

# Good Shepherd Catholic Church



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## Parish Office

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## Religious Education Contact Information

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

## Priests' Residence

St. Mary Rectory  
77 Mendon Street  
Uxbridge, MA 01569  
508-278-2226

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, August 21**  
**6:00 PM** The People of Good Shepherd
- Sunday, August 22**  
**9:00 AM** The People of Good Shepherd
- Tuesday, August 24**  
**9:00 AM** Patrice Giles by Joyce Paquette
- Friday, August 27**  
**9:00AM** John Abbruzzese by Joyce Paquette
- Saturday, August 28**  
**6:00 PM** Ray Colonero by his family
- Sunday, August 29**  
**9:00 AM** Germaine Kloczkowski by Ann Mangano

**Liturgical Roles August 28 & 29**  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

- 6:00 PM** J. Hauge, L. Roberts  
**9:00 AM** C. Guertin, R. Poulin

**Lectors**

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

**Altar Servers**

- 6:00 PM** V. Jordan  
**9:00 AM** C. Wilson

**Ushers/Greeters**

- 6:00 PM** P. & K. Jordan  
**9:00 AM** D. & MB Guertin

**Starting this weekend we will be no longer passing the basket during mass. Please place your envelope in the baskets at the back of the church and at the bottom of the ramp.**

**Readings for the week of August 22, 2021**

- Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
- Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22
- Tuesday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51
- Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30
- Next Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

 **The Week Ahead**

<b>Sunday, August 22</b>	9:00 AM	Mass
<b>Tuesday, August 24</b>	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS (Parish Center)
<b>Thursday, August 26</b>	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Adult Faith Formation (Parish Hall) Bible Study (Parish Center)
<b>Friday, August 27</b>	9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Mass <b>NO</b> Adult Faith Formation (St. Augustine)
<b>Saturday, August 28</b>	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions (Church) Bible Study (Parish Center) Mass
<b>Sunday, August 29</b>	9:00 AM	Mass

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.



***“God doesn’t call the qualified  
He qualifies the called”***

Our new Religious Education program kicks off at the end of September and there is a need for catechists (grades 1-8), teaching assistant, substitute teachers, volunteers to help with monthly fellowship days, retreats, celebrations, materials preparation, etc.

Religious Education classes will be held weekly on Sundays immediately following the 9 am mass. Training and support for catechists and volunteers will be held before classes begin on 9/26.

Our new curriculum, the Spirit of Truth published by Sophia Press, is an engaging and enriching program filled with lessons and activities based in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and approved by the USCCB.

Please, prayerfully consider sharing your time, talent and treasure with the children and families entering our new parish program. Thank you and God bless you.

Questions? Please contact Marybeth Hay, Director of Catechesis and Education, [MHay@stmaryuxbridge.org](mailto:MHay@stmaryuxbridge.org). 508-278-3777, x21.

**GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE**

St. Mary, Uxbridge will be offering “Grieving with Great HOPE,” a five-week grief support workshop from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic Apostolate ministering to those mourning the loss of a loved one. The workshop will be in-person and is for anyone who has lost a loved one including a spouse, child, parent, sibling, cousin, etc. **Thursday from 6:30 pm – 8 pm Sept. 23 to Oct. 21**. As Catholics, we have hope for eternal life in the risen Lord for ourselves and for our loved ones. In this workshop, practical tools for intentional mourning will be introduced. We journey together as we seek to become disciples of hope. Cost is \$10.00 and includes an accompanying workbook. To register please call the office at 508-278-2226 or email [dmoriarty@stmaryuxbridge.org](mailto:dmoriarty@stmaryuxbridge.org). St. Mary is located at 77 Mendon St., Uxbridge. If you feel you need support but cannot join the workshop, please reach out and we will be able to assist you.

**Preparing for the Final Journey Home**

St. Mary, Uxbridge is offering a three-part series on **Monday, Sept. 13, 20 and 27 from 6:30 pm—8 pm in the Parish Hall**. It will help you begin a discussion with your loved ones regarding your final wishes, all from a Catholic viewpoint. Each evening will begin and end with prayer and will include a panel of experts on spiritual care, medical care and legal care planning. At the end of the evening there will be an opportunity for questions.

We are always planning special occasions in our lives but avoid planning for the inevitable passing from this life to the next. As Catholics, we should consider our passing a celebration of our life on earth and the joyful passing on to eternal life with the Father. Having your wishes prepared alleviates much confusion and pain for your loved ones when the inevitable comes.

There is no cost for the series, but registration is required. St. Mary Church is located at 77 Mendon St., Uxbridge. For questions, contact Diane Moriarty At 508-278-2226 or Mary Ellen Bartlett at 508-779-0020. To register or to learn more, visit [www.stmaryuxbridge.org/final-journey-home](http://www.stmaryuxbridge.org/final-journey-home).

**This weekends Sharing our Blessing will appear in a future bulletin**

**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**

**Weekend of August 14 & 15**

Regular \$; Electronic \$; Candles \$;

Parish Savings \$; Funeral \$

**Total Envelopes:**

**Thank you!**

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

**The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Daily Life**

A 30-week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and parishioners experienced in Ignatian prayer.

Starting on September 28, 2021, each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and include reflection, direction and presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter Church, 929 Main St., Worcester, near Clark University. **Information nights will be held at St. Peter Church on Tuesday, August 17 at 6:30 pm and St. Richards Parish, 4 Bridge Street, Sterling on WEDNESDAY, August 25 at 6:30 pm.** Information and an application form are available at [www.ignatianspiritualexercisesworchester.com](http://www.ignatianspiritualexercisesworchester.com) or email [worcspex19@gmail.com](mailto:worcspex19@gmail.com) or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

**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, **August 28 & 29**, is our Food Pantry and New Day Outreach weekend.

**Food Pantry**

This month our donations will go to the **Northbridge Association of Churches**. 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.

**N.A.C. BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLIES  
DRIVE**

Northbridge is on schedule to return to full time in person classes this year. Like years prior, it will be a challenge for some families to provide their children with the necessary school supplies to enjoy a successful school experience. But we are sure people in our NAC is on a mission to help local junior and senior high school students in need of school supplies. Each year NAC member churches donate the filled backpacks to the Department of Children & Families in Whitinsville. All donations of backpacks, notebooks, binders, pencils, paper, etc. will be greatly appreciated. You may leave your donations on the sanctuary stairs. **Deadline for donating is Sunday, August 22.** School supply list ideas: **backpack, pens (red & blue), pencils, pencil box, pink eraser, pocket folders (6), crayons, highlighters, hand wipes, box of tissues, glue sticks, hand sanitizer, washable markers, elmer’s white glue, pencil sharpener, scissors, colored pencils, 3 ring binder, package lined paper, package plain paper, water paint set, notebooks (4), ruler.**

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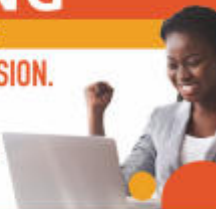
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