

The Catholic Community of The Good Shepherd on Martha's Vineyard

Our Lady Star of the Sea-OB St. Elizabeth's-EDG St. Augustine's-VH
A Parish of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River
Most Rev. George Coleman, Bishop

Parish

Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
22 Massasoit Avenue, Oak Bluffs
(Open year round for Weekend Masses only)

St. Augustine's Church
56 Franklin Street, Vineyard Haven
(Chapel open 24/7-no heat in winter)

St. Elizabeth's Church
86 Main Street, Edgartown
(Church open 24/7-no heat in winter)

Rectory: 86 Main Street, Edgartown
Parish Center/Office: 55 School Street, Oak Bluffs

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Mass Schedule 508-693-3995 (ext.10)
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday (10am to 1pm)

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Prayer For Our Parish

God, our Father, bless our Parish of the Good Shepherd. Help us to welcome all who come to worship, adore and praise You, the One true God and Father of us all. Jesus, be with us, as we celebrate your life, death and resurrection in Word and Sacrament. Holy Spirit, fill our parish family with your love. Help us to love one another in our parish and in our family. Guide us in your holy will for the present and the future of our Parish of the Good Shepherd.
AMEN.

Mass Schedule

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saturday 4pm and (7pm-Portuguese)
Sunday 8am, 11am and 5pm

Daily Mass 8am Monday thru Thursday
Parish Center Chapel
1st Friday and 1st Saturday 8am

Reconciliation

Our Lady Star of the Sea
Saturday 3pm
or by appointment with Fr. Nagle
(508-878-0331)

Bulletin Notices

Announcements may be emailed, written or faxed to the Parish Office by 1pm Friday, nine days prior to publication.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission: Knowing that all things in this world are gifts of God, presented to us so that we can know God more easily and make a return of love more readily; recognizing God as the Origin of Life, the giver of freedom and the source of all that we have and are and will be; knowing ourselves to be recipients and caretakers of God's many gifts; grateful for all that we have received; eager to cultivate our gifts our of love for God and one another. The Mission of the Good Shepherd Parish is to give witness and to celebrate the Risen Christ's Presence in the life of each person.

To accomplish this goal we ask our parishioners and visitors to recommit themselves to being disciples of Jesus and in so doing we will strengthen our community and help one another to live our faith in the fullest possible way.

"in necessary things, unity; in doubtful things, freedom; and in all things, charity."
Augustine

Baptism

Please call the Parish Office to sign up for our Baptism Prep classes which consist of 3 consecutive one-hour discussions based on the book "Raising Faith-Filled Children". Book and workbook are available at the Parish Office.

Reconciliation

This sacrament is held at Our Lady Star of the Sea on Saturdays at 3pm or by appointment with Fr. Nagle (508-878-0331).

Anointing of the Sick

This is a sacrament of healing. Do not hesitate to call Fr. Nagle if you or a member of your family wishes to receive this sacrament in your home, at the hospital or nursing home.

Care of the Sick or Homebound

Please notify the Parish Office when you or a member of your family is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick or Holy Eucharist.

Marriage

Please make arrangements at least one year in advance by calling the Parish Office.

Marriage Preparation

In the Diocese of Fall River, Marriage Preparation includes 1) an initial meeting with the priest who is preparing you for Marriage, 2) the FOCCUS profile, 3) Pre-Cana and Natural Family Planning Classes (these are off-island), 4) the FOCCUS evaluation, 5) Planning the Liturgy meeting, 6) Rehearsal and 7) Your Wedding. Since the Island is a very popular place for weddings, we need to schedule a date at least a year in advance to avoid being disappointed and then begin the preparation process 8 months in advance. Please contact the Parish Office 508-693-0342.

Sacred Heart Cemetery

Please call the Parish Office if interested in purchasing cemetery plots or obtaining any other information in regards to the Sacred Heart Cemetery or you may also contact our Cemetery Commissioners Deacon Fred LaPiana (774-521-4345) or Allan "Buddy" DeBettencourt 508-693-2283.

New Parishioners

The Good Shepherd Parish welcomes all who join us for Masses. All are invited to register. Please call the office at 508-693-0342.

Parish Registration Forms

Good Shepherd Parish is in the process of setting up a brand new data base (Parish Soft). We are asking that you fill out a registration form (*one form per person in family*) and get it back to the office as soon as possible. Forms are available at church, at the office or in this bulletin (see page 8 & 9).

Moving

Please notify the Parish Office when you move.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me" We strive to see the face of Jesus in the poor that we serve. All Holy Day collections go to the St. Vincent De Paul Society. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact the Parish Office at 508-693-0342.

Curious Corner

Questions, concerns, what you have heard on the street - Insert in the Curious Corner Box in the back of the church - Answers will be forthcoming.



Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

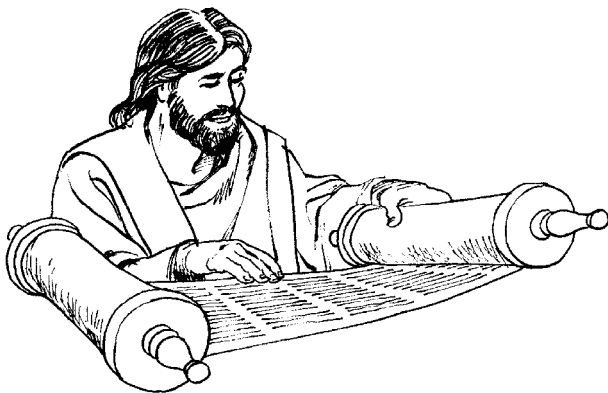
Sat Jan 23 4pm Jesse Silva
 Sun Jan 24 8am Connie & Viola Lopes
 11am David Gazaille
 5pm Florence B. Coaplen
 Sat Jan 30 4pm Mary Hynes
 Sun Jan 31 8am Richard McCarron -
 Month Mind
 11am George Baptiste, Jr.
 5pm Chris Vezzetti

Daily Mass Intentions (Monday-Thursday)
8am Parish Center Chapel

Mon Jan 25 Fr. Cornelius O’Neil -
 11th Anniversary
 Tue Jan 26 Kimo McNaughton
 Wed Jan 27 No Intention
 Thu Jan 28 Francis Coutinho

Good Shepherd Parish collected \$465 for the Catholic Communications Diocesan Collection last week.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday	Acts 9:1-22, Mark 16:15-18
Tuesday	2 Timothy 1:1-8, Mark 3:31-35
Wednesday	2 Samuel 7:4-17, Mark 4:1-20
Thursday	2 Samuel 7:18-19, Mark 4:21-25
Friday	2 Samuel 11:1-10, 13-17, Mark 4:26-34
Saturday	2 Samuel 12:1-7, 10-17, Mark 4:35-41



The **Third Sunday In Ordinary Time** begins to take us through **Luke’s Gospel**. We will follow it each week until the Lent and Easter seasons begin and pick it up again when Ordinary Time returns. It introduces Jesus as returning to Galilee “in the power of the Spirit” where he goes to the synagogue and teaches from Isaiah.

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
 (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: / *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, / because he has anointed me / to bring glad tidings to the poor. / He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives / and recovery of sight to the blind, / to let the oppressed go free, / and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. /* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.”

Reflection: At his home synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus proclaims the coming of God’s kingdom, in the words of the prophet Isaiah. A new era has begun, “a year acceptable to the Lord.” It is a topsy-turvy world. Good News is proclaimed to the poor, prisoners are released from bondage, the blind have their sight restored, and the oppressed are set free. All those whom our world considers as counting for nothing suddenly count for everything. Jesus’ words in the synagogue at Nazareth make it clear that God’s kingdom will be unlike any other kingdom. It is not that rich and poor are equal in God’s kingdom. Rather, there is a preferential option for the poor, the oppressed, and the lowly.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Married Couples - Are you looking for a way to avoid the winter blahs? How about a special weekend just for the two of you? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are January 29-31, February 12-14 and March 5-7. For more information call 1-800-710-WWME.

U.S. Census 2010: The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring for the 2010 Census. These temporary, part-time jobs offer good pay, flexible evening and weekend hours, and the chance to work near home. Call 1-866-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov.

Adoption By Choice: a program of Catholic Social Services, is licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the State of Rhode Island. The agency will sponsor an adoption information session on Sunday, January 31, 2010 from 1:00-3:00pm at the Catholic Social Services central office, 1600 Bay St., Fall River, MA. This session will be for all interested in adopting a domestic newborn or a child from another country. Please call Catholic Social Services at 508-674-4681 for information and directions. Handouts and refreshments will be available. There is no charge for this session.

Emmaus Retreat Weekend: February 12-14 Cathedral Camp, E. Freetown, MA. A heartfelt invitation is open to join us on our next Emmaus weekend! Emmaus is a weekend retreat program for people who are seeking to grow in their relationship with Christ, regardless of their present level of faith and practice. The purpose of the weekend is to give participants an opportunity to reflect upon themselves and their relationship with God and their community. You will build valuable relationships through friendship, encouragement, prayer and the awesome power of God. Emmaus is a Catholic retreat program that is open to people of all Christian faiths. For more information call 508-646-3902 or visit www.emmausretreats.com.

NAMI (Family - To - Family) Free Education Program: Free course offers help for families of mentally ill. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Massachusetts with help from the Mass. Dept. of Mental Health is sponsoring a free educational course on the Vineyard for family members or significant others of individuals with a serious mental illness. There will be twelve weekly Thursday evening classes from 6:30-9:00pm, beginning Thursday, Feb. 18, 2010 and ending on Thursday, May 6th, 2010. The NAMI course, which has been given nationwide to over 100,000 family members and was given last year on the island for the first time to 22 families, is intended to help family caregivers cope with a close relative's mental illness.

The course will cover information about schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, anxiety disorders and borderline personality disorder. The classes also cover topics such as coping skills, crisis and relapse, listening and communication techniques, problem solving and limit setting techniques, and the family caregiver's need for self-care.

The course is not open to individuals who themselves suffer from a serious mental illness, unless their condition is stable and they wish to attend as caregivers for close relatives who have a mental illness. The class size is normally limited to 20 people and advance registration is required. Location on the island will be given upon registration. For more information or to register, please call 508-693-5872. See also www.nami.org or www.namimass.org.

Neighborhood Convention:	Tuesday, February 2nd at 10:45am West Tisbury Congregational Church State Rd & Music St., West Tisbury Worship: The Rev. Cathlin Baker Program: Vineyard Mysteries Cynthia Riggs
Each person brings a bag lunch and the host church serves beverage and dessert.	

Centering Prayer, a path to a deeper relationship with the Mystery that is God.

**Centering Prayer Workshop
Saturday, February 20
10 am - 2:30 pm**

Bring a bag lunch and enjoy our refreshments and desserts.

Sign up by calling 508-693-0342, ext. 11. Leave your name and number.

This prayer initiative is sponsored by
Good Shepherd Parish and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.
All are welcome.



MARDI GRAS PARTY

**Our Parish is planning a FABULOUS Mardi Gras Party!
Friday, February 12th at 6:30pm
St. Augustine's Hall**

We will transform St. Augustine's Hall into an unforgettable evening for kids and grownups alike. Come join us for scrumptious southern style food featuring: barbecue chicken, roast pork, jambalaya, caesar salad, sugared pecans, candied yams, a *traditional* Mardi Gras cake and much more! We will be passing out beads, masks and coins to help get you in the spirit. There will be Karaoke, face painting and games like checkers, rummy and dominos. We will even have court jesters! Dress in your best Mardi Gras look - **CASH PRIZE FOR BEST COSTUME!!!** Come and enjoy some wholesome fun before we all settle into our Lenten Season. **This event is a Parish Fundraiser and a great opportunity for Fun Fellowship! Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets will be on sale after Mass or by calling 693-2797. Please purchase early so we know how many to plan for!** We have six volunteers but could use some more to make the work load lighter. We need you! The more help the easier and more successful this will be for all of us. Please sign up at the back of the church so that we can contact you.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS - POPE BENEDICT XVI - FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE - WORLD DAY OF PEACE - 1 JANUARY 2010

IF YOU WANT TO CULTIVATE PEACE, PROTECT CREATION

1. At the beginning of this New Year, I wish to offer heartfelt greetings of peace to all Christian communities, international leaders, and people of good will throughout the world. For this XLIII World Day of Peace I have chosen the theme: *If You Want to Cultivate Peace, Protect Creation*. Respect for creation is of immense consequence, not least because "creation is the beginning and the foundation of all God's works", and its preservation has now become essential for the pacific coexistence of mankind. Man's inhumanity to man has given rise to numerous threats to peace and to authentic and integral human development - wars, international and regional conflicts, acts of terrorism, and violations of human rights. Yet no less troubling are the threats arising from the neglect - if not downright misuse - of the earth and the natural goods that God has given us. For this reason, it is imperative that mankind renew and strengthen "that covenant between human beings and the environment, which should mirror the creative love of God, from whom we come and towards whom we are journeying.

To be continued

**Comunidade Catolica Brasileira Martha's Vineyard
Terceiro Domingo Tempo Comum - 2010**

Esdras e Neemias são dois livros da Bíblia que relata dois homens de Deus no empenho para renovar e reconstruir a fé de Israel pelo reconstrução do Templo que tinha sido destruído, tornando-se para o povo de Israel uma base, apoio e incentivo para não desanimar e acreditar neste projeto (primeira Leitura). Fazendo uma avaliação da vida, podemos concluir que, mediante todas as nossas dificuldades, desafios para superar grandes obstáculos ou simplesmente aguentar um sofrimento passageiro, necessitamos de uma ajuda “extra”, um “suporte”, um “ombro amigo”, ou alguém que realmente seja um “anjo” que nos ajuda, orienta ou simplesmente nos encoraja mediante as dificuldade para a realização de nossos projetos ou de nossa missão neste mundo. Esdras e Neemias foram dois pilares para o povo e nos permite refletir que Deus sempre envia e enviará seus mensageiros para dividir o “peso” de algumas “cargas pesadas” que necessitamos carregar para a realização de um projeto pessoal. Fica atento! Pois Deus pode ter enviado um anjo ou mensageiro para te ajudar! Que sejam bem-vindos! Voltando à vocação de Esdras que era um sacerdote Judeu, capacitado nas Leis do povo de Israel e Neemias, copeiro do rei, simples ocupação, mas com muito crédito perante o rei, que por sua intercessão consegue autorização real para a reconstrução do templo, são duas pessoas e duas vocações que vivem o chamado e missão de Deus para organizar, liderar e conduzir o povo para a realização do projeto de Deus e felicidade do povo enquanto nação e povo escolhido. A nossa vida pessoal e espiritual também é assim, todos somos chamados a desenvolver e ser um DOM de Deus para as pessoas e o mundo que nos cerca, enquanto filhos e filhas amados de Deus. Se atendermos ao chamado e serviço de Deus, por mais complicado ou simples que seja, Jamais ficaremos sem auxílio divino e podemos contar como “certo” a ação da providência deste Deus que suscita verdadeiros heróis para dividirmos nossas dificuldades como amigos, companheiros e irmãos de caminhada. Esdras e Neemias também nos oferece uma reflexão acerca da responsabilidade que temos em relação ao “Templo”: seja o Templo físico em que nos reunimos para nossas celebrações, seja o nosso Templo Espiritual que se encontra no interior de cada um de nós. A casa de Deus, a paróquia que utilizamos todas as semanas para um encontro e experiência de Jesus Vivo Eucarístico, deve ser um lugar aconchegante, limpo e espiritual. Cada católico, deve de alguma maneira, ou outra, se responsabilizar por esta estrutura! O Templo espiritual, em que Deus habita, dentro de nós, deve ser com frequência, purificado, renovado, curado e pronto para acolher Jesus em sua total intensidade. Santos Esdras e Neemias: Rogai por nós!

**Padre Messias e Comunidade
Missas: Sábado – 7PM**

The XLT is back!!!

XLT stands for “EXALT”
The inspiration for which was taken from the
Book of the Prophet Isaiah, 33:5:
“The Lord is exalted, enthroned on high;
He fills Zion with right and justice.”

Join us for an hour of silent Eucharistic Adoration,
Benediction, Praise, Worship, Excellent spiritual music
and...

On this feast of St. Thomas Aquinas
A brief reflection on Wisdom

7:00pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea
Thursday, January 28th

Friday Night at the Movies

The entire Good Shepherd Community is invited to watch

“Saint Rita of Cascia”

Saint Rita is the patron saint of impossible or lost causes.
Her intercession is sought by abused women.
She is also the patron saint of baseball players!
In Portuguese with English Subtitles

Saint Augustine’s Basement
Friday, January 29th at 7:00pm
Popcorn and soda: \$1.00 per person

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Atrium

As the children line up and wait to enter into the atrium you can feel the anticipation in the hallway. They might be looking forward to working with a particular material, resuming a work they began last week, or wondering what new material will be presented today. More times than not, they are looking forward to just spending some quiet time in this space that has been created just for them. That is what makes the atrium so special.

Maria Montessori gave the space its name in reference to the space in the oldest churches dedicated to the instruction of the catechumens as they prepared to enter the Catholic Church. Our work assists the children to enter more fully into their faith and traditions, especially the celebration of the liturgy. Upon entering the space it is immediately apparent that this is no ordinary classroom. The main focus in the room is the prayer corner, usually designated by a rug and a low table. It is here where most sessions begin and end, developing and enhancing communal prayer. From there the space is divided into several areas of concentration:

- Practical life – assists in centering one’s attention skills and to educate in the care of the Atrium
- Altar and Liturgy – to name, identify and make accessible the items, vessels and gestures that are used in the celebration of liturgy
- Geography – to lift up and identify the places where Jesus lived and died
- The Infancy Narratives – to lift up the historical nature of the birth of Jesus
- The Parables – to make accessible the images Jesus used to explain the mystery the Kingdom of God
- The Good Shepherd – located in the center of the room, this work invites the child to hear how much the shepherd loves His sheep
- Baptism – to name, identify and to make accessible items and gestures used in the sacrament of Baptism
- The Holy Bible – to identify that the Bible is one book made up of many books and to encourage further study of scripture

There are works in each of these areas – real materials that have been created or purchased by the catechists to engage the children. The catechist introduces these materials to the children while making a presentation and offers suggestions for potential work. During an atrium session a child might contemplate the mystery of the Kingdom of God while looking at a mustard seed or a precious pearl, or by mixing yeast with three measures of flour. While working with clay representations of Mary and Gabriel, they may try to imagine how Mary felt when the Angel told her she was to be the mother of Jesus. By encouraging the children to spend some quiet time, working with the material we are allowing the child’s inner teacher to do the catechizing.

Creating the materials for an atrium is a form of prayer and provides an opportunity for the community of faith to participate in the faith formation of the children. Material Making happens every Wednesday from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm (except on Prayer Shawl Ministry evenings). There are tasks for all abilities and may include sanding, sewing, painting, laminating, writing, and wood working. Please consider donating some of your time and ability. Call Martie Rheume at 774-521-7191 if you are able to help.

Class Schedule:

Sunday, January 24, 2010	Tuesday, January 26, 2010	Wednesday, January 27, 2010
Sunday, January 31, 2010	Tuesday, February 2, 2010	Wednesday, February 3, 2010

There will be a Catechists/Assistants meeting on Sunday, January 24th at 12:30pm at the Parish Center.



We need three additional adults to assist with the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd on Sunday mornings for the month of March. Three of our assistants have children preparing for First Communion this May, and they need to be available for the First Communion Meditations. Please call Martie Rheume at 508-693-0342, ext 12 if you are willing to assist.

Good Shepherd Parish
Registration Form
PO Box 1058, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Please fill out one form per person in family

Family Name Last Name **Circle One:** Adult Child

First Name Middle Name Maiden Name

Informal Name Formal Salutation

Home Address: Street City State

Mailing Address: Street or PO

City State Zip

From ___/___/___ To ___/___/___
Mo. Day Mo. Day

Other Address:

City State Zip

From ___/___/___ To ___/___/___
Mo. Day Mo. Day

Primary Phone: Cell Phone: Occupation:

Emergency Phone: Contact Person:

E-mail Address:

Special Needs: yes/no First Language:

Date of Birth: Gender: M F Religion:

Date of Baptism: Church and Address of Baptism:

Date of Reconciliation: Church and Address of Reconciliation:

Date of First Communion: Church and Address of First Communion:

Date of Confirmation: Church and Address of Confirmation

Date of Marriage:

Church and Address of Marriage:

Date of Ordination:

Church and Address of Ordination:

Name of Spouse:

Marital Status:

Married

Single

Widowed

Divorced

Role in Family: Head

Husband

Wife

Father

Mother

Son

Daughter

Guardian

Ministries: i.e., Eucharistic Minister, Religious Education Teacher/Helper, Music Ministry, Shawl Ministry, Book Club, St. Vincent de Paul, Altar Decorations, Parish Planning, Finance, Parish Council, Cemetery, Baptism Garments, First Communion White Garments, Grounds Keeping, Adult Education, Visit the Sick, Greeter.....

Publish in Parish Directory: Phone: yes/no E-mail: yes/no Address: yes/no

Can you send us a: Digital Picture: Individual yes/no or Family yes/no

Today's Date:

Religious Education Information:

Baptism Certificate if baptized off island.

Religious Education: **CGS Pre-School (Age 3) to Grade 6:**

CGS Level I: Ages 3-6, CGS Level II: Ages 6-9, CGS Level III: Ages 9-12

Circle Level and Year Attended Last Year:

CGS Level I: 1 2 3

CGS Level II: 1 2 3

CGS Level III: 1 2 3

Grade as of Sept. 1st _____

Confirmation is received in Grade 10 and is a Four Year Program:

Two Programs Grades 7 & 8 and Grades 9-12

Grade as of Sept. 1st _____ Confirmation Year, Circle One: 1 2 3 4

Stewardship Report: Our Gift of Time~Talent~Treasure

	December 09	December 08	December 07	YTD 09	YTD 08	YTD 07
Income	52,739.93	60,138.71	99,315.75	605,842.21	579,599.76	620,663.20
Expense	63,983.09	56,345.79	40,525.77	699,129.01	791,658.37	545,663.25
Net Ordinary Income	-11,243.16	3,792.92	58,789.98	-93,286.80	-212,058.61	74,999.95
Interest/Savings				101,709.79	99,116.74	92,602.61
Rainy Day Fund	-5,000.00					
Net Income	-16,243.16	3,792.92	58,789.98	8,422.99	-112,941.87	167,602.56

There are hundreds of hours of service given to our Parish by very caring and dedicated parishioners and friends of our Parish. On the report above, you can only see the offerings (*Treasure*) that were made and expenses that were paid for. The giving of *Time* and *Talent*, which helps lessen our expenses, is equally important as our offerings of *Treasure*. These three elements of Stewardship are important for our Parish to thrive spiritually and communally.

The year of 2008, our Net Operating Income was -\$212,058, 2009 was -\$93,286. This loss was offset by interest income of \$98,910. We need to breakeven in 2010 to prepare for the purchase of land, which will eliminate the interest income.

During the 1st quarter of 2009 we used \$100,000 from our "Rainy Day Fund" and we returned it in the 4th quarter of 2009. Our goal was to breakeven for 2009. The needs of our ministries and properties exceeded our offerings. We are positioned well to reduce expenses in the coming year and we may be able to support our Parish with the *Time, Talent and Treasure* needed to bring us to breakeven in 2010.

Highlights for 2009

- We paid \$28,000 for the sound/recording system in OLSOS
- We spent \$60,000 to refurbish St. A's basement and make repairs to drains, windows, foundation and HVAC system
- We spent \$50,000 at the O.B. Rectory, most of which was to repair damage done by termites in the basement
- At the Parish Center, we fixed the ventilation system, fixed the drums on the boiler, replaced a few windows and gave a facelift to our Atriums and did some painting for about \$40,000

We are positioned well, going into 2010, to reduce our expense level. May the combined efforts of all parishioners bring us together to be good stewards of our Parish. Respectfully, Steve Bernier - Business Administrator

Prayer Groups of Good Shepherd Parish

- ***The Grace of God Charismatic Prayer Group** prays on Wednesdays at 10am (Parish Center Chapel beginning Oct.)
 - ***The Novena to Our Lady of Fatima** - prayed on Wednesdays at 3pm (Parish Center Chapel)
 - ***The Morning Cenacle** is prayed on Saturdays at 7:30am (Parish Center Chapel)
 - ***Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** - First Friday of the month 8:30am-6pm (Parish Center Chapel)
 - ***Holy Rosary** before and/or after Daily Mass
 - ***Scripture Reflection Group** (Bilingual-Portuguese/English) Every Wednesday at 7pm at parishioner's homes
(Call Valerio Destefani at 508-250-3233 or Deacon Karl at 508-693-3333 for location this week)
Grupo de Reflexão – quarta-feira, sete horas, nos lares
 - ***Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction** (Portuguese) on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm (Parish Center Chapel)
Adoracao e Bencao do Santissimo Sacramento, toda terceira quarta-feira de cada mes, sete horas na capela do centro paroquial
 - ***Charismatic Prayer Group** (Portuguese) Every Monday at 7pm (Parish Center Chapel)
Grupo de Oração, Carismático (portugues) segunda-feira, sete horas na capela do centro paroquial
 - ***Charismatic Mass** (Portuguese) with Fr. Messias - Every last Monday of the month at 7pm (Our Lady Star of the Sea)
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- ***Liturgy of the Hours** - Deacon Karl Buder will give private instruction on the Church's official daily prayers, using the Book of Christian Prayer. Call 508-693-3333.
 - ***Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Join us as we knit and pray every third Wednesday of the month at 7pm (Parish Center)
 - ***Adult Catechism Class** - Every Monday at 6pm at the Parish Center conducted by Deacon Karl Buder
 - ***Wednesday Morning Book Group** - Meets every Wednesday from 10:15am to 11:15am at the Parish Center.
Book: Henry Nouwen's HERE AND NOW: Living in The Spirit
- Anyone interested in joining the book group call Diane Emin at (508)693-3698. You are welcome to join at anytime as the books are read and discussed at each gathering.