

# Good Shepherd Catholic Church

## *Third Sunday of* **ADVENT**



### PASTORAL STAFF

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### 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

### 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.

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.

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## Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts

 **Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

- Saturday, December 15**  
**4:00 PM** Raymond Gervais (10th Anniv.) by his family
- Sunday, December 16**  
**8:00 AM** Ronald White & Rosemarie St. Jean  
 by their family  
**10:00 AM** Claire Roy (2nd Anniv.) by Tom & Nancy
- Monday, December 17**  
**8:45 AM** Alma Goyette & Rose Lambert  
 by Joyce Paquette
- Tuesday, December 18**  
**8:45 AM** Eleanor Gonsorcik (2nd Anniv.) by her husband
- Thursday, December 20**  
**8:45 AM** Marie & Adelard Ouillette & Theresa Benjamin  
 by their family
- Friday, December 21**  
**8:45 AM** Emile & Lucienne Roy by son Don Roy &  
 daughter Lise Lithicum
- Saturday, December 22**  
**4:00 PM** Arthur, Yvette, Sr. Rosemarie Dupre  
 by Elaine & Jim Gosselin
- Sunday, December 23**  
**8:00 AM** The People of Good Shepherd  
**10:00 AM** Albert Bellerieve by Deacon Marc & Roberta

**Liturgical Roles December 22 & 23**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

- 4:00 PM** P. Berthelette, D. Bruneau, Y. Remillard  
**8:00 AM** M. Destrempe, M. Joanis, M. Landry  
**10:00 AM** M. Etzold, P. Joanis, L. Roberts

**Lectors**

- 4:00 PM** J. Stanovich  
**8:00 AM** S. Morrissey  
**10:00 AM** S. Joanis, A. Darling

**Altar Servers**

- 4:00 PM** J. Lowrey  
**8:00 AM** C. Kenny  
**10:00 AM** T. Etzold, C. Wilson

**Ushers**

- 4:00 PM** K. & P. Jordan  
**8:00 AM** J. D'Alfonso, E. Metivier  
**10:00 AM** D. & MB Guertin

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Christmas Eve**

- 4:00 PM** **Monday, December 24**  
 Christmas Eve Mass and Pageant  
**10:00 PM** Christmas Eve Choir Mass

**Christmas Day**

- 10:00 AM** **Tuesday, December 25**  
 Christmas Day Mass


**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

**New Year's Day**

- 10:00 AM** **Tuesday, January 1**  
 New Year's Day Mass

 **CALENDAR**

Sunday, December 16	9:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 2:00 PM	<b>NO RELIGIOUS ED.</b> Parish Hall Rental Scouts Pack 25 (Parish Center)
Monday, December 17	5:30 PM 6:15 PM 7:30 PM	YC Open RE GR 6-8 Parish Council (St. John Paul II Rm.)
Tuesday, December 18	6:00 PM  6:00 PM  7:00 PM	TOPS (St. John Paul II Rm.) Tiger Den 6 (2nd fl. Parish Center) RCIA (Senior Room)
Wednesday, December 19	6:30 PM	Scouts (2nd fl. Parish Center)
Thursday, December 20	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Senior Room)
Saturday, December 22	2:00 PM  2:45 PM 5:00 PM	Bible Study (Senior Room) Confessions Festival Choir Rehearsal (Carol's Office Parish Center)
Sunday, December 23	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	<b>NO REL. ED.</b>

 **Rest in Peace**

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the soul of **John Desmarais** who has gone home to God. May he rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

**Envelopes for Christmas flower offerings** are in your envelope packets and also at the gift table. Your contributions will help to decorate the church for Christmas and also remember your loved ones in a very special way throughout the Christmas season.

**Readings for the week of December 16, 2018**

- Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7 /Lk 3:10-18
- Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
- Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
- Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
- Thursday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
- Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21[1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
- Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
- Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

**Sunday, December 16**

9:00 AM NO  
11:00 AM RELIGIOUS ED.

**Monday, December 17**

6:15 PM GR. 6-8

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

In Christianity, we hear often about the "Good News." We might often associate it with Jesus' compassion to the poor, his healings and miracles, and the salvation he won for us. In today's Gospel, we read of John the Baptist. "Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people." Yet as we examine the rest of the reading, we see examples of John's preaching. If you have two cloaks, give one away. Don't cheat others out of their money, extort, or lie. And, of course, the warning that the Messiah is on the move and "his winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Merry Christmas?

Not only do John's listeners enjoy his message, but they seem to think he might be the awaited Messiah! To understand today's Gospel, it's important to understand the Jewish people. For most of their history, God's chosen people had been under someone else's heel. They were slaves in Egypt. Their kingdoms were ravaged first by the Assyrians, then the Babylonians. Now they were under the yoke of the Roman Empire. Familiar with being strangers in a strange land, welcoming the stranger, caring for the vulnerable, and enacting justice was incredibly important to them as a people. While John's words may seem odd or strong to our modern ears, this call to justice was welcome, even if it was directed at the hearer.

The truth is, no one is exempt from John's call to repentance. We all have further to go in the Christian life. We can all grow in virtue and love our neighbors more generously. The Church gives us the Advent season to examine our own hearts. Did any of John's warnings resonate with you? That could be a great thing to bring to Jesus this week!



**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**  
**Weekend of December 8 & 9**

**Weekly Goal \$5959**

Sunday Regular \$3657; Electronic \$1255; Candles \$20;  
Christmas Flowers \$119; Funeral \$100;  
St. A. Reimbursement \$450; Immaculate Conception \$374

**Other Income \$122**

Parish Savings \$122;

Number of Envelopes: 157 Thank You

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

**Congratulations**  
**Fr. Juan Sebastian Sanchez**  
**On your Ordination to the**  
**Priesthood**  
**May the Lord Bless you always**

**Christmas Caroling**  
**Sunday, December 16**

**5-7 pm**

All are invited to join the Evangelization Team in Christmas Caroling in the Linwood/Uxbridge neighborhood. We will meet at the Parish Center at 5pm. We will be walking on the sidewalk so bring a flashlight or battery operated candle. All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult. When was the last time you heard Christmas caroling in the neighborhood? We will be returning around 7pm.

**Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls**

are now accepting registrations for the 2019 summer season. The camps located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. For more information or to request a brochure, contact Brendan Stackhouse at 603-364-5851 or email [Brendan@bfcamp.com](mailto:Brendan@bfcamp.com) or visit and register online at [222.bfcamp.com](http://222.bfcamp.com). Please don't wait as sessions fill quickly. The gift of a summer camp experience could be the ideal Christmas present for your child or grandchild.

**PARISH CENTER WINTER HEATING**

**To all staff, ministries and groups using the Parish Center:**

Now that the cold weather has arrived, please remember to close all classroom doors and the door to the "Welcome Room" when you leave. Also, in each classroom, one radiator should be left at "1" and the others at "0" on the dials. This will help us to save on heating costs while keeping the rooms relatively warm. Thank you.

**Please help to keep our church neat!**

Please do not leave bulletins in the pews, either take them home or return to the bulletin racks at church entrances. Kneelers should be placed in the upright position and hymnals and missalettes should be placed neatly in the pew racks. Thank you!

**WINTER DAILY MASS**

Just a reminder that in the event of inclement weather during the winter months, if there is **no school** or a **two hour delay** in Uxbridge, there will be **no Mass**. If there is a one hour delay, Mass will be celebrated.

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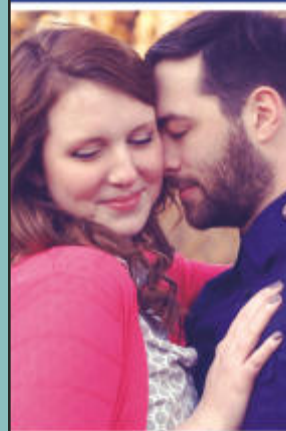
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