

Welcome to
Good Shepherd Parish

March 8, 2026



3rd
Sunday of Lent

This is truly the Savior of the world.

John 40:42



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, MARCH 7
4:00 PM
VARKEY VATTAPPARA
SUNDAY, MARCH 8
10:30 AM
PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
TUESDAY, MARCH 10
9:00 AM
EVELYN COUGHLIN
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
9:00AM
EILEEN BIRCH
THURSDAY, MARCH 12
9:00 AM
MILLIE CHOINSKI &
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES
FRIDAY, MARCH 13
9:00AM
BRIAN P. POULIN

Parish Calendar

TUESDAY, MARCH 10
BIBLE STUDY WITH PHEME
10:00 AM
PARISH CENTER
HEART TO HEART (MEN'S GROUP)
6:30 PM
ST. ANN'S LIBRARY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
EMMAUS READER'S GROUP
7:00 PM
PARISH CENTER
(NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION)
THURSDAY, MARCH 12
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
7:00 PM
ST. ZEPHERIN
FRIDAY, MARCH 13
6:00 PM
PARISH FISH FRY
ST. ANN'S HALL
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00 PM
ST. ANN CHURCH

It's All Greek to Me . . .

Mercy has always been at the heart of the Church's mission. Both John the Baptist and the Lord Jesus Himself launched their public ministries with the proclamation "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand!" Had either been running for public office, this very well might have been their campaign slogan.

But mercy is a moot point when sin isn't acknowledged. Hearts can become hardened by pride, or even by the fragile self-image that won't allow one to look moral failure in the eye for fear that doing so would simply confirm a deep-rooted sense of one's own worthlessness. (Another lie from the author of lies, to keep us fragmented from our self and at a distance from God.) The human condition, however, is marked both by a noble aspiration for the transcendent and the often embarrassing failure to meet this nobility. It's not only the intrepid child who climbs on the roof of his house with a dishtowel pinned around his neck, takes a running leap off the eave, and plummets headlong to the ground. It's every human being who takes seriously what it truly means to be human. It's the great tension between the struggle for holiness and the mortification of our earthbound nature.

It takes real courage to admit to sin, no question about it. It takes honesty and humility, as well as the recognition that we share this tendency toward sin with the rest of humanity. And this recognition at least should console us that we're not alone in this condition. After all, misery may love company, but so does mercy. Lastly, it takes the confidence of trusting in God, whose Son gave Himself for the forgiveness of sins. There's a reason the centerpiece of every sanctuary décor is a crucifix—to simultaneously remind us of the horribleness of sin and to what lengths God will go to reconcile us with Himself and His Kingdom.

Enter the Holy Church. Far more than merely an institution with structures of leadership and organized according to life-vocations; more than just a community of like-minded believers; the Church exists in history as the instrument of God's mercy. From the earliest days of the Church's celebration of the Eucharist, the penitential act was a feature of the Mass's opening rites. The liturgy is deliberately, strategically structured so that the congregation's admission of their sins and appeal for God's forgiveness is the very first thing we do after the sign of the Cross and greeting. It's this communion of mercy—the laying-out of our sins to meet God's pardon—that defines us. It's what makes the Church the Church.

It's such a pivotal moment in the ritual that very early on it was italicized by words imported from another language: the vocal equivalent of underlining or emboldening a phrase on the written page (or, for the iPhone generation, texting in all caps). Even in the Mass celebrated in Latin, the Greek words *Kyrie eleison*/*Christe eleison*/*Kyrie eleison* are used for the Penitential Act. Not only do the words strike the ear as unique, which calls attention to them and highlights this liturgical moment; but the words are borrowed from the language that the gospels were first written in. Aligning our tongue with the

original language of the gospel draws us back to how primary the message of mercy is to the Good News. We keep this ancient tradition even today, especially in particularly penitential seasons such as Lent.

Moreover, there's something in the Greek word that gets lost in translation, either to Latin or to English; something that brings forth an important feature of what mercy actually is. The word *eleison* ("have mercy") comes from the Greek word for olive oil—which, in ancient times, was used extensively as a salve for the healing of cuts, bruises, and abrasions. (We see this in the parable of the Good Samaritan, who anointed the beaten man's wounds with olive oil; and the Church continues to draw on this medicinal significance by using blessed olive oil for the Sacrament of the Sick.)

By connecting mercy to the anointing of wounds, *Kyrie eleison* reminds us that our sins aren't just offenses committed against others, or even an offense against God. They are that. But they're also something else we don't tend to take into consideration very much. The sins one commits wound one's own self the worst. They damage the soul, fracture integrity, dim the vision of the Good, and cut one off from the communion every person profoundly needs—with other people and with God. Viewed in this sort of spiritual light, the sinner in the Good Samaritan parable would be the guy lying on the side of the road, not so much the robbers who beat the daylight out of him (who instead could be seen as symbols of the sins that duped, mugged, and abused him).

God's mercy, then, is a soothing, healing balm: an ointment applied to our wounds—the invisible wounds on our soul. It's poured out over us, caressed into our spiritual lacerations, and attentively applied in lavish quantity to care for our health. We're not just asking God to accept our apology when we sing *Kyrie eleison*—"Lord, have mercy"—we're placing our battered souls in His healing hands to be cared for. "Don't just cut me slack here, Lord: heal me with Your curative power."

In this great season of mercy, along with our fasting, our devotionals, and our extra generosity to those in need, let's add this entreaty for God to heal us with the soothing ointment of His tender mercy. That Christ, the Anointed One Himself, anoint us with His grace. *Christe eleison*.

~ Fr. Ren



The Good Samaritan by William Hogarth

EMMAUS READERS

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NEXT DATE:
MARCH 11



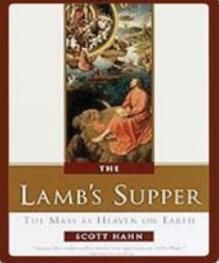
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prayer,
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When: Wednesdays 7- 8pm

DATES: FEB. 25,
MARCH 11,18,25, APRIL 1 & 8

Where: PARISH CENTER
(NOTE THE CHANGE IN LOCATION!)



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THE MASS AS HEAVEN ON EARTH
SCOTTY HAHN



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IN LOVING
MEMORY OF
PAUL LYONS
(MARCH 6 - 12)
DAVID TAFE
(MARCH 13 - 19)



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

*Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of
LEONARD PAOLILLO, PAUL CONNOLLY & ELENORA RUBIN
Whose funeral Masses were recently celebrated at our parish*



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

The Requiem Prayer

MY BROTHER'S TABLE

AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Please contact Laurie Hojlo at
happyhojlos@verizon.net
on how to volunteer at our food pantry
or if you are in need of services!



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.

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, March 10, 2026
6:30pm at St. Ann Library

Reminder!

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD



MARCH 8, 2026 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Prayer Requests



GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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TO LEAVE A MESSAGE :*
(508) 650 - 3545 EXT. 11

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Mar 8	3rd Sunday of Lent Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
MONDAY Mar 9	<i>Saint Frances of Rome, Religious</i> 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
TUESDAY Mar 10	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6+7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
WEDNESDAY Mar 11	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
THURSDAY Mar 12	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
FRIDAY Mar 13	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14+17/Mk 12:28-34
SATURDAY Mar 14	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
SUNDAY Mar 15	4th Sunday of Lent 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Pilot Bulletins



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS IN LENT

7 P.M. St. Ann Church
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Feb. 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

MARCH 13 – PARISH FISH FRY
6 P.M. FOLLOWED BY STATIONS AT 7 P.M.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE



MONDAY AND TUESDAY

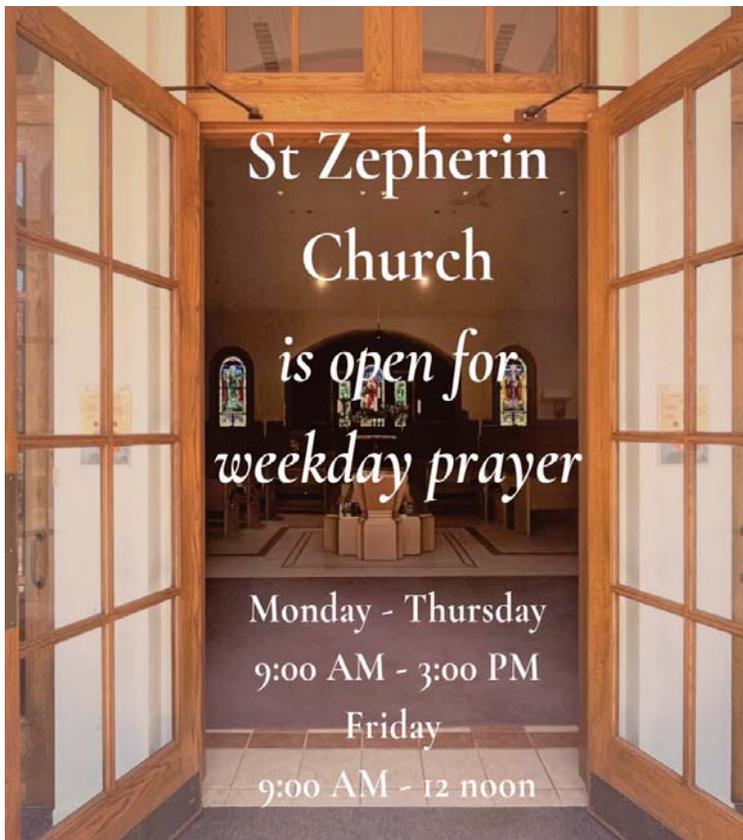
9 AM @ ST. ANN

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY

9 AM @ ST. ZEPHERIN



(for holiday schedules: check our website & bulletin!)



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Next meeting:
Sunday, March 15
St. Ann 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 for information or email Mrs. Mikayla Dalton, O.P. (fraternity president) at mikayla.v.dalton@gmail.com

LIVING WATER

Unlike the video clips of Jesus in the other gospels, John has emotional scenes, with dialogue between Jesus and characters who often “don’t get it”. The Samaritan woman in today’s gospel has cultural, theological, and apparently personal reasons to challenge this Jewish man, who does not know his place. Jacob gave this well to her ancestors. They also follow Moses, but not the Jewish/Jerusalem version. Samaritans worship God on Mt. Gerezim in Galilee. When promised water that produces eternal life, the woman suggests indoor plumbing!

When Jesus seems to claim that he is God’s messiah – apparently well-informed about her ‘Epstein files’ – she challenges him to resolve the religious dispute over where God is worshipped. On that one, Jesus has a two-part answer. The Jerusalem traditions of the Law and prophets remain our heritage as God’s word, but with Jesus “the hour is coming” for God to be worshipped everywhere “in Spirit and truth”. And somehow that answer is the tipping point. She drops her water jug and rushes back to tell people in her town that the Messiah has arrived! Still not clear that she understands the symbols Jesus used (living water, Spirit, truth). But he’s got her life down.

And the people take a chance on her testimony, but that is not the end of the story. Instead, hospitality defeats ancient religious enmity. They invite Jesus to stay for two days. In that personal experience of Jesus as honored guest, they find the truth about Jesus for themselves. (He must also have received food and drink!) So, it might seem that the woman is brushed off at the end, “*we no longer believe because of your word*”, but that is the key to a faith journey. It has to become one’s own. At the beginning of the gospel, Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to meet and remain with Jesus messiah (Jn 1:38-42). In this story, Samaritans make the most global confession of faith in any of the gospels, “*we know that this is truly the savior of the world.*”

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



Thursday, March 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 of Lent
March 8, 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

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>

**GOOD SHEPHERD
PARISH**

UPCOMING EVENTS

LENT

**FEB. 20, 27,
MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27**

**STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS**

Fridays during
Lent - St. Ann
7 PM

MARCH 2-4

**PARISH
LENTEN
MISSION**

We hope you enjoyed our
Lenten Mission with
Fr. Paul Sullivan
Our parish penance service
concluded the mission
on March 4th

**For event
details,
please visit:**

WWW.GOODSHEPHERDWAYLAND.ORG

MARCH 13

FISH FRY

Prior to the Stations,
this Friday our combined
ministries will serve
an appropriate Friday meal

APRIL 2-4

**EASTER
TRIDUUM**

HOLY THURSDAY
THE PASSION OF OUR
LORD - GOOD FRIDAY
EASTER VIGIL

EASTER FLOWERS DONATION



Easter is coming! Celebrate by remembering or giving thanks for someone with an Easter flower donation tribute. Please be sure to specify the dedication name on either the

online form or donation envelope (on pews). All names submitted by Friday, March 27th, will be included in the bulletin after Easter Sunday. Thank you for your donation to beautify our churches' altars!

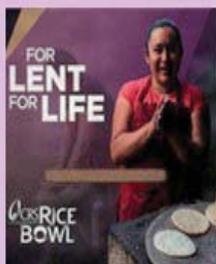
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RICE BOWL DONATION

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PARISH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2026—Q2

Your ongoing Offertory contribution is the key in reaching the 2026 fiscal year income budget (\$956,400) 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 - Q2 (Oct.-Dec. 2025)

WHAT WE NEEDED	WHAT WE RECEIVED	VARIANCE
\$217,969	\$265,678	\$47,709

My Brother's Table Financial Activities

FY2026 - Q2 (Oct. -Dec. 2025)

WHAT WE NEEDED	WHAT WE RECEIVED	VARIANCE
\$8,000	\$31,189	\$23,189

My Brother's Table NET since inception: \$ 79,225

All operating and non-operating financial activities of the parish, including My Brother's Table, are included in the year to date report included below.

FY2026: Year to date as of December 2025

Accounts	Actuals	Budget 2026	Variance \$
Income	\$502,819	\$458,700	\$44,119
Expense	477,823	469,131	8,692
Net Operating Income (Loss)	24,996	(10,431)	35,427
Non-Operating Income (Loss)	23,068	0	23,068
Net Non-Operating Income (Loss)	23,068	0	23,068
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$48,064	(\$10,431)	\$58,495

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Lent Gospel Acclamation

Text: ICEL

Music: Christopher Walker

All
Praise and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

Holy, holy

Text: ICEL

Music: Christopher Walker

All:
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of hosts.
Heav - en and earth are full of your glory.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Save us, Savior

Text: ICEL

Music: Christopher Walker

Priest: The my - ste - ry of faith. Save us, Sav - ior of the world,
All: for by your Cross and Re - sur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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Amen

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All:
A - men, a - men.

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Lamb of God

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Music: Christopher Walker

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

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Psalm 95: If Today You Hear His Voice

Ben Walther

If to - day you hear his - voice, _____ Hard - en not your hearts. _____

1. Come let us sing joyfully to the Lord;
Let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.
Let us come to his presence with thanksgiving;
Let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

2. Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the Lord who made us.
For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds,
the flock he guides.

3. Oh, that today you would hear his voice;
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works."

Act of Contrition

My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

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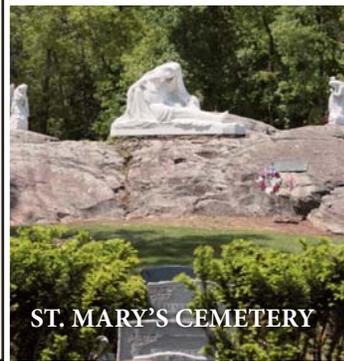
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