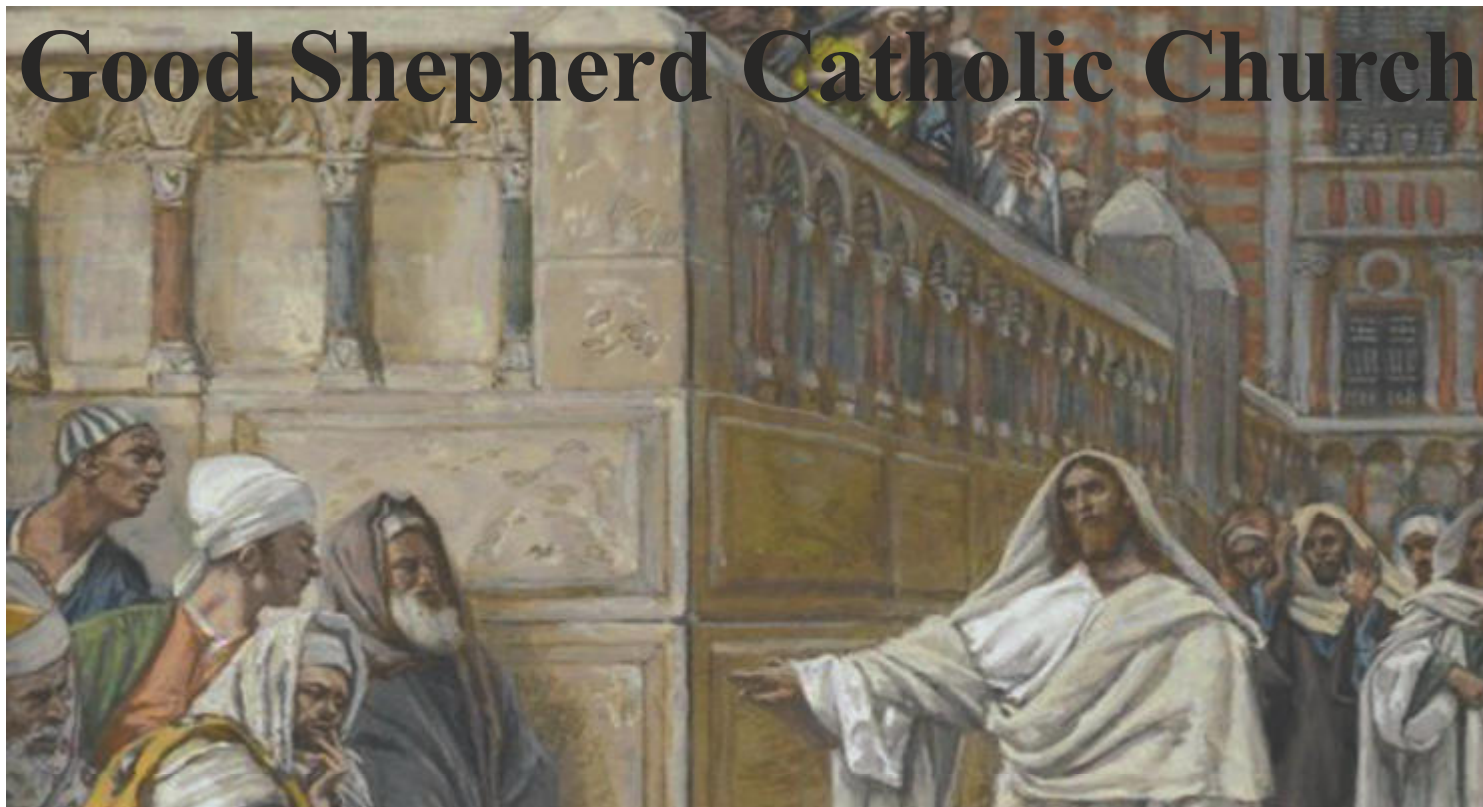


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LITURGY SCHEDULE

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, October 3**
6:00 PM Judy Matte Mills by Thomas & Gail Seifermon
- Sunday, October 4**
9:00 AM Eleanor Gonsorcik by her family
 Lucienne Roy by son Donald Roy and daughter Lise Lithcum
 Sadie Grace Pomeroy by her family
- Tuesday, October 6**
9:00 AM Shirley Maynard by Joyce Paquette
 Roger Tessier by Bill & Deb Ballou
- Friday, October 9**
9:00AM Gerry Metivier (3rd Anniv.) by Roger & Eileen
- Saturday, October 10**
6:00 PM Sam Cogliandro by his family
 Billy Ballou by Jeannine Fournier
- Sunday, October 11**
9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory by The Helpers of the Holy Souls

**Liturgical Roles October 10 & 11
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

- 6:00 PM** M. Landry, A. Thomson
9:00 AM S. Joanis, J. Paquette
- Lectors**
- 6:00 PM** M. O'Sullivan
9:00 AM P. Joanis
- Altar Servers**
- 6:00 PM** D. Rousseau
9:00 AM A. Thompson
- Ushers**
- 6:00 PM** J. & M. Morrissey, **NEED 1**
9:00 AM L. Derderian, S. Pickering, R. Poulin

Readings for the week of October 4, 2020

- Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
- Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/
 Lk 10:25-37
- Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15
 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42
- Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
- Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/
 Lk 11:5-13
- Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/
 Lk 11:15-26
- Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/
 Lk 11:27-28
- Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/
 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



CALENDAR

Sunday, October 4	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, October 6	9:00 AM	Mass
	5:00 PM	TOPS (Parish Hall)
	6:30 PM	Finance Comm. Mtg. (Rectory)
Wednesday, October 7	6:30 PM	Charity & Social Justice Committee (Parish Hall)
Thursday, October 8	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Parish Hall)
Friday, October 9	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, October 10	10:00 AM	Drive Thru Confessions (behind church)
	4:00 PM	Bible Study (Parish Hall)
	6:00 PM	Mass
Sunday, October 11	9:00 AM	Mass

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?



Religious Education will begin on Sunday, October 18 at 10:00 am. If you have not registered, please take a moment to complete the online registration form, the link is

<https://forms.gle/faYSRNQacD7x767V8>

For those who have already completed the registration, **thank you.** Payments for registration can be mailed to the rectory: Good Shepherd Catholic Church, P. O. Box 517, Linwood, MA 01525. Registration fees are \$75 for 1 child, \$90 for 2 children and \$115 for 3 or more children. Please let me know if you have any concerns (**Donna Wilson, 508-320-5923 or religiusedgoodshepherd@gmail.com**).

We are planning to use the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies this year. For the fall through Christmas, we will provide the parents with the materials, periodic video lessons and an introduction each month. We will begin with a parent/child meeting to introduce how the program works. This is a very parent-friendly curriculum. The sessions will be divided by grade level groups and in different locations: PreK to grade 1; Grades 2-3; Grades 4-8. If you have children in different grades, choose one and let me know. I will ensure that all your materials are together. The basic structure of the lessons is the same, while the content is age-appropriate.

We pray that we can have in-person classes beginning in January 2021. Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist will have special lessons starting in January 2021.

NOTE

WHILE FR. VICTOR IS AWAY

Weekday masses will be as follows:

9am at St. Augustine

Tuesday, October 13 and 20

9am at Good Shepherd

Friday, October 16 & 23

WEEKEND MASSES WILL STAY THE SAME

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Weekly Goal \$5959

Weekend of September 26 & 27

Sunday Regular \$2718; Electronic \$463;

Utilities \$60; Parish Savings \$100;

Religious Ed. Registration \$75;

Living Faith Booklets \$12; New Day \$70; Candles \$15;

Parish Religious Ed. \$180; TOPS Renewal Rental \$150;

Catholic Schools (OLV) \$215; St. A. Reimbursement \$2542

Number of Envelopes: 85 Thank you

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

Support Our Lady of the Valley's Virtual 5K Fun Run Walk

Our Lady of the Valley Regional School will be sponsoring a virtual 5K Fun Run/Walk. The race opens at 9:00am Oct. 24 and closes at 5:00pm Oct 25.

The cost is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children (under 18). Run or walk a 5k with the family. Submit your photos to the OLV Parents' Guild FB page for best costumes, best spirit wear, and best running back drop. Enter your validated times (with app) to RaceWire. Registration is now open at RaceWire.com. Please join us in supporting a strong Catholic education, right here in the Blackstone Valley.



The schedules for October and November were sent out last week. Please call the rectory if you did not receive yours.

Living Faith Booklets are available for October, November and December. Stop by the rectory Monday, Wednesday or Friday to pick up or call the rectory at 508-234-7726 to make arrangements. We ask for a \$2 donation to defray the subscription cost. Thank you.

TV Masses will end on Spectrum Ch 193

The Daily and Sunday TV Masses, Family Rosary and other programs produced by the Diocese will no longer be available on Charter/Spectrum Channel 193 after October 23. If you watch on a non-Spectrum cable company like Clinton or Shrewsbury, there is no change. If you watch on the internet, nothing has changed. TV Ministry is working to get on more local access stations over the next few weeks. It could mean a simple change to channel 194 in towns that have Spectrum cable. Before October 23, an updated list will be available online at worcesterdiocese.org and mailed to all our Daily Mass supporters.

Lighter Side

The Peace and Love of God

After a very long and boring homily the parishioners filed out of the church saying nothing to the pastor. Towards the end of the line was a thoughtful person who always commented on the homilies.

“Father, today your homily reminded me of the peace and love of God!”

The pastor was thrilled. “No one has ever said anything like that about my preaching before. Why did it remind you?”

“Well, it reminded me of the peace of God because it surpassed all understanding, and the love of God because it endured forever!”

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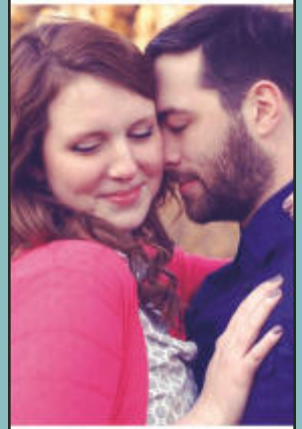
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