

# Parish of the Good Shepherd



## THE LIVELY COMMUNION OF SAINTS:

### GRATITUDE FOR TRUMAN, MARY ANN, AND LYNETTE

When Truman left last November, after 23 years of devoted service, parishioners would come into my office with tears in their eyes, telling me how much they missed him. Since that time, parish members have learned to channel that grief into the good grief that allows people to create a legacy out of the absence of a beloved priest. Parish of the Good Shepherd, you are a stronger, more clear-headed church now. Eight months of Interim time has helped you claim the steady hospitality and the beautiful liturgical presence you all loved in your former Rector, and you have a keen hunger for excellent preaching because of his tenure as your priest.

Now Good Shepherd is saying “good bye” to Mary Ann Stewart, your faithful Christian Education Director, whose last day will be June 15<sup>th</sup>. Mary Ann announced her resignation to our Wardens last week, and we celebrated her time at Good Shepherd this past Sunday, with praise for her from our Christian Education Co-Chair, Christin, and a standing ovation for her work among us. (Please see second page of newsletter for more information.) “Good byes” can be hard, but we have a strong CE Committee, and they are already working on fun and engaging experiences for our children, Middle-Schoolers, and teens next year. Mary Ann, thank you for your decade of faithful service.

It is also bittersweet for your Wardens and me to confirm another Good Shepherd “good bye.” After working with us for 15 years, Lynette Banks has confirmed that she will be retiring at the end of August. In addition to being a terrific Parish Administrator, Lynette has been a friend, a colleague, and a delightful administrator to many. We have been lucky to count on her care and concern when we have called Good Shepherd with sorrowful or joyful news. Lynette, thank you for your 15 years of faithful service. We don’t have to say “good bye” just yet; the summer will give us time to say a personal “good bye.” Lynette is retiring to spend more time with her adorable grandchildren - the newest arriving only last month. We will miss you, but we wish you many happy days with your grandchildren.

Our belief in the Communion of Saints confirms that we will remain “one body” gathered in prayer and Christian hope, even as our daily lives move into separate spheres. Blessings Mary Ann; blessings Lynette. Next year, we will continue to grow spiritually as a parish family because of the gifts you have shared with us. We will carry your legacy of care and kindness forward into our life as a parish.

*Godspeed,*

*Margaret*

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**Worship services**

Our regular schedule of two Sunday services will continue through June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will begin our summer schedule of one 9 a.m. Sunday Eucharist starting June 21<sup>st</sup> and continuing through Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The regular Sunday schedule of two services resumes on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

~ Margaret

**Save the Dates for B-SAFE**

Here are the dates for our B-SAFE work as a parish. More information will follow soon.

July 12 5-7:30 pm - cook  
July 13 11- 2 pm - serve  
July 13 5- 7:30 pm - cook  
July 14 11-2 pm - serve  
July 17th 11-2 pm - field trip cook/serve

~Pia Bertelli, Outreach Chair

**Parents of rising 6-12 grade youth:** There will be a breakfast discussion with parents of middle and high school youth Sunday, June 14 at 8:45 AM. We will discuss the structure for programming, specific types of outreach projects, and social events for rising 6-12 grade students as we plan for the coming year (2015-2016). Grab your coffee and join us for some bagels.

~ Christin Gillooly

**Thank you, Mary Ann...**After almost a decade of serving as our Christian Education Director, Mary Ann Stewart will be stepping down from her position. The Christian Education Committee would like to thank Mary Ann for her significant contribution to Children Ministries here at Good Shepherd. Much of our current program from the Atrium to the two year Confirmation class was directly shaped by Mary Ann. She encouraged our children to wonder, learn and grow in their faith. The beauty and sense of mystery that she created in the sacred space of the Atrium was nurtured and in all of our children and youth. I know that many of you would like the opportunity to express your personal gratitude and to wish her the best in her next endeavors. We will have a book for you to share your sentiments at coffee hour this Sunday. If you can't be in church on Sunday or would like to prepare something ahead of time, please write it on a card or paper no larger than 6 inches wide and 8 inches tall and send it with a friend or contact me to make arrangements. ~ Christin Gillooly

**FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION & PROGRAMS**

Church School classes and Atrium are over for the year. The Nursery is available every Sunday for infants through 4 year-olds; in Summer, the Nursery is open by 8:45 AM. Mary Ann Stewart's last Sunday is June 14, 2015 and her last day before departing for Summer is Monday, June 15.

Heartfelt gratitude to all teachers, substitutes, assistants, children, and youth who made this year so wonderful for learning, growing, and connecting! The Christian Education Committee is already busy planning for next year. Church School Registration will be Sunday, September 13 when we return to two services at 8:00 and 10:00 AM. More information about the Confirmation class, Atrium, Church School, and more will be distributed as we get closer to that time. If you have questions about our Christian Education program, speak with or email CE Committee members or co-chair Alison Corkery ([alison.corkery@gmail.com](mailto:alison.corkery@gmail.com)) or Christin Gillooly ([cwgillooly6@gmail.com](mailto:cwgillooly6@gmail.com)).

**Safe Church Training:**

Good Shepherd is committed to fostering a safe environment for all of our children. Safe Church policies have been important to our parish as long as I have been Director, and this year we have implemented more changes to make our physical space compliant with Safe Church practices. In order to be fully compliant, the Diocese of Massachusetts requires all Church Staff, Nursery Staff, and Volunteers working with children and youth to take the training. This is also an important piece when calling our new rector.

The CE Committee made a commitment for its members to complete the training this Spring before making the request of other adults in the parish who work with children to take it. With staff and CE Committee members now fully trained, we are moving into the next phase: teacher training. Accounts have been set up for adults (over 18) who have taught, substituted, or assisted in Church School classes and Atrium. User IDs and Passwords have been set up specific to each user. We are asking that the training be completed over the summer, by September 13, 2015. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or speak with CE Committee co-chair Alison Corkery ([alison.corkery@gmail.com](mailto:alison.corkery@gmail.com)), or speak to Margaret.

*Faithfully,  
Mary Ann*