

COMBINED COMMISSION REPORTS

RECTOR, SENIOR WARDEN, JUNIOR WARDEN

MAY 2024

RECTOR - FR. JOE HUDSON

As with most months at Good Shepherd, many individuals pitched in in many ways for the work of God here and on behalf of the surrounding community. Along with the many usual components to the weekend services and various ministry activities and meetings, we officially wrapped our arms around Lois Mueller and her family to say a sad farewell to Paul at his funeral.

Libby and I met with our Diocesan Bishop to discuss her progress in diaconal discernment. I presided and preached at a service on Village on the Isle and moved forward with the planning for two weddings coming up in July: one for Kristen Kaplan and John Emory and the other for the Murphy's daughter and her fiancée. I also planned a baptism for two of the Altimier's grandchildren, that by the time of this vestry meeting will have already occurred.

We are finally on the cusp of finishing the Hurricane Ian restoration and revisioning. The roof may now be done, and we only have the front doors to finish and one or two other items left dangling.

We continue to be blessed with God's presence, and there is much evidence of the vibrancy of this community.

Fr. Joe

SENIOR WARDEN - BOB SAWYER

May witnessed the near completion of our 20+ month restoration following Hurricane Ian. As the month ended, the roof projects were almost done, while the new front doors continue to be on back-order. We anticipate everything will wrap up by mid-June. We await any word from the Diocese concerning our possible FEMA claim; and we expect a final check from our insurance company.

We conducted a capital campaign entitled, "Restore, Renew, Rejoice." We were successful in raising over \$300,000, which will be used to pay off the Diocesan loan and to fund additional projects to strengthen and beautify the building and grounds. We are truly blessed by the faithfulness of our congregation and friends.

May included a time for sadness and reflection as our dearly departed brother, Paul Mueller, was remembered in a Memorial Service on Saturday, the 11th. Paul was a close, personal friend of mine and I miss him a lot. His ashes were interred in the Venice Memorial Gardens on Center Road.

Bill Flack and I were thurifers at the 10:00-am and 8:00 am Pentecost Services on May 19th. By using newly acquired tools, we were both successful in starting and maintaining the thurible.

I was the audio man for the 8:00 services on May 5th, 12th and 16th. I delivered donations to the Center of Hope on May 7th and 21st; I picked up the Publix donations on May 11th and 12th.

On Saturday, May 18th, we had a very successful Pasta Night, put on by the Men's Breakfast crew. Over 100 members and friends of the congregation attended.

On May 22nd, I participated in a Zoom call with Bishop Scharf, Bishop Michael Hunn of the Diocese of the Rio Grande, and the other members of our Diocesan Disciplinary Board. Bishop Hunn gave us his ideas about the important role of the Board in the Church.

On May 29th, I attended a live Zoom panel discussion by four Bishops, including our own Bishop Scharf. The subject was the role of the Diocese in addressing the current state of the Church.

Later on May 29th, I attended our monthly Fellowship flock at Edie Haack's home. The evening included watching a video by Philip Yancy called "*What's So Amazing about Grace?*"

Bob Sawyer
Senior Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN - DON MCKELVEY

The 30' light pole located by our entrance driveway was hit and damaged by one of our contractors' vehicles. The responsible party has agreed to pay for a replacement pole and removal of the damaged pole. Sleuth Leak Detection and Diagnostic Services conducted a "smoke test" to determine if there is a leak in our plumbing system which is causing the unpleasant odor that we experience from time to time. The smoke test revealed drain system failure in two areas: 1. Compromised vacuum breaker on the first urinal in the men's bathroom. 2. Compromised 2" PVC pipe within block wall in hallway leading to choir/multipurpose room. Kurtz plumbing made the necessary repairs on May 16, 2024. Bob Clark is planting "Jasmine" plants to replace the grass along the wall under the pergola (grass does not do well in this area); thanks, Bob ! John Buntel is researching the problem with our exhaust ventilation over our stove. Likely, we will need a new exhaust fan. Roger Murphy has volunteered to trim the low hanging branches in our parking lot; thanks, Roger ! We are nearing the completion of our

restoration from Hurricane Ian. It was a wonderful team effort. Special thanks to Peter Walker and his assistants Paul Altimier and Bob Hazelrigg for monitoring our two roofing contractors for several months. Prayerfully, we will have a calm summer with quality family time and some rest and relaxation.

God Bless,

Donald A. McKelvy, Jr. Warden