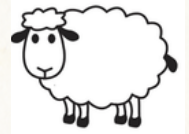


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - July 17, 2026



Parish Prayer List

David N., Jim C., Darlene, Kim G., Nekka S., Samuel, Ibrahim, The Rev. Canon Wadie Far, Mimy B., Beth R., Cynthia G., Carol B., Jim B., Chris Y., Amber B., Halsey VL., and Jim R.

If there is someone you would like us to pray for, please let the office know.

Bishop Search - Listening Session at Good Shepherd this Sunday, July 19

"We Meet": Listening Sessions Continue Across the Diocese

Bishop Provisional Stephen Lane reflected last week on what makes Anglican decision-making distinct: we meet. The listening sessions underway across the diocese are that same instinct in practice —the slow, prayerful work of gathering perspectives so that whoever leads next is chosen with the full Body's discernment behind them.

The listening session will entail a short presentation of the results of the Holy Cow Diocesan assessment followed by a Q and A session. Su Hadden will be guiding the discussion and Bill Duthe will be taking notes that will be forwarded to those who will be creating the profile used in the search. All comments and remarks will be kept anonymous. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Woods.

Please join us in Jewett Hall this Sunday, July 19 at 11:30 a.m. to share our opinions and insights on our hopes for the new Bishop of WNY. Refreshments will be served.

Trevor Napoli, our Interim Organist/Choir Director,

will be starting Grad School in August. Before he leaves, he arranged for a number of extra singers to sing with our choir on Sunday, July 26th at the 10:30 service. There may be 17 extra voices singing! It promises to be a wonderful service, and a special coffee hour has been planned afterwards. Please join us.

August 2nd will be Trevor's last Sunday with us. If you would like to contribute to a cash gift for him, please indicate "Trevor's Gift" on the memo line of your check. Donations will be accepted through July 26th. Thank you!

Wednesday Evening Service

The Wednesday Evening Service has resumed with officiant Rev. Cathy Dempesy-Sims. This is a somewhat different service from regular Sunday masses. Music is provided by Mark DiGiampaolo. The service leaflets for Wednesday and Sunday services are published on the Good Shepherd web page under the "Members" menu.

Important Contact Information

Beginning 7/1/26, Non-emergency messages can be sent to the office at officegoodshep@gmail.com or to Elaine Richau at wegmom54@aol.com or left on the answering machine in the office (716) 833-1151. For pastoral **emergency** calls (only) phone Elaine Richau at (716) 982-2890.

Non-emergency property messages should be left on the answering machine in the office, or sent to Dale Cich at dtcich@gmail.com. Property **emergency** calls (only) should be routed to Dale Cich (716) 353-0474.

Training Opportunities

Would you like to serve Good Shepherd in an important way? Training is being organized for the following volunteer positions:

Lay Eucharistic Visitor - visits the sick and homebound members of our parish. Needs training and to be licensed through the Diocese.

Lay Eucharistic Minister - serves as a chalice bearer during Eucharist services. Training provided by the Diocese.

Worship Leader - leads worship in the absence of a Priest. Needs Diocesan training and licensing.

Training will be arranged either through the Diocese or by Mother Cathy Dempsey-Sims. If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities, (or need up-to-date training), please contact Elaine Richau at wegmom54@aol.com

Weekly Schedule

07/19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music
11:30 Bishop Search Listening Session

07/22 Wednesday

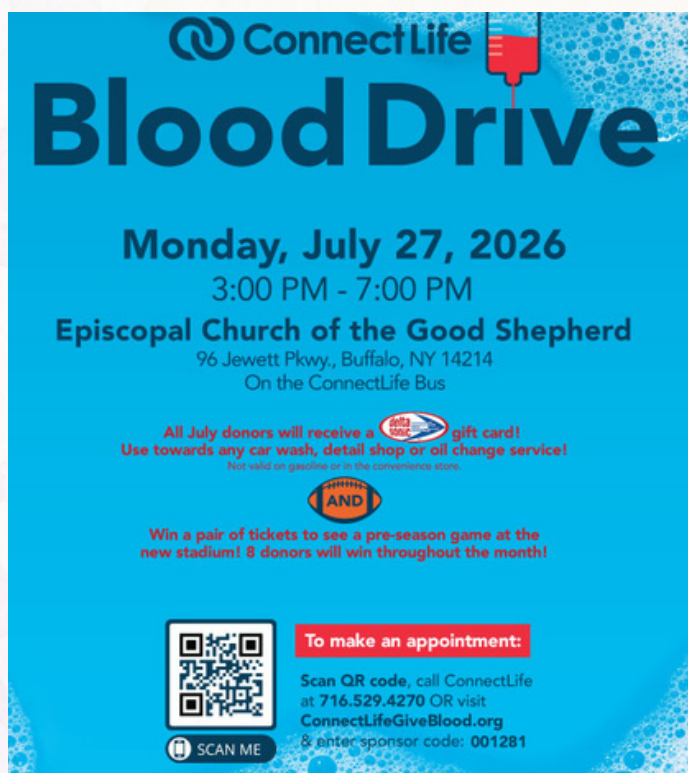
10AM-2PM Ken Perry Food Pantry
6:30 PM Eucharist with Music - Rev. Cathy Dempsey-Sims, officiant

07/26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music including guest singers

Save the Date

Our next bloodmobile will be held here at Good Shepherd on Monday, July 27 from 3-7 pm. If you are eligible to donate, please plan to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Richau at Wegmom54@aol.com.



ConnectLife

Blood Drive

Monday, July 27, 2026
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
96 Jewett Pkwy., Buffalo, NY 14214
On the ConnectLife Bus

All July donors will receive a  gift card!
Use towards any car wash, detail shop or oil change service!
Not valid on gasoline or in the convenience store.

 AND

Win a pair of tickets to see a pre-season game at the new stadium! 5 donors will win throughout the month!


SCAN ME

To make an appointment:
Scan QR code, call ConnectLife at 716.529.4270 OR visit ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org & enter sponsor code: 001281

Altar Flowers

Altar flowers may be ordered for \$100/ pair in memoriam, in thanksgiving or for any other desired occasion. Two or more people can also share the cost of the flowers if desired. To order flowers, please send your flower request (colors, flower types) to Elaine Richau at Wegmom54@aol.com. Your dedication for the service leaflet should be sent to officegoodshep@gmail.com. Payment should be made through the Sunday collection or mailed to the church. Please reference 'Altar Flowers' in the description.

Keep saving your 2026 Dash's receipts. We can also submit 2025 receipts, but any old receipts from 2024 or earlier are expired. For every \$5,000 in receipts we submit, we earn \$100. Even small purchases add up!

We are also still collecting aluminum pull tabs from soda, soup, and other cans to benefit Ronald McDonald House.

Submissions for the Newsletter should be sent to **nancy.cich@gmail.com** no later than 5PM on Thursday for publication on Friday.

Pictures and remembrances always welcome!

Please consider remembering Good Shepherd in your will. It is a wonderful way to continue your support of your parish into the future for generations.

