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ON INCENSE

“The offering of...incense is a generous and beautiful rite. The bright grains of incense are laid upon the red-hot charcoal, the censer is swung, and the fragrant smoke rises in clouds. In the rhythm and the sweetness there is a musical quality; and like music also is the entire lack of practical utility: it is a prodigal waste of precious material. It is a pouring out of unwithholding love.... The offering of incense is like Mary’s anointing at Bethany. It is as free and objectless as beauty.... Incense is the symbol of prayer. Like pure prayer it has in view no object of its own; it asks nothing for itself. It rises like the Gloria at the end of a psalm in adoration and thanksgiving to God for his great glory.”

~ *Romano Guardini, Sacred Signs (St. Louis: Pio Decimo Press, 1956), pp. 57-58; quoted in Patricia S. Klein, Worship Without Words: The Signs and Symbols of Our Faith (Brewster, Massachusetts: Paraclete Press, 2000), p. 24.*

Search Committee Update

The Search Committee is happy to report that our work is progressing as planned. We have moved on to the next step in the journey of finding our next rector as we are in the midst of conducting telephone interviews with rector candidates. We remain grateful for your continued support and prayers!

~ *Biz Bracher and Julia Johnston-Ketterer,*
Co-chairs

Diocesan Convention is November 13th & 14th

Diocesan Convention will be held this year at the newly renovated Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. On Friday, November 13, Bishop Alan Gates will be formally seated as diocesan bishop and the cathedral will be rededicated. Everyone is welcome to attend this festive service, which begins at 7:00 p.m. Diocesan convention reconvenes on Saturday, November 14 at the cathedral. The lay delegates from Good Shepherd are Pia Bertelli and Terry Robinson; Sarah Conner will attend as our clergy delegate. More information about convention and the resolutions that delegates will vote upon can be found on the diocesan website, www.diomass.org.

Parish News - November 4, 2015

Forum: Heaven 101

Our 3-part series on heaven began on November 1 – join us at 11:30 a.m. in the Loring Room. ~ *Charles Foster*

Sunday, November 8—The revolutionary idea of heaven that started with Jesus and has evolved since then.

Sunday, November 15—Judgment! What is being judged, when does this happen, and how much trouble are we in? Come and learn why we have abundant reason to be hopeful.

Women in Good Company

Women in Good Company is a gathering of women of our parish; in the past, we've enjoyed movies, concerts, museums, and other outings. Join us on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 3:30 p.m. at Pia Bertelli's home to view "Strangers in Good Company" (a movie about women's friendships) and enjoy a potluck supper. We'll provide a main course; you can bring an appetizer, a salad, a dessert or wine. Please RSVP if you'd like to attend.

~ *Gretchen Friend* (gfriend6@verizon.net)
and *Pia Bertelli* (p.bertelli@comcast.net)

Rev. Matt Engleby Preaches on November 22nd

On Sunday, November 22, we will welcome the Rev. Matt Engleby, Executive Director of El Hogar Ministries, which gives poor and abandoned children in Honduras a home and an education. More details to come!

Update on Directory Update

Our parish database includes emails and cell phone numbers of some parishioners. If you do not want your email address and/or cell phone number in the printed directory, please phone or email Margaret Harrison in the church office by November 20 to let her know.

Christian Education News

Upcoming Events

Youth Overnight Trip

November 7 – RSVP to Christin Gillooly
cgillooly@gmail.com

Heifer Trip

November 8, after 10:00 service.
Contact Jennifer Manthei to RSVP
jennifer.manthei@gmail.com

Advent Wreath Making Brunch

November 29, after 10:00 service.
Contact Kourtnei Brown to RSVP
ce@goodshepherdnewton.org

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Nov 22 – completed forms due
Sunday, Nov 29 – rehearsal after 10:00 service
Sunday, Dec 6 – rehearsal after 10:00 service
Wednesday, Dec 9 – 5:00-7:00 Pizza and
Pageant rehearsal
Sunday, Dec 13 – PAGEANT DAY
Contact Kourtnei Brown for details
ce@goodshepherdnewton.org

Advent Approaches

The Advent season is on the horizon. We will be making Advent wreaths on the first day of Advent in celebration of the season. We are also starting to get ready for the Christmas pageant. Keep a look out for an email with some information on the pageant and a form to fill out if your child wants to participate. The more the merrier! There will also be information/forms on the bulletin board during coffee hour, and on the director's office door. Thank you everyone.

~ *Kourtnei Brown*,
Director of Christian Education

Next Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is **Monday, November 16**. Please email your items to our Parish Administrator, Margaret Harrison, at office@goodshepherdnewton.org. Thank you!