

# Good Shepherd Catholic Church



# Advent

## PREPARING THE WAY

### PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Lawrence J. Esposito, **Pastor**  
Rev. Victor A. Sierra, **Associate Pastor**  
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### Parish Office

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Religious Education 508-234-5340  
Religious Education Office Hours: Monday 5:30-8:00 PM

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

#### **Weekends**

Saturday: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

#### **Daily**

Mass (M, T, Th, F): 8:45 AM

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 2:45-3:30 PM  
(At St. Augustine 3:15-4 PM)

#### **Holy Day Masses:**

As announced

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms:** Please contact the parish office to schedule date of preparation and date of baptism.

**Marriage:** Please contact the pastor at least one year before planned date of marriage.

**Visitation or Anointing of the Sick:** Anytime. Please contact the pastor.

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.

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## Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**Saturday, December 8**

**9:00 AM Immaculate Conception**  
**4:00 PM James Colonero (7th Anniv.)** by wife Katherine

**Sunday, December 9**

**8:00 AM Joe Bartlett** by Bruce & Christine Bartlett  
**10:00 AM Alice Gervais (1st Anniv.)**  
 by Deacon Marc & Roberta

**Monday, December 10**

**8:45 AM Deceased members of Good Shepherd**

**Tuesday, December 11**

**8:45 AM Marie & Adelard Ouillette & Theresa Benjamin**  
 by their family

**Thursday, December 13**

**8:45 AM Donna McCall** by Joyce Paquette

**Friday, December 14**

**8:45 AM The People of Good Shepherd**

**Saturday, December 15**

**4:00 PM Raymond Gervais (10th Anniv.)** by his family

**Sunday, December 16**

**8:00 AM Ronald White & Rosemarie St. Jean** by their family  
**10:00 AM Claire Roy (2nd Anniv.)** by Tom & Nancy

**Liturgical Roles December 15 & 16**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**4:00 PM H. Campbell, J. Hauge, J. Paquette**  
**8:00 AM M. Landry, J. Petty, R. Poulin**  
**10:00 AM C. Guertin, J. & T Kramer**

**Lectors**

**4:00 PM S. Michalewski**  
**8:00 AM S. Desjourdy, A. Thompson**  
**10:00 AM L. Kalinoski, T. Millette**

**Altar Servers**

**4:00 PM V. Jordan, M. Lowrey**  
**8:00 AM N. Thompson**  
**10:00 AM D. Rousseau**

**Ushers**

**4:00 PM K. & P. Jordan**  
**8:00 AM J. D'Alfonso, J. Kaske**  
**10:00 AM D. & MB Guertin**

**Readings for the week of December 9, 2018**

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/  
 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6  
 Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14  
 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13  
 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/  
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or  
 Lk 1:39-47  
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab  
 [8]/Mt 11:11-15  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/  
 Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,  
 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/  
 Lk 3:10-18

**CALENDAR**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
2	3	4					
9	10	11					
Sunday, December 9	9:00 AM	SP RE					
	11:00 AM	RE Gr. K, 1, 3, 4, 5					
	11:00 AM	NAC Gift Sorting (Church)					
	12:30 PM	NAC Gift Distribution (Mary Chapel)					
Monday, December 10	5:30 PM	YC Open					
	6:15 PM	Reconciliation Service (GR 6-8, Conf. I & II) (All are welcome) (Church)					
Tuesday, December 11	6:00 PM	TOPS (St. John Paul II Rm.)					
	6:00 PM	Tiger Den 7 (2nd fl. Parish Center)					
Wednesday, December 12	6:30 PM	Scouts (2nd fl. Parish Center)					
Thursday, December 13	6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Church)					
	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Senior Room)					
Saturday, December 15	2:00 PM	Bible Study (Senior Room)					
	2:45 PM	Confessions					
	4:00 PM	Fr. Juan Sanchez (Mass of Celebration)					
	5:00 PM	Reception for Fr. Juan Sanchez (Parish Hall)					
	5:00 PM	Festival Choir Rehearsal (Carol's Office Parish Center)					
Sunday, December 16	9:00 AM	<b>NO REL. ED.</b>					
	11:00 AM	Parish Hall Rental					
	12:30 PM	Pack 25					
	2:00 PM	(Parish Center)					

**Liturgical Ministers:** There are still some spaces which need to be filled in for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please sign up in the Sacristy.

**Envelopes for Christmas flower offerings** are in your envelope packets and also at the gift table. Your contributions will help to decorate the church for Christmas and also remember your loved ones in a very special way throughout the Christmas season.

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Monday, December 24</b>
4:00 PM	Christmas Eve Mass and Pageant
10:00 PM	Christmas Eve Choir Mass
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 25</b>
10:00 AM	Christmas Day Mass
<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 1</b>
10:00 AM	New Year's Day Mass



**Sunday, December 9**

9:00 AM SP RE  
 11:00 AM GR. K1, 3, 4, 5  
 NO REL. ED GR. 2

**Monday, December 10**

6:15 PM Reconciliation Service (Church)  
 GR. 6-8, Conf. I & II required  
 All are welcome

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...and Lysanias was tetrarch of..." Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and ? made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!



**SHARING OUR BLESSINGS**

**Weekend of December 1 & 2**

**Weekly Goal \$5959**

Sunday Regular \$2825; Electronic \$405; Candles \$27; Christmas Flowers \$487; Living Faith Booklets \$2; Parish Rel. Ed. \$1

**Other Income \$40**

Parish Savings \$40;

Number of Envelopes: 118 Thank You

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

**Correction to last weeks Food Pantry donation total: it should have been \$338.00 not \$38.00.**



**Giving Tree Program**

All gifts should be returned by this Sunday, December 9 with the tags securely attached. **ONLY gifts for the blue bells should be wrapped.** Individuals and agencies will pick up their gifts on Sunday, December 9 and Monday, December 10.

**Please Remember our Seminarians**

Also on the Giving Trees there will be green tags for the seminarians in our diocese. If you take one of these tags, please purchase a gift card in any amount for one of the stores listed: CVS, Walmart, Best Buy, Staples. Then please **mail the gift card in the attached envelope directly to The Office for Vocation.** The gift cards will be presented to these men on Christmas Eve.

**The Blackstone Valley Community Concert Band** will

hold their annual *Holiday Concert* on **Sunday, December 9 at 2 PM** at the Uxbridge High School.

**On Friday, December 14** a holy hour to pray for priests will take place from 7 to 8 PM at **Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove Street, Worcester.** This holy hour will consist of adoration, a short reflection, the rosary, silent prayer and benediction. This holy hour will continue on the second Friday of each month thereafter.

The **Mumford Council of the Knights of Columbus** will be hosting a free Children's Christmas Party at the Mumford Hall, 77 Prescott Rd., Whitinsville on **Saturday, December 15 from 9AM to 1PM.** All children up to and including the age of 10 accompanied by an adult are welcome. There will be a craft, Gingerbread Man decorating, A Magic Show, Santa and more.

**THANK YOU**

A big thank you to the many parishioners who helped make our 2nd appearance at the Uxbridge First Night Holiday Parade a great success! Many people watching the parade were saying "thank you" to the carolers on our float. A picture of our float on Facebook had a caption under it with the words "class act". A special thank you to Eric Lowrey, Bill Wilson, and Maureen Briand.

We gave away over 225 cups (10 gallons) of hot apple cider, with Deacon Marc pouring about 50 of them! We even had a special appearance by Fr. Victor to our booth on the common. The children were all excited with all the free stuff!

The community experienced the "Good News" - the true meaning of Christmas because of all the hard work by many faithful parishioners. That is what evangelization is all about.

**Thanks once again from the E-team**

**Christmas Caroling**  
**Sunday, December 16**

**5-7 pm**

All are invited to join the Evangelization Team in Christmas Caroling in the Linwood/Uxbridge neighborhood. We will meet at the Parish Center at 5pm. We will be walking on the sidewalk so bring a flashlight or battery operated candle. All children must be accompanied by a parent/adult. When was the last time you heard Christmas caroling in the neighborhood. We will be returning around 7pm.

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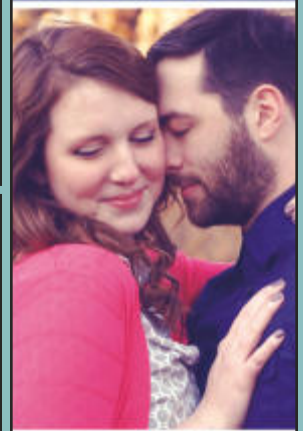
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