

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

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, February 6**
6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd
- Sunday, February 7**
9:00 AM Eleanor Gonsorcik by her family
 Ed Novack by his family
- Tuesday, February 9**
9:00 AM Margaret Brown & Doris Boutin
 by Joyce Paquette
- Friday, February 12**
9:00 AM Corinne Lamontagne by Joyce Paquette
- Saturday, February 13**
6:00 PM Betty Kaczowka by Rita Cogliandro family
- Sunday, February 14**
9:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd

**Liturgical Roles February 13 & 14
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

- 6:00 PM** P. Jordan
9:00 AM C. Guertin

Lectors

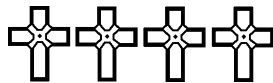
- 6:00 PM** M. Landry
9:00 AM S. Desjourdy

Altar Servers

- 6:00 PM** V. Jordan
9:00 AM A. Thompson

Ushers

- 6:00 PM** K. Jordan, J. & M. Morrissey
9:00 AM D. & MB Guertin, Need 1



Readings for the week of February 7, 2021

- Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/
 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
- Monday:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and
 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/
 Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30
 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/
 Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/
 Mk 8:1-10
- Next Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/
 1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

CALENDAR

Sunday, January 31	9:00 AM	Mass
Monday, February 1	7:00 PM	Parish Council Via Zoom
Tuesday, February 2	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS (Church Hall)
Thursday, February 4	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Church Hall)
Friday, February 5	9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass Adoration
Saturday, February 6	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions Bible Study (Church Hall) Mass
Sunday, February 7	9:00 AM	Mass

The Mass book for 2021 is open. Please email the office at gshpherd7726@charter.net or call Maureen on her cell at 508-868-2246.

Diocese Collection for Priest Retirement

On Ash Wednesday, February 17, the parishes of our diocese will take up a collection to support the retired priests of our diocese.

We currently have 50 retired priests. An additional 42 priests will reach the retirement age of 75 within the next nine years. Over the last two fiscal years, the costs of priest retirement, including housing, health insurance and monthly stipends have ranged from \$2.2—2.6 million leading to significant annual shortfalls.

Your support of the Ash Wednesday collection will help us meet our obligation to those priests who have faithfully served us and our families through the decades.

Thank you for your support!

Valentine's Day Mass of Remembrance

Each of us has been blessed to have people of great faith and wisdom in our lives. We've all known people who sadly have passed away, but not before leaving their mark upon us. Our great-grandparents, grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, siblings, children, cousins, teachers, clergy, friends, neighbors and mentors have touched our lives and shaped our identity. On Sunday, February 14th at the 9 AM Mass we want to honor, celebrate, and pray for all these loved ones with a beautiful Mass of Remembrance. Uplifting music, thoughtful readings and votive candles will provide the perfect atmosphere for reflection and remembrance. Please come and bring a friend.

The Good Shepherd Evangelization Team

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.



SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Weekend of January 30 & 31
 Regular \$2612; Electronic \$463; Candles \$40;
 Parish Savings \$5; New Day \$135;
 Catholic Free Press \$40
Total Envelopes: 38
Thank you

(The participation of all is very important and is appreciated by the whole community)



Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation
 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.



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