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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 12**
6:00 PM Jim Colonero by the family (8th ann.)
Sunday, December 13
9:00 AM Lorraine Dufault by Eileen (2nd ann.)
Tuesday, December 15
9:00 AM David Ruscitti & Stephanie Manna
 by Joyce Paquette
Friday, December 18
9:00AM Eleanor Gonsorcik (4th ann.) by her husband
Saturday, December 19
6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd
Sunday, December 20
9:00 AM Lena Gouin by her family

Liturgical Roles December 19 & 20
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 6:00 PM** M. Fitzpatrick
9:00 AM M. Destremes

Lectors

- 6:00 PM** M. Landry
9:00 AM S. Desjourdy, A. Thompson

Altar Servers

- 6:00 PM** Need
9:00 AM Need

Ushers

- 6:00 PM** L. Carter, J. Lydon, C. Prior
9:00 AM D. & MB. Guertin, R. Poulin



Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

- 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
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and
 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/
 Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/
 Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,
 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

 **CALENDAR**

Sunday, December 13	9:00 AM 12:00 PM	Mass NAC Gift Card Distribution
Tuesday, December 15	2:00 PM 9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Baptism Mass TOPS (Church Hall)
Thursday, December 17	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Church Hall)
Friday, December 18	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, December 19	10:00 AM 4:00 PM	Confessions Bible Study (Church Hall)
Sunday, December 20	6:00 PM 9:00 AM	Mass Mass

 **Holiday
Mass Schedule**

at Good Shepherd

Christmas Eve: 4 pm & 8 pm

Christmas Day: 9 am

New Year's Eve: 7 pm

New Year's Day: 9 am

at St. Augustine

Christmas Eve: 6 pm

Christmas Day: 11 am

New Year's Eve: 9 am

New Year's Day: 11 am

Mitu Mission

Next weekend December 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!



Did you know that the chopping down of the Christmas tree represents the death of Christ and putting it back up represents the resurrection of Christ? Did you know that the wreaths we hang are never ending circles that represent eternity? Candy canes were made to look like shepherd hooks and the colors, re Jesus' blood, white purity. The gifts, represent the three gifts the wise men brought for baby Jesus. So when you are running around trying to find the "perfect gift", stop yourself, take a deep breath and remember, we have been given the perfect gift, Jesus Christ was given to us to remove all our sins.
Amen!

Important!

Christmas Mass Reservations

Since we have limited seating capacity, we are asking you to please reserve a seat for Christmas masses. There are sign up sheets at all entrances. If you cannot sign up at church, please call Deacon Mike at 508-266-0166 to make your reservation or to ask questions.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Weekend of November 28 & 29

Regular \$3024; Electronic \$463; Parish savings \$50;
Christmas Flowers \$145; St. A Reimbursement \$382.50;
Candles \$20; Utilities \$45; New Day \$70

Other Income

Giving Tree Cash/Checks for Gift Cards \$200

Number of envelopes 60

Thank you

Weekend of December 5 & 6

Regular \$2726; Electronic \$1058; Parish savings \$175;
Christmas Flowers \$55; St. A. Reimbursement \$2000;
Candles \$15; Utilities \$25;

Other Income

Giving Tree Cash/Checks for Gift Cards \$260

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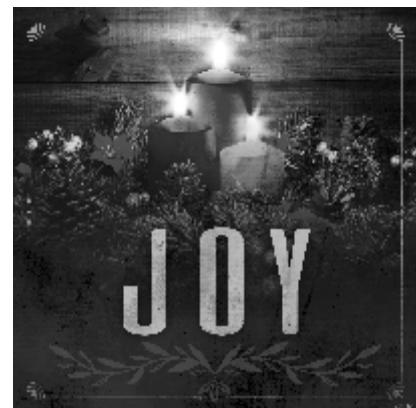
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3rd Sunday of Advent

Did you ever stop and realize that there is no earthly gain that can ever really satisfy us? Think of winning the Lotto. On this side of the winning ticket, it's all about the money, the new car, house, vacations, bank accounts, and infinite pleasures. The possibility of acquiring all of these earthly securities brings us back again and again to the purchase of a ticket. Then, one day we win! Our dreams are fulfilled, and happiness is on the horizon. Then one day, we wake up and realize that nothing has really changed, and I am not as satisfied as I thought I was or would be. I find myself living in my incompleteness and with my profound sorrow and grief. I did not find joy.

Glimpses of joy are possible but not by material means. They are brought to us through incredible experiences of connection that bring us face to face with real and authentic faith, hope, and love. And, they are glimpses and do not last. The moment we find ourselves looking back at them, they are gone, and we find ourselves remembering the moment in memory. To carry joy within us is to realize that it is not something I create, manufacture or even acquire. It is not able to be purchased. It is a gift. My need for joy mirrors my need for eternity, for a Creator who has a claim on the very essence of who I am and desires a home within me. As C. S. Lewis discovered, joy is a surprise that speaks to my very soul and is given as gift by the God who loves me.

The beauty of Advent is found in discovering the beauty of the gift of joy. God has visited his people for no other reason than to show them where and how to find joy! All of our human and earthly joy experiences are always only glimpses. They never satisfy us, sustain us or fulfill us. It is only God who is the joy of my soul. Real, Divine experiences of joy catch us off guard, make us stop and become aware, bring a feeling of awe and rightness and have an eternal Otherness about them. Nothing created by humans can ever come close to this. We probably will not fully realize the truth of all of this until we actually meet God face to face in heaven one day. Then, in that sacred moment when our hearts leap for joy we will understand what we have been tirelessly searching for all along. Intense gratitude will most surely follow.



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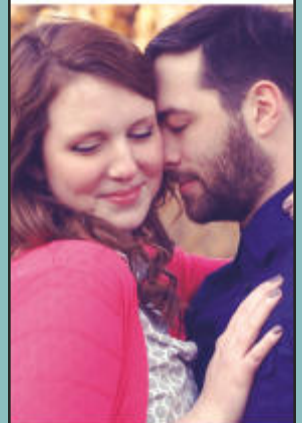
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