

Parish of the Good Shepherd  
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# A GLORIOUS NOISE A GLORIOUS NOISE

A former Good Shepherd parishioner who now lives some distance away told me recently that the thing she misses most about Good Shepherd is the music. I've heard this before, especially from people who, like me, have come to take for granted what we are given week by week by Carl and our choir.

The truth is that there are very few parishes, especially of our size, which have the quality of liturgical music that we have perhaps come to accept as the norm. Well, it isn't the norm. Visit around and you will see (and hear!).

What Carl and our choir are able to do continually astounds me. Because of budget constraints and tight schedules, they have about an hour a week to rehearse. (Carl, by the way, rehearses much, much more). And although we have some paid singers, many of our choir members are volunteer amateurs.

All this was brought home to me during Holy Week. Not only was the choir there on Easter Day. They also sang the Maundy Thursday liturgy, the Good Friday liturgy, and the Great Vigil of Easter on Saturday night. That's a lot of music and a lot of time.

Because I discourage applause in church (it's a service of worship, not a performance) I worry that the choir might not know how much we appreciate what they do. So I'm listing their names. You might not be able to match the name to the face, but you'll know them by the choir robes they wear. Go up to them and thank them.

~ GTW

***Organist and Choirmaster:***

Carl Klein

***Sopranos:***

Claire Raphaelson; Carol Millard; Christopher Klein; Martha Klein

***Altos:***

Betty Blume; Craig Snyder; Mary Robinson; Andrea Wivchar; Laura Grill

***Tenors:***

Chris Walton; Brad Peloquin; Brian De Lorenzo

***Basses:***

Chris Sole; Terry Robinson; Loring Conant; John-Paul Cardoso; Jay Mobley (and a special appearance by former choir member Ulysses Thomas)

## Holy Week Attendance 2013

Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Day
144	62	79	52	242

## **Altar Guild**

We are pleased to announce that Terry Horrigan and Kate Thurmond have joined the Good Shepherd Altar Guild. The Altar Guild prepares the altar for services, launders the linens and in other ways readies the church for worship.

## **Congratulations, Regina**

Regina Walton successfully defended her doctoral dissertation, "Pious Designs: Theological Aesthetics in the Writings of George Herbert and the Ferrars of Little Gidding," on March 18th at Boston University, in the Division of Religious and Theological Studies. Regina wishes to thank all those who held her in prayer and offered encouragement over the years it took to complete this degree!

## **The Humanity of Jesus**

He was both God *and* Man, equally and without division. Come explore Christ's humanity in the Gospel narratives at Forum in this Easter Season. On this journey we hope to better understand and relate to Jesus as a flesh and blood Man living in 1<sup>st</sup> Century Judea while still worshiping him as the Son of God. As we do so, we hope that in so doing we can be drawn ever closer to that perfect combination of Human and Divine. Forum dates are April 14 and 21 and May 5. We meet in the Loring room following the 10:00 a.m. service. All are welcome.

## **Showing care and love**

One of the most tangible ways we show concern for one another at Good Shepherd is by bringing meals to fellow parishioners. There is something really comforting about a home-cooked meal and the care shown is an extension of the way we gather around God's table on Sundays. Whether these meals are provided because of illness, recuperating from surgery or an accident or perhaps even a young (exhausted) family home with a new baby the meals and the care are always most welcome. We could use a few more folks who are willing to help in this way. The meals don't have to be fancy or gourmet, just something your family has enjoyed. If you could make a meal but aren't sure if you would be able to deliver it (but could get it to the church) let Margo Cantor (508-808-9781) or Regina Walton 617-780-8300) know.

## **APRIL**

### **7 - The Second Sunday of Easter**

**8:45 AM**

*Level I & Level II Atrium*

**9:45 AM**

Nursery available

Grades 3-5, Loring Room

Grades 6 & 7, Youth Room

### **14 - The Third Sunday of Easter**

**8:45 AM**

*Level I & Level II Atrium*

**9:45 AM**

Nursery available

Grades 3-5, Loring Room

Grades 6 & 7, Youth Room

### **21 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday**

**8:45 AM**

*Level I & Level II Atrium*

**9:45 AM**

Nursery available

Grades 3-5, Loring Room

Grades 6 & 7, Youth Room

### **28 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**8:45 AM**

*Level I & Level II Atrium*

**9:45 AM**

Nursery available

Grades 3-5, Loring Room

Grades 6 & 7, Youth Room

**Eucharistic Instruction:** All baptized Christians, including children from the very youngest, are invited to receive communion. Having children share in the mystery with us reminds us that no one receives because we understand, but because we are loved and accepted at Christ's table. All children are invited to come to the altar with their family whether they receive communion or a blessing. Eucharistic instruction is an ongoing part of our education program - if you desire this instruction for your child, please let me know. A group instruction will take place at the church on Saturday, April 20 at 10:00 AM. RSVP to me: [ce@goodshepherdnewton.org](mailto:ce@goodshepherdnewton.org)

*Easter blessings,  
Mary Ann.*