

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?
Yet not one of them falls to the ground without
your Father's knowledge.

Even all the hairs of your head are counted.
So do not be afraid; you are worth more than
many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.
But whoever denies me before others,
I will deny before my heavenly Father.

Mt 10:30-33



**Welcome to
Good Shepherd Parish
June 21, 2026**

Parish Office: (508) 650—3545

99 Main Street, Wayland, MA

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH VISION STATEMENT

Good Shepherd Parish strives to be a vibrant, welcoming community where every person can experience the Father's love. Through the Gospel proclamation, prayer, and joyous sacramental celebration, Good Shepherd Parish will inspire parishioners to discern and live out their vocations and to actively evangelize the world. As we bear witness to the Risen Christ, Our Lord and Savior, we aspire to serve our parish community. We will seek to welcome home the new, the lost, and the disheartened by using the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit..

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the Roman Catholic community of Good Shepherd Parish, strive to be a living sign of Christ's love in and for the world. In response to our Baptismal call, nourished by the Eucharist and guided by the values of the Second Vatican Council, we seek to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by welcoming, supporting and guiding all through prayer, sacramental celebration, service and education.

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Monday—Thursday
9 AM—3 PM
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ST. ANN CHURCH, 134 COCHITUATE RD, WAYLAND, MA



ST. ZEPHERIN CHURCH, 99 MAIN ST, WAYLAND, MA

Mass Times

Saturday, 4:00 PM St. Ann
Sunday, 8:30 AM St. Zepherin
Sunday, 10:30 AM St. Ann

Confession

Saturday, 3:00 –3:45 PM
St. Ann
(or by appointment)

Weekday Masses

Monday—Tuesday
9:00 AM St. Ann
Wednesday—Friday
9:00 AM St. Zepherin

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 20
4:00 PM
MARIA E. ROY & FAMILY
(LIVING)
SUNDAY, JUNE 21
8:30 AM
NORMAN McGEE, SR.
10:30 AM
THE PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
MONDAY, JUNE 22
9:00 AM
MARY ELLEN WOODS
TUESDAY, JUNE 23
9:00 AM
MILLIE CHOINSKI
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES
THURSDAY, JUNE 25
9:00 AM
DONALD MOORE
FRIDAY, JUNE 26
9:00 AM
SCOTT LEE

Parish Calendar

MONDAY, JUNE 22
PARISH OFFICE & ST. ZEPHERIN
GROUPS ARE CLOSED
JUNETEENTH OBS.
9:00 AM MASS AT ST. ANN
THURSDAY, JUNE 25
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
7:00 PM—8:00 PM
ST. ANN CHURCH

—HAPPY—
FATHER'S
—DAY—

The Honored Ambassador Before God (Part I) . . .

There's a scene in the movie *Cool Hand Luke* when Paul Newman challenges "Dragline" (the character played by George Kennedy) on his belief in God. Luke begins taunting God to take his life—"love me, hate me, kill me, anything—just let me know it!" And when nothing happens, he adds "Just standin' in the rain . . . talkin' to myself."

It seems to me that we think of prayer in much the same way as the Luke Jackson character in the movie does, even if we're not blasphemous as he was. We think our prayer should provoke the kind of conspicuous action that we'd expect from a human being should we speak to him that same way. Push him hard enough, insult and mock him, and he'll respond in ego-driven anger as anyone on earth would.

Or we only come to God when our back is against the wall. When I come across something I can't handle on my own—particularly a situation when another person is behaving in a way I don't like—then I'll appeal to God for His intervention.

But prayer isn't a last-ditch appeal to what atheistic online influencers call a "sky daddy." It requires something much more subtle, more concentrated, more delicate than standing in the rain shouting up at the firmament. The model is more the experience of the prophet Elijah. God summoned him to Mount Horeb and tells him that He'll be passing by. Elijah waits through a strong heavy wind that rends the mount and crushes rocks . . . God wasn't there. Then there was an earthquake, but God wasn't there, either; then there was a fire . . . still, no God. Finally, came a tiny whispering sound, and Elijah recognized that God was present in that gentle breeze.

The Lord speaks to us when we're calm and tranquil, when we're collected and pacific . . . the soul buoys in prayer like a body floating on the surface of the ocean. St. Cyprian of Carthage advises that when we pray, "our words should be

calm, modest and disciplined."

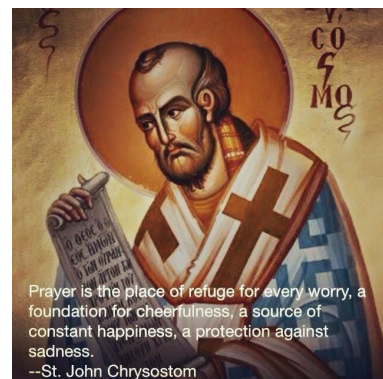
It's not that God doesn't hear us when we make frantic petitions to Him, or that He fails to respond to such urgency. But we'll never be able to discern His voice in the storm if we don't learn to recognize it in the silence. If we're looking to find Him in whirlwinds, earthquakes, and wildfires, we'll be looking in the wrong places and searching for the wrong sort of signals.

So. The question remains: What is prayer? Is it, or can it be, something other than the memorized prayers we learned as children and repeat rote at Mass? Can there be a more adult form of prayer, something more mature than "Now I lay me down to sleep/I pray the Lord my soul to keep"?

And the answer is—indubitably! It's both more complex and simpler than these. And it's a far more vital part of everyone's life than we tend to take it to be. Prayer is for the soul what exercise is for the body: it keeps us healthy and, once a routine is established, it invigorates us and keeps us stimulated.

"Prayer stands before God as an honored ambassador," counsels St. John Chrysostom; "It gives joy to the spirit and peace to the heart." And who doesn't need a spirit infused with joy or a heart filled with peace—especially today. So, for the next several weeks I'll be dedicating my column to providing some descriptions of prayer and some tips on how to develop a more adult kind of prayer. Hopefully, by the end of it, you'll have gained your own personal ambassador before God. Ain't that a nifty thought!

~ Fr. Ren



2025 - 2026

SHOUT OUT TO OUR PARISH YOUTH!



Our Youth have been active in living out Christ's call to love & serve our neighbors this year:

- volunteering at Royal Wayland nursing home - partnered with You Got Flowers
- cleaning out goat area at Unity Farm in Sherborn (animal sanctuary)
- collecting foods/money for My Brother's Table once a month
- assisting at Pearl Street Cupboard
- serving meals at Pearl Street Cafe in Framingham one Friday a month
- helping out at Haverhill Food Pantry

Thank you to our youth, their families, and our parish youth leaders! You are a blessing to our parish and our community!

Prayer Requests



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH PRAYER LINE:

GSPPRAYERS@GMAIL.COM

OR CALL THE NEW LINE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE : (508) 650 - 3545 EXT. 11




Coffee & Donuts!

RETURNS After 8:30 AM Mass!
Presented by our Hospitality Committee
St. Zepherin Parish Center



Upcoming dates:
JUNE 28TH
JULY 12TH
JULY 26TH
AUGUST 9TH
AUGUST 30TH

Good Shepherd Parish
All are Welcome!

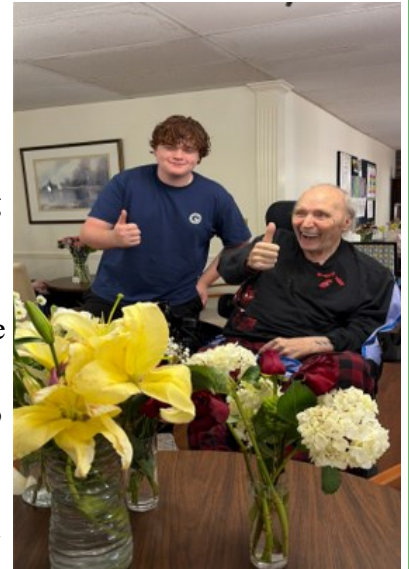


Readings To-Go!
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
June 21, 2026

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!

Father's Day Outreach Opportunity

This Father's Day, Sunday, June 21st, consider sharing a little kindness with the residents at Royal Nursing Home at 188 Commonwealth Road Wayland. Parishioners are invited to make a Father's Day card and drop it off to brighten someone's day. If you have a little extra time, consider stopping by for a short visit. A simple



conversation, a small puzzle, or a favorite card or board game can bring joy and companionship to residents who may not have family nearby. It's a great family activity too! Any time after 9 am is good on Sunday, June 21st. If you have any questions, please reach out to Sally DeGeorge at 617-784-2040 or degeorgio63@gmail.com.

Your small act of kindness can make a meaningful difference. Thank you for helping us share Christ's love with our neighbors.

A Prayer for Christian Fathers

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.

Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.
- Author Unknown

Happy Father's Day



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH LIBRARY

located at St. Ann Church
across from the confessional

Please feel free to come
visit our bookshelves and
check out a book!

For your convenience, the library
will be accessible
Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays
from 9:30 AM - 3 PM
Saturdays from 10 AM - MASS time

*"The Lord your God is in your midst,
He will be silent in His love"*

~ Zephaniah 3:17



JUNE 25, 2026 THURSDAY

COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 PM—8:00 PM

ST. ANN CHURCH

(every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month,
rotating church locations)

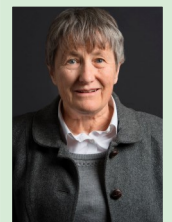
BIRDS OF PREY

When the chipmunks scurry away from their peanuts on the patio and smaller birds start chirping, we know that a hawk has been spotted high up in the pine trees. That predator's swift dive from the sky to nail its prey made eagle's wings a familiar symbol of royal power in the ancient world. Today, it's the drones unleashed in the night skies that send human populations scurrying for shelter underground. So, Jeremiah's depiction of the hostilities he suffers for speaking God's word to the powerful as "*terror on every side*" is realistic politics in the ancient Near East. Even apparent friends are plotting to silence him (Jer 20:10-13).

Jeremiah would like God to bomb his enemies in order to "rescue the life of the poor". Jesus does not fulfil such expectations. Instead, he flips the script by dying on the cross, "*the gracious gift of one man ... for humanity*," (Rom 5:14-15). None of the powers in Jerusalem, Jewish or Roman, would have anticipated that those Galileans whom Jesus sends on mission in today's gospel (Matt 10:26-33) could accomplish anything. Of course, the disciples' fear/flight responses had to be disabled. Not easy. Remember Peter's denial (Matt 26:69-75). A German scholar remarked that in Matthew's mission discourse Jesus' disciples are still sheep who need a shepherd's care.

Jesus deflects our attention from the powerful, those who imitate birds of prey by focusing on the ubiquitous sparrows, birds so small and cheap that Temple ritual did not use them in sacrifices. Poor people, who could not afford livestock, could provide two doves or pigeons -- as Jesus' parents did (Luke 2:22-24). And God's attention even includes the tiny nestling that falls to the ground. That's the worst the rich and powerful can do. But Jesus anchors the gospel in a future beyond dead bodies, either suffering in Gehenna or rejoicing with God. For all the TV commercials pushing medicines for the body – including the fine print "could cause death if ..." – we should ask what keeps the soul healthy. The Our Father prayer is a start.

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READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY June 21	Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/ Mt 10:26-33
MONDAY June 22	Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5
TUESDAY June 23	2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3Ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14 Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
WEDNESDAY June 24	Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab+17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
THURSDAY June 25	2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29
FRIDAY June 26	2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4
SATURDAY June 27	Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21/ Mt 8:5-17
SUNDAY June 28	Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Pilot Bulletins

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Do you have a green thumb? An artistic eye? Time to help decorate?

JOIN OUR NEWLY RESURRECTED ART & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE!

We currently have one person doing her best to assist in taking care of the church flowers. We would love to have more hands on deck to make these tasks lighter.



It takes 1 - 2 hours of your time every week - when it is convenient for you.
An opportunity to do something for the church with your family!
With enough people, we could split into rotating teams and you could focus on one church instead of having to do both!

For more information please call or visit our Parish Office:
(508) 650-3545; parish@goodshepherdwayland.org;
99 Main St., Wayland, MA

THE TABERNACLE CANDLES

BURN
IN LOVING
MEMORY OF

**WILLIAM
ACCONCIA**

(JUNE 19 - 25, 2026)



"I am the Light of the world."
John 8:12

Love of K Garden at St Ann Church

Second Planting is growing.

And so is our volunteer team of pickers and gardeners of all ages. Contact the Parish Office to learn more about it..

PHONE US AT 508-650-3545

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

CALENDAR YR2026: HOLY DAY OR SPECIAL/SECOND COLLECTIONS

Jun. 20/21	PROMOTING THE GOSPEL (RCAB collection)
July 4/5	MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL (to benefit LaSalette Missionary, Attleboro)
Sept. 19/20	CLERGY HEALTH & RETIREMENT TRUST (RCAB Collection)
Oct. 3/4	HOLY FATHER & MISSIONARY EFFORTS (RCAB Collection)
Oct.17/18	WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (Propagation of Faith)
Nov. 21/22	RETIREMENT FUND FOR WOMEN RELIGIOUS (RCAB collection)
Tue. Dec. 8	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY (GSP collection)
Dec. 24/25	CHRISTMAS COLLECTION (RCAB - only one collection at Christmas Masses)

Scan QR Code to donate!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH MISSION!

GLORIA

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al - might-y Fa - ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo-ry!

Glo-ry to God in the high-est. Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. A - men.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ALLELUIA

Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION B

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain, un-til you come a - gain.

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AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world, grant us peace.

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Psalm 69: In Your Great Love, Answer Me, O God.

Robert M. Mondoy

Voice
In your great love, an-swer me, O God.
In your great love, an-swer me, O God.

1. I bear shame and insult because I bear your name.
Rejected by my family I'm a stranger to my kin.
My passion for your cause takes all my strength and all my means.
Insult meant for you now falls on me.
2. Lord, do hear this prayer, and favor me with love, and bless me with your help that never fails, O loving God.
O, answer me, my Lord, and with your mercy and your love,
Turn to me, now turn your gaze on me.
3. All of you, the lowly, now rise and see your hope;
The Lord you seek is close at hand to move your hearts to joy.
The Lord loves all the poor, and those imprisoned he'll not spurn.
All the cosmos praise our living God!

PARISH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2026: APRIL 2026

Your ongoing Offertory contribution is the key in reaching the 2026 fiscal year income budget to help us cover all the budgeted expenses.

We are constantly grateful for your support of our parish and its mission.

Parish Operating Financial Activities
FY2026 - April 2026

WHAT WE NEEDED	WHAT WE RECEIVED	VARIANCE
\$67,957	\$55,144	(\$12,813)

My Brother's Table Financial Activities
FY2026 -April 2026

WHAT WE NEEDED	WHAT WE RECEIVED	VARIANCE
\$2,667	\$747	(\$1,920)

NET operating balance since inception
in October 2020: \$71,244

All operating and non-operating financial activities of the parish from July 2025—April 2026 are included in the year to date report included below.

FY2026: Year to date as of April 2026

Accounts	Actuals	Budget 2026	Variance \$
Income	\$848,073	\$789,150	\$58,923
Expense	813,217	813,307	(90)
Net Operating Income (Loss)	34,856	(24,157)	59,013
Non-Operating Income (Loss)	52,020	1,667	50,353
Net Non-Operating Income (Loss)	52,020	1,667	50,353
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$86,876	(\$22,490)	\$109,366

You can make your offertory contribution via mail, EFT bank transaction, collection basket, or online by using the QR code.

