

# Parish of the Good Shepherd

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## Christmas Services at Good Shepherd

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### Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Carols  
and Story for Children

10:00 p.m. Solemn High Mass

### Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (no music)

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God willing and the people consenting  
The Right Reverend Alan M. Gates  
Bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts

will ordain

Noah Van Niel

to the Sacred Order of Priests

on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

at 10:00 am

The Parish of St. John the Evangelist  
172 Main Street, Hingham, Massachusetts  
Your Prayers and Presence are requested

Reception at the church to follow

Christmas Pageant is This Sunday,  
December 13 at the 10:00 a.m. Service

We welcome this annual telling of the  
Christmas story by our church school!

**Narrators:** Catie Corkery, Lily Harris

**Holy Family:** Mary – Emily Nauen; Joseph –  
Alex Russel; Baby Jesus – Jeb Franklin

**Innkeeper:** Christopher Manthei

**Animals:** Jamie Bracht, Leila Bracht,  
William Nesbit, Lee Franklin, Lydia Gass,  
Calyan Leacock

**Shepherds:** Brendan Corkery, Luke Harris,  
Seamus Boyd, Owen Biggs, Andy Russel

**Angels:** Madison Nesbit, Olivia Ferguson,  
Hayden Boyd, Kenton Leacock, Eliza Franklin,  
Maelyn Leacock

**Magi:** Balthazar – Paxton Boyd; Gaspar –  
George Bracher; Melchior – Helen Gass

# Parish News - December 9, 2015

## Advent Giving Project

We will be collecting new hats, gloves and gift cards (CVS, Dunkin' Donuts, McDonald's, and Stop & Shop, \$10 to \$25) for Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. The Outreach Committee will also use our funds to buy wool socks as we did last year. The [newsletter](#) has an update on their programs and wish list (page 2). The Committee is happy to receive anything else on the list. There is a large bin under the Outreach bulletin board for donated items. Gift cards can be put in the large folder attached to the board. The collection will be taken to the Health Center on December 21. Thank you for your generous contributions to those who are homeless in Boston!

## Dec 20 Forum – Just in Time for Christmas

We'll be exploring the infancy narratives in the Gospels to uncover deeper, more meaningful truths about the story of the baby Jesus. This will be a fascinating verbal crèche – join us on Sunday, December 20 at 11:30 a.m.

## Epiphany Brunch is Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Come celebrate the feast of the three kings! Our annual Epiphany Brunch will be on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Common Room. Enjoy good food, singing and fellowship! Who will be the Kings this year? Please volunteer to make the cheese grits or strata via email to Pia at [p.bertelli@comcast.net](mailto:p.bertelli@comcast.net) or sign up on the bulletin board. Recipes available!

## Pledges for 2016 Still Welcomed

Please note that though our 2016 pledge deadline has passed, it is not too late to pledge. If you haven't submitted your pledge, simply email it confidentially to [office@goodshepherdnewton.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdnewton.org). Every pledge is needed and welcomed.

## Search Committee Update

Remaining on schedule, the Search Committee has narrowed down the list of candidates and is currently conducting second-round interviews. You, along with your hopes and desires for our new rector, are with us during these interviews and our continued discerning of our impressive candidates. Thank you for your prayers and support as we strive to listen deeply, consider boldly and choose wisely!

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

## Christmas Flowers

During Advent, the tradition at Good Shepherd is to have simple seasonal greens surrounding the Advent wreath rather than the traditional bouquet of flowers. At Christmas, the church will be decorated with wreaths, seasonal plants and flowers once again – a wonderful way to celebrate the birth of Christ. You are invited to help make this happen by using the enclosed Christmas Flowers envelope to make a donation in any amount in memory of or in thanksgiving for family members and/or friends. **Please return envelopes to the church office by Sunday, December 20 by mail or by putting them in the offering plate this Sunday. Extra envelopes are in the back of the church. You may also email your request to [office@goodshepherdnewton.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdnewton.org)**

## Church Office Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed from Thursday, December 24 through Monday, December 28; it will also be closed on Friday, January 1. Our interim priest, Sarah Conner, is on call for pastoral emergencies during that time; a contact number for her is recorded on the church voicemail.

## Next Newsletter

The deadline for the next newsletter is **Monday, January 4**. Please email your items to our Parish Administrator, Margaret Harrison, at [office@goodshepherdnewton.org](mailto:office@goodshepherdnewton.org). Thank you!