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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 29

6:00 PM Ray Colonero by his family
Rita Cogliandro by Linda Roberts

Sunday, August 30

9:00 AM Germaine Kloczkowski (3rd Anniv.)
by her family

Tuesday, September 1

9:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd

Friday, September 4

9:00AM Evan Tan & Ramon Luy by the Butler family

Saturday, September 5

6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd

Sunday, September 6

9:00 AM Eleanor Gonsorcik by her family

**Liturgical Roles September 5 & 6
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

6:00 PM M. Fitzpatrick

9:00 AM P. Joanis

Lectors

6:00 PM S. Desjourdy

9:00 AM S. Joanis

Altar Servers

6:00 PM V. Jordan

9:00 AM A. Thompson

Ushers

6:00 PM J. Lydon, P. & K. Jordan, **Need 1**

9:00 AM D. & MB Guertin, E. Metivier, **Need 1**

Readings for the week of August 30, 2020

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

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102
[97]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab,
13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/
Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/
Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/
Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/
Mt 18:15-20



Sunday, August 30	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, September 1	9:00 AM	Mass
	6:00 PM	TOPS (Parish Hall)
Thursday, September 3	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Library)
		Mass
Friday, September 4	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, September 5	10:00 AM	Drive Thru Confessions (behind church)
	4:00 PM	Bible Study (Library)
Sunday, September 6	6:00 PM	Mass
	9:00 AM	Mass

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.





The following are some "Thank You" letters from the organizations to whom we have sent rosaries.

Thank you for the beautiful rosaries.
United in Prayer,
Blythe Kaufman
Children's Rosary

Thank you all, all your rosaries are just what mission priests need. I'm sending them to school children in Uganda.
Sincerely in St. Dominic
Chuck
Our Lady's Rosary Makers Mission Dept.

Thank you all, all your rosaries are going around the world for those in most need. I'm sending them to priests in the Congo for the millions of Catholics in need.
Sincerely in St. Dominic,
Chuck
Our Lady's Rosary Makers Mission Dept.

Christ's peace. Thank you for the box of beautiful and individually packaged rosaries for our poor. There has never been a better time to bring the love of Jesus and Mary into the lives of people worldwide. Thank you for being the hands of Our Lady in bringing her to others. At this time of pandemic, when we are not free to go out on our apostolates, we are using your rosaries to give to the poor who come to our door. They are receiving food, clothes and rosaries through your loving work and generosity.

Some of your rosaries will go to those in hospitals in California and Tijuana, Mexico. The priests-chaplains are very grateful to bring the rosaries into the patients whom they visit and/or administer the anointing of the sick. Can you imagine the consolation of those in isolation who receive, through the rosary, the presence of Jesus and Mary in their rooms? We have the priest-chaplain at each hospital bless the rosaries as they receive them.

We are very grateful for the gifts you are giving to the children of God at this troubling time. You are remembered in our prayers.

God Bless you,
Sr. M. Elisabeth, MC
Mother Teresa Center of the Missionaries of Charity

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

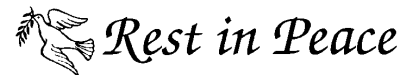
Sunday Regular \$1839; Electronic \$433;
Candles \$15; St. Augustine Reimbursement \$2669.11
Parish Savings \$80; Funeral \$100

Number of Envelopes: 50 Thank you

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

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!



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

Great News - Worldwide Marriage Encounter has gone "Virtual"!

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Re-Kindle – Renew**. This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings September 14 to October 26 from 7-9:30 PM.

Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.wmema.org/>.

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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 of 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@psrc.org.



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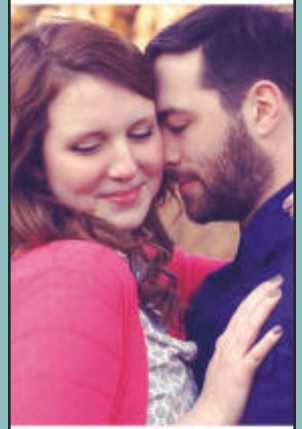
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