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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 _____

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New parishioner Change of address Please contact me

Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Saturday, August 28**
 6:00 PM Ray Colonero by his family
- Sunday, August 29**
 9:00 AM Germaine Kloczkowski by Ann Mangano
- Tuesday, August 31**
 9:00 AM Fr. Dennis O'Brien by John & Bethany
 Judith Rocheleau by Friends of Linwood Mills
- Friday, September 3**
 9:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd
- Saturday, September 4**
 6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd
- Sunday, September 5**
 9:00 AM Eleanor Gonsorcik by her family

Liturgical Roles September 4 & 5

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 6:00 PM M. Destrempe, A. Thomson
 9:00 AM J. & T. Kramer

Lectors

- 6:00 PM J. Paquette
 9:00 AM M. Etzold

Altar Servers

- 6:00 PM D. Rousseau
 9:00 AM A. Thompson

Ushers/Greeters

- 6:00 PM L. Bianco, G. White
 9:00 AM J. & M. Morrissey

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

- 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
- Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13
 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/
 Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/
 Lk 5:1-11
- Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/
 Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/
 Mk 7:31-37



The Week Ahead

Sunday, August 29	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, August 31	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS (Parish Center)
Thursday, September 2	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Parish Center)
Friday, September 3	9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Church)
Saturday, September 4	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions (Church) Bible Study (Parish Center) Mass
Sunday, September 5	9:00 AM	Mass

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.



***“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. 508-278-3777, x21.



First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, September 3 at 9:30 am in the church.



Please leave any yard signs you have in the back of the church or the hall and they will be updated and returned to you for display.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Weekend of August 14 & 15

Regular \$2348; Electronic \$523; Candles \$5;
Parish Savings \$127; Assumption \$298

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**Total Envelopes: 86
Thank you!**

Weekend of August 21 & 22

Regular \$1939; Electronic \$523; Candles \$15;
Parish Savings \$95

**Total Envelopes: 38
Thank you!**

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. The workshop will meet on **Thursdays from Sept. 23 to Oct. 21, 6:30 pm – 8 pm**. 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. 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.

THANK YOU!

Good Shepherd Parish Family would like to thank John & Karen Nutter for all their hard work in securing the new church signs. One is already installed at the Hartford Ave/Granite Street intersection. The other one will be installed on Rt. 122 by Foxy Travel.

The office will be closed Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.



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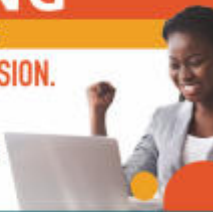
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