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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, March 27**  
**6:00 PM** The People of Good Shepherd  
**Sunday, March 28 PALM SUNDAY**  
**9:00 AM** Joe Bartlett by Joe & Christine Bartlett  
 Paul Finnegan (1st anniv.) by his family  
**Tuesday, March 30**  
**9:00 AM** The People of Good Shepherd  
**Thursday, April 1 HOLY THURSDAY**  
**7:00PM** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
**Friday, April 2 GOOD FRIDAY**  
**9:00AM** Stations of the Cross  
**3:00 PM** Passion of the Lord  
**Saturday, April 3 HOLY SATURDAY**  
**9:00 PM** Easter Vigil  
**Sunday, April 4 EASTER SUNDAY**  
**9:00 AM** Eleanor Gonsorcik

**Liturgical Roles HOLY WEEK  
April 1—April 4**

**Holy Thursday @ 7:00pm**

**Eucharistic Minister:** L. Roberts  
**Lector:** S. Joanis  
**Altar Server(s):** C. Wilson  
**Ushers:** P. Joanis, J. Lydon, D. Wilson  
**Sacristan:** R. Poulin

**Good Friday @ 3:00pm**

**Eucharistic Minister:** C. Guertin  
**Lector:** S. Desjourdy  
**Altar Server(s):** NEED  
**Ushers:** L. Carter, J. Paquette  
**Sacristan:** R. Poulin

**Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) @ 9:00pm**

**Eucharistic Minister:** L. Roberts  
**Lector:** M. Briand  
**Altar Server(s):** V. Jordan  
**Ushers:** D. Guertin, P. & K. Jordan  
**Sacristan:** R. Poulin

**Easter Sunday @ 9:00am**

**Eucharistic Minister:** A. Wagstaff  
**Lector:** J. Hauge  
**Altar Server:** C. Wilson  
**Ushers:** L. Carter, L. Derderian, S. Pickering

 <b>CALENDAR</b>		
<b>Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday)</b>	9:00 AM	Mass
<b>Tuesday, March 30</b>	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS Church Hall
<b>Thursday, April 1 (Holy Thursday)</b>	7:00 PM	Mass
<b>Friday, April 2 (Good Friday)</b>	9:00 AM 3:00 PM	Stations of the Cross Mass
<b>Saturday, April 3 (Easter Vigil)</b>	9:00 PM	Mass
<b>Sunday, April 4 (Happy Easter)</b>	9:00 AM	Mass

**Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls**



Rice Bowls are due today, Palm Sunday, please leave in basket on stairs to the Sanctuary.

**Stations of the Cross  
Good Shepherd**

**Friday, April 2 at 9:00 am**



**Good Shepherd**

**Holy Thursday, April 1 at 7:00pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
**Good Friday, April 2 at 9:00am—Stations of the Cross**  
**Good Friday, April 2 at 3:00pm—Passion of the Lord**  
**Easter Vigil, April 3 at 9:00pm**  
**Easter Sunday, April 4 at 9:00am**

**St. Augustine**

**Holy Thursday, April 1 at 5:00 pm—Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
**Good Friday, April 2 at 1:00 pm—Stations of the Cross**  
**(processing from St. Augustine to New Hope Baptist Church)**  
**7:00 pm—Passion of the Lord**  
**Easter Vigil, April 3 at 6:00pm**  
**Easter Sunday, April 4 at 11:00am**



**Readings for the week of March 28, 2021**

- Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/  
Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39
- Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: **Chrism Mass:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21  
**Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/  
Jn 18:1—19:42
- Saturday: **Vigil:** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/  
Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/  
Is 55:1 -11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/  
Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7
- Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

**2021 Knights of Columbus Senior Scholarship**

For more than 10 years, the Knights of Columbus Council 365 has awarded qualified High School Seniors scholarships for university, college and secondary education. Last year eight students were awarded a \$500 scholarship for educational expenses. To be eligible, you need to be a member, or have an eligible relative (father, grandfather, uncle or deceased family member) of Knights of Columbus Council 365 to sponsor your application, which can be found at our website: [www.kofc365.org](http://www.kofc365.org). The deadline for submission of applications has been extended to May 1, 2021.

Not a member of the Knights of Columbus, that problem can be solved. Just view our website and leave a request to join our membership. We'll contact you with the necessary paperwork to start the initiation process right away.

**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS****Weekend of March 20 & 21**

Regular \$2061; Electronic \$463;  
Parish Savings \$25; Living Faith Booklets \$14;  
Easter Flowers \$197; Candles \$43

**Other**

Catholic Relief Services \$120

**Total Envelopes: 68**

**Thank you!**

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

**First Eucharist Preparation**

**March 28 (Palm Sunday)**

**April 11, 25**

**10:00 am—10:45 am**

**in the Church**

**First Eucharist will be held on  
Sunday, May 8, 2021 at 11:00 am**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Many struggle with Jesus. Some who consider themselves faithful hail him in their churches but still struggle to figure out what to do with him on our streets. The message is somehow more palatable when it echoes pious renderings and sentiments and involves singing hosannas during worship. It becomes a bit trickier when it gets to the part about changing the way we conduct the business of our lives, becoming more sensitive to the disadvantaged, poor, and marginalized, and living as servants of our Loving Creator. Ultimately, it is a struggle between wanting to be God ourselves and letting God be God as God is. That's why it's so easy to become hypocritical. We, like those who hailed Christ as he arrived in Jerusalem and sent Christ to the cross to die, also talk out of both sides of our mouths. We entertain what suits us at the time and walk away from the rest.

Many neglect God's beautiful creation because they prefer what humans have made instead. Progress isn't seen in preserving and enhancing what God has made but replacing it with something we believe is better and more useful. The earth, flowers, and animals are all expendable if they stand in the way of the "more" we want to achieve. We seek to remove as many obstacles and hurdles as possible in search of the easiest, quickest, and most efficient path we can find. We have created drugs and laws that preserve our free choice, even though it may mean setting aside God's vision and example. Why suffer when we can easily be put to rest? Why endure insult or injury when we can retaliate, eliminate or subdue? Why accept life when it is acceptable to choose otherwise? We want to be God and resist accepting the fact that our real Creator has already given us the blueprints for the life we need to live in the Beatitudes and in the example of his Passion. We don't like being stewards and managers and really want the power to do as we wish and desire. We want to create our own way.

Where has the true, effective Christian voice been through all of the wars and violence, prejudice and unjust conquests, abuse of human beings and attempted extinctions of nationalities, the establishments of procedures and protocols that serve only a few and not the many and all of the injustices and exploitations that are a part of our human history? A few courageous prophets have stood up and out throughout all of the comings and goings of our human journey with many receiving the same fate as the Crucified One we hail this week. Some still walk among us as shining stars showing us how it really can be. How would Jesus' journey have ended if he lived life as we do? Unless we encounter the good with the bad, the just with the unjust, the grace with the sin, the glory with the cross, the death with the life we most certainly risk rendering God obsolete. After all, haven't we already convinced ourselves that we can do better?

**A Palm Sunday Prayer**

*On this day of great rejoicing, Christ Jesus, when we welcome You as our King and Savior, we also walk in the shadow of Your cross. Hosanna! We cry. Blessed are You who comes in God's name to save us.  
Hosanna!*

*Strengthen our faith on this Palm Sunday so that when the time comes to carry the cross we might still call out to You with heartfelt praise.*

*Give us the grace and the courage to follow You this Holy Week from death to resurrection, from darkness to the fullness of light.*

*We need You, O Christ, our Savior. Hosanna!*

**Amen**

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