



GOOD N'EWWE'S

Summer

2015



New This Summer: Children's Music Camp!!

Summer Service Schedule begins June 28th

Staff Changes

Red Sox - Yankee game Raffle

Patriot Foundation Honors Pastor Odie

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Assistant Choir Director

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Sunday School Coordinator

Youth Ministry

Vergers

Sem. Intern to Diaconate

Jesus Christ

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Personnel, Welcoming and Crisis Committee

Fellowship Committee

Christian Education

Stewardship Committee

Youth

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Fundraising, Green Team

Diocese and Southern Convocation

Stewardship Committee

Finance Committee

Youth Rep.

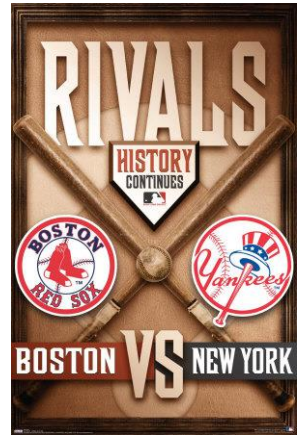
CONGRATULATIONS CGS

“SHAKE IT UP APPEAL” QUICKLY REACHES GOAL

While the generosity of our parish family should not be a surprise to anyone, we surely never want to take it for granted! So it is with great excitement and thanks that we announce that the “Shake It Up” appeal to raise \$7,500 to purchase new Godly Play curriculum lessons for the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders has reached its goal. We are indeed very grateful to the many people who made donations over and above their annual pledge to make this possible. The cost of these materials was not in the budget for this year. Materials will now be purchased and will be ready for the start of the new school year in September. It should be noted, that the catchy and compelling “Shake-It-Up” song presented by Pastor Alanna, Mary O’Reilly and Anastasia Corman-O’Reilly and Brett Greene on the organ, has set a new standard for our future fund raising techniques!!

RAFFLE TIME - BATTER UP – YANKS VS RED SOX

The CGS Spring raffle this year continues our traditional tickets to our Favorite game: Yankee’s (Odie) versus, of course, Red Sox Nation (the rest of us). Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and will be available on Sunday’s during the coffee hour or from the church office during the week. Drawing will be June 15th at 11:00 a.m. A special incentive prize will be given to the person who sells the most tickets. Please help by taking tickets to sell. The tickets will be for the NY/Boston game on **Saturday Aug 2nd**.



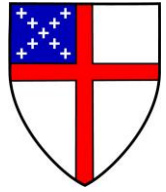
SCRIPS NEEDS YOU!!!

Don’t forgot to do all your shopping through CGS’s SRIP Cards. It’s easy and you help CGS raise money without spending a penny more than you normally would in your shopping!

Order forms can be obtained from the SCRIPS table on Sunday mornings or from the CGS website. Payment can be made by cash, check, Master Card or Visa!

Orders placed by Tuesday at 11:00 am of every week arrive by Thursday!

CLERGY CORNER



Dear Friends,

The promise of summer is in the air, with scents from budding trees and flowers, with fresh spring rain and dirt ready for planting. All around us are signs of life emerging. Moving back east after being away for many years, this season reminds me of when Dorothy Wakes up in Oz and life goes from black and white to Technicolor. That electric green bursting from the trees reminds me of how much growing there is ahead, how much time there is to enjoy the spoils of spring, summer and even fall.

The season after Pentecost is the great 'Green' growing season of the Church. Barring a few Saints feasts during the week from late May until All Saints' Sunday in November the color in church will be Green, marking 'ordinary time' in our church calendar. Looking at the pie chart of a circle of a church year these Sundays number nearly half of the entire year.

This great 'green' growing season is also alive and well in our spiritual lives. The church gives us good and plenty room to live into the mystery of Easter and the sending out of Pentecost. Just when we think we might have it all figured out again, the Holy Spirit shows up reminding us that we are not only to celebrate Jesus' resurrection, but we are to move out into the world in witness of Christ's redeeming love in our lives.

So during this great Green Growing season what is God calling forth in you to grow, understand, or prune away? What unexpected directions are those tender shoots at the end of your branches pulling you towards? And although its called 'ordinary time' what is God asking you to notice that is extra-ordinary in this ordinary time?

May you go spiritually 'green' this summer, recognizing God's hope, love and beauty in the most ordinary of times.

Faithfully,
Pastor Alanna

STAFF PERSONELL NEWS - RESIGNATIONS SADLY ACCEPTED

COMMUNICATIONS SECRETARY: Andria (Andi) Sousa finishes her time at CGS July 31st after several years of outstanding efficient work! She has been a wonderful presence in the office and a great team player!

Pastor Odie and Pastor Alanna have begun their search process. This is a 20 hour per week position with retirement benefits. If you know of anyone who might be interested contact the clergy. Start date is July 6th so that there is over-lap time for orientation and training with Andi. Applications from parishioners and full-time students will NOT be considered.

YOUTH DIRECTOR: Marcie Byrd has been our Youth Director for 8 years – doing an amazing job organizing and supervising the Youth Advisors and leading our excellent youth program and ministries. Her resignation is effective the end of this school year. While she will no longer be Director, she will continue on as one of the Advisors of the Rite 13 class on Sunday mornings beginning September. See Marcie’s letter below.

NEW YOUTH DIRECTORS NAMED: Pastor’s Odie and Alanna are pleased and excited to name Steve and Kelly Isaacs as the new Youth Directors. They have been working with the Youth Program as advisors of the J2A group this past year. Kelly is from Williamstown, WV and a graduate of Marshall University. She has a Master’s degree in learning disabilities from Rivier University. She currently teaches socially and emotionally challenged students at the McArthy Middle School, Chelmsford MA. Steve is from Huntington WV, and served as the Youth Pastor at the United Methodist Church there for 5 years. He currently works in the lending department at the Bellwether Community Credit Union. Kelly and Steve have lived in Nashua since 2009 and are avid fans of Marshall University!

Summer Service Schedule

begins June 28th – this means only that the 11:15 service is eliminated until the fall. The 11:15 service resumes September 14th

Summer Breakfasts

Following our usual tradition, summer breakfasts will be held between our two summer services at 9:00 a.m. A nice selection of cereal, muffins, and other goodies as well as coffee and tea are available. In addition to eating, if you would like to help host a summer breakfast, contact the church office.

Keeping Up Your Pledge and Donations Over the Summer

Summertime is typically a challenging time for our finances and cash flow. However our bills and expense don't take a vacation. Please make every effort to keep your pledge up to date over the summer season. We appreciate it greatly and it has a tremendous positive impact on our ability to maintain our budget and finances in a healthy condition. As always, - *Thank You* - for your contributions and support of our work and ministry.

New England Patriots to Honor Pastor Odie and the Front Door

The New England Patriot Foundation invited all non-profits in New England to submit an application to receive grant money. This application required the non-profit to submit the resume of a person that it felt was an outstanding supporter of the non-profit and an exemplary volunteer performing that and other outreach work in the community. The Front Door staff submitted an application and included Pastor Odie's name and resume of community activity.

From over 400 applicants the NE Patriot Foundation has named Pastor Odie as one of several recipients to receive the Myra Kraft "Community MVP" Award. Pastor Odie will be honored at a luncheon with the Kraft Family and members of the Patriot's football team on June 9th at Gillette Stadium. At that luncheon he will find out whether the Front Door will receive in his name \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$25,000 in grant money.

Congratulations Pastor Odie! We only hope he is wise enough NOT to wear his NY Giant's hat

Music Camp

Mark your calendars! CGS will be hosting a music day camp for children entering 2nd through 8th grade in the mornings of **August 17-21**, culminating in a musical presentation during the 9:45 services on **Sunday, August 23**. The camp will offer an opportunity for children to develop skills in reading music, singing, and ringing handbells. For more information, please contact Brett Greene at music@cgsnashua.org

Anglican Chant

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Thomas Dupuis
(1733-1796)



Do you know how to sing ¹Anglican ¹chant? *

If you go to Sunday Forum on June 7, I will ¹teach you ¹how to ¹sing it.

Anglican chant is an elegant way to sing any text, regardless of the number of syllables or rhyming scheme. Originating in the Church of England in the 17th century, this method of chant singing is still widely used today. At CGS, we use Anglican Chant during Morning Prayer to sing the *Venite* (Come, let us sing to the Lord) and the *Benedictus es, Domine* (Blessed are you, O Lord God . . .), though it can be used with any text, particularly psalms.

For more information, please contact Brett Greene music@cgsnashua.org or just show up on June 7!

Children & Family Faith Formation



Godly Play: Building Relationships with God and Each Other

Over the last several weeks our **Godly Play Curriculum** focused on receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. The Holy Spirit is alive and well in our Sunday School as the kids prepare for **Community Day on June 21st**. This year has been filled with exciting new projects and compliments to our Godly Play Stories. The children and Sunday School Teachers have brought to bear many successful projects and collaborations. Our Church community is the better for having such passionate, thoughtful and inspiring children. As Pastor Odie likes to remind us all, “Our children are not the future of the church, they are the church TODAY!” We look forward to journeying with you over the summertime and will see you on Registration Sunday!

Early Communion Blessing Workshop— Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30pm, education opportunity with Q&A for children participating in the Early Communion Blessing on Community Day

End of Year Picnic—Sunday, June 14th from 12:30-3pm organized by our Sunday School Teachers and hosted by our SS Coordinator more information to follow.

Community Day—Sunday, June 21st at 9:45am with classes sharing what they learned during the Children’s Eucharist!

Save the Date:

Sunday School Class Room Clean Up & Ice Cream Social—August 2nd at 11:00 am

Sunday School Teacher Orientation for 2015-16 School Year—Saturday, September 12th at 8:30am

Registration Sunday for 2015-2016 Program Year—September 13th

Its never too early to be thinking about the exciting kick off to our 2015-2016 Sunday School Program year! That said, if you have feedback about what worked great this year and what could use improvement for next year Mary O’Reilly and Pastor Alanna will be planning for next year during this summer.

Please email Alanna@cgsnashua.org or call the office at 603.882.5352 we look forward to hearing from you!

Sunday School



We want to give special thanks to all our Nursery Care providers & Godly Play teachers who give so much time and effort in educating and caring for our children. The teachers showed steadfast dedication, care and enthusiasm in their ministry. Thank You!!!!

Nursery Care: Heidi Odierna, Sofia Linares and Sarah Kolopsky

Godly Play Teachers: Special thanks to **Mary O'Reilly**, our Sunday School Coordinator.

3 year olds: Julia Balukonis, Erin Rosier, Jessica Taylor, Isabelle Gates

4 year olds: Aurora Flores-Reisman, Lauren Balukonis, Beth Derderian

Kindergarten: Sarah Tsakalakos, Gabby Liles, Devon Rosier

1st Grade: Kim Foster, Deb Desilets, Natalie Desilets

2nd Grade: Jennie Rowntree, Janice Linstad, Brittany Hebert

3rd Grade: Maureen LeGallo, Arianna Liles, Hannah Hayes

4th Grade: Paige Schaller, Steve Desilets

5th Grade "Risers": Dan LeGallo, Nancy Maderia,

Substitutes: Shelby Balukonis, Michelle & Thom Arpin, Lisa Macaraeg, Becky Lentz, Brian & Lyn Taylor, John Rowntree, Casey Keefe, Doug Liles, Donald Winn, Maureen Winn, Millie Mugica, Amy Cooley, Dana Snowdon, Kate Schaller, Franklin Van Antwerpen, Bethany Avezedo, Jill Rosier.

Godly Play Feast Helpers: Diane Robinson, Christine Schlupf, Jill Rosier, Carrie Illg, Fiona Anderson, Kate Engle, Sandra Haines, Colleen Mills, Milly Mugica, Dawne Sosa
We also **thank all of the Parents** who helped volunteering in the Nursery and with Godly Play by bringing the Feast, providing support in classrooms, and helping out in numerous other ways.

CGS Altar Guild

At the May annual meeting Beth Barker (mary.barker@us.af.mil) was elected directress and Harvey Shaw (hshaw1956@live.com) was elected co-director. We welcome all parishioners to this ministry. If interested contact the directors for more information. Open to both men and women, some prepare the church for all services, others take care of linens and some decorate for special holidays. Training is held by Mary Nash.

The following members were honored for their Altar Guild service:

June Madeira - 45 years; Jan Armstrong - 40 years.; Kate Schaller - 30 years; Jeanne Klink & Mary Jane Ames - 20 years; John Townsend & Mark Dennehy -15 years; Betsy Cotton - 10 years; Beth Barker - 5 years. Thank you for your service.

KLINK's KRAFTERS

Meet almost every Wednesday at Jeanne Klink's home (889-6066) from 2-4 pm to make crafts for the Harvestfest in October. Tea and cookies will be served!

Save the Date: Annual CGS Women's Retreat

September 18th & 19th at Adelynrood

This annual offering will be an overnight at Adelynrood Retreat Center in Byfield, MA. Dates are Friday, September 18th starting with dinner at 6:30 and ending Saturday, September 19th at 3:00 pm. This will be a wonderful weekend of fellowship as well as challenging and inspiring discussion. In June the **Sign-up sheet** will be posted in the Parish Hall Auditorium. Contact the office at 882-5352 for more information. Sign up deadline will be Sunday, August 2nd.

TD Bank Donation Opportunity-

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.* Thanks for taking the time to have your accounts registered.

Last year TD Bank donated \$2,700.00 to CGS thanks to all the people who designated their accounts up as a CGS Affinity member

Early Communion

Our annual **Early Communion Service** will be part of the Sunday School's Community Day Celebration on **Sunday, June 21st at 9:45am**. This ceremony is not a requirement for receiving communion in this church, and there is *no minimum age* for children to receive communion.

However, this service is an opportunity for children who want to receive communion for the first time or who have been receiving communion to have additional education and preparation then participate in a festive celebration. Please contact Pastor Alanna if your child is interested in participating in this as she has materials available to help parents talk about communion with their children at home, regardless of whether or not they are already receiving communion.

Pastor Alanna will meet with parents and children on Wednesday, June 10th at 6:30pm to talk about communion and answer any questions you or your child may have about Holy Eucharist, even if your child is already receiving communion. Contact Pastor Alanna alanna@cgsnashua.org

Research Study questionnaire for Sunday School parents.

A research student at Illinois State University is asking our parents to participate in a survey and study of children and religion. Survey is voluntary and confidential.

To participate, go to this web address:

<https://survey.lilt.ilstu.edu/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m2534592>

If you have any questions or concerns, you can email Allie Wills at amwills@ilstu.edu.

NEED TO BUY T-SHIRTS?

For individuals, clubs, teams, etc. Go to www.evolutionsportsrivals.com.

75% of the proceeds go the Front Door and 25% go to CGS.

Evolution Sports Rivals was created by Pastor Odie and Dan Lauria to help the Front Door and CGS raise money for outreach purposes.



*If You Are Willing, Please Consider Remembering
Good Shepherd In Your Will*



On behalf of the youth and youth advisors, Congratulations to all our 2015 graduating Seniors! Arianna Liles, Gabby Liles, Jenny Mulligan, Danny Mulligan, Ben Pollack, and Megan Verfaillie, we wish you best of luck and will miss you all!

On Sunday, June 14th, our group will be having our end of the year picnic with the Godly Play families. This is an event for everyone to gather together and have some fun.

Youth Mission Trip Update: Our mission trip participants will be heading to Spencer, NY this summer for their weeklong mission trip from Sunday, July 19th – Saturday, July 25th. This is the seventh year CGS has sent a group to Workcamp and for some of the youth this will be their 4th year going and others it will be their first. The group would like to thank everyone who supported the group this year through donations, attending the fundraiser mystery dinner, and donating their time.

Finally, on behalf of all the Rite 13, J2A, and YAC youth and parents, I would like to thank this year's amazing Youth Advisors: Denise Thompson, Jennifer Ayotte, Kristen Capone, Chris von Hagn, Steve Issacs, Kelly Isaacs, Calann Hertel, Eileen Brunk and Leo Brunk. Thank you all for your dedication to this ministry. Your time, efforts and individual talents brought to our group are what make this youth program successful.

Letter to the parish from Marcie Byrd:

Dear Youth Advisors, Parents, Youth, and CGS Congregation,

Several years ago, as I was figuring out my adult life, God led me to our youth ministry at CGS and gave me the opportunity to serve as Youth Director. I felt very grateful for Him using me in this special way and I promised myself then and prayed often that when the time came for me to step down, I would. Well, the time has come, and that small voice inside me has confirmed that I need to release this role to the next persons He has made ready to lead this ministry.

This has not been a rash decision as Odie and I have been discussing this for months - nor is it based on any negative experience. On the contrary, I can't say enough how much I appreciate and give thanks to all the amazing advisors, youth and parents I have had the privilege to know, work alongside, and share the past few years.

This ministry is truly blessed with supportive advisors, parents, clergy, and church community and I can't express enough how thankful I am for the time and efforts everyone has given to make this ministry successful over the years. Our advisors have helped create a loving and supportive environment for our youth, giving them the opportunity to develop from children to young adults. The time, creativity and efforts by this group has proven to me how each of our talents work together and I really, really, appreciate the area's that others excel in especially where I do not.

Another wonderful group I have had the chance to get to work with would be the parents of our youth. We have always been able to rely on our parents to support this ministry by driving for events, chaperoning events, and giving their time and talents for the youth fundraisers.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the wonderful support given to this ministry and myself by our clergy and entire church community. Before I started, we didn't send groups on mission trips in the summer nor did we rock the church with our progressive Christian rock during church services. Being willing and supportive to allow our youth to express their faith and desire to serve has been key in the successes over the years. Lastly, I want to acknowledge how much I have enjoyed being a part of our youth's lives. The teenage years are filled with so many changes and challenges and the youth of our parish have met it with curiosity and humor. I've witnessed several of our youth develop from children to young adults who lead our ministry and serve as role models to the younger youth and children of our parish. Simply put, they make this ministry a joy and rewarding and I'm incredibly thankful that I have been a part of so many of their lives.

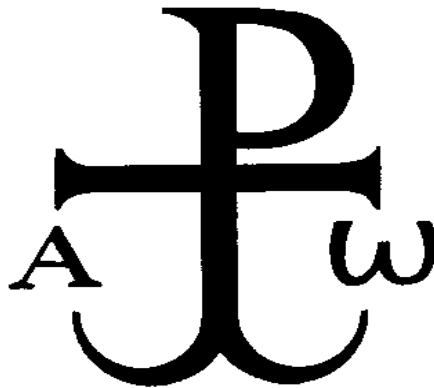
To wrap up, although I will no longer be your Youth Director, Odie has granted my request to remain on as an advisor to the Rite 13 group. I look forward to continuing to be part of this ministry and will be supporting our new Youth Directors as they transition into the role.

Thank you all again and God Bless

Marcie

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