

# Good Shepherd Catholic Church



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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, January 9**  
**6:00 PM** Billy Ballou by Jeannine Fournier  
**Sunday, January 10**  
**9:00 AM** Lillan Pelland by Bruce & Christine Bartlett  
**Tuesday, January 12**  
**9:00 AM** Kathy Powers by Joyce Paquette  
 Ann Desruisseaux & her son Paul  
 by her sister-in-law Jeannette White  
**Friday, January 15**  
**9:00 AM** The People of Good Shepherd  
**Saturday, January 16**  
**6:00 PM** The People of Good Shepherd  
**Sunday, January 17**  
**9:00 AM** Daniel Manna & David Ruscitti by their family

**Liturgical Roles January 16 & 17**  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**6:00 PM** L. Roberts  
**9:00 AM** R. Poulin

**Lectors**

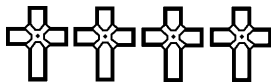
**6:00 PM** M. O'Sullivan  
**9:00 AM** A. Darling

**Altar Servers**

**6:00 PM** A. Thompson  
**9:00 AM** C. Wilson

**Ushers**

**6:00 PM** L. Carter, C. Prior, Need 1  
**9:00 AM** J. & M. Morrissey, Need 1



**Readings for the week of January 10, 2021**

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/  
 Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/  
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/  
 Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/  
 Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/  
 Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/  
 Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/  
 Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/  
 Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

 **CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday, January 10</b>	9:00 AM	Mass
<b>Monday, January 11</b>	<b>TBD</b>	Parish Council Zoom meeting
<b>Tuesday, January 12</b>	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS (Church Hall)
<b>Thursday, January 14</b>	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Church Hall)
<b>Friday, January 15</b>	9:00 AM	Mass
<b>Saturday, January 16</b>	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions Bible Study (Church Hall) Mass
<b>Sunday, January 17</b>	9:00 AM	Mass



We welcome to God's world and to our parish family **Matthew Lynn Kuzmenko**, who was baptized here last weekend. May God bless him and his family as he walks on his journey back to Him.

**The Mass book for 2021 is open.** Please email the office at [gshepherd7726@charter.net](mailto:gshepherd7726@charter.net) or call Maureen on her cell at 508-868-2246.

**Thanksgiving and Christmas Giving Tree Programs**

Many thanks to all of our parishioners who so generously gave to our Thanksgiving and Christmas Giving Tree programs this year. Although all of us have felt our world has been turned upside down in many ways, you chose to count your blessings, think of others, and extend a helping hand to those in our community who are need. Through your donations, families supported by the Northbridge Association of Churches and Uxbridge People First Food Pantry were able to provide wonderful holiday meals and gifts to their children.

We would like to share with you two thank you notes we received from one of the families who benefited from your support.

"My daughters and I would like to thank you for the Thanksgiving meal gift cards. In this time of need it is greatly appreciated. When I return to work I hope I can pay it forward to another family in need. Thank you again."

"My daughters and I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We know it is a hard time for all right now and greatly appreciate your kindness and generosity. We hope you all have a Merry Christmas. Thank you again."

Blessings and prayerful hopes to all for a safe and healthy New Year!

Charity and Social Justice Committee

Because of early bulletin deadlines this could not be printed for the Christmas or New Year's bulletins.

Christmas 2020

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As Advent gives way to Christmas, we find ourselves in a continued state of waiting, longing and expectation for a promised vaccine. How our world has changed in a year!

Last Christmas, none of us had heard of COVID-19. Since then our lives, jobs, recreation and worship have been shaped by it. COVID precautions have led to COVID-fatigue as we long for a return to normal life.

Anxious waiting and expectation for the vaccine marks and impacts our celebrations. Gatherings in church and at home will be smaller, travel truncated, carols fewer, precautions increased and parties cancelled.

But Christmas is not cancelled. Our way of celebrating has changed, but our reason for celebrating remains the same. While the world awaits the arrival of a vaccine, we celebrate the arrival of the world's Savior.

We hope for a vaccine that for a time will ward off illness and death. The Divine Savior whose birth we celebrate gives us resurrection and reunion. We pray the vaccine will restore normal life on earth. The grace Christ offers promises eternal life in Heaven.

For two millennia Christians throughout the world have celebrated Christ's birth. Many of these Christmases have been marked by famine, plagues and wars. Through those hardships and others, Christians have found in Christ the strength, hope and joy to persevere, endure and triumph over all of life's uncertainties.

As we wait for the vaccine to come, let us rejoice, give thanks and find peace in the Savior who has already come, defeated sin and death and will come again to share His definitive triumph of eternal life.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester



### **The Baptism of the Lord**

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?



*The Knights of Columbus Mumford Council #365 has generously donated \$500.00 to our parish. We are truly grateful for their generosity throughout the year.*

**Living Faith Booklets** are available for January, February, March on the back table of the church. We ask for a \$2 donation to defray the subscription cost. Thank you.

#### **SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**

##### **Weekend of December 26 & 27**

Regular \$2781; Electronic \$463; Parish savings \$40;  
Christmas Flowers \$5; Donation for Chapel roof \$500;  
Staff Thank You \$110; 2020 Giving Tree Donation \$120;  
Candles \$40; Christmas \$750; K of C Donation \$500;  
New Day \$80

**Number of envelopes: 70**  
**Thank you**

##### **Weekend of January 2 & 3**

Regular \$1919; Electronic \$463; Staff Thank You \$107;  
Candles \$43; Utilities \$20; Christmas offering \$825;  
Solemnity of Mary \$310; St. A. Reimbursement \$2542.67; Parish  
Savings \$220; Living Faith booklets \$2; Initial Offering \$177;  
Catholic University \$60

**Number of envelopes: 130**  
**Thank you**



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