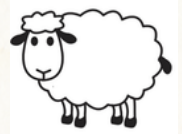


The Shepherd's Voice

Newsletter of the Church of the Good Shepherd - July 3, 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., and Amber B.

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

A message from Father Mike **6/30/2026**

My dear friends in Christ. Today is my last day as Rector. For eight years and a month it has been a great honor to serve you in this way. It is strange going to an altar or pulpit for the last time. But I believe I am following where Jesus leads.

The best gift Elizabeth and I can give you now is our prayers and our lack of presence. This will be a change for some in the parish as my immediate predecessor, mother Cathy, became canon to the ordinary of this Diocese. This means she still had a relationship with this parish and was supposed to do so. In most cases, a former rector should not. We should leave and leave well. I plan to do that because I care. We will be finishing up in the church office and in the house for a few more days and have movers scheduled for Monday, 6 July.

I want to thank you again for the wonderful sendoff. I also want to thank you for your continued prayers for Elizabeth and for me as we begin the external of our lives in Christ. If you are in the Maryland area please contact us and drop by. The Lord bless and keep you. Mike+.



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 a very special and important way? Training is becoming 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 retraining), please contact Elaine Richau at wegmom54@aol.com

Wednesday Evening Service

As of July 1st the Wednesday Evening Service has resumed with officiant Rev. Cathy Dempsey-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. Use the link below for more information.

goodshepherdbuffalo.org/serviceleaflets

A Note from the Wardens (updated)

Dear People of Good Shepherd,

As you know, Fr. Mike and Mother Elizabeth Hadaway have ended their tenure with Good Shepherd. We wish them well in their new home in Maryland. As of July 1st, we are preparing to move forward. The Vestry and Wardens will meet with the Rev. Bonnie Morris, the diocesan transition officer, on August 3rd at our rescheduled vestry meeting. At that time, we hope to find out more about the transition process and about the resources and support available from the diocese.

The Rev. Frieda Van Baalen Webb will continue to be our supply priest at both Sunday services and The Rev. Cathy Dempsey-Sims has started to officiate at the Wednesday evening service. These arrangements will continue for the foreseeable future.

The Music Committee has already secured supply musicians to play at the 10:30 services after Trevor Napoli, our current supply musician, leaves for his Graduate studies in August. The Committee has recently advertised for a permanent Director of Music.

Please keep the Wardens and Vestry in prayer during this time. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Good Shepherd going forward, please speak with one of the Wardens.

Faithfully,
Dale Cich, Elaine Richau

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.

Weekly Schedule

07/05 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

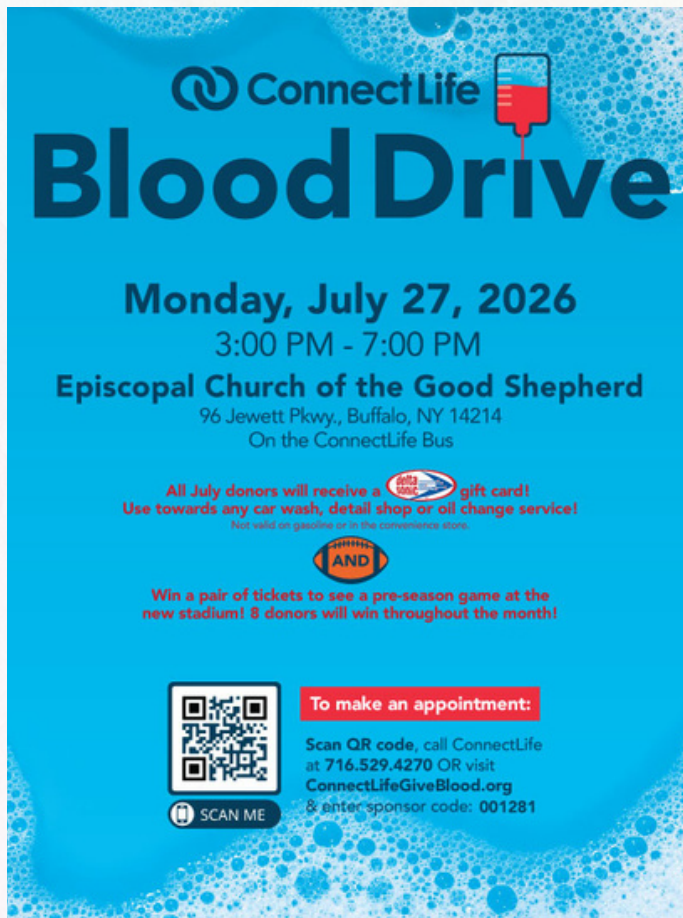
8:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Spoken)
10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music
3-4 PM Pet Food Pantry Distribution

07/08 Wednesday

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

07/12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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



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.



Win a pair of tickets to see a pre-season game at the new stadium! 8 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

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.

I'm always happy to receive photos from church events, memories from past events, or other items that might be of interest to our parishioners.

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.



Women's Group - Church of the Good Shepherd

We are a group of women from CGS (but not limited to) who meet the First Saturday of the month at 9:30 – 11:30. Sometimes we meet in Jewett Hall and sometimes at a member's home.

The books we discuss are chosen by the group. We open with prayer, share a meal -and discuss our chosen book. Facilitators, prayer leaders, and food providers are members who have volunteered to do so.

We were inspired by one of our books, Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide by Nicholas D. Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn, to sponsor women as "sisters" through Women for Women International. Women in 9 conflict or post-conflict countries across the world enroll in their program to break the isolation of war and conflict by joining a small group of women like themselves. Through our sponsorship, we are connected with a woman as a sister who writes to us and we can write back. When she graduates from the program with new skills, businesses, savings, connections with other women like herself as well as new knowledge on health, nutrition and her rights, we are connected with another sister as she enrolls in the program.

We are grateful for the opportunity to be a part of our sisters' journeys. Donations here are small – and voluntary.

We would love to have you join us. If you are interested, please contact Carol Burns 716-863-1558 or Jennifer Coleman 716-515-5328

Organ Fund Update

The final cost for the organ renovation and necessary electrical update was \$15,195.23. Collections toward the repairs were \$9,175. Thank you to all who donated to the Organ Fund for this extensive repair! If you still wish to donate for these repairs, just indicate Organ Fund on the memo line of your check.

Step Fund

We will be closing out our Step Fund Campaign in the coming weeks for those who chose the option to pay this pledge over 2 years. When June statements are run, we will calculate any balances left. It was a very successful campaign and it is a testament to the generosity of Good Shepherd's parishioners. Thank you for your support!

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.