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PARISH NEWS – February 12, 2014

From our Music Director -

I will hold an “Organ Take Apart” after church on Sunday March 2nd, where I will remove a bunch of bass pipes, as well as some of the case panels, and explain how the organ works in some detail. All are welcome.

- Carl Klein

The Flower Chart for 2014

A new flower chart is posted downstairs in the Common room if you would like to sign up to give flowers in memory of, in honor of or in thanksgiving for a loved one. Suggested donation is \$75.

Something new at Good Shepherd

Please note that Good Shepherd now offers parishioners who can't attend the service the option to view live or recorded versions remotely over the internet on a password protected website. If you would like access, please email Lynette at office@goodshepherdnewton.org.

Forum

looking ahead...

In April we will be having a series of 3 forums on religious art. On successive weeks, Nancy Ketterer, Pam Rothwell, and Charles Foster will each discuss one or two works of art of their own choosing. The point is not only to develop our understanding of religious art—the ways artists make a point and tell a story—but also to open up our understanding of religion and perhaps our own spirituality.

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)

FEBRUARY

16- The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Last Sunday of Block III

8:45 AM: Level I & Level II Atrium

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

6th-8th gr in Youth Room

23- The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Block IV begins

8:45 AM: Level I & Level II Atrium

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

6th-8th gr in Youth Room

MARCH

2 - The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

8:45 AM: Level I & Level II Atrium

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

6th-8th gr in Youth Room

4 - Annual Mardi Gras Potluck

6:30 PM in the Common Room

5 - Ash Wednesday

Liturgy & distribution of ashes at 7:15 a.m., 12:00 noon, and 7:30 PM

Barbara C Harris Camp summer youth & family brochures and forms are available on the tract table in the Common Room.

Save the Date: Annual Mardi Gras Potluck Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 PM. Bring something delicious to share! This is always a wonderful time to come together as a parish family on the eve of Lent: to share our abundance and to enjoy each other's company—to celebrate before entering the austerities of Lent!

... in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ~ Philippians 4:6

One thing I have learned as a church educator is that, if I do nothing else, I have to pray. I make a commitment to teach, accepting a covenant responsibility with God and my church family to touch hearts and minds and change lives. Surely, this holy work needs prayer! Prayer is part of our practice in Church School classes and Atrium, too. At the end of our time together in the Atrium, just before the children come into church at the Peace, I perform a prayer ritual with them at the prayer table. We give thanks and sing praises to God, then sing a simple song that lends peace and reverence to what can be a chaotic dismissal time: *Go now in peace, go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

*Prayerfully,
Mary Ann.*