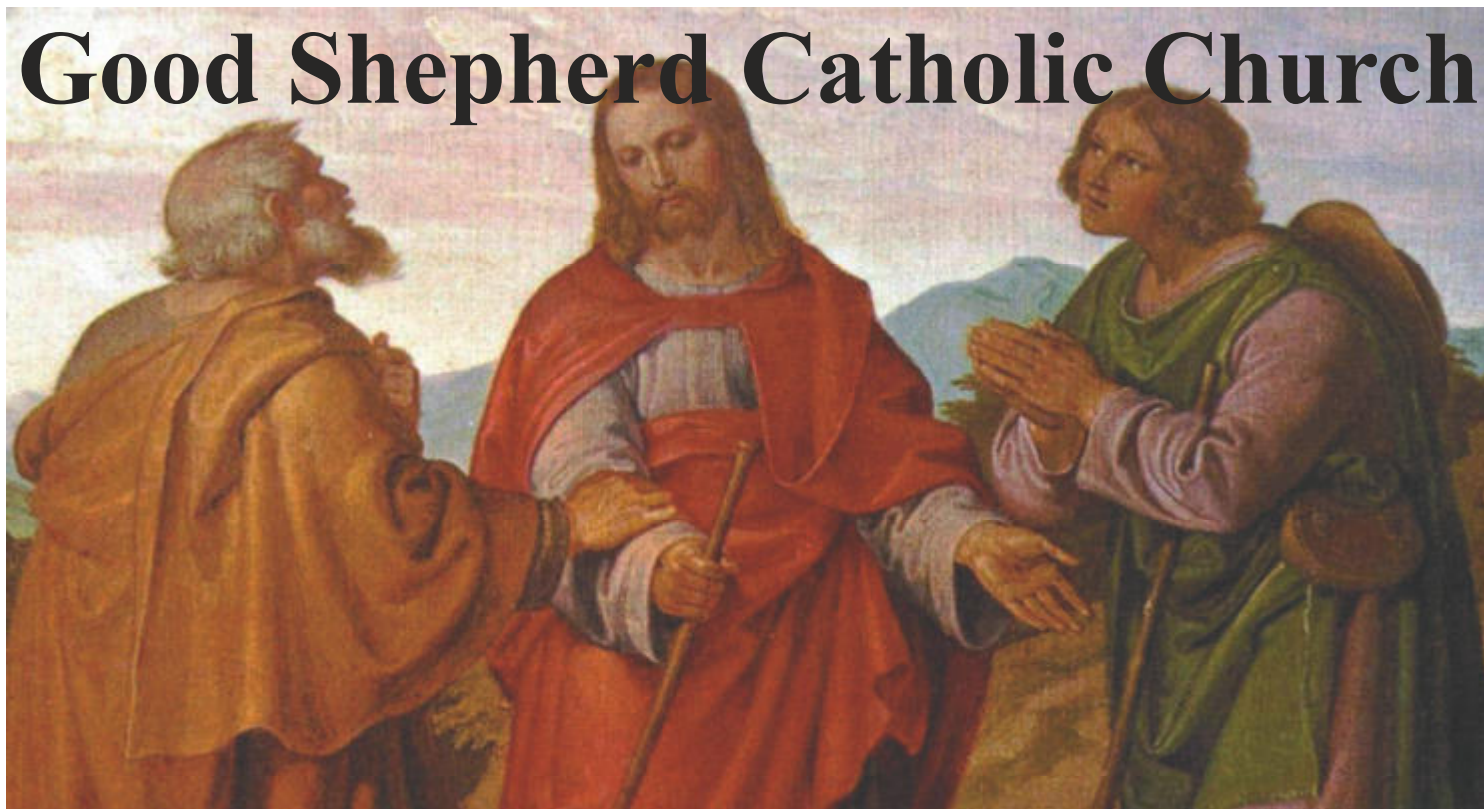


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LITURGY SCHEDULE

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 _____

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New parishioner Change of address Please contact me

Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

- 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
- Tuesday, September 15**
9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Helpers of the Holy Souls
- Friday, September 18**
9:00AM Michael Feen by Maureen Ronald White by his family
- Saturday, September 19**
6:00 PM Anna & Dominick DiRienzo by their family Rita Cogliandro (Months Mind) by her family
- Sunday, September 20**
9:00 AM Lena Gouin by her family

Liturgical Roles September 19 & 20
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 6:00 PM** M. Destrempes, A. Thomson
9:00 AM C. Guertin, D. Wilson
- Lectors**
- 6:00 PM** M. O'Sullivan
9:00 AM A. Darling
- Altar Servers**
- 6:00 PM** A. Thompson
9:00 AM C. Wilson
- Ushers**
- 6:00 PM** J. Kaske, J. Lydon, **Need 2**
9:00 AM D. & MB Guertin, J. & M. Morrissey

Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

- 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
- Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

SUN MON TUE
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9 10 11 **CALENDAR**

Sunday, September 13	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, September 15	9:00 AM	Mass
	6:00 PM	TOPS (Parish Center)
Wednesday, September 16	6:00 PM	Rosary Makers (Parish Center)
Thursday, September 17	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Library)
Friday, September 18	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, September 19	10:00 AM	Drive Thru Confessions (behind church)
	4:00 PM	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 PM	Mass
Sunday, September 20	9:00 AM	Mass
	2:00 PM	Baptism

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.

Mitu Mission

Next weekend September 19 & 20 is our monthly collection in support of the Diocese of Mitu, Colombia. Please make sure to add your donation to the collection basket, using the special Mitu envelope or another envelope with MITU on the front. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!

“By our baptism, we are members of Christ’s body and sharers in his mission. Imitating Christ, we must care for all members of our communities, honoring each person as unique, sacred, and created in the image of God.” USCCB, “Open Wide Our Hearts”



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

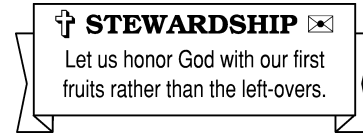
Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

2020 Partners in Charity Appeal
"Envision Faith in Action"

The **2020 Partners in Charity Appeal** has ended. Thank you to all of you who have contributed.



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/>.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS
Weekend of September 5 & 6
Weekly Goal \$5959

*Because of early bulletin deadline
last week's financial information
will be available next week*



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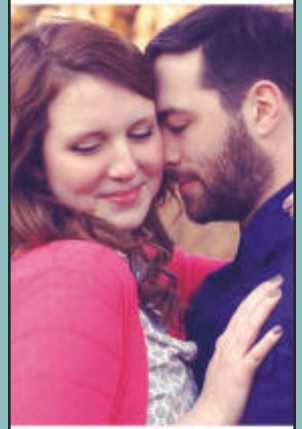
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