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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.

Name _____

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Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

- Saturday, December 29**
4:00 PM Jim Cullen (4th Anniv.) by his parents
- Sunday, December 30**
8:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd
10:00 AM Dr. Susan Campo Weiss by her mother
- Monday, December 31 New Year's Eve**
8:45 AM Arthur Poudrier by his wife Cecile
- Tuesday, January 1 New Year's Day**
8:45 AM No Mass
10:00 AM Open for Intention
- Thursday, January 3**
8:45 AM No Mass
- Friday, January 4**
8:45 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
 by the Helpers of the Holy Souls
- Saturday, January 5**
4:00 PM Rita Daigle (23rd Anniv.) & Doris Levesque
 (8th Anniv.) by granddaughter
- Sunday, January 6**
8:00 AM Eleanor Gonsorcik by her husband
10:00 AM Helen Wasiuk (7th Anniv.) by Tom & Nancy

Liturgical Roles January 5 & 6

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 4:00 PM** D. Bruneau, M. Destrempe, M. Joanis
8:00 AM P. Berthelette, M. Landry, R. Poulin
10:00 AM J. & T. Kramer, A. Wagstaff

Lectors

- 4:00 PM** Y. Remillard
8:00 AM M. O'Sullivan
10:00 AM M. Etzold, T. Millette

Altar Servers

- 4:00 PM** D. Rousseau
8:00 AM A. & M. Kay
10:00 AM T. Etzold

Ushers

- 4:00 PM** J. & K. Nutter
8:00 AM L. Derderian, S. Pickering
10:00 AM D. & MB Guertin

Readings for the week of December 30, 2018

- Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/
 Jn 1:1-18
- Tuesday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/
 Lk 2:16-21
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/
 Jn 1:19-28
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/
 Jn 1:29-34
- Friday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/
 Jn 1:43-51
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

 **CALENDAR**

Sunday, December 30	9:00 AM	NO
	11:00 AM	RELIGIOUS ED.
Monday, December 31	5:30 PM	YC Closed
	6:15 PM	NO REL. ED.
Tuesday, January 1	10:00 AM	New Year's Day Mass
HAPPY NEW YEAR		
Wednesday, January 2	6:30 PM	Scouts (2nd fl. Parish Center)
Thursday, January 3	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Senior Room)
Friday, January 4	9:15 AM	First Friday Adoration (Mary Chapel)
Saturday, January 5	2:00 PM	Bible Study (Senior Room)
	2:45 PM	Confessions
Sunday, January 6	9:00 AM	SP RE (Church Hall)
	11:00 AM	Gr. K, 1, 3, 4, 5
	4:00 PM	Gr. 2 Mass (Church)

Solemnity of Mary
New Year's Day

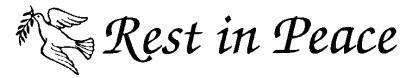
- 10:00 AM** **EM:** C. Guertin, J. Paquette, D. Wilson
L: S. Desjourdy
AS: J. Lowrey, C. Wilson
U: L. Derderian, S. Pickering



December 30, 2018 The Holy Family

"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers." As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, this Gospel exposes us to a strange tension. While this family is one we can look to for an example, they are not quite the same family unit as everyone else. There is an otherness to Jesus, something profound. And yet, perhaps on second thought, are our families so different?

When Mary and Joseph encountered Jesus in the temple, "they were astonished." But at what? Mary's response is surprised. They're not astonished that Jesus is preaching in a place for respected teachers. They're not astonished that their son has captured the attention of the wisest men of the time period. They're astonished at his seemingly disobedient behavior! "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." All our children have an "otherness" about them, something that makes them unique and different. They are distinctly not "me." What will our own children become? What temple will they wander off to? Who will they astound?



Sunday, December 30

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

Monday, December 31

6:15 PM NO RELIGIOUS ED.



Everyday Stewardship

Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God.

Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.

How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships.

Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS
Weekend of December 22 & 23
Weekly Goal \$5959**

Sunday Regular \$2441; Electronic \$405; Candles \$35;
Christmas Flowers \$30; Living Faith Books \$12; Funeral \$100;
Staff Thank You \$222; Utilities \$150

Other Income \$121

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Number of Envelopes: 107 Thank You

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

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

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Kathy Zechello from Liturgical Publications (our bulletin printer) will be working on setting up the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin the month of January. Please consider advertising in our bulletins. Kathy will be here January 7-10, 2019.

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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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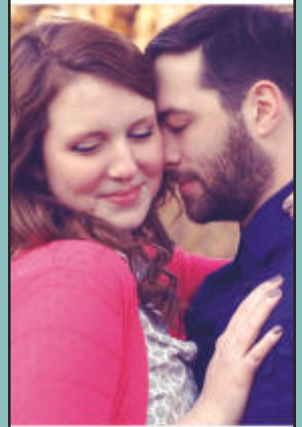
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