

Welcome to Good Shepherd Parish

January 25, 2026



The Miraculous Draught of Fishes by Raphael

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
At once they left their nets and followed Him.

Matthew 4:19-20

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
Friday 9 AM—12 PM



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 24
4:00 PM
PHILIP BYRON

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25
10:30 AM
MICHAEL & ELIZABETH KIELTY
5:30 PM
PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

MONDAY, JANUARY 26
9:00 AM
MILLIE CHOINSKI &
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27
9:00 AM
GRETta ROZARIO

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29
9:00 AM
MARIA ROSA COLLINS

Parish Calendar

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26
BIBLE STUDY WITH PHEME
10:00 AM
PARISH CENTER

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27
BIBLE STUDY GROUP
7:00 PM
PARISH CENTER

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
VIRTUS TRAINING
9 AM—12 PM
PARISH CENTER
REGISTER ONLINE PRIOR TO
SATURDAY

Weekend of
January 31st—February 1st
Blessing of the Throats
St. Blaise Feast Day
February 3rd

The Evangelical Counsels and the Beatitudes (Part II-a) . . .

Among the many stories of conversion and lives of the saints cataloged by the Church is the tale of Pelagia: an actress/prostitute (the two professions often went hand in hand throughout much of history). As the story goes, Pelagia, dressed provocatively and followed by an entourage of admiring fans, sashayed past a group of bishops who were gathered in front of the tomb of St. Julian. The bishops all averted their eyes, conspicuously trying to display their attempt to pretend not to notice her (which, of course, only called the more attention to her and to their acute awareness of her presence). All the bishops save one, that is. Bishop Nonnus remarked on her beauty and particularly on her alluring wardrobe. Addressing his fellow prelates, he noted that “we have paid no attention to our souls in the attempt to adorn them with good habits so that Christ may desire to dwell in us. What a reproach to us, seeing that we have not taken pains to make ourselves pleasing to God nearly as much as this prostitute . . . has taken pains to please men.” Then, to go even further, he suggested, “Maybe we should even go and become the pupils of this lascivious woman.”

The next day Pelagia went to Mass to hear Bishop Nonnus preach and became converted. Simply because one prelate saw her, and rather than becoming self-conscious of his own libido, recognized that her desire to be sexually attractive should inspire those who desire holiness to make themselves spiritually attractive to God. This is the evangelical counsel of chastity.

Normally, when we speak of chastity we mean being faithful to one’s state in life: a single person should remain continent until (s)he marries; a married person should remain exclusive to his or her spouse; and a consecrated virgin should exercise perfect continence—that is, remain celibate. However, the evangelical counsel of chastity refers specifically to celibacy.

The discipline of celibacy has been a controversial issue, all the more so since the sexual revolution has catapulted sex into the stratosphere, treating it as if it were the highest possible good attainable. It’s been blamed for the clergy sex abuse crisis (which is a bum rap: schoolteachers and scout leaders, as well as ministers from religious traditions that allow their clerics to marry have their equal portion of deviants who’ve committed this atrocity). A little over six years ago, a synod of bishops and consecrated religious convened in the Amazon to address the custom of priestly celibacy, raising questions as to whether the

discipline would be abrogated; the synod affirmed the long-standing practice. Pope Francis himself remarked that he didn’t agree with allowing optional celibacy, calling it “a gift for the Church.”

He hit the proverbial nail on the head. Chastity in general—according to the first description I just gave above—is requisite: the sixth commandment expressly prohibits adultery (which is any sexual behavior outside of marriage), and the ninth commandment disallows lust (one of the seven deadly sins). But the evangelical counsel of chastity is a gift that the consecrated celibate gives to the Church.

Evangelical chastity frees those who have this vocation to be completely open to the other person before them: to see the person for him-/herself, to focus more clearly and more fully on his or her need, on the particular situation, and to engage with the person exclusively as a sovereign person, untainted by any potential self-serving interest. And that interest need not be sexual or romantic; there are any number of ways in which our egos can be tied up with other people’s lives and so our relations with them become (at least in part) colored by our own advantage.

“Blessed are the pure of heart,” Jesus announces in the Sermon on the Mount; “for they shall see God.” The freedom of evangelical chastity clarifies the eyes of the soul, enabling the celibate to see God in the person in front of him/her. Bishop Nonnus was able to see Pelagia’s outer beauty and not be snared in the trap of his own lust, but rather to recognize in that loveliness a signal of his own need to beautify his soul for God. This training of his heart to seek first the Kingdom of God equipped him to find in even the most provocative of this world’s temptations a challenge to ongoing conversion and a spur to increased holiness. No doubt it helped him advance in sanctity. It certainly sparked the sanctification of the future Saint Pelagia.

~ Fr. Ren



Saint Pelagia with Saint Nonnus
Credit: Orthodox Church in America

UPDATE ON THE ST. ANN HOUSING PROJECT

The developers have cleared all the permits with the town and state.

Now we're waiting on the Archdiocese's blessing to proceed.

We have a meeting scheduled with Archbishop Henning for April to discuss the project.

More information will follow as we have news to report!



Heart to Heart *A Men's Group*

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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

Next Meeting: FEBRUARY 10TH

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please contact the Parish Office if there is someone you would like to recommend to receive one of the blessed shawls!
(508) 650-3545



Next date: February 5th

**First Thursdays
of the Month
1:00 – 3:00 PM**

Where:
**St. Zepherin Parish
Center**

All are welcome!
Coming together
to knit for others. You may
bring your own projects, also.

Contact:
**Joanne Berry
(508 524-8630)
or
Regina Kennedy
(508 358-7684)**

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. 3rd & 10th

Jan. 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th

St. Zepherin Parish Center

7:00 - 8:30 PM



This weekend the blessing of the throat will be available at each Mass:

Saint Blaise

Saint Blaise is a bishop and martyr who lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. For a time, Blaise lived in a cave to escape persecution. On his feast the church recalls a miraculous cure associated with him and celebrates the blessing of the throats. Blaise apparently saved the life of a boy who was choking on a fish bone. The saint said that anyone who lit a candle in his memory would be free of infection, thus candles are used in the traditional throat blessing. He is listed among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, saints revered as healers.

He is the patron saint of throat illnesses, animals, wool combers, and wool trading.

DIED 316

FEAST DAY — FEBRUARY 3



Prayer Requests



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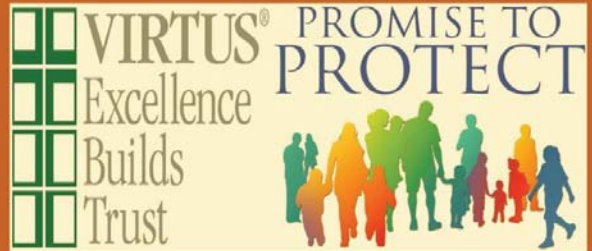
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READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Jan 25	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
MONDAY Jan 26	Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 3:22-30
TUESDAY Jan 27	Saint Angela Merici, Virgin 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
WEDNESDAY Jan 28	Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
THURSDAY Jan 29	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/ Mk 4:21-25
FRIDAY Jan 30	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
SATURDAY Jan 31	Saint John Bosco, Priest 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
SUNDAY Feb 1	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 5:1-12a

Pilot Bulletins



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: January 31, 2026

Place: St. Zepherin Parish Center

Time: 9 AM - 12 NOON

You MUST Register online first:

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

**MY BROTHER'S
TABLE**
AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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

SAFE DISTANCE

Joseph resettled the holy family in Galilee, not Bethlehem of Judea to avoid living in territory ruled by Herod's son Archelaus (Matt 2:22-23). When another Herodian, Antipas, imprisoned John, the Baptist, Jesus also quits the Jerusalem region to settle on the NW shore of the Sea of Galilee in Capernaum (Matt 4:12-16). He could not begin announcing the news that God's salvation was at hand without getting away from the Jerusalem power center. Why? Matthew provides a paraphrase of Isa 9:1-2 to explain God's plan. Salvation/light will begin in a devastated Jewish homeland. Its inhabitants are "overshadowed by death", "seated in darkness".

Galileans were more devoted to Mosaic traditions than those who lived in Judah. Archaeologists have uncovered Galilee's synagogues, ritual baths, and even household lamps imported from Judea. Jesus will argue with locals over what faithfulness to God's command to "keep the Sabbath holy" required – every synagogue interpreted Sabbath rules differently. Are the crowds pressing Jesus for healing suffering from diseases exacerbated by poverty? Only digging up 1st century cemeteries could answer that. Animal bones prove that Jews did not eat pork and that fish from the Mediterranean was preferred over the freshwater mullet Peter was catching.

We imagine St. Peter's square with pilgrims from all over the globe awaiting Pope Leo's blessing in the words, "I will make you fishers of men." For an ear tuned to the Hebrew prophets like Matthew's, trapping humans has an ominous ring. God is going after those who think their evil ways are hidden, people who think that they will never pay for destroying God's inheritance (see Jer 16:16-18). To bring healing to those suffering from devastation will not build a magnificent Temple complex like the one Herod, the Great, had done in Jerusalem. It requires shining light on the human evils responsible for hiding evil in darkness. Or, against kings using the dazzling gold and silver on their buildings or clothing to blind subjects to power that destroys humanity. Jesus withdrew to a safe distance to begin.

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



"he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?" Matthew 26: 40

HOLY HOUR


"The only time our Lord asked the Apostles for anything was the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an Hour of companionship."

-Ven. Archbishop
Fulton Sheen



February 12th at St. Zepherin
COME SPEND AN HOUR WITH JESUS
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every 2nd Thursday at St Zepherin ~ 7:00-8:00 PM
Every 4th Thursday at St Ann ~ 7:00-8:00 PM



Readings To-Go!

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 25, 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/>

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www.wcvb.com/weather/closings

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Next meeting: February 15, 2026

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Direct inquiries to:

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Mrs. Mikayla Dalton, O.P.
(fraternity president) at
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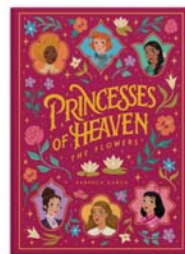
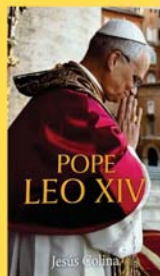
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GLORIA

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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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AMEN

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

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

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LAMB OF GOD



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Good Shepherd Parish
welcomes our new Music
Director:
Bethany Crochet Ratcliff

Bethany's journey in sacred music began unexpectedly when she joined the music ministry as a cantor and guitarist, stepping in during a temporary absence of the music director at her home church, St. Elizabeth Catholic Church. This experience ignited a passion within her, leading her to serve in several churches throughout her undergraduate years.

After earning her bachelor's degree in music with a focus on bassoon and organ from the University of Southern Mississippi, Bethany continued her service at her home church in Louisiana as a cantor as well as serving as the organist/pianist at Houma First United Methodist Church. Balancing her ministry work, Bethany spent three years sharing her love of music as an elementary music teacher in Baton Rouge, LA.

Guided by faith and prayer, Bethany's path led her to New England, where she is currently completing her master's degree in sacred music at Rider University. She shares her life with her supportive husband, Noah, and their three cats, cherishing their love and companionship.

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PSALM 27: THE LORD IS MY LIGHT



Randall DeBruyn

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation;
if God is my help, whom should I fear?
The Lord is my refuge,
my stronghold and my strength;
why should I be afraid?
2. There is but one thing that I want:
to live in the dwelling place of God;

to look all my days on the beauty of the Lord,
and contemplate God's holy temple.

3. I shall see for myself the grace of God,
the dawn of that day among the living.
Wait for the Lord,
find strength in your hearts;
have courage and wait for God.

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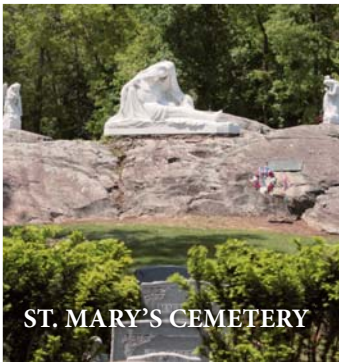
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