

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 13
6:00 PM Betty Kaczowka by Rita Cogliandro family
Sunday, February 14
9:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd
Tuesday, February 16
9:00 AM Shirley Lendall & Jay Burns
 by Joyce Paquette
Wednesday, February 17 ASH WEDNESDAY
9:00 AM Mass and Distribution of Ashes
Friday, February 19
9:00 AM Dr. Olga Mohan by Joyce Paquette
Saturday, February 20
6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd
Sunday, February 21
9:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd

**Liturgical Roles February 20 & 21
 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

6:00 PM L. Roberts
9:00 AM P. Joanis

Lectors

6:00 PM J. Paquette
9:00 AM S. Joanis

Altar Servers

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

Ushers/Greeters

6:00 PM L. Carter, J. Lydon, C. Prior
9:00 AM P. & K. Jordan, R. Poulin

Liturgical Roles February 17

Ash Wednesday

9:00 AM

EM/Server J. Paquette, L. Roberts

Lector J. Hauge

Ushers/Greeter L. Carter

St. Augustine

Ash Wednesday

Mass and Distribution of Ashes

7:00 PM

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.

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 14	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, February 16	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS (Church Hall)
Thursday, February 18	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Church Hall)
Friday, February 19	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, February 20	10:00 AM 4:00 PM	Confessions Bible Study (Church Hall)
	6:00 PM	Mass
Sunday, February 21	9:00 AM	Mass

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Weekend of February 6 & 7

TOTALS WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

Regular \$; Electronic \$; Candles \$;
Parish Savings \$; New Day \$;
Catholic Free Press \$

Total Envelopes:
Thank you

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



Sacrament of Reconciliation Preparation
February 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.

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/ I Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/ Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/ Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/ Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/ I Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction

Deacon Mike will offer a Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction during Lent from 7:00pm-8:00pm on the following dates: Thursday, 2/18 @ St. Augustine; Thursday, 3/4 @ Good Shepherd; Thursday, 3/18 @ St. Augustine. Please come and take this opportunity to pray before our Lord as a way to improve our relationship with him and so become closer to him during this holy season that is dedicated to these very things.

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