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The 22nd annual
Mardi Gras Potluck Dinner
Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30pm
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
March 5th

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*

PARISH NEWS –

February 26, 2014

Donate Sports Gear for Epiphany

Here's an opportunity to express your concern for others. Epiphany School, a tuition-free middle school for disadvantaged students in Dorchester, is short on equipment for PE classes and for baseball and softball. Good Shepherd is collecting sports gear for them during March. In particular, the PE coach has asked for individual jump ropes, group jump ropes, agility ladders, flag football belt sets, baseball/softball gloves, batting tees, and baseballs and softballs. Used gloves in good condition are welcome! Bring your gift to the Loring Room by March 30. You might consider using credit card points to buy a glove. Or, if you would rather skip the shopping, you may participate by writing a check to Good Shepherd, with Lenten Collection in the memo line. The Outreach Committee will shop for you. If you have questions, contact Rogers Olverson (chair, Outreach committee) at rolverson@comcast.net.

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

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.

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### **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](mailto:ce@goodshepherdnewton.org))

### MARCH

#### **2 - The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

8:45 AM: Level I & Level II Atrium

10:00 AM: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr in Loring Room

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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 AM, 12:00 noon, 7:30 PM

#### **7 - Confirmands' Overnight Retreat (Barbara C. Harris Camp)**

3:15 PM: Meet in the church driveway to load cars

3:30 PM: depart

#### **8 - Confirmands return**

#### **9 - The First Sunday in Lent**

8:45 AM: Level I & Level II Atrium

10:00 AM: *Confirmands read Prayers of the People*

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr in Loring Room

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr in Youth Room

*Annual burying of "Alleluia" during coffee time, following the ten o'clock.*

#### **16 - The Second Sunday in Lent**

8:45 AM: Level I & Level II Atrium

10:00 AM: 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr in Loring Room

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr in Youth Room

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

**Please join the Annual Mardi Gras Potluck this 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 celebrate before the austerities of Lent!

**Offerings for Heifer International:** As we have done for the past 13 years, children in Church School (Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) are encouraged to bring in offerings each Sunday in Lent and Easter for Heifer International. This is their outreach mission. Heifer provides seeds, animals, and farm training to poor families in the United States. After Eastertide, on Pentecost, children will meet to vote on how to apportion the money they collected.

Lent is a season when the Church focuses on preparation of baptismal candidates and the continual process of conversion for everyone. It's a solemn and penitential period. Lent is grounded in and modeled after the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, tempted by the devil. As people of faith, we lay aside those practices and material goods that lead us into temptation, and we take up the full armor of God, especially scripture, prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. We do this not to enamor ourselves of our own sanctity, but rather to gather with the whole Christian community as it practices its participation in the death of Christ—that we might know the *alleluia* of the resurrection with Christ.

*With blessings as we enter Lent,  
Mary Ann.*