

News of Good Shepherd Parish

January 2005



Church and Changes

By Rev. M. Nagle

Back in 1970, Alvin Toffler wrote a book called Future Shock. Toffler's shortest definition of future shock is a personal perception of "too much change in too short a period of time."

Toffler argues that society is undergoing an enormous structural change, a revolution from an industrial society to a "super-industrial society".

This change will overwhelm people, the accelerated rate of technological and social change will leave them disconnected, suffering from "shattering stress and disorientation" - future shocked.

We can safely say that the Church - and all of us as the Church, the Body of Christ, suffer from Future Shock when we see what

has happened to the Roman Catholic Church since 1970.

From the changes that the Vatican Council instituted to the Sexual Abuse scandals to the lack of Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, we have been shocked and the future is here.

So how do we respond to the present crisis?

It seems to me that we need to do our best to trust in God - "you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the jaws of death will not prevail against it" - and work our best to make sure we are prepared in the best possible way in order for the church to survive in the coming years.

How can we do this? The purpose of our Pastoral Planning Meetings is to prepare for the future.

One very big problem the Diocese of Fall River has is an ever increasing decline in the numbers of priests being able to serve the ever increasing number of parishioners. Right now we have about 120 diocesan priests - in 15 years we will have about 55.

Right now Good Shepherd parish has 3 Churches that are too big for the winter - hence 2 are closed for the winter months - and too small for the summer - people are literally standing in the aisles at many of the summer Masses - and with the increasing number of people and the decreasing

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Pastor's Notes:

Dear Parishioners,

Another year begins – 2006 – and we are starting off having a ball – Ballroom Dancing that is! On New Year's Eve from 6 to 8:30pm – at St. Augustine's Church Hall the Tierney's will be teaching and dancing the night away. Should be a good time!

Then we celebrate the Church's feast and pray for Peace for all in the new year.

We are hosting the Neighborhood Convention at the Parish Center on School Street in Oak Bluffs on Tuesday, January 3 at 10:45am – that is always a great occasion to meet folks from the other island religious communities.

January is filled with religious feasts – The Feast of the Epiphany is on January 8, The Baptism of our Lord is on January 9. The week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on January 18.

And beside all that praying, we have a Parish Pot Luck and Penny Sale at St. Augustine's Hall on Friday, January 20 from 6 to 8pm.

On a very somber note, the Bishops of the United States have asked us to set aside Monday, January 23 as a Day of Penance on the Anniversary of Roe v. Wade 1973 Supreme Court ruling that legalized abortion nationwide by declaring that the right of privacy "is broad enough to encompass a woman's decision whether or not to terminate her pregnancy."

May this Year of Our Lord, 2006, bring us many blessings, especially the blessing of knowing God's love for each person in a deeper and more personal way.
~Fr. Michael Nagle



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number of priests, we need to plan now for the future to insure that we have a facility that can accommodate all of the full time island Catholics and the seasonal and visiting Catholics.

We need to brainstorm, we need to plan, we need to think of alternatives because in 15 years we will definitely not have 3 priests available to

celebrate Mass in the busy summer season – we will be lucky to have and need to plan to have only one – yes one priest – if we are lucky. Sounds outrageous – sounds hard to believe – but that's future shock and it is fast approaching.

The Chinese character for crisis is also the same character for opportunity. We can see the future as a

crisis or an opportunity. Let's chose to see it as an opportunity and work together to create a future that works for us, meets our needs and the needs of our large Church Community.

Please look for the dates of our monthly Parish Planning Meetings and plan on attending them.

Parish Mission Statement

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 of love for God and one another, the Mission of the Catholic Community of the Good Shepherd is to give witness and to celebrate the Risen Christ's Presence in the life of each person.

Stewardship

Giving of time, talent and treasure in gratitude for all of God's gifts.

This month we want to highlight Nancy Tarter Nevin as our Steward of the Month.

Nancy has been involved in Church Programs for many, many years.

She has taught Religious Education Classes nurturing so many of our children through their early years of building faith in our church. She has been the backbone of the Music for the Children's Mass, inspiring everyone to stomp their feet and clap for God. Nancy has contributed her time and energy to bible camp, fundraising, and the Christmas Tea. She has directed the Christmas Pageant Programs for the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve and has been involved in the life of the Parish as a support person.

At the same time she has worked full time and raised a family. Nancy is the kind of person who does things, gets things done and never says "NO" – no matter what the personal cost might be.

Nancy has given of her time, her talent and her treasure for years and years, and for her great example and service, we are pleased to highlight her as our Steward of the Month for January, 2006.



Stewardship Prayer

Gracious God,

You have blessed me with many gifts and talents. Grant me the wisdom to know how best to use them in the glory of your name to assist others in developing a closer relationship with you.

Jesus calls, "Follow me." I want to follow Him and be faithful to my call.

God, Help me to see in myself what you see, and give me the courage to follow you wherever you may lead me.

Bless our Church with generous hearts, eager to serve your community.

Help us to spread your Word by living and giving our lives according to your will.

Amen.

Nominations

To nominate a person or group of people for the Stewardship page please write a brief summary of why you are nominating the candidate/s. Include Candidate's name and phone number.

Place your letter in an envelope attention:

"Stewardship Committee" and drop in the Offertory Basket or mail to: Good Shepherd P.O. Box 1058, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Thank you for your nomination.

Sacramental Preparation

A Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

There's a trend in mainstream Contemporary Christian music that has taken the market by storm. Songs like "Reconciliation", "Communion" and other songs with topics that range from the "consuming fires" of Baptism and Confirmation to being the body of Christ.

The shocking revelation about this modern music is that none of the "Top 40" Contemporary artists singing about Communion and other sacramental songs are Catholic. While they come from Protestant denominations, there's no doubt that they are longing for the deep connection that we are privileged to experience as Catholics in and through the Sacraments. The songs lend themselves to a hope that we are all working towards the same thing for the same God.

Every year from January 18-25 the

world celebrates a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Those dates were proposed by Paul Wattson in 1908 because they cover the days between the feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul.

This year the theme of our prayers will be based on Matthew 18:20, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The following paragraph was taken from the documents prepared and published by The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity and the Commission of Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches.

"What matters is not so much a plurality of voices, but the fact that these voices are united in prayer. The still voice that speaks in each of our hearts is strengthened when we come together in his name. As we pray, let us remember and give thanks for

much progress in recent decades towards unity among Christians; Jesus Christ has been present among us through the power of the Holy Spirit, praying with us to the Father."

On Tuesday, January 3rd at 10:45am we will host the "Neighborhood Convention" at the Good Shepherd Parish Center in Oak Bluffs. All are invited and asked to bring a lunch, participate in a short prayer service and enjoy fellowship with other faith-filled people from the island.

In the meantime, we encourage you to pray for Christian Unity and every time you experience the Sacraments, remember our brothers and sisters that long for the beautiful connection that we as Catholics have in the Sacraments.

Adult Formation

Furthering Your Faith

Prayer Groups

The Grace of God Charismatic Prayer Group
Monday's at 6:30 pm at the Parish Center.

The Novena to Our Lady of Fatima
Wednesday's at 3 pm at the Parish Center.

The Morning Cenacle
Saturday's at 7:30 am at the Parish Center.

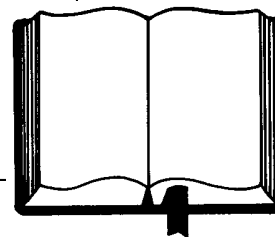
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Fridays from 8:30 am until 6 pm at the Parish Center.

Scripture Study

*The Great Adventure,
A Journey Through the Bible,*
by Jeff Cavins.

Wednesday morning 10 am.

Contact Michele if you would like to sign up.
508-693-0342 ext. 12



Spiritual Direction/ Personal Retreat

Please call Fr. Nagle
to schedule. 1-508-878-0331

Parish Life

Ballroom Blitz

Ring in the New Year with us
at *First Night* in
Vineyard Haven

Celebrated
Ballroom Dance Instructor,
Bob Tierney
Will be our Host and Master of
Ceremonies as he leads us
through some basic steps in
Ballroom Dance.

Each hour you'll receive 15-20
minutes of instruction followed by 40
minutes of music and dance time.
Learn a different dance every hour!

Refreshments will be available at our
Concession stand hosted by GSP
Youth Group.

Saturday, December 31

**6-8:30pm St. Augustine's Hall
Vineyard Haven**

Good Shepherd Youth Group
Presents a

Parish Potluck & "Penny Sale"

Please Join us
Friday, January 20th
From 6-8pm

at

St. Augustine's Hall
Vineyard Haven

Join us for our famous potluck
dinner followed by a "Penny Sale."
Since you can't get much for a
penny anymore, we're upping the
ante to \$5 but guarantee the prizes
are worth so much more! Special
concessions will be available for the
kids too!



Neighborhood Convention

Please join us as
Good Shepherd hosts
this month's
Neighborhood Convention.

Tuesday, January 3rd

Good Shepherd Parish Center
Oak Bluffs
10:45 am

Please be sure to bring your lunch.
Beverage and Dessert provided.

M.O.M.S.

Get ready, our M.O.M.S.
sessions will begin soon.
(The Facilitators have to train
and order supplies first.) Due
to popular request our first 8
session series will be offered
evenings only. Watch the
bulletin and this Newsletter for
further updates!

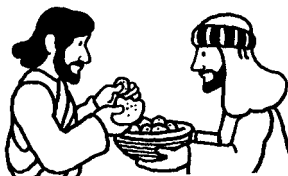


Feed The Flock

This year we are encouraging
parishioners to continually
reach out to God's hungry.

**Please bring donation
items directly to the food
pantry.**

Non-perishable foods & paper
products greatly appreciated.



Island Food Pantry

Monday, Wednesday & Friday
2-4pm

Old Stone Church on the corner of
Williams and Church Street
Vineyard Haven

For eligibility requirements,
call 508.693.4764

Music Ministry



SONGS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Happy New Year and Joyous Blessings to All! The music ministry would like to say thank you for your voices and for your enthusiasm in joining us in song throughout the Holidays.....and always!

I'd like to share with you the results of the National survey that asked "what songs make a difference?" Awhile back in our November newsletter I extended that question to our own Parish, "What songs move your heart?"

The national response was pretty interesting to read and so I'm sharing the results with you.

The national survey results were gathered from music ministers, choir members, and average parishioners. Participants in the survey also reflected a wide assortment of ages, from elementary school students to retired persons.

Out of 3,009 survey respondents and 670 different songs, *On Eagle's Wings* was chosen by more participants than any other single song. All of the songs in the top 25 come from a wide variety of musical styles however most of the top 25 come from two major streams.

*Catholic contemporary
and
Traditional Catholic Music*

Respondents explained in their choices that the songs were associated with significant celebrations that made an impact on their faith. The songs were either from a funeral of a loved one or a baptism or wedding. Funerals were the most commonly cited occasions on which a particular song made a lasting effect. Here's the list.... I think we know most of them.

Keep singing! Happy New Year!
~ Karen

1. On Eagle's Wings
2. Here I Am, Lord
3. Be Not Afraid
4. You Are Mine
5. How Great Thou Art
6. Holy God, We Praise Thy Name
7. Amazing Grace
8. All Are Welcome
9. Prayer of St. Francis
10. Ave Maria
11. We Are Called
12. Let There Be Peace on Earth
13. I Am the Bread of Life
14. The Summons
15. Panis Angelicus
16. The Servant Song (Gillard)
17. Pescador de Hombres (Lord, You Have Come)
18. Servant Song (McCargill)
19. Shepherd Me, O God
20. Ave Verum Corpus
21. Lord of the Dance
22. One Bread, One Body
23. Tantum Ergo
24. Hosea
25. Pange Lingua





Little Lambs

We Offer Gifts

Proclaiming Faith Activities for Primary Grades

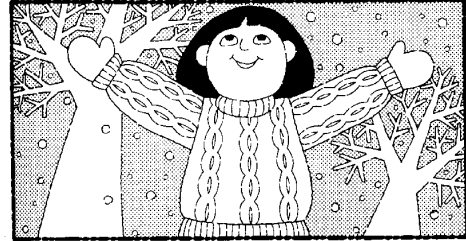
On the feast of the Epiphany, we hear the story of the Magi from the east who traveled a long distance to worship Jesus.

The Magi brought gifts to Jesus.

Ask the children what gifts they would bring to Jesus. Have them come up with gifts that they can share instead of buy, for instance, we can share our smiles, our kindness, our hearts.

Have them illustrate their gifts in the box below.

After the drawing is complete, use the Family Prayer Time found on the *We Believe* page of this newsletter.



Good Shepherd Parish

Directory of Assistance

A Parish of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Fall River

Our Lady, Star of the Sea
22 Massasoit Avenue, Oak Bluffs

St. Elizabeth's
86 Main Street, Edgartown

St. Augustine's
65 Franklin Street, Vineyard Haven

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Pastoral Associate- Michele Roberts 508-693-0342 Ext. 12

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Parish Ministries

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Ministry to the Sick and Hom-

bound- 508-693-0342 Ext. 11

Outreach to the Elderly and Homebound-

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The Edge-

Michele Roberts, Youth Minister
508-693-0342 Ext. 12

Confirmation-

Rev. Mr. Fred LaPiana, Deacon
1-774-563-0362

LIFETEEN-

Michele Roberts, Youth Minister
508-693-0342 Ext. 12

Pastoral Support

Parish Pastoral Council-

Ex-officio- Rev. Michael R. Nagle
1-508-878-0331,
Pastoral Associate Michele Roberts
508-693-0342 Ext. 12,
Deacon Fred Lapiana 1-774-563-0362

Appointed- Tim Connelly 508-627-5791, Al Daniels 508-693-6333, David Federowicz 508-693-5544, Tom Sharkey 508-627-3240

Elected- Thomas Hallahan 508-693-7378, Cheryl Lowe 508-693-6169, Karen Felder 1- 508-274-1017

Reps. from the Brazilian Community-
Edson Martins Junior Carlos de Oliveira and Jose Lus Piffer

Pastoral Planning Group-

Monthly Meetings, everyone welcome.
See Bulletin.

Finance Council-

Rev. Michael R. Nagle 1- 508-878-0331, Steve Bernier 508-693-4457, Karl Buder 508-693-3333

All of our ministries welcome your participation!

January 2006

Sun.

Mon.

Tues.

Wed.

Thurs.

Fri.

Sat.

Dec. 31
FIRST NIGHT
Ballroom Blitz
6:30-8:30pm
St. Augustine's Hall

1 Holy Day World Day of Prayer for Peace Happy New Year!	2 GOG 6:30pm AA/NA 7pm	3 Neighborhood Convention 10:45am/PC CGS	4 SS 10am NG 3pm KM 4pm	5	6 First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 8:30-6pm PC Chapel	7 First Saturday Cenacle 7:30am
8 Holy Day Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord CGS, WB, CONF, HS Youth Grp	9 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord GOG 6:30pm AA/NA 7pm	10 AWOL MTG 3pm/PC CGS	11 SS 10am NG 3pm KM 4pm	12	13	14 Cenacle 7:30am
15 Holy Day NO CGS, WB, CONF	16 GOG 6:30pm AA/NA 7pm	17 AWOL MTG 3pm/PC NO CGS	18 Prayer for Christian Unity Begins SS 10am NG 3pm Pastoral Planning 7pm/PC	19	20 Parish Potluck & "Penny" Sale St. Augustine's Hall/6-8pm	21 Cenacle 7:30am
22 Holy Day CGS, WB, CONF, HS Youth Grp	23 Day of Penance GOG 6:30pm AA/NA 7pm Roe Vs Wade	24 AWOL MTG 3pm/PC CGS	25 SS 10am NG 3pm KM 4pm	26	27 Parish Council 6pm/PC	28 Cenacle 7:30am
29 Holy Day CGS, WB, CONF, HS Youth Grp	30 GOG 6:30pm AA/NA 7pm	31	Feb. 1 SS 10am NG 3pm KM 4pm	2	3 First Friday Eucharistic Adoration 8:30-6pm PC Chapel	4 First Saturday Cenacle 7:30am

CGS (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd)

CONF (Confirmation Class)

HS (High School Activity)

GOG (Grace of God Charismatic Prayer Group)

NG (Novena Group)

WB (We Believe—formerly CCD)

KM (Kid's Music Practice)

AA/NA Mtg @ PC

SS (Scripture Study)

Answering God's Call to Serve...



Can you assist us in building a greater spiritual community?

To Minister to God's people takes talent, time and money. We need some help forming a fundraising taskforce.

interested volunteers —
Contact Michele @ 508-693-0342 ext. 12

*"From every man
you shall accept
the contribution
that his heart
prompts him
to give
me."*

EXODUS 28:2

Where to apply your gifts from God...

Religious Education
Fundraising Efforts
Altar Servers
Music Ministry
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors/Commentators
Liturgy Committee Members
Sacristans
Ministers of Hospitality

Want more information? Call 508-693-0342 ext. 12

We encourage all families to celebrate liturgy at the 9:30 am Children's Mass. If you and your family would like to participate in Mass please call 508-693-0342 ext. 12

Please pray for the *We Believe* program as we are still in need of a Religious Education Coordinator. The *We Believe* Program has a fabulous group of teachers and assistants that need various types of help. Please call to see how you can offer your gift of stewardship to this important parish Ministry.

**Parish Events Photographer
needed. 508.693.0342 ext. 12**

Are you a closet party planner?

**We Need Your Help as the:
Parish Refreshment Manager**

We need someone to food shop, organize and work with other Parish Ministry Leaders and Volunteers to coordinate the refreshments of our Parish events.

Call 508.693.0342 ext. 12

Do you have the gifts of organization, motivation, efficiency and creativity?

We are looking for a new

**Religious Education Coordinator for Our
We Believe Program**

We need your help. Please consider filling this important position.

508-693-0342 ext. 12

SUNDAYS MORNINGS
10:30 AM UNTIL NOONTIME
PARISH CENTER,

WE NEED A FEW PEOPLE WHO CAN BE DEPENDABLE AND FOLLOW SOME DIRECTIONS TO ASSEMBLE THE MONIES AND ENVELOPES FROM THAT WEEK'S OFFERINGS. THIS WILL BE A BIG HELP FOR FATHER NAGLE AND HELP PREP THINGS FOR BERNICE ON MONDAY MORNING.

CONTACT FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBER,
STEVE BERNIER 508-693-4457
(9 AM - 5 PM)

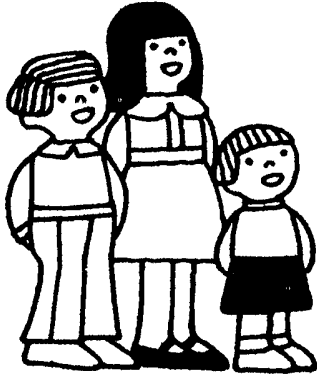
We need
VOLUNTEERS

We Believe



The Epiphany

Sunday, January 8th we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord in remembrance of when the three wise men followed a star to the baby Jesus. Family prayer time may include the fact that Jesus is our shining star and if we follow his example, we will find the path to God, just like the wise men.



Family Prayer Time:

Sing: (to the tune of Jingle Bells)

Guiding star, guiding star,
Guide us through the night.
We rejoice for who we are.
Jesus is our light.

Parent read Isaiah 60:1

Explanation: Jesus is the light of the world. When we use all the gifts God gave us, we become light for others. Jesus shared his light with his by loving us and showing us how to love others.

Have each child explain their special gifts, something they enjoy doing or something they are particularly good at doing....

How can they share that gift with others?

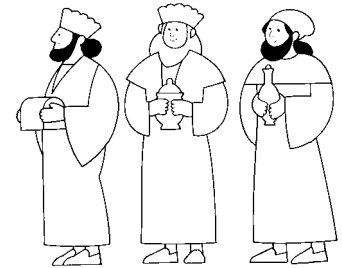
Closing Prayer:

"Jesus, you came into the world to be our light and our Savior. Help us to be light to others by sharing our gifts. We love you and we thank you for all you've done for us?"

Sing: (to the tune of Jingle Bells)

Guiding star, guiding star,
Guide us through the night.
We rejoice for who we are.
Jesus is our light.

The following prayer was based on information from the www.webelieve.com website of activities and spiritual reflections.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Quotes from the Atrium:

Feel the joy in actively passing along our faith to the children!

Won't you consider becoming a Catechist?

Call Grace for details.

Grace McGroarty
508-693-7517



One Child to another, "Jesus was up with his arms out like a bird. Then he flew up to Heaven."

Second Child, "That's when he died."

First Child, "No, he's alive. He's not dead."

Second Child, "Yes, he is dead."

First Child with a beautiful grin, "No he's ALIVE."

Ask your child what they know about Jesus and God.



CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY
GRADES 7 & 8

7th & 8th Graders

Save the Date!

February 3rd from 6-8pm
Underground Fitness Center
Open House

Join us on February 3rd for a tour of our fitness center. Check out the latest updates, register for membership and watch a Hip Hop exhibition. Refreshments hosted by the LIFETEEN Youth Group and Door Prizes given away every half hour.



Confirmation Corner....

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Deacon Fred LaPiana

On behalf of the confirmation team, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Over the last few months our confirmation class discussed the sacrament of marriage, reconciliation and of course, confirmation. The pre-confirmation class reviewed all seven sacraments. We also embarked upon a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette in Attleboro. We have been very busy!

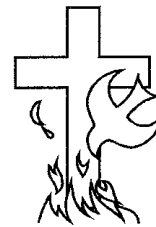
Sacraments are special. They provide us a real taste of heaven; a real taste of what God has in store for us when we meet him in his kingdom. They strengthen us in our journey and strengthen everyone we meet if we live them. They are a gift to us, given to us by our Lord Jesus. And like the presents we find under the family's Christmas tree, they are meant to be opened and used the way God had intended.

The one common thread among all the sacraments is commitment in relationship to God and to one another. ***In marriage, a man and***

a woman promise to each other their gift of unconditional love, a total acceptance of each other as a life partner and a total acceptance of God working in their relationship in a special way. A way which brings new life into the world. If it is sacrament, it is permanent and cannot be dissolved. The love in that relationship is as solid as the Rock of Peter.

Our Confirmation students went through the marriage rite and discovered that the vows were serious and binding and that the responsibilities of marriage were not to be taken lightly. They realized that each partner in a marriage must put the other first and when children arrive, that the family comes first, and that as a Mother and Father, that they are obligated to teach the faith to their children. ***Our spouse must be our soul mate. Accept no substitutions.***

In the sacrament of reconciliation, we are accepted as God's children for who we are, faults and all! ***Our God***



in his mercy shows us that he loves us, he will never abandon us, he will forgive us for our mistakes. Sounds like a good marriage doesn't it!

In confirmation we are empowered by the Holy Spirit with wisdom, knowledge, understanding, perseverance and courage, counsel, devotion to our Lord and a strong sense of the importance of our relationship with God. What wonderful gifts! They help us grow in the Lord. They help us to live a good marriage, to live in harmony with others in the Lord and ***to give Christ's hope to others who may be struggling in their relationship to God.***

Let us begin a new year with a new resolve to re-discover these special gifts and to tap into them as we continue to live the life God intended us to live.

~God Bless!



Good Shepherd Youth Group
Presents a

Parish Potluck & "Penny" Sale

Please Join us

Friday, January 20th
From 6-8pm

St. Augustine's Hall
Vineyard Haven

Good Shepherd Youth Group
will be hosting our monthly potluck with a twist.

We're having a "Penny Sale" after dinner. Tickets for the Penny Sale are \$5 for 10 tickets and \$10 for 25 tickets. There'll be over 20 wonderful prizes to win! We'll also have door prize giveaways and of course, delicious dessert and coffee.

All are welcome!
**Come enjoy great food, good company
and lots of fun.**

If your last name begins with the letters A-M, please bring an entrée to share. If your last name begins with the letters N-Z, please bring a salad or side dish to share. Soft drinks and dessert will be provided.

Singles

Couples

Kids

Parents

Grandparents

—
Bring a friend!

Proceeds to benefit our
teens' summer's trip to
Catholic Camp at Covecrest.



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

THANK YOU to all the children and adults who took home a red or green paper mitten to make the wish of a child come true this Christmas Season. All of the returned gifts were lovingly delivered to the Grace Church, home of the Red Stocking Fund operations, in Vineyard Haven. Your generous gifts have been shared with children from our Island.

Thank you for sharing and caring during this Holy Season and for bringing the light of Christmas to so many children and their families. May the magic of Christmas morning live in your hearts all year long! A special thank you to Lauren Horton for passing on the joy of this holiday tradition and for all of her years of caring attention to the paper mitten campaign.

Next year we will submit announcements to this newsletter ahead of time so we can spread the good news and invite everyone to participate in some way.

Thank you again for being an angel in the life of an Island child.

With Peace in 2006,
Laura Entner & Kathy Chaves



The Holiday Happening & Christmas Tea
was a great success and everyone had a wonderful time.

We wish to thank **all** who helped to make this event possible.

The grand prize winner of the bed and bath raffle was CeCe Berg. Congratulations to her and all of the other lucky winners of the day.

We raised approximately \$3,200. for our Parish!

Comunidade Brasileira

A missa e celebrada em portugues do Brasil e todos sao bem vindos a celebracao as sextas-feiras 7:00 da noite.

Maiores informacoes podem ser encontradas no boletim Semanal da parokiaou no web site www.vejabr.com

At Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church in winter, mass is celebrated each Friday evening at 7:00 pm in Brazilian Portuguese and all are welcome.

Additional information can be found in our Parish weekly Bulletin. Or on their web site www.vejabr.com

'Tis the Season

We just want to remind you that in this season of giving, your offerings to Good Shepherd Parish are tax deductible. We will be mailing out your 2005 statements this month.

When making an offering, if you use an envelope with your name and mailing address, we will be able to get the true total to you for tax purposes.

We are unable to document loose monies in the baskets.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR GIFTS!

NEW YEARS

MINISTRIES WISH LIST

More Colorful Felt

More Construction Paper

More Money for Confirmation Stoles \$ 2. each

Catechist Training Tapes for CGS \$ 15. each

CGS Light Boxes \$ 150.

Change a Teens Life! Send her/him to Catholic Summer Camp for a week at Covecrest \$700.

Chorus Risers for the Children's Mass \$800

Large Laminator for Religious Education Programs \$ 1000.



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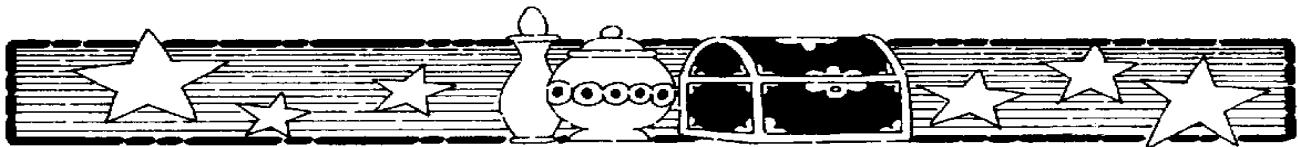
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Our Winter Mass is now celebrated at

Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church
22 Massasoit Ave., Oak Bluffs

Friday

7 pm Brazilian Mass

Saturday

4 pm

Sunday

8 am

9:30 am Children's Mass

5 pm LIFETEEN Mass

Morning Mass is celebrated at 8 am in our Parish Center Chapel in Oak Bluffs Monday through Wednesday and on Friday as well as the 1st Saturday of every month. On Thursday mornings there will be a communion service.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 3 pm in Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church.

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Edgartown

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The Martha's Vineyard Catholic Community News of Good Shepherd Parish is published each month.

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