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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, September 4**
6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd
- Sunday, September 5**
9:00 AM Eleanor Gonsorcik by her family
- Tuesday, September 7**
9:00 AM Deceased members of the Berrini family by Joyce Paquette
- Friday, September 10**
9:00AM Fr. Dennis O'Brien by Joyce Paquette
- Saturday, September 11**
6:00 PM The People of Good Shepherd
- Sunday, September 12**
9:00 AM Marcel & Palma Turgeon by Helen & family
 Barbara G. Etzold (20th anniv.) by the Etzold family

Liturgical Roles September 11 & 12

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- 6:00 PM** P. Berthelette, L. Roberts
9:00 AM C. Guertin, P. Joanis

Lectors

- 6:00 PM** M. O'Sullivan
9:00 AM S. Joanis

Altar Servers

- 6:00 PM** V. Jordan
9:00 AM A. Kay

Ushers/Greeters

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

Readings for the week of September 5, 2021

- Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/
 Mk 7:31-37
- Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/
 Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab,
 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
- Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-
 38
- Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8,
 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/
 Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/
 Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 5	9:00 AM	Mass
Tuesday, September 7	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS (Parish Center)
Wednesday, September 8	6:30 PM	Holiday Fair Mtg. (Parish Hall)
Thursday, September 9	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Parish Center)
Friday, September 10	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, September 11	7:30 AM 10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Men's Breakfast (Parish Hall) Confessions (Church) Bible Study (Parish Center) Mass
Sunday, September 12	9:00 AM	Mass

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. It also can be quite unpredictable and, at times, unfair. We face our vulnerability and brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. It doesn't take much for life to quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar and true is gone and something we relied upon, physically, emotionally, or spiritually, can be taken away. It is hard to confront our limitations and sit with our incompleteness. Often, life hurts us so much that we find ourselves sitting in a pool of sadness, not sure what we are supposed to do. It is particularly hard when the signals we have inherited tell us that we need to be successful in what we do, and we have to avoid life's unfairness. We can feel like a failure, wondering what precisely we did to deserve this fate, or ruminate about what we did not do correctly. But it's really not about us. We are part of a bigger picture and a much more fascinating story!

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.



***“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.



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.

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.

SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Weekend of August 28 & 29

Regular \$2538; Electronic \$523; Candles \$15;
Parish Savings \$30; New Day \$120; Assumption \$5

Total Envelopes: 62

Thank you!

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

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.

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

There will be NO Coffee & Donuts this Sunday, September 5.



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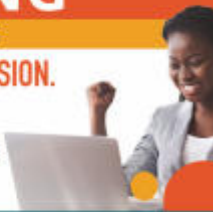
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