

# 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

**Mailing Address:**  
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Mass Schedule 508-693-3995 (ext.10)  
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(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 Feb 6 4pm Flora Coutinho  
 Sun Feb 7 8am Claire Coggins -  
                   *Month's Mind*  
                   11am Alice Coutinho  
                   5pm Margaret & Charles Downs  
 Sat Feb 13 4pm Elizabeth Alley  
 Sun Feb 14 8am Wilma Mirko - 1st Ann.  
                   11am David Gazaille  
                   5pm Gretchen Feldman

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

Mon Feb 8 Deceased Members of  
                   Hanselman & Peltier Families  
 Tue Feb 9 Karen Crall Fallon  
 Wed Feb 10 No Intention  
 Thu Feb 11 Marion Ruggiero &  
                   Margaret O'Neill

**Special Diocesan Collections**  
**February 6/7**

"Home Missions" - Black and Indian Missions  
 Please make checks payable to:  
 Good Shepherd Parish  
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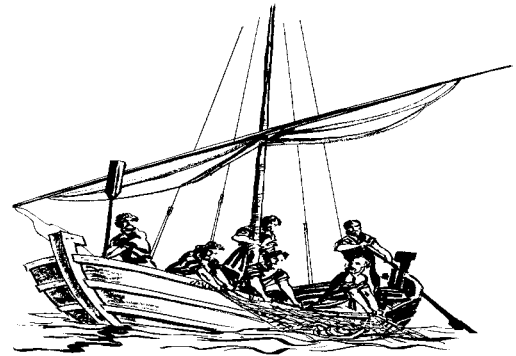
Diocesan Donations for "Haiti Relief" are still being  
 accepted. Proceeds will support the efforts of the  
 U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Catholic  
 Relief Services, the official international humanitar-  
 ian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church.

Please make checks payable to:  
 Good Shepherd Parish

Please mark "Haiti Relief" in the memo section of  
 the check



On the **Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**, we  
 reflect on **Luke's Gospel's** marvelous call of  
 Peter.



**First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8**  
**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

**Gospel: Luke 5:4-11**

[Jesus] said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

**Reflection:** Peter lets Jesus use his boat to preach to the crowds gathered on the shore. And at Jesus' command to "put out into deep water," Peter obeys, even though it seems unlikely that they will catch anything. But when the nets come back so full that the boats are in danger of sinking, Peter recognizes something of who Jesus is. He calls him "Lord," and suddenly he becomes acutely aware of his own sinfulness. But Jesus tells him not to fear, and calls him to follow. To be a follower of Jesus is to "put out into deep water" day by day. Jesus is always there with words of reassurance: "Do not be afraid."

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Valentine's Day is coming soon. **Need a special gift for your spouse?** Why not take them away for a special weekend of communication, reflection and time away from your hectic schedule? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are February 12-14 and March 5-7. For more information call 1-800-710-WWME.

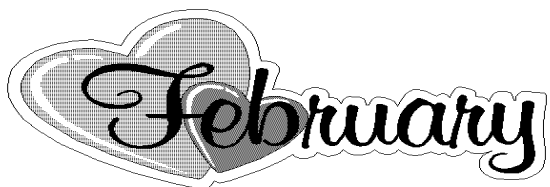
**Emmaus Retreat Weekend:** February 12-14 Cathedral Camp, E. Freetown, MA. A heartfelt invitation is open to join us on our next Emmaus weekend! Emmaus is a weekend retreat program for people who are seeking to grow in their relationship with Christ, regardless of their present level of faith and practice. 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](http://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](http://www.nami.org) or [www.namimass.org](http://www.namimass.org).

**LaSalette Retreat Center:** February 19-21 - Spa Winter Weekend with Karen Laroche & Claire Lamoureux. Deep within a woman's heart God's **Light** of hope and love dwells. The more we tend to the **Light** the more it grows and warms every fiber of our being. This weekend is all about taking the time to tend to God's presence within you and to nurture your body which carries God's **Light** to others. Door opens at 6:30pm, Cost:\$160. If interested, please call (508)222-8530 or visit the website at [www.lasalette-shrine.org](http://www.lasalette-shrine.org)



**Valentine's Day Dinner**  
**Sunday, February 14th at 6pm**  
**St. Augustine's Hall-Vineyard Haven**  
**\$20 per person**  
**Musical Entertainment**

Buffet Dinner - Stuffed Chicken & Sirloin Strip, Salads & Dessert  
Souvenir Photos of each Couple

For Tickets Call: Ariadne Amarins (774-563-9131) or Deacon Karl (508-693-3333)  
Singles Welcome!

*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**  
**Good Shepherd Parish Center**

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

Co-sponsored by Good Shepherd Parish and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

All denominations 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**

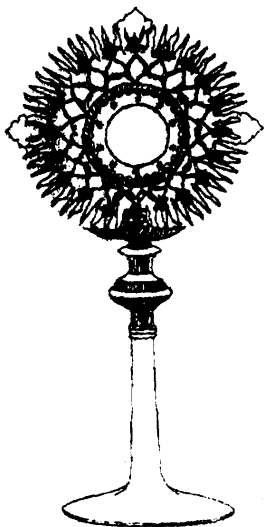
3. Twenty years ago, Pope John Paul II devoted his Message for the World Day of Peace to the theme: *Peace with God the Creator, Peace with All of Creation*. He emphasized our relationship, as God's creatures, with the universe around us. "In our day", he wrote, "there is a growing awareness that world peace is threatened...also by a lack of *due respect for nature*". He added that "*ecological awareness*, rather than being downplayed, needs to be helped to develop and mature, and find fitting expression in concrete programmes and initiatives". Previous Popes had spoken of the relationship between human beings and the environment. In 1971, for example, on the eightieth anniversary of Leo XIII's Encyclical Rerum Novarum, Paul VI pointed out that "by an ill-considered exploitation of nature (man) risks destroying it and becoming in his turn the victim of this degradation". He added that "not only is the material environment becoming a permanent menace - pollution and refuse, new illnesses and absolute destructive capacity - but the human framework is no longer under man's control, thus creating an environment for tomorrow which may well be intolerable. This a wide-ranging social problem which concerns the entire human family".

*To be continued .....*

Comunidade Católica Brasileira Martha's Vineyard  
Quinto Domingo Tempo Comum - 2010

O Evangelho desta semana nos apresenta Jesus e a pesca milagrosa. Pedro e seus pescadores já cansados de trabalhar a noite inteira, sem conseguir pescar pelo menos o mínimo possível de peixe, atende ao último apelo de Jesus que para “mais uma tentativa” e desta vez em águas profundas. Ao ouvir a voz do Mestre Jesus o milagre acontece! Para a nossa espiritualidade a reflexão deste evangelho encontramos a oportunidade de ouvir o apelo de Jesus para não desanimar e tentar “mais uma vez”! E desta vez acreditar que o milagre será possível porque Jesus está no comando da “barca” que pode ser representada pela nossa “vida”. O Evangelho nos ensina que na vida de um católico, são necessários duas atitudes básicas: “Ouvir” o apelo do Mestre e ter “coragem” de avançar para águas mais profundas. São Pedro nos ensina ter coragem de acreditar na voz de Jesus! A nossa espiritualidade católica nos permite “ouvir” Jesus em várias oportunidades e experiências do dia-a-dia. Em momentos de dificuldades, antes de ouvir a voz do desânimo, Jesus está falando conosco: NÃO DESISTA! Nos momentos de fraqueza, quando a voz do desespero começa a soar em nossos ouvidos, a voz confortadora de Jesus é: PODE SE APOIAR EM MIM! Quando a solidão se torna insuportável e a depressão quer ser mais forte do que qualquer motivação positiva em nós, Jesus chega bem perto, olhando para nossos olhos diz: ACREDITE, EU POSSO PREENCHER ESTE VAZIO! A todo momento e situações da vida, Jesus está sempre falando conosco. Ouça esta voz, que pode ser a solução dos problemas! A Igreja Católica nos apresenta Pedro e seus companheiros, que mesmo diante de todas as impossibilidades, ouve atentamente Jesus, acredita e segue adiante para águas profundas em busca de seus objetivos. RESULTADO: em Jesus eles experimentam o sucesso de um pesca abundante! Faça nesta semana esta experiência de “Escutar” e “Executar” o que Jesus fala contigo em suas orações! O Sucesso é “cem por cento” garantido! Dia 10 de fevereiro a Igreja Católica celebra o dia de Santa Escolástica. Esta santa na leitura do Evangelho desta semana é um modelo para cada um de nós! Em sua biografia, lemos que ela buscava a santidade desde muito jovem. A história mais contada sobre ela é que Escolástica e seu irmão São Bento, por mortificação, se encontravam apenas uma vez por ano para diálogos santos. Num desses dias, pouco antes de sua morte, a santa pediu ao irmão que desta vez ficasse até o amanhecer, mas ele se recusou, insistindo que precisava voltar a sua cela. Com a resposta negativa, Escolástica conversou com Deus e, após alguns minutos, uma tempestade começou. Vendo a situação, Bento perguntou: "O que você fez?", ao que ela respondeu "Pedi a ti e não me ouvistes; pedi a Deus e ele me ouviu. Vá embora, se puder, e volte ao seu mosteiro". Ele, porém, não pode retornar e eles passaram a noite conversando. Por intermédio da leitura do Evangelho e da vida de Santa Escolástica podemos entender profundamente que Deus está sempre atento a realizar nossos pedidos e pronto para nos ajudar com um milagre em nossa vida. São Pedro e Santa Escolástica: Rogai por nós!

Padre Messias e Comunidade  
Missas: Sábado – 7PM



**Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction**

7:00pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea  
Thursday, February 18th

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

A reflection on  
**The Conditions of Discipleship**  
**Following in the footsteps of the Lord**  
Luke 9:22-25

## 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, February 7, 2010

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

**Sunday, February 14 - Tuesday, February 16 - Wednesday, February 17—No Atrium (President's Day)**

**Sunday, February 21 - Tuesday, February 23 - Wednesday, February 24—No Atrium (Winter Break)**

**There will be a Catechists/Assistants meeting on Sunday, February 7th 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. 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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.