

# 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 16**  
 6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd  
**Sunday, January 17**  
 9:00 AM Daniel Manna & David Ruscitti by their family  
**Tuesday, January 19**  
 9:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd  
**Friday, January 22**  
 9:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd  
**Saturday, January 23**  
 6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd  
**Sunday, January 24**  
 9:00 AM Amza Belanger by Bruce & Christine Bartlett  
 Stanley Kloczkowski (2nd anniv.) by his family

**Liturgical Roles January 23 & 24  
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

6:00 PM A. Thomson  
 9:00 AM P. & S. Joanis

**Lectors**

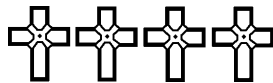
6:00 PM J. Paquette  
 9:00 AM J. Hauge

**Altar Servers**

6:00 PM D. Rousseau  
 9:00 AM V. Jordan

**Ushers**

6:00 PM J. Lydon, J. & M. Morrissey  
 9:00 AM P. & K. Jordan, Need 1



**Readings for the week of January 17, 2021**

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  
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/  
 Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/  
 Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17  
 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14  
 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/  
 Mk 3:20-21  
 Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/  
 1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

 **CALENDAR**

<b>Sunday, January 17</b>	9:00 AM	Mass
<b>Tuesday, January 19</b>	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS (Church Hall)
<b>Thursday, January 21</b>	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Church Hall)
<b>Friday, January 22</b>	9:00 AM	Mass
<b>Saturday, January 23</b>	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions Bible Study (Church Hall) Mass
<b>Sunday, January 24</b>	9:00 AM	Mass

**The Mass book for 2021 is open.** Please email the office at [gshpherd7726@charter.net](mailto:gshpherd7726@charter.net) or call Maureen on her cell at 508-868-2246.

 *Liturgical Ministers*

Ministers schedules were sent out earlier in the week. If you did not receive yours, please call Joyce (508-641-8213) or Mary (508-278-6771).

**Job Opportunities**

**Parish Secretary:** St. Brigid and Assumption Parishes in Millbury are looking for a secretary to work Monday through Thursday 8:30 am—3:30 pm. Must be computer literate and familiar with office and church responsibilities would be an asset. Salary and hours are negotiable. Call Deacon Ron Buron at 508-865-6624 if interested or with questions.

**Part time Cook:** The Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies in Worcester is looking for a part-time cook to fill in for several weeks preparing dinner on Mondays-Thursdays for 6 people. Salary to be negotiated based on experience. Interested applicants should contact house director Fr. Donato Infante at 508-630-4473.

**Pork Roast Dinner:** St. Peter Parish in Northbridge is having a Pork Roast “To Go” dinner. Pick up will be on Saturday, January 23 starting at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$12 per dinner and include salad and dessert. All orders must be purchased in advance. Please call 508-234-2156 to purchase tickets or with any questions.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.



**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**

**Weekend of January 9 & 10**

Regular \$2706; Electronic \$1018; Staff Thank You \$50;  
Candles \$35; Christmas offering \$30;  
Parish Savings \$157; Living Faith booklets \$1;  
Initial Offering \$70; Retired Religious \$50

**Number of envelopes: 63**

**Thank you**



**Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation**  
**January 24, 31, February 7, 28**  
**10:00 am—10:30 am**  
**in the Church**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on**  
**Saturday, March 6, 2021**

**First Eucharist Preparation**  
**March 14, 21, 28 (Palm Sunday)**  
**April 11, 25**

**10:00 am—10:45 am**  
**in the Church**

**First Eucharist will be held on**  
**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

**We ask one parent to attend with their child. This will allow us to comply with the Diocese and State recommendations.**

**We would love for you to join us at the Mass each week as we look forward to celebrating your child receiving the Eucharist in May. The Mary Chapel is available for seating if you are not comfortable with the main church. We assure you that the pews are sanitized after each Mass and that all must wear masks and use hand sanitizer upon arrival and before Communion.**



An excerpt from a note from Blythe Kaufman to the Rosary Makers:

This year was indeed different but it has been full of many blessings. We have seen great creativity among Children's Rosary groups in continuing to meet either by virtual means or unifying in prayer during their normal meeting times. As the pandemic has unfolded, certain regions of the world have returned to meeting again while others still remain in lockdown.

We thank those who help us through their time, talent and treasure. So many have helped with translations, video projects and those making the rosaries. Almost all of the rosaries sent out this year was handmade. Thank you to those who have made donations. Without this support we could not respond to the requests we are receiving from throughout the world.





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