

Good Shepherd Catholic Church



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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekends

Saturday: 6:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Daily

Mass (Tuesday & Friday): 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 10:00-11:00 AM
(At St. Augustine 3:00-3:45 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 _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

New parishioner Change of address Please contact me

Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts



Saturday, August 22
6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd
Sunday, August 23
9:00 AM William Barron by his family
Tuesday, August 25
9:00 AM John Abbruzzese by Joyce Paquette
Friday, August 28
9:00AM Edito & Edwin Mosqueda by Butler family
Saturday, August 29
6:00 PM Ray Colonero by his family
Sunday, August 30
9:00 AM Germaine Kloczkowski (3rd Anniv.)
 by her family

Liturgical Roles August 29 & 30
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6:00 PM M. Landry, L. Roberts
9:00 AM C. Guertin, J. Hauge

Lectors

6:00 PM M. O'Sullivan
9:00 AM A. Wagstaff

Altar Servers

6:00 PM D. Rousseau
9:00 AM A. Kay

Ushers

6:00 PM J. & M. Morrissey, D. Wilson, **Need 1**
9:00 AM D. & MB Guertin, R. Poulin, **Need 1**

Readings for the week of August 23, 2020

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/
 Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/
 Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/
 Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/
 Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/
 Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/
 Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and
 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/
 Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



Sunday, August 23	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, August 25	9:00 AM	Mass
	6:00 PM	TOPS (Parish Hall)
Thursday, August 27	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Library)
Friday, August 28	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, August 29	10:00 AM	Drive Thru Confessions (behind church)
	4:00 PM	Bible Study (Library)
Sunday, August 30	6:00 PM	Mass
	9:00 AM	Mass

12:30AM, 970 AM & 101.1 FM
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We welcome to God's world and to our parish family **Elsa Rose Burkowske**, who was baptized here last weekend. May God bless you and your family as you walk on your journey back to Him.



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real. It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?

2020 Partners in Charity Appeal
"Envision Faith in Action"

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2020 Partners in Charity Appeal. Good Shepherd has received **\$15,325.00** towards our goal of **\$40,200.00**. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, you may send in your check either by mail or place in the collection basket clearly marked Partner's in Charity on the envelope or visit www.partners-charity.net to give online. Partner's in Charity, formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization and worship. Thank you!

NORTHBRIDGE ASSOCIATION
OF CHURCHES

The NAC Food Pantry is in need of new coordinators! This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and glorify God! Responsibilities include going to the Food Bank a couple times a month to ensure the pantry is stocked, and volunteering some Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have questions or are interested in the position, please email kate@pscr.org.

Food Pantry and New Day Outreach



*"...I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me."
 Matthew 26:40*

On the last full weekend of each month, we have an opportunity to respond to Jesus' call for us to help those in need. Next weekend, **August 29 & 30**, is our Food Pantry and New Day Outreach weekend.

Food Pantry

This month our donations will go to the **Northbridge Association of Churches Food Pantry**. Please purchase an extra item or two when you do your shopping this week and bring them to church next weekend. Just a note: Food pantries are not allowed to distribute any food items that have expired; they have to throw them away. Please check expiration dates carefully if you bring an item from your home!

New Day

Monies received in the Good Shepherd Church replica on the last weekend of each month are used to help individuals and families from our parish, and also to support various community causes. Your generosity each month enables us to continue to help those in need.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS
Weekend of August 15 & 16
Weekly Goal \$5959

Sunday Regular \$2241; Electronic \$433;
 Parish Savings \$80; Candles \$15; Assumption \$162

Number of Envelopes: 62 Thank you

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



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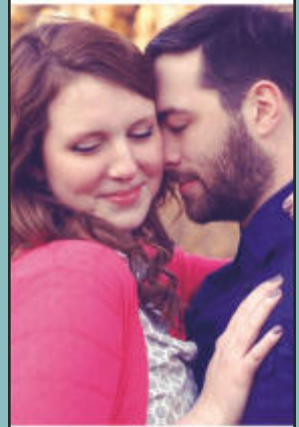
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