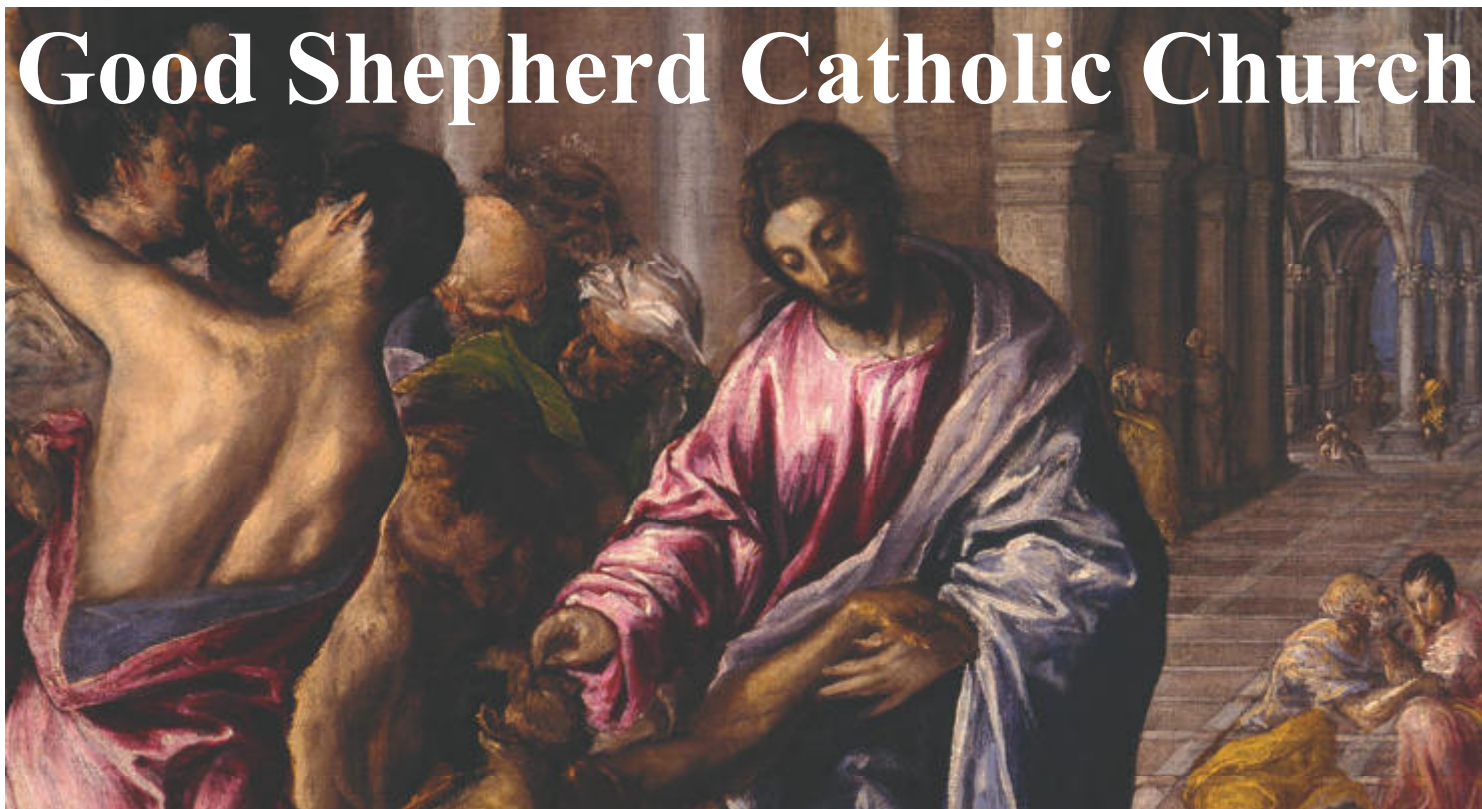


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LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

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

Tuesday, September 22
9:00 AM Stephanie Manna & David Ruscitti by Joyce

Friday, September 25
9:00 AM John Mulligan by Joyce Paquette

Saturday, September 26
6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd

Sunday, September 27
9:00 AM Margaret Barron by her family

**Liturgical Roles September 26 & 27
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

6:00 PM L. Roberts
9:00 AM R. Poulin

Lectors

6:00 PM S. Desjourdy
9:00 AM A. Wagstaff

Altar Servers

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

Ushers

6:00 PM J. Kaske, J. Lydon, E. Metivier, **Need 1**
9:00 AM L. Derderian, P. & K. Jordan, S. Pickering

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/
 Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/
 Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35,
 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163
 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and
 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/
 Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14
 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/
 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

 **CALENDAR**

Sunday, September 20	9:00 AM	Mass
	2:00 PM	Baptism
Tuesday, September 22	9:00 AM	Mass
	6:00 PM	TOPS (Parish Center)
Thursday, September 24	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Library)
Friday, September 25	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, September 26	10:00 AM	Drive Thru Confessions (behind church)
	4:00 PM	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 PM	Mass
Sunday, September 27	9:00 AM	Mass

Mitu Mission

This 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!



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, **September 26 & 27**, is our Food Pantry and New Day Outreach weekend.

Food Pantry

This month our donations will go to the **Uxbridge People First 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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.

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

Sunday Regular \$2084; Electronic \$1028;
Parish Savings \$333; Parish Religious Ed. \$5

Number of Envelopes: 65 Thank you

Weekend of September 12 & 13

Sunday Regular \$3055; Electronic \$433;
Candles \$45; St. Augustine Reimbursement \$300
Parish Savings \$297; Parish Religious Ed. \$45

Number of Envelopes: 76 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"

The **2020 Partners in Charity Appeal** has ended. Good Shepherd raised \$17,500.00 of our \$40,200.00 goal. Thank you to all of you who have contributed.

People First Food Pantry

We have a few Wednesday morning shifts that are in need of volunteers. The shift runs from 10:45-1pm. Volunteers must be able to lift 20-25 lbs. Volunteers must be 18+ years or older to work on our shifts. We serve families in our parking lot to adhere to COVID-19 procedures. If you or someone you know would like to help, please email Denise at: thepeoplefirstfoodpantry@msn.com

Thank you!

Letter from Bishop McManus

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

For the past six years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called *Celebrate Priesthood-Taste of the Diocese* as a benefit for Retired Priests' care. Given the many restrictions to protect us from the Coronavirus pandemic, we are planning a *Virtual Celebrate Priesthood* event for October 26, 2020.

We cannot let a year go by without pausing to reflect on the gift of the priesthood in the lives of all Catholics. So our Virtual event will nonetheless be a uplifting celebration!

On **Monday, October 26 at 6pm** we will livestream an evening featuring interviews with some of our priests ranging from recently ordained to retired. We will also invite you into the celebration that evening by sharing your memories that day by email and/or social media to be part of this special night, which we will share during the live event.

Although we cannot gather that night for the delectable tastings from area restaurants and parishes, "tickets" as donations will be available up to and including that night to receive a gift of coupons from area restaurants to enjoy tastings at their facilities or as takeout. As restaurants are confirmed, we will post them and their offerings on the *Celebrate Priesthood* webpage.

Individual donations, advertising in the commemorative book and sponsorships have all been necessary elements to the success of this annual event in support of on average 55 retired priests in our diocese who have committed more than **2,000 years of service** as a group to our spiritual wellbeing! That financial support is critical since over the past six years the cost of their care has exceeded resources by an average of over \$500,000.

I invite you to utilize the forms which are available online to participate. Everyone who responds will receive a commemorative book in the mail along with restaurant coupons for those who donate \$100 or more for "tickets" or general donations. Sponsors, donors and advertisers will also be posted on the *Celebrate Priesthood* webpage and social media.

Please join me in spreading the word about this wonderful celebration of the priesthood and the importance of supporting our priests in retirement.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

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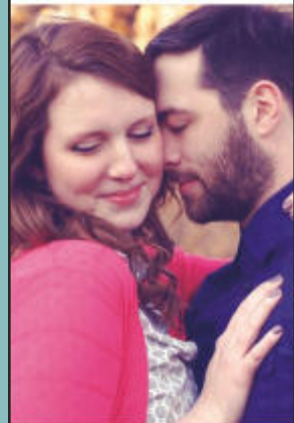
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