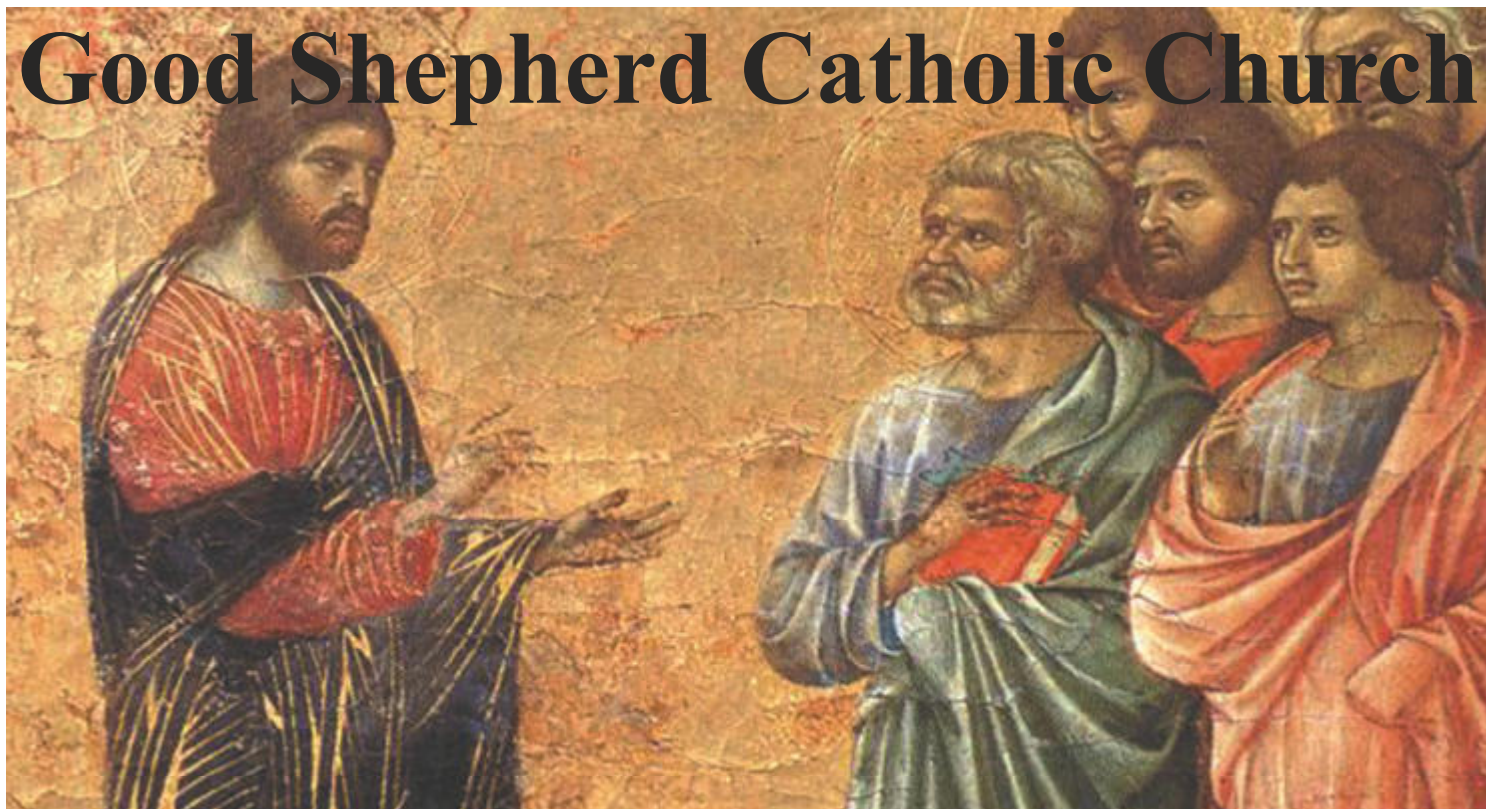


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LITURGY SCHEDULE

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 _____

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Telephone # _____

New parishioner Change of address Please contact me

Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts



Saturday, September 5
6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd
Sunday, September 6
9:00 AM Eleanor Gonsorcik by her family
Tuesday, September 8
9:00 AM Deceased members of the Berrini family
 by Joyce Paquette
Friday, September 11
9:00AM Gerry Metivier by his wife
Saturday, September 12
6:00 PM Deceased members of the Gorman family
 by their family
Sunday, September 13
9:00 AM Marcel & Palma Turgeon by Helen & family

Liturgical Roles September 12 & 13
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6:00 PM L. Roberts
9:00 AM J. Paquette

Lectors

6:00 PM M. Landry
9:00 AM J. Hauge

Altar Servers

6:00 PM D. Rousseau
9:00 AM C. Wilson

Ushers


6:00 PM J. Lydon, J. & M. Morrissey, **Need 1**
9:00 AM E. Metivier, R. Poulin **Need 2**

Readings for the week of September 6, 2020

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/
 Mt 18:15-20
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12
 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c
 [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]/
 Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12 [2]/
 Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]/
 Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



Sunday, September 6	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, September 8	9:00 AM	Mass
	6:00 PM	TOPS (Parish Center)
Wednesday, September 9	5:00 PM	Peace of Bread (Presbyterian Church)
Thursday, September 10	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Library)
Friday, September 11	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, September 12	10:00 AM	Drive Thru Confessions (behind church)
	4:00 PM	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 PM	Mass
Sunday, September 13	9:00 AM	Mass

 The Good Shepherd team will be serving at Peace of Bread Community Kitchen on Wednesday, September 9 (our last of the year). We will be preparing our meal, "Shepherd's Pie" on Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 pm, we will need 2 volunteers to help. We will be boxing our meal on Wednesday, September 9 at 4:00pm, we will need 2-3 volunteers. If you can volunteer, please contact Jason Patnode at jasonpatnode@gmail.com. The Peace of Bread Community Kitchen is located at the United Presbyterian Church on Cottage Street in Whitinsville behind UniBank. Thank you.

Congrats to this year's recipient of the *Mario H. Forget Memorial Scholarship Award:*
Tomas Etzold

Tomas served as an Altar Server, volunteered for Youth Ministry, Vacation Bible School and the Music Ministry. He will be attending CCRI in the fall working towards an Associates Degree in Law Enforcement.

The office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in honor of Labor Day



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.



SHARING OUR BLESSINGS
Weekend of August 29 & 30
Weekly Goal \$5959

Sunday Regular \$2050; Electronic \$433;
 Candles \$5; Parish Savings \$44; Parish Religious Ed. \$10;
 New Day \$100

Number of Envelopes: 41 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 **\$16,425.00** 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!

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://wwmema.org/>.

Who Makes the Coffee?

Early one morning, a husband and wife were playfully arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally, the wife folded her arms and said decidedly, "You have to make the coffee. It's in the Bible!"

The husband was shocked. "Is not! Show me!"

Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it the New Testament and declared, "It says right here — HEBREWS!"



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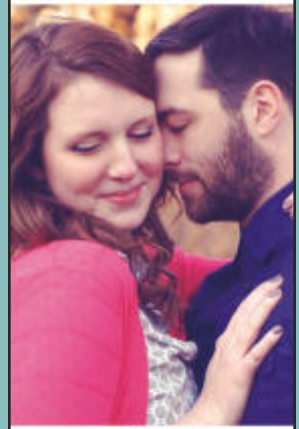
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