

Good Shepherd Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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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 _____

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New parishioner Change of address Please contact me

Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts

**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Saturday, March 6
6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd
Sunday, March 7
9:00 AM Eleanor Gonsorcik by her family
 Gwen Taylor Newhall by Joyce Paquette
Tuesday, March 9
9:00 AM Katherine Rachwal by Mark
Friday, March 12
9:00 AM Katherine Rachwal by Mark
Saturday, March 13
6:00 PM Adrienne Landry (14th anniv) by her family
Sunday, March 14
9:00 AM David Poliquin by Maureen Healy-Wurtzburg

Liturgical Roles March 13 & 14
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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

Lectors

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

Altar Servers

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

Ushers/Greeters

6:00 PM L. Carter, P. & K. Jordan
9:00 AM L. Derderian, S. Pickering, R. Poulin



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent

**Good Shepherd
after the 9:00 am mass**

**St. Augustine
7:00 pm**



Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls

Rice Bowls are available at all church entrances. Please take one home and throughout Lent, drop in your spare change or currency. All contributions are forwarded to Catholic Relief Services, which provides life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest of the poor in our world and to end global poverty. CRS also funds agricultural and water projects and mother and child health projects. The CRS Rice Bowl Project asks us to: **Pray** to deepen our relationship with God and to reflect on what type of person He calls us to be. **Fast** to remove the things that get between us and God and to live in solidarity with those in need. **Give Alms** to our brothers and sisters in need, honoring Jesus' call to serve our neighbor.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 7	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, March 9	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS (Church Hall)
Friday, March 12	9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday, March 13	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions Bible Study (Church Hall) Mass
Sunday, March 14	9:00 AM	Mass

**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 date: 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.

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

- Sunday:** Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
- Monday:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



3rd Sunday of Lent

Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS****Weekend of February 27 & 28**

Regular \$2753; Electronic \$463; Candles \$45;
Parish Savings \$225; Catholic Free Press \$83;
Living Faith Booklets \$2; New Day \$121

Other

Ash Wednesday/Priests Retirement \$45

Total Envelopes: 57

Thank you!

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



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.



Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2021 *Partner's in Charity Appeal, Faith in Action*. Good Shepherd has received **\$9,245.00** towards our goal of **\$40,200.00** with **38** gifts. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, you may send in your check either by mail or place in the collection basket clearly marked *Partner's in Charity* on the envelope or visit www.partners-charity.net to give online. Partner's in Charity formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization and worship. Thank you!

Catholic Men's Conference Schedule**Saturday, March 20**

If you purchased a ticket for last year's (cancelled) conference we already know who you are. On Thursday, March 18 you will receive an email with a link to the 2021 conference. You do not have to pay anything. If you did not purchase a ticket last year and would like to participate in this year's "remote and interactive" conference please call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345 for a ticket (\$20). You can view this year's entire conference from home or with friends. The schedule is: **12:00 noon to 12:45 pm** ~Welcome by **Bishop McManus** followed by: **Dr. Scott Hahn**: "*The Road to Emmaus: The Path to Lifelong Conversion*" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Scott Hahn *** **12:45 pm to 1:30 pm** ~ **Bishop Robert Reed** "*O God, Just Give Me One More Chance*" then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Bishop Reed *** **1:45 to 2:45 pm** ~ **Luis Soto**: "*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas*" ~then "Live" Questions & Answers with Luis Soto *** **2:45 pm to 4:00pm** ~ **Dr. Scott Hahn**: "*The Power of the Sacraments*" ~ then "Live" Questions & Answers with Scott Hahn *** **4:00 pm to 5:00 pm** ~ **Mass with Bishop McManus** and concluding comments.

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