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## Religious Education Contact Information

Email: [MHay@stmaryuxbridge.org](mailto:MHay@stmaryuxbridge.org)  
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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, September 18**  
**6:00 PM** Anna & Dominick DiRenzo by their family
- Sunday, September 19**  
**9:00 AM** The People of Good Shepherd
- Tuesday, September 21**  
**9:00 AM** For the Intentions of Heather & Elise by Joyce Paquette
- Friday, September 24**  
**9:00AM** Stephanie Manna by Joyce Paquette
- Saturday, September 25**  
**6:00 PM** Joseph Nolet (4th anniv.) by Bill, Deb & family
- Sunday, September 26**  
**9:00 AM** The People of Good Shepherd

**Liturgical Roles September 25 & 26**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

- 6:00 PM** P. Berthelette, M. Destrempe  
**9:00 AM** C. Guertin, S. Joanis

**Lectors**

- 6:00 PM** M. Landry  
**9:00 AM** P. Joanis

**Altar Servers**

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

**Ushers/Greeters**

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

**Readings for the week of September 19, 2021**

- Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/  
 Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37
- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/  
 Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/  
 Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/  
 Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab,  
 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/  
 Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

 **The Week Ahead**

<b>Sunday, September 19</b>	9:00 AM	Mass
<b>Tuesday, September 21</b>	9:00 AM 5:00 PM	Mass TOPS (Parish Center)
<b>Wednesday, September 22</b>	6:30 PM	Holiday Fair mtg. (Parish Center)
<b>Thursday, September 23</b>	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Parish Center)
<b>Saturday, September 25</b>	10:00 AM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confessions (Church) Bible Study (Parish Center) Mass
<b>Sunday, September 26</b>	9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Mass Religious Ed (OLV school cafeteria)

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.



There is still time to register your child for religious education beginning on Sunday, September 26 at 10:15 am, please meet in the OLV school cafeteria. Please pick up a form from the Information Table at church or register online via the St. Mary parish website. [www.stmaryuxbridge.org](http://www.stmaryuxbridge.org)

**2 more catechists needed:** Before we begin classes for the year, we are in need of 2 additional adult catechists for our elementary program (grades 3 and 5). Training will be provided. **We need you!** Please call Mrs. Hay at the office, (508)278-3777 ext. 21.

**Teens & Young Adults:** Are you interested in helping with religious education? Do you need service hours for the National Honor Society, Scouts, etc.? The R. E. program could use your help as a classroom assistant for grades 1-8. Your gifts of time and talent are needed Sunday mornings from 10-11 am. Please reach out to Mrs. Hay at the R. E. office.

Middle School **AMPLIFY**—October 15 at St. Patrick Parish in Whitinsville. Join other middle school students from 6:30-8:30pm for dinner, games, music and Adoration. This is a **FREE** event! More details coming soon!



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.

### **GARDENERS NEEDED**

We have 9 Good Shepherd Gardens. Some need adopting! #3 and #7 are taken. Please email, call or text Laurie Petty if interested.  
Thank you.

[petty66@charter.net](mailto:petty66@charter.net) or 774-276-0040.

### **SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**

#### **Weekend of September 4 & 5**

Regular \$1768; Electronic \$523; Candles \$83;  
Parish Savings \$240; Funeral \$65

**Total Envelopes: 55**

**Thank you!**

#### **Weekend of September 11 & 12**

Regular \$2936; Electronic \$523; Candles \$105;  
Parish Savings \$227; Parish Rel. Ed. \$80;  
Catholic Schools Appeal \$80

**Total Envelopes: 77**

**Thank you!**

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

### **PILGRIMAGE UPDATE**

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Divine Mercy and the Norman Rockwell Museum will be Monday, September 20, 2021.

All seats on the bus have been sold. If you are still interested, please give your name to your parish contact (Maureen Briand). We will contact you if we have any cancelations.

**People should arrive at St. Paul's in Blackstone at 7:30 am** to begin boarding. The bus will leave promptly at 8:00 am. The bus will leave NRWM at 12:30 pm, so everyone needs to board the bus by 12:15 pm. The Shrine return boarding is at 4:30 pm. We will be back between 7:45-8:00 pm. This allows for a short stop on the way home at a Rest Area for food and bathroom break.

A reminder, you need to bring your own lunch. There is a small restaurant at the museum for a light menu. Both the museum and the shrine have a picnic area.



### **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, **September 25 & 26**, is our Food Pantry and New Day Outreach weekend.

#### **Food Pantry**

This month our donations will go to the **People's First Food Pantry**. 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.

### **Mary Chapel**

The Mary Chapel will be open for private prayer on Monday & Wednesday from 9am-3pm and Friday from 9am-Noon beginning September 20.

**St. Augustine Parish**, 15 Lincoln Street in Millville, is pleased to announce that we will hold our Fall Fest and Rafflemania combination fundraiser again this year. We will be open on Saturdays, September 25<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10AM-3PM in the parish center. Please stop in to see the many one of a kind items our crafters have made, purchase a potted mum, or take chances on any of our seven different raffles. If you have any questions, please contact Ann at 508-883-6873.

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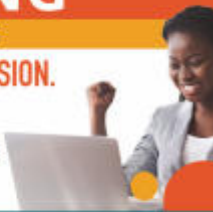
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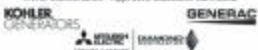
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