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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, 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
- Monday, December 7**
7:00 PM Vigil for Feast of the Immaculate Conception
- Tuesday, December 8** Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9:00 AM Billy Ballou by Jeannine Fournier
- Friday, December 11**
9:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory by the Helpers
 of the Holy Souls
- Saturday, December 12**
6:00 PM Jim Colonero by the family (8th ann.)
- Sunday, December 13**
9:00 AM Lorraine Dufault by Eileen (2nd ann.)

Liturgical Roles December 12 & 13
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 6:00 PM** A. Thomson
9:00 AM S. Joanis

Lectors

- 6:00 PM** J. Paquette
9:00 AM P. Joanis

Altar Servers

- 6:00 PM** V. Jordan
9:00 AM C. Wilson

Ushers

- 6:00 PM** L. Carter, K. & P. Jordan
9:00 AM J. & M. Morrissey, Need 1 more

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Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

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

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk
 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-
 12/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-
 30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt
 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt
 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is
 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

 **CALENDAR**

Sunday, December 6	9:00 AM	Mass
Monday, December 7	7:00 PM	Holy Day Vigil Mass
Tuesday, December 8	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Holy Day Mass TOPS (Church Hall) Charity & Social Justice Mtg. (Church Hall)
Wednesday, December 9	6:30 PM	Bible Study (Church Hall)
Thursday, December 10	7:00 PM	Mass
Friday, December 11	9:00 AM	Confessions Bible Study (Church Hall)
Saturday, December 12	10:00 AM 4:00 PM	Mass NAC Gift Card Distribution
Sunday, December 13	6:00 PM 9:00 AM 12:00 PM 2:00 PM	Baptism

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

Copies of *The Word Among Us* for Advent are available on the back table.



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 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.

>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

**December 6, 2020
2nd Sunday of Advent**

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It’s not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can’t just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a “good seat” in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God’s coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don’t you want the “best seat” in the house? You don’t want to miss Our Lord’s arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting news of Christ’s coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Weekend of November 21 & 22

Regular \$1654; Electronic \$463; Parish savings \$255; Christmas Flowers \$282; St. A Reimbursement \$472.50;

Other Income

Diocesan Collection \$135
(Campaign for Human Development)

Number of envelopes 81 Thank you

Figures for Nov. 28 & 29 will appear in next week’s bulletin.

**The amount received from the fall raffle was \$838.00.
Thank you for your support in this parish fundraiser.
Congratulations to the winner, Mrs. Rita Benoit!**



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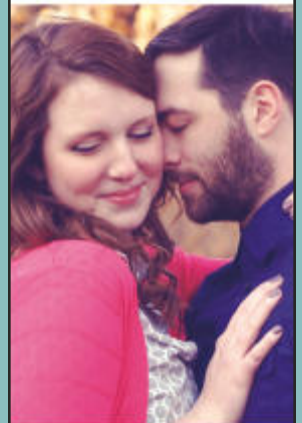
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