

COMBINED VESTRY REPORTS

MARCH 2025

Hospitality - Ruth Bruno

During the month of March 2025 a St. Patrick's Day Dinner was held for the parish members headed by John Johnson.

The event was a success and the money after expenses will be donated to charity.

Respectfully submitted
Ruthanne Bruno, Hospitality

Outreach - Megarie van Sickel and Christine Pizer

We continue our focus on supporting existing Good Shepherd efforts while also exploring and establishing new outreach initiatives.

In January, the Vestry approved our plans for using the Endowment interest funds for additional outreach efforts. Specifically, we plan to offer five (5) \$1000 scholarships to individuals enrolling in technical college. We will partner with Career Source Suncoast to identify candidates to receive these scholarships. We plan to identify candidates in the spring and award scholarships for programs starting this summer.

Barbara Davis, Project Chair, has been working on plans for the new book collection for The Twig Cares store. This effort will be 4 weeks, from Sunday April 6th to Sunday May 4th. Publicity for the effort has begun and will continue through the month long period. We plan to locate a small bookcase in the hallway where parishioners can place their books. At the end of the collection period, Barbara, Megarie and Christine will deliver the books to the Twig Cares store.

We are grateful for Grace Gagliardi's continued leadership role as scheduler to ensure that the bread ministry is adequately staffed.

On Friday, April 11th, the commission chairs will host a Thank You luncheon in the library for all the members of the Outreach Commission. We are so grateful for all their efforts this year.

Megarie van Sickel and Christine Pizer

March 31, 2025

Parish Care - Barbara Davis

Grief Recovery – Deacon Rich

Nothing to report.

Mailbox Ministry – Megarie van Sickel

March 2025

Birthday cards sent - 20

Anniversary- 3
Get well- 6
Sympathy- 1

Comfort Meals – Barbara Rao

For the month of March, we have not had any requests for meals. Many of those who have come home from the hospital or are recovering from an illness have been taken care of by neighbors and friends. We still seek out parishioners who might be in need of food.

Eucharistic Visitors– Deacon Rich

During March 2025: 8 Visitations with 20 Communicants. Year To Date: 18 Visitations with 46 Communicants.

Prayer Team – EK Beall

The total number of prayer requests for the month of February was 163. This total included 162 on-going requests, 5 new requests, 9 updates to on-going requests, and 4 requests removed; for a grand total of 163.

Our Prayer Support Team continues to faithfully pray daily for those in need, as well as contacting them throughout the month with phone calls, emails, or personal visits. It is truly our privilege to pray for our parish family and their loved ones, to offer our comfort and support in their time of need.

Health and Wellness– Elaine Hedrick

Barbara Hurley gave a demonstration on using the Life Vac for choking after a 10:00 am service in March. The Life Vac is located in the AED container on the wall near the First Aid Cabinet in the Parish Hall. No blood pressure screenings or incidents in March.

I have been working on a possible seminar pertaining to End of Life Care by Susan Adams of Care Finders, who was referred to me by Heather Tetrault also of Care Finders.

The Health and Wellness Committee will not be meeting until we have more Parish interest/members.

Spiritual Formation - Libby Chinman

We wrapped up our Spring Spiritual Formation programs this month. Father Joe's next Core Curriculum "Wisdom Jesus" was insightful and informative.

Bob Sawyer presented his Enneagram study and it was fun finding out all our individual numbers and personalities.

Women's Bible study is finishing Foster's "Celebration of Disciplines."

Flocks are flourishing and we hope to get more groups formed as needed.

Easter is right around the corner and we have all our services happening. Lots of opportunities to join our Good Shepherd family and rejoice this Lenten season!

Libby Chinman
3/31/2025

Welcoming - Ed Silva

This month of March went by very quickly with a few setbacks. Some of our greeters and ushers were not able to serve; however, the shepherding process before, during and after services went well. This past month, some of our ushers and greeters were faced with health issues and were not able to greet or usher, both at the 8 am and 10 am services, leaving us shorthanded. However, our visitors new and seasoned were made to feel welcome. In the month of March, three (3) new visitor cards were submitted. Our Lead Shepherd, who is Father John, has been in contact with these new-comers after receiving the new registration cards to say we are pleased that they worshipped with us and to further see if they have any comments or questions about their worship time with us.

This welcoming team of ushers and greeters does an outstanding job to make all new visitors and seasoned members of Good Shepherd feel the warmth and life-giving love of Jesus Christ.

Faithfully Submitted,
Ed Silva