

Welcome to Good Shepherd Parish

December 28, 2025



HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

RESPONSIBILITIES TO PARENTS

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Sirach 3:2

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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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
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, DECEMBER 27
4:00 PM
SHEILA JONES (LIVING)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28
8:30 AM
PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
10:30 AM
RUTH RICHARDS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29
9:00 AM
MILLIE CHOINSKI &
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
PRO POPULO

Parish Calendar

**NO DAILY MASS ON TUESDAY
OF THIS WEEK**
9 AM MASS
MON., WED., THURS., FRI.

OFFICE CLOSED ON JAN. 1 & 2

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

9 AM MASS AT ST. ZEPHERIN

7 PM MASS AT ST. ANN

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

EPIPHANY PLAY ON JAN. 4TH!

Extend a Hand to Your Extended Family . . .

I think I've mentioned before that my father grew up in the neighborhood of Newton dubbed "The Lake." Officially, it was the village of Nonantum, and most of my cousins still live there. My Aunt Laura's kids fill out the local fire department, and my Aunt Anna and Aunt Connie's sons are on the police force. The culture of "The Lake" still very much resembles the ethnic enclaves that were so common at the turn of the twentieth century.

In fact, for most of history, this was the way society was organized. Even going back to Jesus's own day, the town of Nazareth was laid out in small neighborhoods consisting of family members. Archaeologists investigating the ancient ruins of Nazareth have determined that housing arrangements were designed as compounds: several modest-sized houses laid out in a semi-circle with a large courtyard radiating out in front of them. These compounds formed their own small blocks, like a little cul-de-sac. Nuclear families like Joseph, Mary, and Jesus lived in a single house; the other houses would be occupied by close relatives, most likely the husband's brothers and their families. Only the most intimate of behavior was reserved for indoors; most of life happened in the courtyard, where the women would prepare the meals and perform other domestic duties. The economic life of Nazareth seems to have been based largely on a bartering system among the men. This was a society that truly functioned as a community. It's no wonder why Jesus's cousins would be referred to as His brothers.

Today's feast of the Holy Family, while it does concentrate on the immediate family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, should also remind us that Jesus's kin network in day-to-day reality was much larger than this cozy little trio. Now, I wouldn't go so far as to say that it takes a village to raise a child, but there is something enriching about being part of a healthy community. It makes us feel like we belong, that we're valued and valuable, and it fills that basic human need

for emotional connection.

Sadly, we've lost so much of that in today's society. Young people often lament that they don't feel any real or deep relationship with others, despite having lots of friends. Socially and emotionally, we've constricted further and further into ourselves, to the point where we "unfriend" anyone who voices an opinion that deviates in any way from our own. Other people have become for us little more than extensions of our own personalities or egos.

Along the way, we've lost sight of those who are the least visible among us: the elderly and homebound. As Christians, we're bound to active works of love. Moreover, as Catholics, we're called to communion with each other: a communion that is rooted in Christ Himself as the keystone that holds all the other "wedges" together into a cohesive arch. The parish is supposed to be more than just a place where individuals gather together for worship; it's supposed to be a community that actively and collectively embodies the principles of Christian living, including radical, self-giving love of neighbor.

At Christmas, we remember that our God was born into time for our sake, to extend to us His very Self in order to make us true children of His Father in Heaven. How much more Christ-like could we be than to recognize in one another—despite whatever differences or disagreements we might have—siblings in God's Household?

~ Fr. Ren



CATHOLIC APPEAL update

As of 12/8, thanks to 127 donors, Good Shepherd Parish has raised \$70,025, 76%, of our 2025 Catholic Appeal goal of \$92,100.



We can't thank you enough for your 2025 Catholic Appeal Participation!!

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH CALENDAR YR2026: HOLY DAY OR SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTIONS

Th. Jan. 1	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD HOLY DAY (GSP collection)
Jan. 24/25	CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA (RCAB Collection)
Wed. Feb. 18	CATHOLIC CHARITIES (RCAB collection) Ash Wednesday
Feb.21/22	SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH AROUND THE WORLD (RCAB collection)
Fri. Apr. 3	GOOD FRIDAY- HOLY LAND (RCAB collection)
Apr. 4/5	EASTER/CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST (RCAB - main collection on Easter wknd.)
Th. May 14	ASCENSION - HOLY DAY (GSP collection)
May 23/24	SEMINARIANS COLLECTION (Pentecost) (RCAB collection)
Jun. 20/21	PROMOTING THE GOSPEL (RCAB collection)
Aug. (to be decided)	MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL Propagation of the Faith)
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)

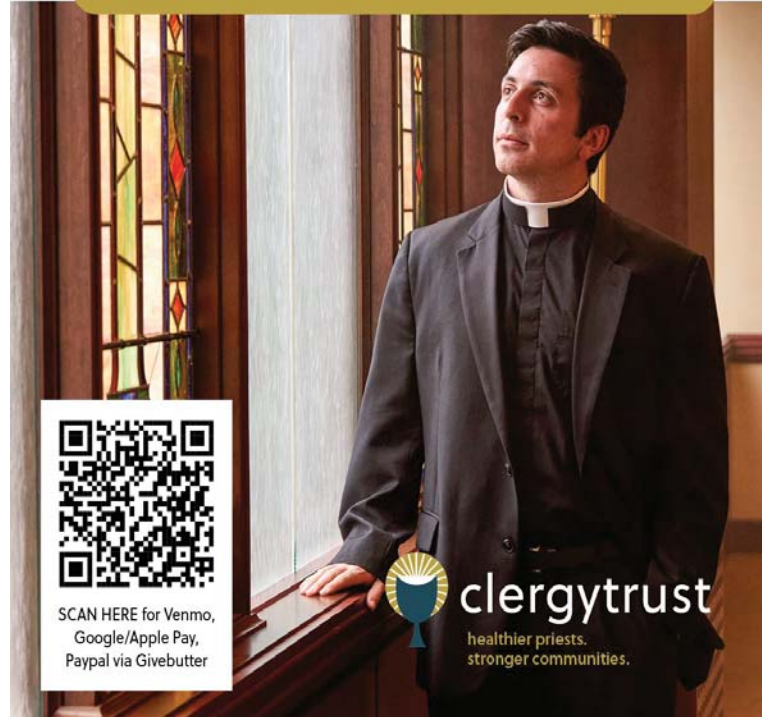


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READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2025

SUNDAY Dec 28	<i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</i> Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
MONDAY Dec 29	<i>Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas</i> <i>Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</i> 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
TUESDAY Dec 30	<i>Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas</i> 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
WEDNESDAY Dec 31	<i>Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas</i> <i>Saint Sylvester I, Pope</i> 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
THURSDAY Jan 1, 2026	<i>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i> <i>The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord</i> Num 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6+8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
FRIDAY Jan 2	<i>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</i> 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
SATURDAY Jan 3	<i>Most Holy Name of Jesus</i> 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
SUNDAY Jan 4	<i>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</i> <i>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious</i> Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12

Parish Offertory Commitment Program

Many thanks to all the families who had mailed their pledge expressing their support to the parish in FY 2026.


The pledge is non-binding but gives the parish an idea of what it may receive this year.

If you haven't yet done so, please complete a pledge and return it to our parish office. Blank pledges are available by the entrances of the church.

Your intentional, consistent support is greatly appreciated. Please know you are welcome to adjust your giving as your circumstances dictate.

All parishioners and benefactors are ever in our prayers and are integral to this parish's ability to serve the community. Thank you for your support!





Readings To-Go!

*Holy Family Sunday
December 28, 2025*

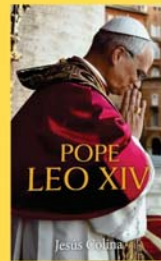
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JANUARY 8 TO FEBRUARY 26, 2026

WATCH EPISODES PRIOR TO THE ZOOM SESSION AT YOUR LEISURE

FAMILY MATTERS

Early Christians used the language of family to describe their relationship to God as “father” and one another as “brothers and sisters”. Behind the special traits of this family clothed in love, those rough edges require patience, forgiveness, and thanksgiving to God (Col 3:12-21). Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 expands the commandment, “honor your father and mother”, to include what we call “age-related dementia”. It even suggests that these efforts in preserving the dignity of elders are material God uses in rebuilding what our sins destroy. When it comes to the “Jesus, Mary, and Joseph” family, such realities seem quite distant. However, Popes Benedict, Francis, and Leo all emphasize that the gospel (Matt 2:13-23) presents the Holy Family as refugees – first, across borders into Egypt, and then, internally, from Bethlehem in the south to Nazareth in Galilee.

We might ignore Joseph to gaze at Mary, and her baby as the magi did (Matt 2:10-12). Matthew’s gospel presents Joseph as the “just” or “righteous” father. Like many refugees, he has to pack up and move twice. Egypt was often a place to which Jews fled. By the 1st century CE, it had been home to a prosperous, educated, Greek speaking Jewish community for three centuries. So, despite language shifting from Aramaic to Greek, the family remained in a familiar religious and cultural environment.

Any excitement over returning home to Bethlehem is quashed by political reality. Archelaus was even more brutal than his father, so Joseph decides not to go there. Just as he had upon learning that Mary was pregnant, Joseph has the instinct for what a good man will do. Only then does God provide a dream revelation to direct their journey. And, if Joseph was at all skeptical, he would have doubted that choice. How much work for a carpenter in a “no place” agricultural village (pop. 200-400) 12 mi. from the Sea of Galilee? Even Matthew couldn’t find a specific prophet to explain so he says the move was “to fulfil the prophets”.

Pheme Perkins, Ph.D.
Joseph Professor
Of Catholic Spirituality
Boston College



HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*Mary, the
Holy
Mother
of God*

Thursday, January 1, 2026
Mass: 9 AM @ St. Zepherin
7 PM @ St. Ann

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED
THURSDAY & FRIDAY
on both

DECEMBER 25 & 26 and

JANUARY 1 & 2

2026

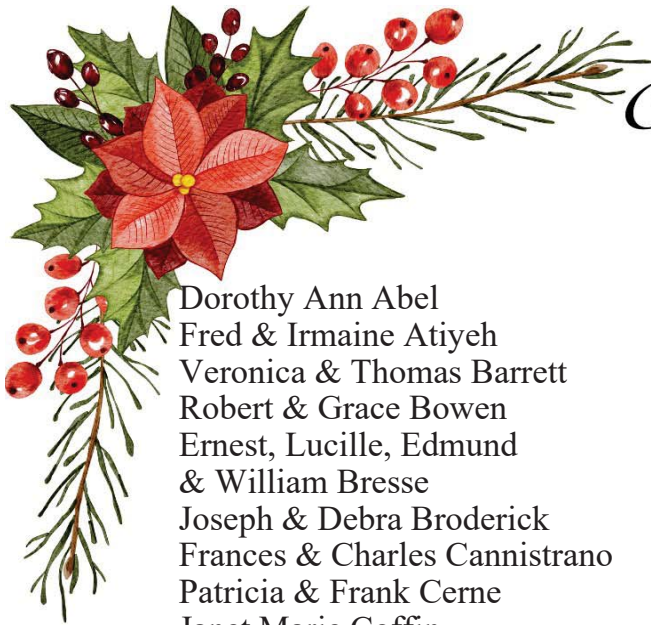
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AND SAFE HOLIDAY!

*Happy
New Year*

**BLESSINGS
FOR THE
New Year
2026**

Loving God, as we embark on a new year, we come with hearts full of gratitude. Thank You for the blessings of the past, and we anticipate Your goodness in the days to come. May this year be a testament to the abundance of Your grace and love.





Christmas Flowers in Memory of...

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A CHRISTMAS GLORIA

GLORIA

*Refrain: All

Glo - ri - a

1
in ex - cel - sis De - o, De - o.

2

Music: Trad. French carol; verses arr. by Paul Gibson.

*Verses available in accompaniment books.

CHRISTMASTIME ALLELUIA

James J. Chepponis
based on ADESTE FIDELES

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'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION A

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -

fess your Res - ur - rec - tion 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

Cantor: All: Repeat ad lib.

Have mer - cy on us. Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor: All:

Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

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Alternate Refrain

Let the Lord en - ter, let the Lord

en - ter, the King of glo - ry.

1. All creation is the work of God.
The earth and all creatures
belong to the Lord.
From mountains to valleys,
from ocean to land,
the Lord God made them all.

2. Who will climb the sacred mountain,
the holy place of God?

Those who have not done evil,
whose hearts are pure,
whose eyes are not blind.

3. God will send a blessing
to honor his faithful ones.
Lord, this is the people
who seek the face of Jacob's God.

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Psalm 128: Blest Are Those Who Love You

Refrain I



Verses

1. Happy all those who fear the Lord, and walk in God's pathway;
you will find what you long for: the riches of our God.
2. Your spouse shall be like a fruitful vine in the midst of your home,
your children flourish like olive plants rejoicing at your table.
3. May the blessings of God be yours all the days of your life,
may the peace and the love of God live always in your heart.

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AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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Requests*



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de Porres,
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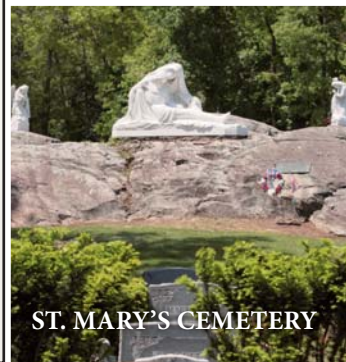
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