March 24. We will need some adults to chaperone. Please let Mary Ann know if you are available. Details are being assembled and will be sent to families soon.

*In peace,
Mary Ann.*