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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, November 28
6:00 PM John Igo by Michael & Ellen
Sunday, November 29
9:00 AM Raymond Gervais and Lillian Simmons
 by the family
Tuesday, December 1
9:00 AM Susan Delfanti by Joyce Paquette
Friday, December 4
9:00 AM Norma Atwood by Joyce Paquette
Saturday, December 5
6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd
Sunday, December 6
9:00 AM Eleanor Gonsorcik by the family
 Deceased members of the McCarthy family
 by Wes and Pauline

Liturgical Roles December 5 & 6
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

6:00 PM L. Roberts
9:00 AM C. Guertin

Lectors

6:00 PM M. O'Sullivan
9:00 AM A. Darling

Altar Servers

6:00 PM Need 1
9:00 AM A. Thomson

Ushers

6:00 PM L. Carter, J. Lydon, C. Prior
9:00 AM R. Poulin, M.B. and D. Guertin

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Readings for the week of November 29, 2020

Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1
 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
 Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt
 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/
 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt
 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



 CALENDAR		
Sunday, November 29	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, December 1	9:00 AM	Mass
	5:00 PM	TOPS (Church Hall)
Thursday, December 3	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Church Hall)
Friday, December 4	9:00 AM	Mass
	9:30 AM	First Friday Adoration
Saturday, December 5	10:00 AM	Confessions
	4:00 PM	Bible Study (Church Hall)
Sunday, December 6	6:00 PM	Mass
	9:00 AM	Mass

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 OF THE *Blessed Virgin Mary*

"Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing!" December 8th is one of our feasts celebrating Mary - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the beginnings of the Church, spiritual writers and theologians have acknowledged the innocence and holiness of Mary. St. Irenaeus called her the "new Eve." Both faced with the pure freedom to accept or reject God, Mary began with work of redemption with her yes to Christ! The Church began to celebrate the feast of Mary's conception in the early Middle Ages. In 1854, Pope Pius IX infallibly declared that Mary was free of original sin from the first moment of her conception. On this feast day, we celebrate the beauty and goodness of Our Lady!

Masses will be celebrated at Good Shepherd on Monday, December 7 at 7 PM, and on Tuesday, December 8 at 9 AM; and at St. Augustine on Tuesday, December 8 at 11 AM.

Ministers for December 7:

Lector: J. Hauge; Eucharistic Minister: J. Paquette;
Greeters: L. Carter, J. Lydon, R. Poulin;
Altar Server: TBD

Ministers for December 8: Lector: J. Paquette;
Eucharistic Minister/Server: L. Roberts
Greeters: TBD



Living Faith Booklets are on the back table. Because they were only recently discovered, there is no "donation cost". Our apologies for the oversight!





Good Shepherd will again host its Giving Tree Outreach in support of families in need. This year, due to COVID-19 and safety concerns, it is necessary to make some changes to our program.

To satisfy children's requests for toys and clothing, we are asking you to purchase gift cards only. Suggested stores are Walmart, Target, and Kohl's. If you prefer, you may make a check out to Good Shepherd and we will purchase a gift card for you.

Envelopes that may be used to return your gift card/check are available next to each collection basket and on the back table. **Returns should be made this weekend or next, or by Wednesday, December 9 at the very latest, so that we can get them to the families in a timely manner.**

You may either:

>Place the envelope containing your gift card/check in the Gift Card Return baskets, located at the rear of the church and at the end of the ramp in the front of church, during the weekends of Nov 28th and 29th or Dec 5th and 6th .

>Drop your envelope off at the rectory,
121 Linwood St.

> Mail your envelope to Good Shepherd Parish,
P. O. Box 517, Linwood, MA 01525

The CSJ committee will then pair your gift card with a child's tag that requests clothes or toys and ensure that the families receive them.

The spirit of Christmas is the spirit of generosity!
Thank You! May you all have a blessed Christmas season.

Good Shepherd Parish Charity-Social Justice Committee



SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Weekend of November 21 and 22

Due to an early bulletin deadline,
Information will appear in next week's bulletin.
Thank you.

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

November 29, 2020

1st Sunday of Advent

You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us.



"Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping."

— Mt. 13:35-36

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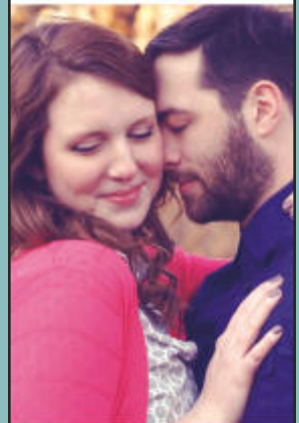
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