

Parish of the Good Shepherd

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Our Confirmands

Over the past two years that they have been preparing for Confirmation, Truman, Regina, and I have spent many hours with Caitlin, Cooper, Emily, Emma, Griffin, Madison, and Xander. We have grown to know and love them and to be grateful to their parents and families for raising such terrific young people; they are funny, caring, intelligent, profoundly interested in the world, and serious about discovering how God wants them to live their lives.

On Saturday, May 10 Bishop Tom Shaw will preside, assisted by Bishop Bud Cederholm and well over 100 other Confirmands, in a Deanery Confirmation service at Christ Church, Needham. Following that service we will have our own intimate celebration here at Good Shepherd on Sunday, May 11. We will acknowledge each of our Confirmands with a token of appreciation and a reception in the Common Room afterward. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers and plan to join us on May 11 at ten o'clock.

Caitlin E. Gillooly
Cooper Howe Richards
Emily Catherine Duggan
Emma Nova Stewart
Griffin W. Morgan
Madison Rose Mixer
Xander Fraser Boyd

Mary Ann Stewart
Director of Education & Programs



A message from the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts...

As Bishop Tom Shaw prepares to retire later this year, the diocesan community will honor his nearly 20 years of episcopal ministry.

Included among many special events planned are "remembrance" books especially designed to record each community's sentiments and/or prayers for Bishop Tom. These books will serve as unique gifts to Bishop Tom from every congregation in the diocese, to be presented to him at the culminating celebration on June 21st. On this date an End of Season Eucharistic Celebration, Family Picnic and BBQ will take place.

Good Shepherd's remembrance book will be available during coffee hour on each Sunday in May so that everyone can have a chance to express their thoughts to Bishop Tom and share their prayers for him.

PARISH NEWS - April 30, 2014

May 4th Forum: An exploration of the possibilities for peace and reconciliation between Palestinians and Israelis based on Loring Conant's recent trip to the West Bank. We meet following the 10 a.m. worship service in the Loring room. All are welcome!

Dear Parishioners at Good Shepherd,

On behalf of the **Centre Street Food Pantry** and the many individuals and families from Newton and surrounding communities who depend on us, I would like to thank you for your community food drive and donations.

All the work you did on our behalf will help us provide our ever-growing number of families with one of life's most basic needs. In the three years we have been open our roster has grown tremendously; an average of 138 families now come each month to shop for food and toiletries.

Your great donations play a vital role in giving these men, women, and children access to a wide variety of food, which we hope will help reduce the stress in their households. We are humbled by the impact our pantry has had on the lives of so many and are very grateful to have you partner with us in this effort. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Amy McGregor-Radin and Margaret Hummel

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & PROGRAMS

Nursery is available every Sunday for infants through 4 year-old. Atrium Levels I & II are open each Sunday at 8:45 AM - children age 3-8 are welcome after they have been oriented to the learning space (scheduled separately). Please speak with Mary Ann Stewart with any questions about our Christian Education Program (ce@goodshepherdnewton.org)

MAY

4 - The Third Sunday of Easter

8:45 AM: Level I & Level II Atrium

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

6th-8th gr in Church

5:30 PM: Info/Social Evening for Parents, Common Room (details below)

10 - Deanery Confirmation at Christ Church, Needham

9:15 AM: Confirmands meet with Truman in front of Christ Church

9:30 AM: Confirmands meet with Bishop Shaw

10:30 AM: Service begins

11 - The Fourth Sunday of Easter::Good Shepherd Sunday

8:45 AM: Level I & Level II Atrium

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

6th-8th gr in Church

Please join us for a reception for our Confirmands in the Common Room immediately following the service

18 - The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:45 AM: Level I & Level II Atrium

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

6th-8th gr in Church

25 - The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:45 AM: Level I & Level II Atrium

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

6th-8th gr in Church

Info/Social Evening: Parents with children from age infant through grade 12 are invited to the church this Sunday evening, May 4 at 5:30 PM. There will be wine and light appetizers. Some parents with children currently enrolled will present a snapshot of existing programs. We know this is often a challenging time of year to schedule one more event on the calendar - - and this event is coming up fast - this Sunday! While perhaps not a perfect time/date for all, experience has shown that Sunday evenings have the fewest complications. We hope many parents will be able to attend.

Eucharistic Instruction: All baptized Christians, including even very young children, are welcome to receive communion. We invite all children to come to the altar with their families to receive communion or to receive a blessing. Having children share in the holy mystery reminds us that we are loved and accepted at Christ's table. Eucharistic instruction is an ongoing part of our education program. We respect your decision as to when your child begins to receive communion. If you desire Eucharistic instruction for your child, please email Mary Ann Stewart in the Christian Education Office to schedule a time before June 1, 2014: ce@goodshepherdnewton.org

*There must be a time of day when the man who makes plans forgets his plans, and acts as if he had no plans at all.
There must be a time of day when the man who has to speak falls very silent. And his mind forms no more propositions, and he asks himself: Did they have a meaning?
There must be a time when the man of prayer goes to pray as if it were the first time in his life he had ever prayed, when the man of resolutions puts his resolutions aside as if they had all been broken, and he learns a different wisdom:
Distinguishing the sun from the moon,
the stars from the darkness,
the sea from the dry land,
and the night sky from the shoulder of a hill.
~ No Man is an Island, Thomas Merton*

*Blessings in Eastertide,
Mary Ann.*