



GOOD N'EWWE'S

September

2015



This Month's Highlights:

Homecoming Sunday, September 13th

School Year Programs & Brochures

Harvestfest Saturday, October 24th

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Homecoming Sunday

SUNDAY SEPT. 13TH

This is always an important day in the life of our parish community. It is a time when we gather to celebrate the end of our summer and the start of our program year. It is always a fun, busy day, and this year is certain to be a good one. Please join us!

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Nursery Care Available



8:30 – 11:15 Fellowship Breakfast Food for All!

Quiche Eggs Cereal Muffins Fruit Juice

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. – Parents drop off their children with new teachers in their class rooms!

9:05 – 9:30 – Special Required Orientation Meeting for Parents of Sun.

School Children ages 3 years thru 6th grade in Sanctuary; 7th & 8th in Youth Rooms upstairs.

9:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist (with Choir)

Nursery Care Available

Sunday School teachers will bring 3rd through 6th graders into church to join their parents. The 3 yr. olds through 2nd grade will join their parents during the Peace.

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist (yes, it's back!)

Nursery Care *Not Available*

3:00 pm - Opening Event for all Youth Rite 13, J2A and YAC at the Liles home

Please note that starting September 13th we return to THREE services, 8:00, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m.

CGS Harvestfest Dinner and Auction

Saturday, October 24th Dinner 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Silent Auction 5:00 – 7:30 - Live Auction 6:45 p.m.

This event is just around the corner – we need your help to make it the success it has been every year by donating auction items. Make your auction donations ASAP!

Donations for **SILENT AUCTION** items should have a value of \$50.00 or more.

After dinner there will be a **LIVE AUCTION** of just a few major items. The goal of live auction items is to have one or more people be able to purchase your item at low dollar amounts, so that the total value of your auction item is at least \$200.

Renowned CGS chef **Fred Manheck** will be back for a great Octoberfest meal and **Klink's Krafters** will have their usual great goodies. Our **Children's activities** have become a permanent and popular part of this event! And of course there will be terrific fellowship and fun!

Consider donating your:

Professional Services or Expertise such as

- Painting or drywalling
- Wiring or other home repairs
- Landscaping/yard work or design
- Interior design consultation
- Resume writing coaching/consultation
- Computer services

Hobby or Love of Life Expertise such as

- Organizing a hike, walk, or cross-country skiing trip in area
- Providing a Super Bowl or World Series blow-out party
- Offering a cookout or picnic
- Providing a Gourmet or creative “theme” dinner in your home
- Arranging an Afternoon High Tea or antique shopping trip
- Coordinating a game night or movie night or berry/apple picking event

Teach an Activity you love such as: Music; Any sport like soccer, tennis, golf etc.

Or donate items such as

- Tickets to an athletic event
- Theater or Symphony Tickets
- A weekend at your time share or camp
- Airline miles for free airline tickets
- Gasoline or heating oil
- Gift certificates to various stores or restaurants.

Contact the church office with your item and its value By October 12th

Good News- Bad News: Important Staff Changes

The Bad News first: Andrea (Andi) Sousa left this summer to work full-time for Autism Bridges in Bedford, where she will be taking orders from another Odierna – Odie’s daughter Jennifer! Andi has been nothing short of outstanding in her four years here at CGS – and we wish her well!

The Good News: Our new Communications Secretary is Abbie Law. Abbie grew up at CGS, was married here to her husband Scott, has two teenage sons, and is excited to be part of the CGS staff.

Do you have a copy??

Pastor Odie’s book, “Daring to Question God”, subtitled “Enhancing the role of Questioning in Faith, Religion and Congregations – What People Really Want To Know” is on sale for just \$10 during coffee hour or by calling the church office. Please ask at the time of purchase if you want to have it signed by the infamous author! This book was inspired by the thousands of questions asked by parishioners during the “Stump the Rector” Question and Answer Sermons over the last 30 years.

Property News

Did you notice!?!? Over the summer much work was done around the property.

- ❖ Repair of some of the mortar on the south side of the church that was causing moisture seeping into the church and the peeling of the paint on the south wall.
- ❖ Painting of the South, West and North interior walls of the church.
- ❖ New iron railing on the rear ramp to the offices to replace the one destroyed by vandals.
- ❖ New flower plantings and landscaping of the Memorial Burial Garden.
- ❖ Excavation of the two drains outside of the parish hall door and connecting these drains to the storm drain pipes of the city.
- ❖ Considerable long deferred maintenance and tuning of the organ was accomplished.
- ❖ The city removed the brick walkway in front of the church and replaced it with a new cement/brick sidewalk. They also elevated the church’s brick walkways so that they are level with the new sidewalk.

Altar Rail Needlepoint Kneelers

Pastor Odie is searching for the names of any and all people who have done work on these cushions over the last 28 years, as they will be dedicated on Nov 1st, All Saints Sunday. Please contact him if you are aware of who any of these people may be.

In addition there is still one last cushion out there being worked on to complete the project. If you are working on this cushion please contact Pastor Odie.

Sunday School Appeal Wrap Up

We have “Shaken it up!” for the 2015-16 Sunday School year with the hugely successful completion of our Spring fund drive for new Godly Play materials for 3rd through 6th Graders. As a result, we’ve renamed this year’s program “**Ages & Stages of Sunday School: Equipping our Kids, Changing the World.**” Along with **NEW STORIES** for the upper level of Sunday School, we will move to a **Rotating 3 Year Curriculum Cycle** for all ages with supplementary activities and lessons which will enrich learning through relevant experience.

You’re invited on Homecoming Sunday, September 13th to have a sneak peek at all the NEW Godly Time Story Materials & Community Mural which will be on display in the downstairs Activity Room.

Thank you again for all of your support for the education and formation of our youngest members!

MUSIC NEWS

Choir Rehearsals Resume in September:

Senior Choir: Thursdays 7:15 – 8:45 pm & Sunday’s 9:00 – 9:40 am

Junior Choir: Thursdays 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Sine Nomine (8:00 Choir) – TBD

Instrumental Ensemble - TBD

Bellringers: Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:45 pm

Adult Handbells: Wednesdays 7:45 -8:45 pm



Bell Ringers Needed: Graduating seniors have left room for 3-4 new Bellringers starting in September! All youth grades 5-12 are eligible. If you are interested please contact Chaim Burstein bursteinc@gmail.com.

Thank you!

As I reflect on the past year, I am immensely grateful for the love, support, and encouragement that have been shown to me by everyone that I’ve encountered at CGS. I am fortunate to be serving such a vital, vibrant parish that is committed to showing the love of Christ at every opportunity.

As I look to the new year, I’m excited about the music that we’ll make together. All ensembles are welcoming new members and I encourage you to give one (or more) a try.

Brett

Brett Greene

Altar Guild News

We will hold our fall meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 23th, 7pm in the Lounge. The Guild is open to all parishioners - men and women. Some set up for services on Sundays, weddings and funerals. Some members take care of the linens or vestments, while others do the floral displays for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. If you are interested in any of these worship ministries contact: Beth Barker - mary.barker@us.af.mil, Harvey Shaw - hshaw1956@live.com or Mary Nash - mnash517@yahoo.com.



Please Participate in...

CGS SCRIPS

Scripts is a wonderfully easy way for you to help CGS raise extra money without spending an extra penny of your money! Simply do most of your food and clothing shopping, gift shopping, and entertainment expenditures by first purchasing gift cards/vouchers to your favorite establishments through the church.

You purchase and spend what you would have anyway, but the church earns an average of 4% -5% from your purchases through the gift cards CGS sells to you. You do not pay any extra for this service as the gift cards have the same value as cash to you!

NEW ADDITIONS: With the new opening of **Whole Foods** CGS now offers Whole Foods Scrip cards for \$25 and \$100. There have also been a variety of other stores added to the Scripts program. Please note the additions, which are bolded on the new forms.

We accept MC and Visa. Help us raise funds for our ministries from outside sources - shop with CGS Script cards!! For info or questions contact Sue at Sthornberg@comcast.net or Laurie at Lascani@cgsnashua.org at 882-5352 x 204.

Ushers Needed

Usher one service one Sunday a month. Ushering is an easy way you can become more involved in the service. Ushers greet and assist fellow parishioners, collect and present monetary and food donations, tidy the pews after service, etc. All are welcome! For additional information, please contact Sandy Desharnais: desh910@myfairpoint.net.

CGS Women

CGS Women - will meet Monday, Sept. 14th: 6pm social time; 6:30pm potluck supper (bring an entree or salad - home made, store bought or take out); followed by a program presented by CGS parishioner Karla Tolomeo - "Waiting in Hope: My Episcopal Mission Trip to Cuba".

Our October 12th program will be CGS parishioner Winnie Crouse - The Art of Hand Spinning: Fiber to Yarn.

We are a fellowship group open to ALL women of the parish and our meetings are the 2nd Monday of the month (Sept-Dec; March - May). The 2nd Sunday in February brunch at an area restaurant is planned. In December we have a catered Christmas party & Yankee Swap and in May we dine out. **Join us when you can.**

Program suggestions should be made to Jan Lambert: JMimiL@aol.com. To volunteer for the Hostess team which does set up/clean up contact Diane Temple: templediane@icloud.com. To receive monthly meeting email alerts contact Frances Rodier: fewrodier@aol.com.



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group will resume at CGS Monday, Sept 14th at 6:30 pm. The schedule for the rest of 2015 is: Oct. 5th, Oct 19th, Nov 2nd, Nov 16th, and Dec 7th, all in the lounge at CGS, beginning at 6:30 pm. We are beginning our 9th year of knitting and crocheting together, creating loving prayer shawls, chemo caps, and baby blankets to share with those in need. Anyone with an interest is welcome to join us. The benefits of camaraderie, laughter and support by being a part of this group is a true blessing.

CGS Crafters

CGS Crafters meet most Wednesdays, 2-4pm through September at the home of Jeanne Klink. Beginner and experienced crafters are welcome to join us in making items for the October Harvest Dinner craft tables. Come when you can and new project ideas are always welcome. For more info call Jeanne.

Time and Talent Survey Opportunity

Time and Talent forms will be done in church Sept 13th and 20th - if you miss the opportunity to fill one out on Sunday, call the church office. Don't miss out on great opportunities to serve your Lord! Please note that you can look at and/or download a copy of the form at the end of the Newsletter, and this year the Stewardship Committee has even added a helpful Description Guide.

Homecoming Breakfast Items Needed

Breakfast Casseroles, (9x15 pan)

Fruit Bowls (or platters)

Dozen muffins/breads/pastries

Bottles of Juice, Gallons of Milk & Small Bags of Ice

Set-up help (need to be ready to serve at 8:45a.m.)

Serving Help-(keeping the buffet line filled)

Clean-up help

Food needs to arrive by 8:30 a.m. that day, breads can be dropped off before Sunday, (no freezer goods please). Please try to bring the casserole warm, as heating can be laborious and time consuming. . Please click here:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B0A4CAEAD22A13-homecoming2 to sign up to help.

Sunday Memorials and Thanksgivings

If you wish to honor a family member or friend on a special Sunday, you could donate money for flowers (\$25), wine/wafers (\$20) or sanctuary candle (\$10). Please contact Carole by email carole.sawdon@gmail.com



N'ewe's Bites

✦ **Davis Funeral Home Annual Sweater & Jacket Drive**
Bring them new or used, but clean, anytime M-F 8:30 – 4:30 during September. They will be given to agencies to help those in need.

✦ **Regarding CGS Office Hours**
Since we have a small staff, and the responsibilities of ALL staff members sometimes takes them out of the office, there is NO guarantee someone will be there even during our listed hours. To ensure you are not wasting your own time, you MUST call ahead and/or make an appointment to ensure someone will be in the office to assist you. Thank you.

✦ **Hospital Info**
Please remember to inform the office if you go to the hospital for whatever reason for however long! St. Joseph's will not inform us any more of people registering as Episcopalians, and your religious preferences do not get registered at SNHMC if you are admitted through the Emergency Room. Help us help you – let us know!

✦ **Recommended Response**
There are times on Main Street (or other places) when you may be confronted by someone asking for money. For several reasons we recommend that you do NOT give them any money. You cannot be sure what the money you give will be used for and it may in fact only go to aid an addiction. The better response is to refer them to the Front Door 886-2866 (Formerly Nashua Pastoral Care Center), where they will receive comprehensive help and be screened for their appropriate level of need. If you feel strongly compelled to help, only help with food, by offering to take them to a food establishment and then pay the establishment for the meal. Also remember that 10 cents of every dollar you donate to CGS gets passed on to the Front Door to help those in need by staff trained to respond appropriately.

HELP TD BANK DONATE TO CGS: TD Bank will make an annual contribution (from the bank's funds) to the church based on a percentage of the balances in personal and business accounts of parishioners. You can help by 1) Going to your TD Bank, inform them that you would like your TD Bank accounts labeled for Church of the Good Shepherd Affinity Program. 2) Contact Laurie at the office to let us know you have done this so that our records match their records.) Those without TD Bank accounts who desire to participate can do so by opening an account there. CGS will not receive any account info or personal info about your accounts or balances.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING CGS SAVE ALMOST \$2,000 PER YEAR!

We have partnered with Ambit Energy in an electricity savings program and now have the required number of customers from CGS to allow CGS to receive monthly rebates and therefore a percentage of our electricity "free". It is never too late for you to join this program along with other parishioners and save on your own monthly electric bill, while insuring CGS gets to save significant money on its bill. Ambits rates are typically saving our parishioners about 10% per month. Contact Laurie Ascani or Pastor Odie for more information.

NEED TO BUY T-SHIRTS?

For individuals, clubs, teams, etc. 75% of the proceeds go the Front Door and 25% go to CGS. Go to www.evolutionsportsrivals.com.

In stock Special on all Military shirts (Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marines #1) - \$10.00. Contact Pastor Odie or the office.

REMEMEBER CGS RECYCLES!

Look for Recycling Bins around the building to aid in our Recycling efforts!





CGS Sponsors ARUBA

Booking now for the winters of 2015 and 2016

Thanks to the generosity of the Winn family CGS now owns timeshare at the Occidental Aruba Resort. This 5 star Resort is both on the RCI and Diamond Club Timeshare lists. CGS has up to **four (4) floating weeks available** to be sold in 2016 and 2017. All proceeds benefit CGS programs and ministries. Parishioner's Andy and Rainey Palmer have now booked their second year in a row for Feb of 2016 – if you want to know the scoop on their experience at this resort talk to them.

2016: All-Inclusive ONLY available – for weeks in Jan, Feb and March.

2017: All-Inclusive is optional – for weeks in Jan, Feb and March. If you do not want all-inclusive you have to book prior to one year in advance through the church.

Cost: \$1,200.00 payable to CGS ((\$4,000.00 value). All-inclusive fee, if applicable, is \$150.00 per person per day. Non-refundable deposit of \$300 due to CGS to book your week. Remainder paid prior to departure.

The Resort:

Stay in a One Bedroom unit (sleeps up to 4), with kitchen, at The Occidental Aruba Resort, located in the Palm Beach area (one of the better beach areas in Aruba).

Amenities include 5 restaurants, 4 bars and 1 disco/bar; swimming pool with 2 Jacuzzis. Program of sports and leisure activities: 2 floodlit tennis courts, beach volleyball, aqua aerobics, diving demonstration lessons, snorkeling equipment available, among others. Shows and nightly entertainment.

Kids Club with a program of supervised activities (ages 4-12).

Visit www.occidentalhotels.com/grand-Aruba.

Contact Pastor Odie or Laurie Ascani, Administrator, 882-5352 to book



OUTREACH NEWS FROM THE FRONT DOOR

Great Work:

Thank you to the Outreach committee and to all those who adopted Moms from the Front Door's Program and supplied them with organizational materials and supplies as they – along with their children – go back to school!

Plan Ahead for Penny Drive, Special Winery Event

The Front Door Agency is planning its 24th Annual Penny Picker Campaign in October. The Penny Drive relies on many volunteers to canvass neighborhoods in Greater Nashua, asking residents for spare change to support the Agency's mission. Many people are familiar with the drive and save their spare change all year. If you have two to three hours to help, please call Lucie at 816-0283 or sign up online at www.frontdooragency.org. If going door-to-door isn't your thing (and even if it is!), the Front Door invites you to a special Harvesting Change event at LaBelle Winery in Amherst on Tuesday, October 27th. Mark your calendar now for this interactive Murder Mystery with elegant cuisine and watch for more details to come.

Save the Date: This year's Penny Drive dates are Sunday, October 18th, Saturday October 24th and Sunday October 25th.

Tours of the Front Door: This past August seven members of the parish and Vestry went on a tour of the Front Door facilities and received an eye-opening experience about the scope of the work done by the Outreach Arm of our parish, founded by CGS and Pastor Odie in 1987. Contact the clergy if you are interested in going on this 90 minute tour as we are looking to plan more of them through the school year as interest dictates.

Check out the special new Christian Education brochures on our Web Site by clicking on the link below:



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<http://www.cgsnashua.org/homecoming>

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