

Parish of the Good Shepherd

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NAMES

The huge diocesan Confirmation service at Trinity Church, Copley Square, on Saturday morning had some positive qualities, chief among them was the opportunity to worship with thousands of other Episcopalians, something which doesn't happen very often. But since there were 220 people being confirmed, what was lost was a certain intimacy and stillness. When it came Good Shepherd's turn, we were crowded at the altar rail with many, many other people, and even though I was directly behind our young people, I couldn't really see them and I couldn't hear the bishop say their names.

Why are names so important? Well, when I say someone's name, all sorts of images and memories and emotions are brought forward.

That's why I wanted to hear the bishop say (to give one example) Danny Brack's name-- "Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Danny with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life." You see, Regina and Mary Ann and I have spent many hours with Danny and Brendan and Betsy and Anna and James and Julia and Andrew and Emma during the two years that they have been preparing for Confirmation. We have grown to know and love them and to be grateful to their parents for raising such terrific young people. And they are terrific; funny, caring, intelligent, profoundly interested in the world and serious about discovering how God wants their lives to be lived.

On Sunday we got a chance as a parish to say their names and to recognize and celebrate them. But I would like again to put their names before you, one by one, and ask that you thank God for them and pray for his strengthening grace all the days of their lives.

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Danny Brack

Emma Churchill

Julia Churchill

Brendan Duggan

Andrew Gillooly

Anna Nesgos

Betsy Richards

James Rothwell

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

Adult Forum Topics for Next Fall and Spring

It's that time of year again! After an engaging and thought-provoking year of Adult Forum discussions, I am beginning to make a list of possible topics for next fall and spring. It's very important that our topics for discussion are guided by the interests of the parish. If you have an idea for a topic related to the Bible, Christian history or practice, religion in contemporary life, theology, spirituality, or something else you would like us to explore, be in touch with me in church or by email, regina.l.walton@gmail.com

New Confirmation class

Middle and high school youth in eighth or ninth grade this September may participate in Confirmation classes at Good Shepherd. Please join Fr. Welch, Regina Walton, and Mary Ann Stewart for a brief informational overview of the Confirmation process this Sunday, May 20. The incoming Confirmation class is the largest we have seen in 15 years! Bring your coffee (and any questions) and join us in the Loring Room following the ten o'clock service.

Interested in Becoming a Parish Intercessor?

Intercessors serve the parish with their commitment to pray for the needs of its members, their extended families and friends, and those who suffer in the world. Each group member receives a weekly, updated list of new and ongoing prayer requests. Annually the group meets to share a meal, discuss the joys and challenges of intercessory prayer, and to participate in an activity lead by our curate. If you've thought about participating in this quiet and caring ministry, please consider joining us on Sunday, June 10, from 4:30 to 9:00 pm at the home of Pam and Ken Rothwell, 164 Kirkstall, Newton for the annual dinner meeting. For more information about the intercessors' group and annual meeting, please contact Ann Honeycutt (annhoneycutt@verizon.net and 781-891-1207) by June 1.

Upcoming June dates/events

June 3 – last Sunday for choir

June 10 – all parish picnic

June 24 – 9 a.m. services start

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MAY

20 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:45 AM: Nursery Open

8:45 AM: Level I Atrium

9:45 AM: Level II Atrium

10:00 AM: 3rd-5th grade in Loring Room;

6th-8th grade in Youth Room

27 - The Day of Pentecost

8:45 AM: Nursery Open

8:45 AM: Level I Atrium

10:00 AM: All children and young people shall meet in the Common Room at 9:55 for procession into church before going to classes (*Level II Atrium; 3rd-5th grade in Loring Room; 6th-8th grade in Youth Room. Children in the Level I Atrium will meet in the Good Shepherd Atrium at 8:45 then will be escorted to the Common Room for the procession).*

JUNE

3 - Trinity Sunday

9:45 AM: Nursery Open

9:45 AM: Level II Atrium

10:00 AM: 3rd-5th grades in Loring Room;

6th-8th grades in Youth Room

10 - The Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Nursery Open

10:00 AM *All teachers and children in Church School will be recognized during the ten o'clock service. Children shall meet in the Loring Room and join the congregation at the Peace. The Annual Parish Picnic follows on the Parish lawn, weather permitting.*

CE blog: Several slideshows (including one that features Confirmation at Trinity Church last Saturday), have been posted to the True Vine Chronicles blog: www.TrueVineChronicles.blogspot.com

Day of Pentecost Procession: All children and young people shall meet in the Common Room at 9:55 AM next Sunday, May 27, for a Pentecost procession into church before going to classes (Level II Atrium; 3rd-5th grade in Loring Room; 6th-8th grade in Youth Room. Children in the Level I Atrium will meet in the Good Shepherd Atrium at 8:45 AM then will be escorted to the Common Room for the procession).

Save the Date: Recognition Sunday and Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday, June 10, 2012. All teachers and children in Level I Atrium through 8th grade will be acknowledged during the ten o'clock service; the Annual Parish Picnic follows on the Parish lawn, weather permitting. Please plan to join us!

*Blessings in Eastertide,
Mary Ann.*