

# Parish of the Good Shepherd

## An Epiphany Prayer

Pia Bertelli, our Outreach Committee Chair, offered a beautiful prayer before the start of our Outreach Committee meeting this Sunday. As soon as we had prayed it, I knew that I wanted to share it with the whole parish. It comes from *The Anglican Digest*, and was written by The Right Reverend Walter Julius Carey, Bishop of Bloemfontein (1921-1934). In just a few words, it shines holy light into our lives and invites us to be strong stewards for the light of Christ in our daily circumstances:

“O Holy Spirit of God,  
    come again to my heart and fill me.  
I open the window of my soul to let thee in,  
    come and possess me, fill me with light and truth.  
Of myself I am an unprofitable servant,  
    an empty vessel:  
Fill me that I may live the life of the Spirit,  
    the life of truth and goodness,  
    the life of wisdom and strength,  
    the life of beauty and love.  
And guide me today in all things:  
    guide me to the people I should meet and help,  
    to the circumstances in which I may best serve God,  
    whether by my actions or my suffering.  
But above all make Christ to be formed in me,  
    that I may dethrone self in my heart  
    and make him King.  
Bind me to Christ by all thy ways, known and unknown,  
    by holy thoughts, and unseen graces,  
    and sacramental ties, that He may be in me,  
    and I in Him, this day and forever.”

May this prayer live in each of us, and, day by day, bring us a deeper conviction of God's presence in all things, seen and unseen.

Peace in Christ,

*Margaret*

### **Psalm 147 (16-17)**

He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes...  
Who can withstand his icy blast?

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## Noah Van Neil Preaching February 8<sup>th</sup>

Please join us this Sunday, when Good Shepherd's Seminarian, Noah Van Neil, will be our preacher at the 8 am and 10 am services.

## "Who do you say that I am?"

A number of views of Jesus have been put forward in the past decades: peasant, preacher, philosopher, zealot, magician, myth, and many more. So who *was* Jesus really? **This Lent we welcome all of you to a very special series of Forums** in which we will explore within the Christian tradition the true nature of Jesus as reflected by those who knew him best. In these Forums we will look at the ways Jesus is known to us: Lamb, Shepherd, Lord, Rabbi, Word, Son of God. In the process we will put together a true composite picture of our Lord.

## A reminder:

If you need to contact Margaret Schwarzer, our Interim Priest, please call the church office or email her at

[margaret@goodshepherdnewton.org](mailto:margaret@goodshepherdnewton.org).

In the case of a pastoral emergency after 5 p.m. **OR** on Friday or Saturday, please call her cell phone 617-733-0661.

## Volunteers needed

There will be a special coffee hour on Easter Sunday and many cooks and bakers are needed. Please sign up on the bulletin board downstairs if you can help out.

From the Director of Education and Programs:

*Nursery is available every Sunday at 9:45 AM for infants through Pre-K. Children age 3-6 are welcome to the Atrium after attending an orientation (scheduled separately). Please speak with (or email) Mary Ann Stewart with any questions about our Christian Education Program: [ce@goodshepherdnewton.org](mailto:ce@goodshepherdnewton.org)*

## **February 8: The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**

9:00 AM: Atrium

9:45 AM: Church School

## **February 15: The Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

9:45 AM: Church School: Combined class Atrium-5th Grade

10:00 AM 6th and 7th Graders attend church with parents

## **February 17: Annual Parish Mardi Gras Potluck, 6:30 PM**

*Please see details below.*

## **February 18: Ash Wednesday**

Services at 7:30 a.m., noon & 7:30 p.m.

## **February 22: The First Sunday in Lent**

9:45 AM: Church School: Combined class Atrium-5th Grade

10:00 AM 6th and 7th Graders attend church with parents

## **Please note the following changes to our Church School Calendar:**

There will be a combined Atrium-5th grade class with Mary Ann on February 15 and 22 (the two Sundays of February vacation); no formal class for Middle School students, who may attend church with their parents.

## **Teachers Needed for Block IV (March 1st- March 29th) :**

We are currently in need teachers for all three of our classrooms. Please prayerfully consider signing up to guide one of our student classes through the four lessons in March.

Questions? See Christin Gillooly, Mary Ann

Stewart or one of our dedicated teachers:

(1st & 2nd grade) Patty and Griffin Morgan, Biz Bracher, Mo Leacock, and Alison Corkery

(3rd - 5th grade) Hien Rivers, Deb Molrine, Mo Leacock, and Alison Corkery

(6th & 7th grade) Kevin Richards and Julia Johnston Ketterer

***Not to be missed!*** The Annual Parish Mardi Gras Potluck will be on Tuesday, February 17 at 6:30 PM in the Common Room (changed from Sunday, 2/15). There will be music, games, beads, and more! Bring a delicious dish to share! Kindly RSVP to [kimnauen@gmail.com](mailto:kimnauen@gmail.com) so we can be sure to have plenty of materials on hand.

Blessings, Mary Ann