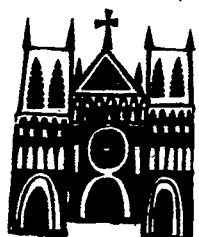


# PARISH PROFILE

## Welcoming community brings in diverse flock

### Parish Profile

Good Shepherd, Henrietta



By Rob Cullivan  
Staff writer

**HENRIETTA** — As a couple dozen parishioners mill around the school gym at Good Shepherd Parish, Father Michael J. Bausch approaches Bernie Hoh, 68, and his friend Jack Barker, 71.

"I believe these two were here before Christ," the pastor jokes of the lifelong parishioners who were attending the weekly parish coffee hour following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

To say the least, Hoh's and Barker's roots are planted deep in the suburban parish's rural past.

Hoh's uncle, also named Bernard, was the first man to marry in the parish, in May 1911, five months before the original church's cornerstone was laid.

And Barker's uncle, James Sweeney, helped build the original church.

But all this reminiscing makes John Barker, grandson of Jack and Betty Barker, joke.

"I've been coming here all my life," he said.

John, by the way, is 11.

The joviality and friendliness of the parishioners are what makes Good Shepherd tick, according to Father Bausch. He and several others parishioners note that Good Shepherd represents a diverse range of Catholics — economically, socially and ethnically.

Farmers and white-collar professionals worship side by side at the parish, one-fifth of whose membership is African-American, Asian and Hispanic, Father Bausch says.

"Because of that wide range, people take great pride in how welcoming they have been," the pastor observes.

In fact, welcoming parishioners is one of the duties of parish pastoral council members, according to council chairwoman Janet McNally. Council members must arrive before one of the weekend liturgies and greet parishioners as they come to Mass, she says.

She adds that because the parish has grown more ethnically diverse in recent years, council members may contemplate formally celebrating the parish's multicultural makeup by marking such yearly milestones as Black History Month on a parishwide basis.

"We are just at the beginning stages of trying to be in tune with that," she notes.

The parish was welcoming enough to convert Kathy Kaiser, 38, to Catholicism. Reared as a Baptist, Kaiser, who attends the parish with her husband Tom, went through the parish's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and became a Catholic on Easter Sunday this year.

"I tried other churches in the Rochester area, and they just don't measure up," she says.

She credits the parish's parochial vic-



Father Michael Bausch, pastor, celebrates the sacrament of the anointing of the sick during the 9:30 a.m. Mass at the Henrietta parish April 21.

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### SNAPSHOTS

Church of the Good Shepherd  
3318 East Henrietta Road,  
Henrietta

Phone: 716/334-3518  
No. of parishioners: 7,300  
Ministerial staff:  
Pastor: Father Michael J. Bausch  
Parochial vicar:

Father Stanley Kacprzak  
Pastoral associate:  
Sister Barbara Stinard, RSM  
Deacon: Eugene Edwards  
Religious education: Carolyn  
Hahn, Margaret Churnetski  
Parish visitor:

Sister Margaret Snider, RSM  
Parish secretary: Linda Brunner  
Business manager: Walter Stacker  
School principal:

Helen Marie Cullen  
Music coordinator: Jean Leicht  
Liturgy coordinator: Susan Reed  
Initiation & enrichment coordina-  
tor: Barbara Carmen

Youth ministry: Debbie Potter  
In residence:  
Father John M. Mulligan

ar, Father Stanley Kacprzak, along with Eugene Edward, the parish's permanent deacon, and his wife, Caroly, for helping her explore Catholicism.

"I think it was a really beautiful start toward the beginning of my journey toward God," she says of Good Shepherd's RCIA program.



Good Shepherd choir members Walt Stacker (right) and John Manion sing during the April 21 service.

Kaiser mentions that when she goes to Mass on Sunday, she puts her toddler daughter in the parish's nursery, which is run by such volunteers as Carole Sewar.

Sewar and her mother, Rose Sewar, emphasize that Good Shepherd is a family-friendly parish with many social and ministerial opportunities for parishioners of all ages.

"There's so much for you to get involved in, you'd never get bored," Rose says.

Along with their three children, Audrey, 11, Andrew, 8, and Amilyn, 6, Charlie and Linda Bement represent the kind of involved, young families that the Sewars are talking about.

Charlie works with the parish's Cub Scouts, while Linda chairs the parish's

playground committee and the parish life committee, which organizes such social events as Good Shepherd's chicken barbecue, slated for June 2.

Parishioners at Good Shepherd since they moved to Henrietta in 1987, the Bements are enthusiastic about encouraging other young families to consider membership at the parish.

"When you come to church here, there's a very open feeling," Linda says.

Creating that open feeling to others and to God is, in part, the task assigned to Jean Leicht, parish music coordinator. Leicht oversees almost 90 children and adults who participate in the parish's choirs and instrumental groups, including a contemporary choir headed by parishioner Kathleen Sullivan.

Leicht, who has handled musical chores full-time at the parish since 1982, and who has directed the choir since 1974, uses music to create liturgies where everyone plays a part.

"When people are participating, whether they're singing, or actively listening, to me they're in touch with God," she says.

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