

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: Please contact the parish office to schedule date of preparation and date of baptism.

Marriage: Please contact the pastor at least one year before planned date of marriage.

Visitation or Anointing of the Sick: Anytime. Please contact the pastor.

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

Daily

Mass (M, T, Th, F): 8:45 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 2:45-3:30 PM
(At St. Augustine 3:15-4 PM)

Holy Day Masses:

As announced

If you are a visitor or if you are new to our parish, we welcome you. If you would like to become a member of our parish, you may call the parish office, contact us by e-mail or return this form by mail or by placing it in the offertory collection.

This form may also be used for change of address or to request a call from a member of our staff.

Name _____

Address _____

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Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, August 4

4:00 PM Peter (2nd Anniv.) & Carl (1st Anniv.) Harper by their family

Sunday, August 5

8:00 AM Eleanor Gonsorcik by her family
10:00 AM Emile & Lucienne Roy by son Don Roy and daughter Lise Lithecum

Monday, August 6

8:45 AM NO MASS

Tuesday, August 7

8:45 AM The People of Good Shepherd

Thursday, August 9

8:45 AM Howard Sears by his family

Friday, August 10

8:45 AM NO MASS

Saturday, August 11

4:00 PM Raymond Gervais by his family

Sunday, August 12

8:00 AM Anita Belanger by Helen Poliquin
10:00 AM Marie & Adelard Ouillette & Theresa Benjamin by their family

Liturgical Roles August 11 & 12

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

4:00 PM P. Jordan, R. Poulin
8:00 AM P. & S. Joanis
10:00 AM J. & T. Kramer

Lectors

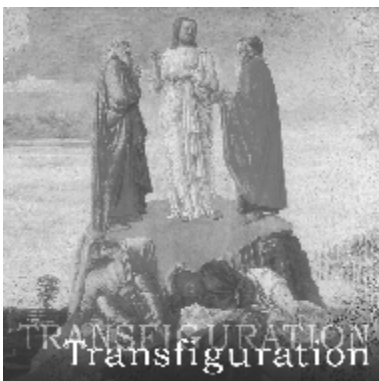
4:00 PM J. Hauge
8:00 AM C. Cote
10:00 AM C. Grady, A. Darling

Altar Servers

4:00 PM C. Kenny, V. Jordan
8:00 AM J. & J. Tasick
10:00 AM J. & M. Lowrey

Ushers

4:00 PM K. Jordan
8:00 AM J. D'Alfonso, E. Metivier
10:00 AM



Monday, August 6	7:00 PM	Finance Committee Mtg. (Rectory)
Tuesday, August 7	6:00 PM	TOPS (St. John Paul II Rm.)
Thursday, August 9	6:00 PM	Bible Study
Saturday, August 11	7:30 AM	Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall)
	2:00 PM	Bible Study
	2:45 PM	Confessions

Readings for the Week of August 5, 2018

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/ Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/ Mt 16:13-23
Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/ Jn 12:24-26
Saturday: Hb 1:12--2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/ Mt 17:14-20
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/ Eph 4:30--5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Holy Day: Feast of The Assumption
Wednesday, August 15

8:45 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: T. Kramer, J. Paquette, L. Roberts
Lector: E. Gorman
Ushers: J. D'Alfonso, E. Metivier

7:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Bruneau, M. Fitzpatrick, J. Petty
Lector: L. Kalinoski
Ushers: L. Bianco, J. Kaske
Altar Servers: T. Etzold, D. Rousseau



Thank you to Chris Mazzarelli who came forward to be our volunteer for the NAC Food Pantry. We would also like to thank Betty Dionne, our Uxbridge Food Pantry volunteer, who was our interim volunteer.



Registration for Religious Education 2018-19 is ongoing. Please contact Donna Wilson to register by email dwilson@gsyouth.org for returning families. New families please contact Donna Wilson to meet in person to register for classes **508-234-5340**. The fees remain \$75 for one child, \$90 for two children and \$115 for three or more children. Please remember our catechists' families receive a waiver of all fees. If payment is made via the collection basket, it should be placed in a plain white envelope clearly marked Religious Education. Our classes will start on Sunday, September 9. A full calendar will be available in July.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In an on-demand society, it's not always easy to imagine life with less. The crowds of Jesus' day depended on the weather and successful growing seasons for their livelihood. For many of Jesus' listeners, even "food that perishes" would have been a welcome relief. Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." For people who have just witnessed a miracle, the response is strangely marked by ingratitude. "What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert." Jesus fed them for one day, but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread. "Jesus," they seem to say, "can't you just give us more?"

How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life? "If I only I had more patience, then I could be kind to her." "I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing, but that's just not me." "I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time." Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more. We always don't want him to completely shift our paradigm. Perhaps it's not "more patience" we need, but a deeper sense of our own imperfections for a greater sense of empathy. Maybe God is inviting you not to entertain an entire group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe. And time may limit you from family engagement, but could God be asking you to reorder your priorities entirely?

After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed. Jesus is "the bread of life," who sustains our most essential needs. This week, are you looking for more or are you looking for God Himself?



SHARING OUR BLESSINGS
Weekend of July 28 & 29
Weekly Goal \$5959
 Sunday Regular \$2512; Electronic \$405; Candles \$35;
Other Income \$386
 Parish Savings \$255; New Day \$131

Number of Envelopes: 74 Thank You

*(The participation of all is very important
 and is appreciated by the whole community)*

2018 Partners in Charity Appeal
"Faith in Action-Loving God by Serving Others"

GOAL	250 gifts	\$40,200.00
RECEIVED	153 gifts	\$32,443.00
STILL NEED	97 gifts	\$ 7,757.00

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the **2018 Partners in Charity Appeal**. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge; envelopes are located at the church entrances and on the table in the back of the church, or visit www.partners-charity.net/donate to donate online. Thank you!

August 2, 2018

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During the time of communist reign in many countries in Eastern Europe, practicing the Catholic faith was illegal, church buildings were confiscated, and people were forced to hide and secretly share the truths of the Gospel. Having survived decades of institutional oppression and persecution, Catholics still struggle to rebuild not only their physical places of worship but also their church ministries and communities. "Restore the Church - Build the Future" is the national theme for the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE)** which will be taken up in our diocese on the weekend of August 12. Grants funded by this national collection support pastoral projects, scholarships, and Catholic organizations working in areas formerly under Soviet control. The emerging problems posed by secularism also require major investments in developing the next generation of Church leaders.

The country of Albania is nestled north of Greece on the Adriatic Sea. This small country suffered greatly under communist rule. In the capital of Tirana, located in the middle of the country, the Church is continuing to restore not only its structures but also the spirituality of the faithful after years of oppression. For example, in 1996, the congregation of sisters known as the Company of Mary Our Lady founded a kindergarten, the first Catholic school in the entire capital city. Since then, they have opened a school for grades 1-9 and a daily activity center for children. The sisters are now serving over 700 children daily from all different backgrounds, faiths, and ethnic groups. With your support of CCEE, these sisters will be able to make critical repairs to their building to continue their ministry. Your generosity helps the sisters to continue teaching children and equips the congregation to provide a space to build peaceful communities.

In order for projects like this one to continue, the collection needs your help. I ask that you keep these programs in your prayers and that we join our fellow Catholics in the United States in making a generous contribution to support the efforts to rebuild pastoral capacity and create future leaders of the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

With every prayerful best wish, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
 Bishop of Worcester.

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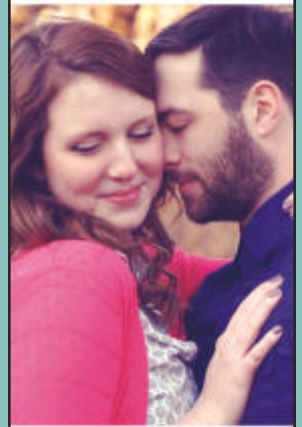
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