

# Welcome to Good Shepherd Parish

January 11, 2026



*Baptism of the Lord* by James Tissot

## Baptism of the Lord

And a voice came from the heavens, saying,  
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Matthew 3:17

**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**  
**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, JANUARY 10**  
**4:00 PM**  
**CHERYL KANE & RICHARD KANE, JR.**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11**  
**8:30 AM**  
**PEOPLE OF**  
**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH**  
**10:30 AM**  
**FRANCES GALLAGHER**  
**5:30 PM**  
**DAVE WALL**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14**  
**9:00 AM**  
**MILLIE CHOINSKI &**  
**RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15**  
**9:00 AM**  
**GRETta ROZZARIO**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16**  
**9:00 AM**  
**JUDITH DICARLO**

### Parish Calendar

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026**  
**HEART TO HEART MEN'S GROUP**  
**6:30 PM**  
**ST. ANN'S LIBRARY**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2026**  
**BIBLE STUDY**  
**7 PM—8:30 PM**  
**PARISH CENTER**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2026 &**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2026**  
**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**





## *One Voice Crying Out in the Wilderness, Another Voice Coming Down From Heaven . . .*

There's the call . . . and then there's the response.

The Mass begins with the Penitential Act: a general acknowledgement of our sins and an appeal to God for His forgiveness. For most of the year this is followed immediately by the Gloria: the congregation's jubilant expression of praise to God in the Highest as a joyous recognition of this forgiveness received. For most of the year. In Advent and Lent, however, this outburst of joy at having been liberated from the bonds of our sins is suppressed in the Mass. The Penitential Act—the confession of our sins and desire for forgiveness—hits its brakes at a silent moment before the priest says, “Let us pray.” There's something unfinished in the moment, like a cliffhanger. Has God forgiven us or not? There's no signal that we've experienced this requested liberation, no song of gratitude and praise to glory of God in the Highest, much less peace to His people on Earth. (For the record, we are forgiven these sins, if we have sincerely repented of them; but the liturgical moment in Advent and Lent is designed to remind us that there was a time in history when we couldn't be confident in a favorable response from God.)

Today's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord commemorates that historical event when God's “Yes” to our confession was definitively voiced.

Ceremonial washings for purification were a common part of Jewish culture. The six water jugs set aside at the wedding of Cana were reserved for such ritual purification. In the books of Exodus and Leviticus, which lay out the proper procedures for the Israelites' liturgical worship, ceremonial washings are mentioned multiple times. And the discovery of texts among the Dead Sea Scrolls which document the culture of the Essenes (a radical splinter group of Jews who lived as a community of hermits) reveals that ritual baptisms for repentance and conversion were standard practice. John's little cottage industry of baptizing folks at the Jordan River seems to have fit into this type of ritual bathing.

These baptisms were symbolic. They were a mere gesture of repentance: an expression of the person's genuine desire for forgiveness and cleansing. But much like the Penitential Act in Advent and Lent, there could be no way of knowing whether Yahweh accepted the contrition and thereby reconciled the people to Himself. It was a call left without a response . . . a crying-out left unanswered.

Until today—or rather: until the event that today recalls for us. Jesus takes His place in the line of penitents, shoulder to shoulder with those in such dire need of God's healing mercy, and patiently waits His turn. When He comes Face to face with the baptizer, John rightly is startled. Knowing from the Holy Spirit within him that Jesus needs no gesture of repentance, he doesn't understand the maneuver. He doesn't yet wrap his mind around the fact that Jesus has chosen to associate Himself with sinners as a surrogate for them.

When He is plunged into the water He accepts His mission: to proclaim good news to the poor, release to prisoners, to set free those oppressed by sin, and to give His life as a ransom for many. He emerges having committed Himself freely to the purpose of His Incarnation. And this act of intercession on our behalf, this vicarious repentance in which He concentrates all of our contrition onto Himself, and makes His own the words of the prophet Isaiah—*Here I am, LORD, send me*—is met with the Father's dramatic response. The anointing with the Holy Spirit, who descends on the Son's Head like the burning coal that the angel touched Isaiah's mouth with. And the declaration of the Father's voice, *This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased*.

The Penitential Act meets its *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*. The contrition is accepted; reconciliation is granted. The call has received its response.

~ Fr. Ren



*The Baptism of Christ* by Francesco Albani



## 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!



## Heart to Heart *A Men's Group*

### Heart to Heart

**A Men's Group to Grow Friendship and Faith, All in Christ**

**Passion and Paradox: Jesus's Model of Leadership**

*The concept of a CEO as a "servant-leader" was a popular business model some years back. And Jesus was the original servant-leader.*

*Join us for an opportunity to look at how Jesus's way of leading His disciples reveals to us authentic authority: exercised with humility, responsibility, and service to others.*

*Six meetings, once-a-month, will explore the many ways Jesus was a leader who came to serve.*

Tuesday evenings, 6:30 PM, in the St. Ann Library  
Starting January 13th.



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JAN. 16 - 22, 2026



I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.  
JOHN 8:12

## Bible Study

Join us for a six-week exploration of the Bible:  
**"Believe: Meeting Jesus in the Scriptures"**

**Open to ALL!**

**Each of the sessions focuses on an encounter  
when Jesus changed someone's life and  
how it might relate to our life experiences.**

### Wednesday evenings:

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>

St. Zepherin Parish Center

7:00 - 8:30 PM



## GOOD SHEPHERD SMALL GROUPS BEGIN 1/8/26

**"THE CHOSEN" - SEASON 4 IS OUR SOURCE FOR THE WINTER SEASON.**

**JOIN US AS WE GROW OUR FAITH TOGETHER**

**FOR A PRAYERFUL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS IN THE SCRIPTURES.**

**Register by**

**emailing Lisa Demartin @**

**thechosen.goodshepherd@yahoo.com**

**or call 617-605-9886**



**THURSDAYS 8:00-8:30 PM VIA ZOOM**

**JANUARY 8 TO FEBRUARY 26, 2026**

**WATCH EPISODES PRIOR TO THE ZOOM SESSION AT YOUR LEISURE**



## 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	<b>EASTER</b> /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)



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
OF OUR PARISH MISSION!



**9 AM DAILY MASS**  
will be celebrated  
[www.goodshepherdwayland.org](http://www.goodshepherdwayland.org)

★★★★★  
**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**  
**JANUARY 19, 2026**

I HAVE A DREAM

**Parish Office Closed**  
**Friday, Jan. 16 - Monday, Jan. 19**

*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.

### READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

<b>SUNDAY</b> Jan 11	<b>Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b> Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/ Mt 3:13-17
<b>MONDAY</b> Jan 12	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
<b>TUESDAY</b> Jan 13	<i>Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Jan 14	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2+5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
<b>THURSDAY</b> Jan 15	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
<b>FRIDAY</b> Jan 16	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
<b>SATURDAY</b> Jan 17	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
<b>SUNDAY</b> Jan 18	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

## PEACE PLAN?

An episode of PBS' James Herriott series, "All Creatures Great and Small", on the baptism of baby Jimmy ended on a theological note: reconciliation between Helen and her mother-in-law. James' mother always resented her son's decision to stay as a vet in Yorkshire rather than return home to a more lucrative practice in Glasgow. After seeing his parents off, enthused by how well a potentially disastrous visit had gone James suggests maybe inviting them for the summer. Always the realist, his wife cautions, "Let's not get ahead of ourselves". How often did we use similar words to trim down or reorder the kids' "we can do...and then..." list over Christmas holiday? Or wish that world leaders would stop announcing progress (maybe) as viable peace?

Jesus' baptism in today's gospel (Matt 3:13-17) also has its cautionary note. John's call for repentance, a turning to God to prepare for a salvation that is finally at hand drew huge crowds to be baptized. What is Jesus doing in that melee? Is he testing the Baptist to see whether or not he recognizes Jesus as messiah? If so, then John's acknowledgment, "I need to be baptized by you," is sufficient. Instead, Jesus has a "let's not get ahead of ourselves" response. "It is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness." Sure enough, God confirms that Jesus is the "beloved Son" who will carry out God's peace plan.

And the last words of Matthew's gospel return to the baptism that unites all Christians with God, the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Spirit, ever since. The risen Jesus sends his disciples out to spread his teaching and baptize among all the nations – not just a special group from among Israel. Peter's conversion of the Roman centurion and his household in Acts 10:34-38 reflects the peace plan powered by God's Spirit, not by the military strength of nations. Jesus embodied Isaiah's vision of that Spirit-endowed king whose justice supported the most fragile, provided healing and even freed those imprisoned in darkness (Isa 42:1-7).

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*"BY STANDING BEFORE  
THE EUCHARISTIC CHRIST,  
WE BECOME HOLY"*

*ST. CARLO ACUTIS*



**NEXT DATE: January 22ND at St. ANN**

**COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**7:00—8:00 PM**

**2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH**

**2ND THURSDAYS AT ST ZEPHERIN CHURCH**

**4TH THURSDAYS AT ST ANN CHURCH**



***Readings  
To-Go!***

***Baptism of the Lord  
January 11, 2026***

*Scan QR code to see  
this week's readings!*

### In the event of inclement weather:

When the local schools are closed during the week, so are we. There will be no daily Mass. The following stations provide closing and delay information on-screen as well as on-line.

The on-line links are:

Channel 4 (WBZ)

<http://boston.cbslocal.com/closings/>

Channel 5 (WCVB)

[www.wcvb.com/weather/closings](http://www.wcvb.com/weather/closings)

Channel 7 (NBC) & Channel 56 (CW)

<http://whdh.com/storm-closings-delays/>

Channel 10 (NBC Boston)

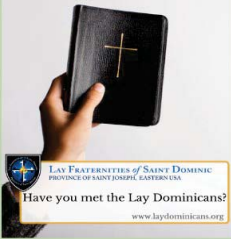
<http://www.nbcboston.com/weather/school-closings/>

Fox 25 (WFXT)

<http://www.fox25boston.com/weather/schoolclosings>



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BLESS,  
PREACH**



Lay Dominicans are members of the faithful who commit ourselves to living the four pillars of Prayer, Study, Community, and Apostolate-- to preach for the salvation of souls and to build up the Kingdom of God, according to the charisms of our founder, St. Dominic.

Next meeting: JAN. 18, 2026  
St. Ann's Hall



The vision of St. Dominic receiving the Rosary from the Virgin by Bernardo Cavallino, c. 1640. Public domain.

Visitors are always welcome. It is helpful if you do notify the group in advance. Visit [boston3op.com](http://boston3op.com) for information or email Mrs. Mikayla Dalton, O.P. (fraternity president) at [mikayla.v.dalton@gmail.com](mailto:mikayla.v.dalton@gmail.com)

## BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Parish event coming up?

Please submit bulletin announcements to [kholmstrom@goodshepherdwayland.org](mailto: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**

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*Your ongoing sacrificial giving helps us cover parish operating expenses.*

IT'S NOT HOW MUCH WE GIVE, BUT HOW MUCH LOVE WE PUT INTO GIVING.

MATTHEW 23:23A



Contact Liliana at [llucas@goodshepherdwayland.org](mailto:llucas@goodshepherdwayland.org) or 508-650-3545, ext. 18 if you have any questions.

## MY BROTHER'S TABLE

AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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**LAURIE HOJLO**

**DIRECTOR OF MY BROTHER'S TABLE  
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## A CHRISTMAS GLORIA

GLORIA

\*Refrain: All

Glo - ri - a

1  
2

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

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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**Good Shepherd Parish  
welcomes our new  
Music Director:**

**Bethany Crochet Ratcliff**

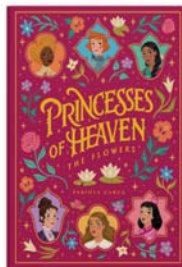
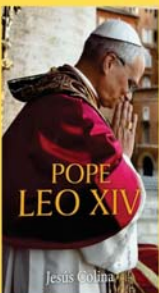
*Please say hello when you see her!*



## GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH LIBRARY

*located at St. Ann Church  
across from the confessional*

**Please feel free to come  
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check out a book!**



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

*Reminder:* Our Livestreamed Masses may be  
accessed via our website:  
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(WayCam TV will no longer carry them)



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*Baptism*

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*"He has risen." Matt 28:6*



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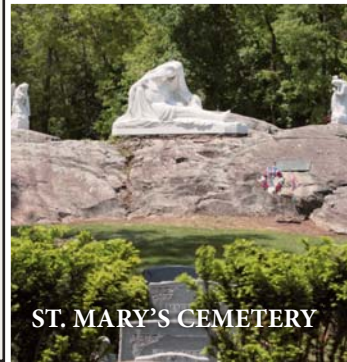
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