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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 26**  
**6:00 PM** Jim Cullen Jr. (6th anniv.) by his parents  
**Sunday, December 27**  
**9:00 AM** Emile & Lucienne Roy by son Donald Roy and daughter Lise Lithecum  
**Tuesday, December 29**  
**9:00 AM** Rose Lambert & Alma Goyette by Joyce Paquette  
**Thursday, December 31 New Year's Eve**  
**7:00 PM** The People of Good Shepherd  
**Friday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary New Year's Day**  
**9:00AM** The People of Good Shepherd  
**Saturday, January 2**  
**6:00 PM** Hattie Alex by Debbie Christiansen  
**Sunday, January 3**  
**9:00 AM** Eleanor Gonsorcik by her family

 <b>CALENDAR</b>		
<b>Sunday, December 27</b>	9:00 AM	Mass
<b>Tuesday, December 29</b>	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS (Church Hall)
<b>Thursday, December 31</b>	7:00 PM	Mass New Year's Eve
<b>Friday, January 1</b>	9:00 AM	Mass New Year's Day
<b>Saturday, January 2</b>	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions Bible Study (Church Hall) Mass
<b>Sunday, January 3</b>	9:00 AM	Mass

**Liturgical Roles January 2 & 3**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6:00 PM** A. Thomson  
**9:00 AM** C. Guertin

**Lectors**

**6:00 PM** M. Landry  
**9:00 AM** J. Hauge, A. Thompson

**Altar Servers**

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

**Ushers**

**6:00 PM** L. Carter, C. Prior, Need 1  
**9:00 AM** D. & MB. Guertin, Need 1

**Liturgical Roles December 31, January 1**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**7:00 PM** L. Roberts  
**9:00 AM** M. Destrempe, P. Joanis

**Lectors**

**7:00 PM** J. Paquette  
**9:00 AM** S. Joanis, T. Millette

**Altar Servers**

**7:00 PM** Need  
**9:00 AM** C. Wilson

**Ushers**

**7:00 PM** J. Lydon, J. & M. Morrissey  
**9:00 AM** P. & K. Jordan, R. Poulin

**Readings for the week of December 27, 2020**

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/  
 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4,  
 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or  
 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22,  
 39-40  
**Monday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/  
 Mt 2:13-18  
**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/  
 Lk 2:22-35  
**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/  
 Lk 2:36-40  
**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/  
 Jn 1:1-18  
**Friday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/  
 Lk 2:16-21  
**Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/  
 Jn 1:19-28  
**Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/  
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Holiday Mass Schedule**

**at Good Shepherd**

New Year's Eve: 7 pm  
 New Year's Day: 9 am

**at St. Augustine**

New Year's Eve: 9 am  
 New Year's Day: 11 am

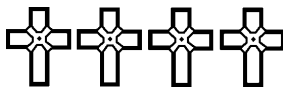


**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



**Because of early bulletin deadline  
Last week's financial information will be in a future  
bulletin**

**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**

**Weekend of December 19 & 20**

Regular \$; Electronic \$; Parish savings \$;  
Christmas Flowers \$; St. A Reimbursement \$;  
Immaculate Conception \$

**Other Income**

Giving Tree Cash/Checks for Gift Cards \$;  
Retirement for Religious \$

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**The Gift of Family**

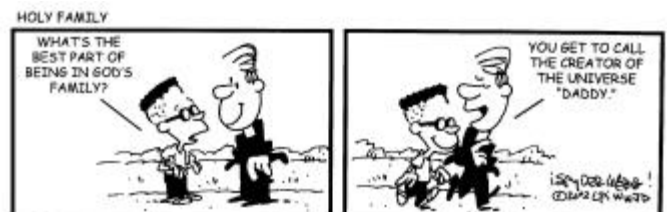
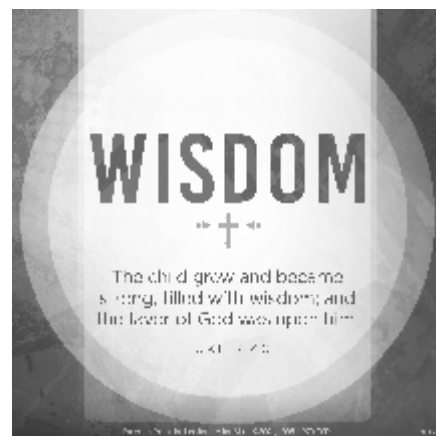
What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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