

27TH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." Luke 17:5
OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



Welcome to
Good Shepherd Parish
October 5, 2025

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.

PARISH STAFF

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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
Sunday, 5:30 PM St. Zepherin

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, OCTOBER 4
4:00 PM

PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
8:30 AM

LINDA McGEE
10:30 AM

NANCY KELLEY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6
9:00 AM

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
MEMORIAL SOCIETY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7
9:00 AM

GRETTA ROZARIO
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
9:00 AM

MILLIE CHOINSKI &
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
9:00 AM

VARKEY VATTAPPARA
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10
9:00 AM

MARNIE CROOK

THE TABERNACLE CANDLES



CONTACT THE
PARISH OFFICE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION
ON HOW YOU
CAN HONOR THE
MEMORY OF A
LOVED ONE.
508-650-3545



Join Us for a Rosary Rally



Praying for Peace and Unity

**Saturday, October 11
12:00 PM (Noon)**

St. Zepherin's Plaza, Wayland, MA

Joining with thousands of people across the country on the same day and time, we will gather in prayer to honor Our Lady and lift up our town, nation, and world through the power of the Rosary.

Bring your rosary, a friend, and your intentions.

All are welcome!

"For I am the Lord,
your healer"
(Exodus 15:26)

JESUS Heals

FREE EVENT
Scan to Register

Rev. Fr. Jilto George CMI
Spiritual Director
Shalom World Fellowship.

HOLY MASS | EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION | **PREACHING | PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

OCTOBER 2025

09 THURSDAY
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

St. Ann Catholic Church (Good Shepherd Parish)
124 Cochituate Rd, Wayland, MA 01778

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The Son of Man Came to Seek and Save What Was Lost

More and more young adults are looking for meaning and stability in their life, but sadly aren't sure where to go to find it. The richness of beauty and truth of our Catholic Faith has been a source of strength and purpose for countless people. Our young people deserve to have us share it with them.

What can we do?

- **Pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, or make a Holy Hour for them**
- **Offer small sacrifices (fast from dessert, or meat, or TV) and offer it for their return**
- **Invite a young person to reach out to Father Ren for a friendly, open conversation. Sometimes a simple chat can plant the seeds of grace.**
(frren@goodshepherdwayland.org; 508.650.3545, ext. 14)

Let's unite in faith and hope, trusting that God hears our prayers and will touch the hearts of those who have wandered.



"Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." – Luke 15:6

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

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

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

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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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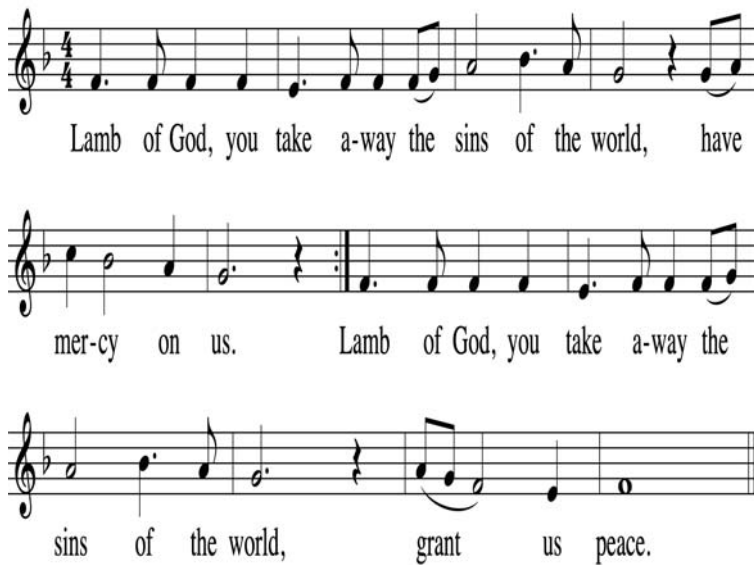
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AMEN



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LAMB OF GOD



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IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE

Psalms 95

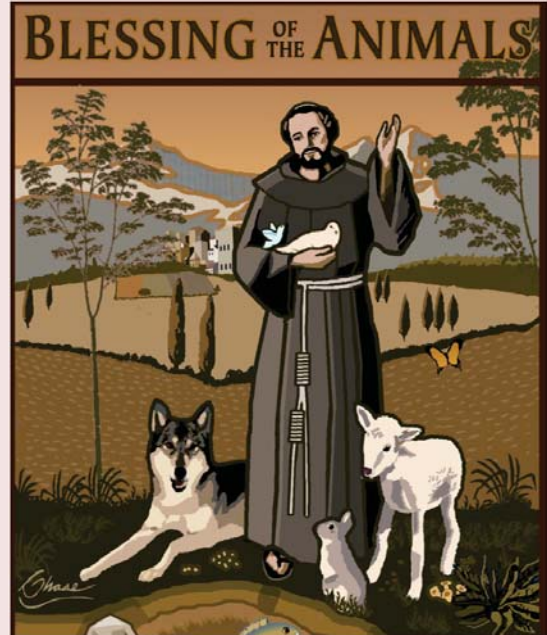
Jesse Manibusan



Verses

1. Joyfully sing unto the Lord, let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Into the presence of our God come with thanksgiving, joyfully singing psalms.
2. Come let us worship and bow down; O let us kneel before the Lord our maker. We are the people of the Lord, the Lord our shepherd. We are the flock he guides.
3. Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert. There your fathers tempted me, testing me, though they had seen my works.

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Sunday, 12 Noon, Oct. 5th
St. Ann Church - front steps

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

12 NOON

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
ST. ANN CHURCH

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7

10 AM

BIBLE STUDY WITH PHEME
PARISH CENTER

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8

7 PM —8 PM

EMMAUS READERS GROUP
ST. ANN CHURCH LIBRARY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

10 AM—2 PM

NURSE JEAN

PARISH CENTER

1 PM Walk With Her!

6—9 PM

JESUS HEALS EVENT

ST. ANN CHURCH

SHALOM WORLD MINISTRY

MASS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

PREACHING

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

12 NOON

ROSARY RALLY

ST. ZEPHERIN PLAZA

COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

AND

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary October 7

To commemorate the miraculous naval victory on this date in 1571 at the battle of Lepanto and crediting Our Lady's intercession through a universal call to pray the rosary, Pope Pius V instituted the Feast of Our Lady of Victory on October 7th. (Later, re-named Our Lady of the Rosary)

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Pray for us!



COME HEAR OUR CHOIR!

10/5 - 10:30 Mass

10/11 - 4:00 Mass

10/19 - No choir



THE TABERNACLE CANDLES
BURN
IN LOVING
MEMORY OF

Sheila O'Hara

(Sept. 26 - Oct. 2)

Nancy Kelley

(Oct. 3 - 9)



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

St Zepherin
Church
is open for
weekday prayer

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Friday

9:00 AM - 12 noon

READINGS & SAINTS 2025 YEAR C

SUNDAY Oct 5	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10
MONDAY Oct 6	Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jonah 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37
TUESDAY Oct 7	Our Lady of the Rosary Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42
WEDNESDAY Oct 8	Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4
THURSDAY Oct 9	Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs; Saint John Leonardi, Priest Mal 3:13-20b/Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4+6/Lk 11:5-13
FRIDAY Oct 10	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6+16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26
SATURDAY Oct 11	Saint John XXIII, Pope Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28
SUNDAY Oct 12	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Good Shepherd Parish

Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025

A message from Reverend Laurence “Ren” Tocci, Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to your financial support, and our efforts to control expenses, we had a very good year this past fiscal year. We ended the 2025 fiscal year in the black by **\$75,000**, which included a net operating income of \$44,000 and a net non-operating income of \$31,000. Across the board, the income received exceeded budget, and the expenses were less than what the budget called for. The detailed report included below shows all the operating and non-operating financial activities of the parish, including My Brother's Table. A similar reporting of the cemetery activities is also available below along with the total cash-on-hand of the parish and cemetery.

The cemetery's bottom line doesn't look so optimistic for FY 2025. We didn't sell many lots or columbarium niches this year, nor did we have many grave openings or burials. We were able to save on cemetery maintenance expenses thanks to the free-of-charge service offered by a faithful parishioner. Some monies from openings that we did, came after the fiscal year closed, so it shows on our records as a red line-item.

We have projected a conservative parish budget for this fiscal year 2026 for various reasons. We're planning for less income in offertory, as well as \$15,000 less in Faith Formation revenue due to the decision to cut our fees in half as we introduce our new program. We also saw \$23,000 more in insurance costs, since hiring a new staff member. We had reduced the staff when our parish Director of Communications resigned. But now that we're back in the full swing of things from the pandemic, we assessed our parish's needs and saw that we had to hire a new Administrative Assistant, while Kat became dedicated solely to parish communications and sacramental records.

We also needed to add \$13,000 for landscaping at St. Zepherin. A wonderful parishioner, Michael Mullins, had been doing the landscaping at a minimal cost for us. However, his health has required him to step down from this position. Please keep Mike and his step-daughter in your prayers.

I know last year was a big change for our parish, and I want to thank you all for being patient with me as I adjusted to Good Shepherd—and as you adjusted to me! This year promises to bring some exciting new life to Good Shepherd. The new Faith Formation program, Pathways, is off to a great start—much better than I had expected. We've had over eighty families registered, much more than I had thought we were going to see. In fact, we have hit capacity and had to close registration. The first meeting went very well, and I'll be excited to see how this program works.

We're also adding some events. Deborah Webster volunteered to put our parish library back in order, and has done an outstanding job this summer in doing so. Please visit it at St. Ann; it's open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays until 3:00pm, and Saturdays until Mass at 4:00pm.

Deborah also has initiated a book group: the Emmaus Readers. We have ten participants in our fall session, reading Henri Nouwen's book *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, and I hear that it's going well. We're planning on introducing an evening Bible study event, to complement the one Pheme Perkins is running for us on Tuesday mornings. Sally DeGeorge will be leading this for us—stay tuned for more details!

We're also offering more spiritual and prayer events this year. Next month, through the courtesy of Shalom World Ministries, we'll be hosting "Jesus Heals": an evening of Mass, Adoration, and Prayers for Healing. We're also participating in the nationwide Rosary Rally next month, and will have a parish Lenten mission this March. All of this in addition to the bi-weekly Holy Hour we introduced last Advent and will be continuing this year.

We also plan on introducing a men's group in January. Cor is a template of a men's group put together by the Knights of Columbus—though it's not exclusively put on by the K of C. This year we'll be focusing on the Lord's Prayer for regular meetings of men to gather for friendship and prayer.

Speaking of the Knights, we've had five men show interest in joining our council. We also have two folks who have signed up for the Order of Christian Initiation, and we hope to bring them into the Church this Easter. Last year we welcomed two newly baptized Christians into Good Shepherd and welcomed a third Christian into the Catholic Faith.

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Good Shepherd Parish Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025

	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Variance	FY 2026 Budget
Operating Income				
Offertory/90 Days/Holy Days	\$808,000	\$820,000	(\$12,000)	\$815,000
Sacramental Offerings/Gifts/Donations	36,000	19,000	17,000	15,000
Rel. Ed./Youth Ministry/Adult Programs	31,000	36,000	(5,000)	15,000
Other Income	84,000	59,000	25,000	79,000
Total Operating Income	\$959,000	\$934,000	\$25,000	\$924,000
Operating Expenses				
Compensation & Fringe Benefits	\$494,000	\$503,000	(\$9,000)	\$527,000
Professional fees & office expenses	44,000	44,000	0	49,000
Facilities maint., utilities & insurance	251,000	255,000	(4,000)	246,000
Parish Activities, pastoral & liturgical	35,000	29,000	6,000	26,000
Diocesan tithe	73,000	73,000	0	76,000
Capital Acquisitions & Improvements	18,000	30,000	(12,000)	0
Total Operating Expenses	\$915,000	\$934,000	(\$19,000)	\$924,000
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$44,000	\$0	\$44,000	\$0
Non-Operating Income				
Change in value of Investments	\$24,000	\$0	\$24,000	\$0
My Brother's Table	39,000	34,000	5,000	32,000
Total Non-Operating Income	\$ 63,000	\$34,000	\$ 29,000	\$32,000
Non-Operating Expenses				
My Brother's Table	\$32,000	\$34,000	(2,000)	\$32,000
Total Non-Operating Expenses	\$32,000	\$34,000	(\$2,000)	\$32,000
Net Non-Operating Income (Loss)	\$31,000	\$0	\$31,000	\$0
Net Income (Loss)	\$75,000	\$0	\$75,000	\$0
Cash on hand as of June 30, 2025				
Checking account	\$106,000			
*RCAB Depository Accounts & Common Inv. Fund	1,013,000			
Total Cash on hand	\$1,119,000			

*this amount includes the money received from Rhodes Estate put aside for the long term sustainability of the parish.

St. Zepherin Cemetery	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2025 Budget	FY 2025 Variance	FY 2026 Budget
Operating Income	\$12,400	\$23,000	(\$10,600)	\$17,000
Change in value of investments	2,400	0	2,400	0
Operating Expenses	(16,400)	(23,000)	6,600	(17,000)
Net Income (Loss)	(\$1,600)	\$0	(\$1,600)	\$0
Cash on hand as of June 30, 2025				
Checking account	\$9,900			
RCAB Common Investment Fund	80,500			
Total Cash on hand	\$90,400			

Good Shepherd Parish Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2025

	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Actual	FY 2026 Budget
Current Parish Operations				
Offertory/90 Days/Holy Days	\$700,000	\$791,000	\$808,000	\$815,000
Other Income	161,000	189,000	121,000	82,000
Expenses	(883,000)	(975,000)	(897,000)	(924,000)
Net Income from Operations	(22,000)	5,000	32,000	(27,000)
Less: Capital Improvements	(78,000)	(57,000)	(18,000)	0
Net Cash Flow from Operations	(\$100,000)	(\$52,000)	\$14,000	(\$27,000)
Long-Term Needs of Parish				
Large Gifts and Bequests	\$4,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Change in Value of Investments (including dividends)	58,000	88,000	54,000	27,000
Total	\$62,000	\$88,000	\$54,000	\$27,000
Renew, Rejoice, Refocus Campaign				
Contributions	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
Expenditures	(82,000)	(21,000)	0	0
Net Cash Flow	(\$81,000)	(\$18,000)	\$0	\$0
My Brother's Table				
Contributions	\$26,000	\$23,000	\$39,000	\$32,000
Expenditures	(29,000)	(33,000)	(32,000)	(32,000)
Net Cash Flow	(\$3,000)	(\$10,000)	\$7,000	\$0

From page 7:

Transition and change is difficult, but it brings with it great new possibilities. Our Lord's mission of preaching and healing brought something incredibly new to the people of Judea, and He continues to bring His presence to us in startling new ways today. Our new Archbishop is one sign of new beginning, as is our new Holy Father in Rome.

Pope Leo XIV has set for his pontificate an emphasis on unity in the Church and a "Christocentric" concentration: focusing on the person of Jesus Christ and a lived relationship with Him through prayer. May we all embrace this vision, coming together in a deeper and more authentic relationship with our Lord.

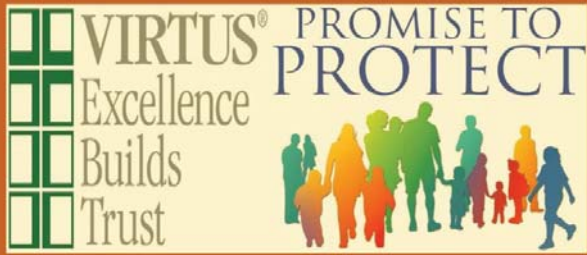
Thank you all for everything you do for Good Shepherd Parish. May God continue to bless you and all those you love. I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Ren

Many thanks to Tom Alber (Former Chair as of the end of June 2025), Al Hyland and Sue Spencer for their contributions to the Finance Council in FY2025 and previous years. Also to the Finance Council members for FY2026 (July 2025-June 2026): Barbara Matyi, Don Mirante, Corinne Nawrocki and Frank Tan.





Deacon Colm will be offering a VIRTUS training for all of our volunteers who have not yet been able to take the course.

Next Date: October 25, 2025

Place: St. Zepherin Parish Center

Time: 9 AM - 12 NOON

You MUST Register online first:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/>

Parish Office: (508) 650—3545

99 Main Street

Wayland, MA

Office Hours:

Monday—Thursday

9 AM—3 PM

Friday 9 AM—12 PM

The CORI Form Season is Here!

All Clergy, staff members and parish volunteers (18 years of age and older) who minister to or have the potential for unmonitored access to children, youth, elderly or the disabled need to fill out a CORI form each year.

Tom Coan, Child Safety Program Coordinator, will be available after each Mass on the weekend of September 13/14 to help you complete your 2026 Child Safety's documents.

Please be sure to have your ID with you as Tom will need it to witness & sign your form.

You can also visit goodshepherdwayland.org website, under the "Get Involved" tab, to print out the CORI form and other Child Safety Program documents. Fill them out and bring them in person to the Parish Office.

Please email Tom at tcoan@goodshepherdwayland.org if you have any questions or call the parish office at 508-650-3545.

Good Shepherd Parish is very grateful for your dedicated ministry service to our parish community.

We Still Celebrate
9:00 AM MASS
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH @ ST. ZEPHERIN
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH @ ST. ANN
 ★★★★★
Parish Office & Campus
CLOSED
For
COLUMBUS DAY
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
 MONDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Parish event coming up?

Please submit bulletin announcements to kholmstrom@goodshepherdwayland.org

by Fridays at noon **two weeks prior** to when you would like it advertised!

PLEASE RESERVE THE TIME/SPACE ON THE CALENDAR WITH VINA FIRST

Knitters' Craft Fair



PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT OUR GRADUATES AS THEY FURTHER THEIR STUDIES IN EITHER COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL!

Contact Janie for more details or to make donations: (508) 653-3423



**SAVE THE DATE:
 OCTOBER 18, 2025
 ST. ZEPHERIN PARISH CENTER
 10 AM - 2 PM
 SATURDAY**

Prayer Requests



+St. Martin
de Porres,
pray for us!+

Please email your prayer requests to:
GSPPRAYERS@GMAIL.COM

OR CALL :
(508) 650 - 3545 EXT. 11

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH PRAYER LINE:



As a faith community, we're here to share in each others' experiences and to lift each other in prayer. Whatever you're facing - whether it's a cause for joy, a challenge weighing you down, or a particular intention you're holding close to your heart - we want to join you in prayer.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of
Birute Caruso

Whose funeral Mass was recently celebrated at our parish



*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them"*
The Requiem Prayer

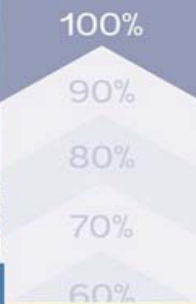
Catholic Appeal
2025



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

MANY THANKS TO ALL THE PARISH FAMILIES WHO HAVE SUPPORTED OUR PARISH CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL THUS FAR.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO MAKE A GIFT TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL. PLEASE USE THE QR CODE BELOW OR MAIL A PLEDGE ENVELOPE TO THE PARISH OFFICE. THE PLEDGES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CHURCH PEWS.



As of Sept. 15,
we have
raised \$62,193
(68% of goal)
from 120
donors.
Thank you!

Goal Amount
\$92,100



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

PARISH NURSE

COMPLIMENTARY SERVICE

Jean Gifford, RN, BSN, PMH-BC

End-of-Life Doula

jgifford@goodshepherdwayland.org
(508) 650-3545 ext. 25

Thursday, October 2

10 AM - 2 PM

1 PM walk! meet on the plaza

Thursday, October 9

10 AM - 2 PM

1 PM walk! meet on the plaza

Thursday, October 16

10 AM - 2 PM

1 PM walk! meet on the plaza

Thursday, October 23

10 AM - 2 PM

1 PM walk! meet on the plaza

Thursday, October 30

10 AM - 2 PM

1 PM walk! meet on the plaza

CHANGE TO SCHEDULE FOR

OCTOBER:

NURSE JEAN WILL BE AT THE

PARISH CENTER

ON THURSDAYS ONLY



- Blood Pressure checks
- Prescription medication review
- Monthly medical presentations
- Referrals
- Remembrance ministry
- Walk with her!



Readings To-Go!

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 5, 2025

Scan QR code to see
this week's readings!



TIPS FROM THE

Stethoscope

Fall is here ; pumpkin spice is everywhere.

Tips for the fall season.

1. Continue to Breathe.
2. Its okay to take a break from studying.
3. Go for that walk.
4. Take time for "you".
5. Check in on your neighbors
6. Most of all be kind to yourself.

If I can help, please call, email or stop by the Parish Center.

Be well,
Nurse Jean



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PLANTING FAITH

Jesus did not call the “Garden Lady” radio program to get horticultural advice before using plants in answering the request, “Increase our faith,” (Lk 17:5-10). He snapped back, “if you had faith the size of a mustard seed” a mulberry tree could be ordered to replant itself in the sea! Jesus’ response is as sharp as God’s answer to the prophet Habakkuk who cried out against God for ignoring the violence and destruction of Judah from injustice within and enemies without. The conclusion, “the just one because of his faith shall live,” (Hab 2:4) became a favorite of St. Paul. Isn’t the apostles’ request for advice on growing “faith” a reasonable one in a troubled world?

Why does Jesus rebuke them by picturing a micro-dose of faith conferring magic power over the plant world? It does make the servant example which comes next easier to swallow. Jesus presents a world of small family farms with only one or two servant workers. So, after doing the outside chores of plowing or tending sheep, a slave still has to prepare and serve the master’s dinner before eating and resting himself. For all that ... the work a servant does day after day, no thanks are given or expected. And Jesus has the man say, “... unprofitable servants; done what we were obliged to do” (v. 10).

Adopting the “servant/slave” approach will grow faith if the apostles stick with following Jesus, not expecting special thanks in the process. The saying in Habakkuk 2:4 also sounds different in Hebrew than in English. The word translated “faith” can point to someone’s reliability or trustworthiness. The prophet’s initial raging at God was born of his deep feeling that God is at fault for not taking care of His side of the covenant with Israel. God’s reply does not present faith as some magic power or mental game, but as the way of living given in the Torah and prophets. No secret nutrients are needed for the soil.

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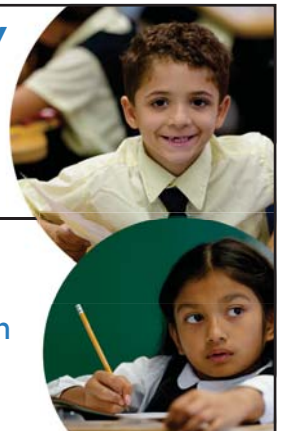
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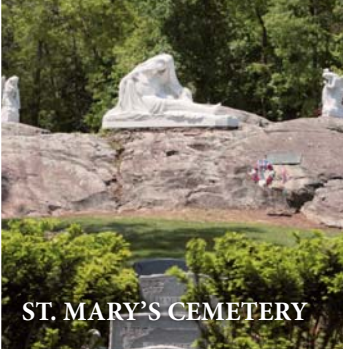


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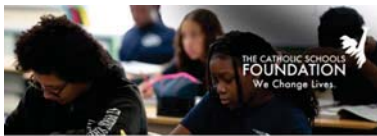
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