

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 20
 6:00 PM Denise Batastini by Joyce Paquette
Sunday, February 21
 9:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd
Tuesday, February 23
 9:00 AM Joan & Gerry Kozak by Linda Roberts
Friday, February 26
 9:00 AM Florence & Joseph White by their daughter in law
Saturday, February 27
 6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd
Sunday, February 28
 9:00 AM Scott White by Linda White

Liturgical Roles February 27 & 28
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

Lectors

6:00 PM M. O'Sullivan
 9:00 AM J. Hauge


Altar Servers

6:00 PM Need
 9:00 AM A. Thompson

Ushers/Greeters

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

The Mass book for 2021 is open. Please email the office at gshepherd7726@charter.net or call Maureen on her cell at 508-868-2246.

 **Rest in Peace**

In the charity of your prayers, please remember the soul of **Beverly Bauman** who has gone home to God. May she rest in Christ's eternal light and peace.

 **Thank You**

A letter to the Rosary Makers

We, and the missionaries, appreciate the love, time, effort and cost that was put into sending us this parcel. It shows! A "Gift of Love" shines through. God Bless You!

*Sincerely in St. Dominic
 Our Lady's Rosary Makers
 Mission Department*

 **CALENDAR**

Sunday, February 21	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, February 23	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS (Church Hall)
Thursday, February 25	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Church Hall)
Friday, February 26	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, February 27	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions Bible Study (Church Hall) Mass
Sunday, February 28	9:00 AM	Mass

Readings for the First Sunday of Lent

Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/ 1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
Monday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/ Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/ Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/ Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday:	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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, 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.

Mitu Mission

This weekend February 20 & 21 is our monthly collection in support of the Diocese of Mitu, Colombia. Please make sure to add your donation to the collection basket, using the special Mitu envelope or another envelope with MITU on the front. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity!

1st Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS****Weekend of February 6 & 7**

Regular \$3440; Electronic \$1018; Candles \$23;
Parish Savings \$252; Catholic Free Press \$196;
St. Pauly Textile Bin \$151.27;
St. Augustine Reimbursement \$300

Other

Catholic Home Mission \$105
Total Envelopes: 70

Weekend of February 13 & 14

Regular \$1632; Electronic \$463; Candles \$20;
Parish Savings \$129; Utilities \$25; Living Faith \$6;
Initial Offering \$45 Catholic Free Press \$39;

Other

Ash Wednesday/Retired Priests \$356
Total Envelopes: 68
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.

**Food Pantry and New Day Outreach**

***"...I assure you, as often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me."
Matthew 26:40***

On the last full weekend of each month, we have an opportunity to respond to Jesus' call for us to help those in need. Next weekend, **February 27 & 28**, is our Food Pantry and New Day Outreach weekend.

Food Pantry

This month our donations will go to the **Northbridge Association of Churches Food Pantry**. Please purchase an extra item or two when you do your shopping this week and bring them to church next weekend. Just a note: Food pantries are not allowed to distribute any food items that have expired; they have to throw them away. Please check expiration dates carefully if you bring an item from your home!

New Day

Monies received in the Good Shepherd Church replica on the last weekend of each month are used to help individuals and families from our parish, and also to support various community causes. Your generosity each month enables us to continue to help those in need.

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