



Along The Way

The Weekly Newsletter of The Church of the Good Shepherd - Wareham April 10, 2019

Reflections

*From the
Pastor*



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Friends of The Good Shepherd,

I hope you are having a good week, filled with an awareness of God's blessings in your life. As we move into the final Week of Lent, I encourage you to take some extra time to refocus your life and draw closer to God.

In a few days we will celebrate Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is a festive day in which we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and we celebrate Jesus as our Lord and Savior. It is important that we pause to remember and celebrate Palm Sunday. It is important that we declare to the world that Jesus is Lord of my life and no one else. Jesus guides my heart, my mind, and my actions. The Way of Jesus bring me salvation and no other way. We choose Jesus!

Palm Sunday also begins Holy Week. In Holy Week we journey with Jesus to the Upper Room for the first Eucharist, to the foot of the Cross in which we remember the ultimate love of Jesus, and finally to the empty tomb of Easter. I encourage you to participate in as many of these Services as you are able. Each of them speaks to different aspects of what it means to follow The Way of Jesus, the way of love.

See you Sunday!

Peace,
Pastor Dan

A FEW NOTES & REMINDERS

1. This coming Saturday is Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday we pause to recognize Jesus as our Lord and Savior, not anyone or anything else. Palm Sunday also mark the beginning of Holy Week. See below for the Holy Week Schedule.

2. If you have information to get to the Good Shepherd community in our weekly newsletter ("Along The Way"), please submit the information to our office manager Cathi Maurice.

Current Happenings

WEEKLY UPDATE

Flower Fund Donations for Easter

There are envelopes and donation slips (inside the envelopes) at the entrances of the church for those who would like to make donation to the Altar Flower Fund, on the occasion of Easter. You may make your donation in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for blessings in your life. Your donations will help us to decorate the church for the celebration of Easter and throughout the year. You may place the envelope in the collection box from now until Palm Sunday. Thank you!

Holy Week Services

Holy Week happens only once a year, I urge you to come and journey with Jesus during this very important week. Come just as you are and allow God to give you new life. Come, be fed by Jesus at the table of the last supper and satisfy the hunger of your spirit. Come, experience God's mercy and renew your commitment to follow Jesus. Come and renew your life, your faith, and your spirit.

Palm Sunday (4/14): 8am & 10am Palm Sunday Services

Maundy Thursday (4/18): 7pm Eucharistic Service

Good Friday (4/19): Noon - Stations of the Cross & 7pm Passion Service w/communion

Easter Sunday (4/21): 8am & 10am Easter Services

Palm Sunday Focus

As in our custom at Good Shepherd, on Palm Sunday (April 14) we will focus our attention on the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and we will not read the Passion Story. The Passion Story will be read in parts on Good Friday.

Maundy Thursday 7pm Service

On Maundy Thursday we remember and celebrate Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples, which has become our Sunday Eucharist. Jesus paused from the meal and began to wash the feet of His disciples. He then commanded them to follow His example of humble service. This Service includes a foot washing ceremony, as a symbol of our willingness to serve others as Jesus served all in need.

Good Friday Noon and 7pm Services

On Good Friday we call to mind Jesus' love for us, and his willingness to die in obedience to that love. At Noon there will be a Stations of the Cross Service, and at 7pm there will be a Good Friday Passion Service which will include communion. At these Services we are reminded of our call to follow Jesus in humble Service and ministry, that the Cross is a symbol of the ultimate love of our God, and of our call to continue Jesus mission of love. The focus of these services is on the sacrificial love of Jesus, for which we give thanks.

Good Friday Offering

At the Good Friday Services, there will be collection plates at the entrances of the church in support of the ministries of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. If you wish to support these ministries by check, please make out the check to "Church of the Good Shepherd" with a notation that it is for the Good Friday Offering. One check will then be sent in the name of the parish. Thank you!

Invite Someone to Church for Easter

Please consider inviting, and even bringing, someone to church for one of the Easter Services. There are many family, friends, and neighbors who will not be worshipping in a church on Easter. For some, their absence from church is not by decision, but because they have no church to go to, and they will not be asked to participate in an Easter Service. Please reach out to the people you know and invite them to participate in one of our Easter Services, even offer to pick them up or meet them at the door of the church. Let's make sure no one who wants to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus is home alone on Easter!

Easter Egg Hunt

There will be an Easter egg hunt following the 10am Service on Easter Sunday. All children through the sixth grade are welcome to participate.

Gardening Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers. Please consider giving about an hour a week to help keep the Memorial Garden and the other garden areas of the church looking nice and free of weeds. See Karen Clark if you are interested.

Addiction Drop-In Center

The Wareham Fighting Against Addiction coalition has opened an addiction drop-in center for Wareham, which is open every third Wednesday of the month from 5-8pm. **The next Drop-In Center night is April 17.** The Drop-In Center, which is held in the Parish Hall at Good Shepherd, is a place where those who need and want to be treated for their addiction can be helped. It is a place where resources related to addiction can be found, including recovery support groups and support groups for

those whose loved ones have an addiction. Please keep the efforts of the Wareham Addiction Coalition in your prayers. And remember, addiction is not about choice or a reflection of one's moral character, addiction is a disease that takes hold of one's life and we should treat it as such.

Would you like to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church?

There will be an informational meeting about the upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation and Reception held on Sunday May 19, from 11:30-1:00. The meeting will be held in the Parish Conference Room. The Confirmation/Reception Service for our area will be held on Saturday June 15, beginning at 10:30am. Please contact Pastor Dan by April 24 if you are interested in either receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation or being Received into the Communion of the Episcopal Church.

Confirmation is the liturgical rite in which a person stands before the Bishop and renews their commitment to follow the Way of Jesus, by renewing their Baptismal Covenant. If you have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, I would like to encourage you to consider it. In Confirmation we stand before the Bishop and before the Church and say Yes to God and Yes to following the Way of Jesus. If you did receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, but not in the Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Church still recognizes your Confirmation. But I would like to encourage you to consider being formally Received into the Communion of the Episcopal Church. At the Confirmation Service, those who were Confirmed in a non-Episcopal church have the opportunity to acknowledge their desire to follow Jesus by way of the communion of the Episcopal Church. Like those being Confirmed, those being Received renew their commitment to follow the Way of Jesus, by renewing their Baptismal Covenant.

Diocesan Visit of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

There will be a presentation by the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Bishop Michael Curry, entitled "Our Episcopal Big Tent: How Big is it?" The presentation will be held on Sunday, April 28 from 3-4 pm, at Grace Church in New Bedford.

This is an opportunity to hear from our Presiding Bishop in person. For details and updates visit our diocesan website www.diomass.org/pb-visit. All are welcome.

The Greater Wareham Walk for Hunger

Sunday, May 5, is the tenth annual Greater Wareham Walk for Hunger, which raises money for Project Bread. Project Bread provides millions of dollars in grants each year to more than 400 emergency food programs in 128 communities statewide, including our own parish's Good Shepherd's Table and Food Pantry. The walk is five miles and begins at 1PM. The walk starts and finishes at Good Shepherd. Please consider walking and collecting pledges for this year's Walk for Hunger. More information and sponsor/instruction sheets for the walk are available in the back of the church. The sponsor form and information sheets can also be downloaded from our church website www.goodshepherdwareham.org. Please plan to walk and/or sponsor a walker!

Mid-Week Eucharist

On Wednesdays at Noon there is a celebration of the Eucharist in the church, which is open to all. This is an opportunity to gather for prayer and reflection, and be reminded of God's presence between Sundays. For those on your lunch break, the celebration of the Eucharist is approximately 25-30 minutes. ***There will not be a mid-week Eucharist on April 17, May 1 and May 8.***

Are You Receiving Our Weekly Newsletter?

Good Shepherd now publishes a weekly electronic newsletter called "Along The Way". The newsletter is published mid-week. If you would like to receive a copy of the electronic newsletter, please email the parish office with your name and email address (goodshepherdwareham@gmail.com). We also print a limited number of copies of the newsletter for distribution on Sunday mornings. You will find these paper copies in the back of the church. Please save these printed copies for those who do not have email access.

Upcoming Events

WEEKLY UPDATE

Discretionary Fund Contributions

Sunday, April 21, is the third Sunday of the month. Although donations can be made at any time during the month, on the third Sunday of the month parishioners are invited to make a contribution to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, as they are able. It is from the discretionary fund that Pastor Dan assists those in need. You may make contributions to the discretionary fund by placing your contributions in one of the discretionary fund envelopes (found in the back of the church) and placing the envelope in one of the church offertory boxes. Please consider making a contribution to the discretionary fund. Checks should be made out to "Church of the Good Shepherd – Clergy Discretionary Fund." Thank you to those who have made contributions in the past!

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

On the last Sunday of the month we recognize, with a special blessing at our Sunday Services, those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries during that month. On Sunday, April 28, we will celebrate with those who have April birthdays and anniversaries.

The Good Shepherd's Guild Spring Rummage Sale

The Spring Rummage Sale is being held on Saturday, **May 11**, from 9:00am till 1:00pm in the parish hall. Items being donated to the rummage sale (no large electronic items please) can be dropped off from 10:00am till 6:00pm on Friday, May 10.

Others Parish News

WEEKLY UPDATE

The Good Shepherd's Table – Acts of Kindness Board

Just a reminder that every Thursday evening at 5PM the Church of the Good Shepherd hosts the Good Shepherd's Table, which serves a free meal. All are welcome! We thank all the many volunteers who make this ministry happen every Thursday! If you would like to assist in the ministry of The Good Shepherd's Table by purchasing items that are needed to serve the meals, please see the Shepherd's Table "Acts of Kindness" board on the doors in the back of the church. Thank you!

Plastic Pea Pod Delivery Bags

Good Shepherd's Table is in need of the plastic bags used by Pea Pod (Stop & Shop) in their deliveries. They are very sturdy and can hold ten to-go meals, which we send to the area motels every Thursday. You can either bring them in the Shepherd's Table on Thursdays from 3-5:30pm or bring them with you to the church on Sunday mornings. Thank you.

Cold Cereal, Toothpaste, Barr Soap and Toilet Paper Donations for the Food Pantry

Please consider donating boxes of cold cereal, toothpaste, bar soap and toilet paper to the Food Pantry. You can bring them in any Sunday, but we are looking for them specifically on the last Sunday of the month. You can leave them in one of the baskets in the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

Looking for "Homework Heroes" Volunteers

Our Wareham Community Engagement Initiative, which is working to help all children of Wareham to succeed, is looking for volunteers! This is an opportunity for you to support and encourage children in the community by becoming a "Homework Hero", and helping children check over their school work. No expertise or major time commitment required. Contact Kelly at wcei.wareham@gmail.com with any questions.

Coffee Hour Hosts are Needed

We are in need of coffee hour hosts, after the 10AM Service. The sign-up list and an instruction sheet can be found on the small bulletin board in the Parish Hall, behind the table where the coffee is served during coffee hour. You can sign-up with others to share the expense and the work! Thank you to all who have been coffee hour hosts in the past! Thank you to the groups and organizations in the parish who have been providing back-up Coffee Hour coverage on the Sundays when no one signs up to host!!!

Acts of Kindness – In Support of Those in Addiction Recovery

In an effort to reach out to those who need to hear the Good News of God's love and compassion, our Good Shepherd community has an Acts of Kindness - Baking Ministry. We deliver baked goods to those who are in recovery from addiction and are living at one of the area halfway houses. The idea is that we can support someone in recovery by letting them know that we care, that we are praying for them, and that they are not alone. We provide baked goods and a card of support from our community once a month. Please contact Donna Tolley (dtolley714@gmail.com or 508-888-9337) for more information about how you can help with our Baking Ministry.

Prayers of the People – Prayer Requests

Every Sunday before the 8AM & 10AM Services you have an opportunity to record in our new Prayer Request Book the names of those for whom you wish us to pray, including those who are in particular need of prayers at this time and those who have died. The book is at the back (main) entrance of the church. The Prayer Request Book will be placed on the altar during the opening procession and we will pray "for all those whose names are recorded in our prayer request book" during the Prayers of the People. During the Prayers of the People you may also voice the names of those you would like to be remembered, as we pause during the prayer for those in particular need and the prayer for those who have died.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

As a way of reaching out to those who are ill or struggling in some way, parishioners have knitted shawls to be given to those

who can benefit from receiving these gifts of warmth and comfort. Pastor Dan blesses each shawl before it is given. He prays that “this mantle be a safe haven...a sacred place of security and wellbeing... sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.” Please contact Judy Ellis (Prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinator) or Pastor Dan if you would like a shawl for yourself or someone else. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, and join our knitting team, please be in touch with Judy Ellis (508-295-5318). There is a very basic pattern that makes a beautiful, lacey shawl. It can also be modified to make a man’s lap robe. All patterns, of course, are welcomed.

NAR-ANON Support Group

There is a support group for those who have family members who suffer from addiction to narcotics. It is so important that loved ones of those who are addicted have a place to go and share their stories and receive support. Please pass the information below along to your friends and family members. It could make a big difference in their lives. The NAR-ANON Family Group “Let it Begin with Me” meets at Good Shepherd on Wednesday Evenings from 6-7pm. This is a 12-step program open to family and loved ones affected by someone else’s addiction. This is an “anonymous program. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Natecia 774-260-1924.

Prayer Group Meeting

The Parish Prayer Group meets on the last Thursday of every month. If at any time you would like to have someone included on the parish prayer list, please contact Pat Probert (pattip46@verizon.net or 508-291-3364) or Pastor Dan. The information is kept confidential and is only shared with the members of the Prayer Group. If the person you wish to add to the prayer list is outside your immediate family, please get their permission before having them placed on the prayer list.

Children’s Activity Bags

Coloring books and word search books have been stocked in the Children’s Activity Bags at the back of the church. These are meant to be a help for younger children whose attention spans are a bit shorter. Please feel free to grab a bag anytime during the service. At the end of the service, simply return the bag where you found it.

Pastoral Care

If you would like yourself or someone else placed on the Good Shepherd prayer list, please contact Pat Probert (508-291-3364) or myself. The Good Shepherd prayer group prays daily for those on the prayer list, and prays together as a group once a month. If you need or would like a pastoral visit from the priest, please let me know. My contact information is on the back of the weekly Sunday Service Booklet. The only way I know that you are in need of a pastoral visit is if you let me know personally or through another person. You might want to keep my contact information (cell # 603-953-3659 for emergencies) somewhere handy, so you know where to find it when the need arises. **Pastor Dan**

Healing Prayers

Prayers for healing are offered on Sundays during communion at the side altar. Healing Prayers can be for many forms of healing; physical, emotional, psychological, spiritual, etc. All are welcome

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April 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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		3-5 PM Food Pantry 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	12Noon Holy Eucharist	5 PM Good Shepherd's Table		8-11 AM Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Service 5:30PM Spring Pot-Luck Supper
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The 5th Sunday in Lent 8 AM Holy Eucharist 10 AM Holy Eucharist 11:30AM Coffee Hour 12NOON Faith Enrichment Session	6:00 PM Good Shepherd's Guild Meeting	6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	12Noon Holy Eucharist	5 PM Good Shepherd's Table 6:30 PM Vestry Meeting		8-11 AM Egyptian Coptic Orthodox Service 4:00PM Wareham Fighting Addiction Coalition
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