

Welcome to Good Shepherd Parish April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter



ST ANN CHURCH



ST ZEPHERIN CHURCH

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

John 10:14

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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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, APRIL 25
JOSEPH & MARY TETI

SUNDAY, APRIL 26
8:30 AM
PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
10:30 AM
ANN BAKER

TUESDAY, APRIL 28
9:00 AM
MILLIE CHOINSKI &
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
9:00 AM
KWAMINA PANFORD &
FAMILY (LIVING)

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY, APRIL 26
3:00 PM
MANDATORY TEACHING MASS
FOR FIRST COMMUNION
CLASS



TUESDAY, APRIL 28
BIBLE STUDY WITH PHEME
10:00 AM
PARISH CENTER

In Illo Uno Unum (Part II) . . .

Some years ago, before I was a priest, I attended my nephew's seaside wedding. The minister, the pastor of what you might call a pop-up church of some kind, kept exclaiming, "I LOOSE you from your individual personalities!" I was standing off to one side (because on a beach you can do that pretty unobtrusively), thinking, "You're doing *what* to these poor kids now?" Each time he'd declare this, I would glance at the groom's parents, my brother and sister-in-law, and my oldest brother and his wife. The four of them would nod their heads as if to affirm the statement. I wanted to ask them, *Do you really think, after so many decades of married life yourselves, that marriage looses the couple from their individual personalities?* (Knowing the quartet fairly well, I'm quite confident in answering for them—an emphatic NO!)

Not only was this a ridiculous declaration for this guy to make, it's an utterly preposterous expectation to have of marriage. Communion of any kind doesn't substitute the individuality of the parties for some sort of joint (or hybrid?) personality; it unites them so that the uniqueness of each complements the other and strengthens them with a bond.

Jesus's image of communion is altogether different. For Him, it doesn't involve us forfeiting one's personality, but rather purifying and perfecting it by discovering in Christ how we are called to develop that personality. When the Apostle Paul writes that "it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me," he's not speaking of some kind of possession like Patrick Swayze taking over Whoopi Goldberg's body in *Ghost* (for those who remember that movie). What he means is that he lives now according to the pattern of life that our Lord demonstrated in His own life; the apostle immediately explains that he lives by faith in—and fidelity to—Christ. Elsewhere, he clarifies that there are different gifts but the same Spirit who inspires them in everyone.

The image Jesus Himself uses is the relationship of branches to a vine. "I am the vine, you are the branches," He tells the disciples at the Last Supper; "If you abide in Me, and I in you, you will bear much fruit. Apart from Me, you can do nothing."

A branch draws its vitality from its connection to the vine. The vine, in its turn, is what is rooted in the fertile soil that gives sustenance. Each branch is its own stem, not identical with other branches, and certainly not identical with the vine that is its source. It serves its function in its own capacity to bear fruit. But the branch owes that capacity to the vine. Snapped off from the vine, the branch loses its ability to generate fruit—and so loses its identity and meaning, and ultimately dries up. The vine, for its part, develops branches precisely to generate fruit and so reveals its life-bearing capacity through the branches.

This is the nature of communion. As the branch draws its vitality from its connection to vine, and through that connection produces something beautiful and nourishing, the Christian's life is rooted in his/her connection to Christ; and through that communion the Christian's life blooms with beauty and provides nourishment to the world. But each in one's own way. It's the balance between collectivism and individualism. Collectivism absorbs the individual person into a totality that

treats that person as if his/her only value is to support the whole—even if that means that the extinguishing of the person's life is what is called for. Individualism treats the person as an island unto him- or herself, without regard to any moral duty to others or to the community as a whole.

Neither of these extremes is authentic humanism. Rather, one discovers the fullness of one's identity by embracing oneself as a particular representation of the image & likeness of God, recognizing both one's own beauty and goodness on the one hand, and on the other, one's flaws and incompleteness. Equipped with this recognition, one realizes one's vocation as a reaching-out to others: to contribute positively to the wider community with the beauty and goodness one possesses, and to draw strength and support from others to shore up one's own weakness and flaws.

But this communion relies on a source of communion: a keystone that holds the arch together. When we concentrate too much on diversity, commonality fades from view and eventually diminishes altogether. But bonded together by a desire—and a quest—for the good, the true, and the beautiful, we come to recognize what we share with others: the human condition. And this shared humanity becomes the basis for communion.

But for this to be stable and consistent, it has to trace its origins back to the source of humanity—namely, God. The branch exists as a branch, in relation with other branches, by its connection to the vine. The human person remains in communion with others by one's communion with the Lord.

This is part of the genius of the gospels. None of the gospels intends to be a biography of Jesus of Nazareth; that's not their purpose. Rather, each presents key moments from Jesus's life, ministry, and teaching in order to provide some understanding of who the God-man is and how He reveals for us His mission—which always and ultimately is to hold to us our own destiny. Each evangelist's narrative gives enough detail to see who Jesus is, but also leaves ample room for us to see the inner-meaning of His life-story. The balance between the two results in a good blueprint for how we are to conform ourselves to Christ, not by duplicating what He does, but by assimilating the inner-meaning of the Gospel and applying that meaning to the particular circumstances of one's own life.

By continually growing in this prayerful reflection, and active imitation, of the Gospel, we abide in Christ as a branch abides in its vine. Our lives reveal us to be, not other Christs, but Christians who draw our vitality from our communion with Christ. Together, each living out the Gospel's inner-meaning according to one's own particular vocation, we become one in the One Christ. And we bear fruit that will remain.

~ Fr. Ren



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

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

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May 7, 2026**

**First Thursdays
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1:00 - 3:00 PM**

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or
Regina Kennedy
(508 358-7684)



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- 2) join any of our liturgical ministries:
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MY BROTHER'S TABLE

AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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

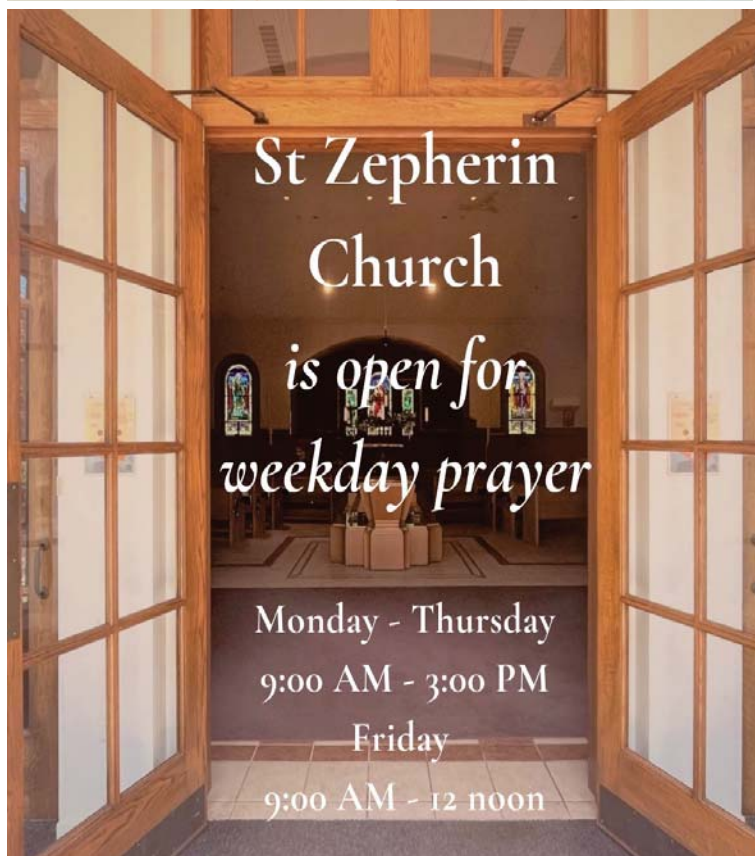
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Parish event coming up?

Please submit bulletin announcements to
kholmstrom@goodshepherdwayland.org
by Fridays at noon **two weeks prior**
to when you would like it advertised!

If you are creating the content,
please check with Kat first on bulletin sizing for legibility.

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



READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY Apr 26	4th Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
MONDAY Apr 27	Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
TUESDAY Apr 28	<i>Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;</i> <i>Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest</i> Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
WEDNESDAY Apr 29	<i>Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6+8/Jn 12:44-50
THURSDAY Apr 30	<i>Saint Pius V, Pope</i> Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25+27/Jn 13:16-20
FRIDAY May 1	<i>Saint Joseph the Worker</i> Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
SATURDAY May 2	<i>Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</i> Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
SUNDAY May 3	5th Sunday of Easter Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Pilot Bulletins

Reminder:

Our Livestreamed Masses may be accessed via our website: goodshepherdwayland.org and our YouTube channel: Good Shepherd Wayland



Together We Are One

Total Catholic Appeal donations as of 4/20/2026: **\$57,435** (71% of \$81,000 goal)

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

Th. May 14	ASCENSION - HOLY DAY (GSP collection)
May 23/24	SEMINARIANS COLLECTION (Pentecost) (RCAB collection)
Jun. 20/21	PROMOTING THE GOSPEL (RCAB collection)
July 4/5	MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL (to benefit LaSalette Missionary, Attleboro)
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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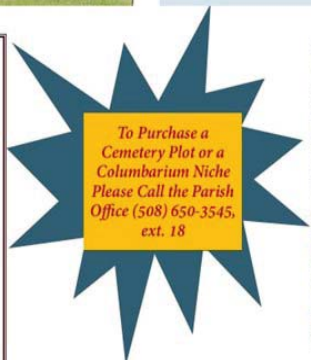
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GOOD SHEPHERD

Royal inscriptions often depicted kings as good shepherds of their people despite the devastation and suffering from war and famine. So, when Psalm 23 begins, “*the Lord is my shepherd ...*”; or Psalm 100:3 says, “*... we are His people, the sheep of His pasture,*” they challenge such political rhetoric. Nevertheless, the ego-boost of shepherd—kingship repeatedly got out of hand. In Ezekiel 34 the prophet launches a blistering attack against shepherds of Israel who eat choice cuts and wear fine wool without feeding the sheep. “*You have not ... healed the sick, bound up the injured... sought the lost, but with force and harshness you have ruled them,*” (vv. 3-5). Jesus adopts a similar tone in today’s gospel (Jn 10:1-10).

Of course, his role as the “good shepherd” goes beyond the feeding, healing and protecting tasks of Psalm 23. He will suffer and die, “*so that free from sin we might live for righteousness,*” as 1 Peter puts it (1 Pet 2:20b-25). Like a sacrificial lamb, Jesus takes no part in the verbal contests of power politics: “*... no deceit in his mouth... no insult... he did not threaten.*” 1 Peter presents its meditation on the Passion as an example for Christians. Those committed to doing good in a “corrupt generation” (Acts 2:40), only listen to their shepherd’s voice (Jn 10:3).

Psalm 23 transitions from God as shepherd to God hosting a banquet with its laden table, anointing oil, and overflowing cups (v. 5), representing salvation in the house of the Lord (v. 6). But there is a puzzling note. Feasting takes place “in the sight of my foes” (v. 5b). “Who wants to eat with enemies watching?”, I asked my grandmother who taught me that psalm. (No clear answer from her or scholarly commentators.) At 6, I imagined gulping food down before enemies attacked. More likely, enemy observers are witnesses to the “goodness and kindness” that always follow God’s faithful. “Kindness” refers to God’s faithful love that remains open even in life’s final moments (Lk 23:39-43).



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Prayer Requests



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4th Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026

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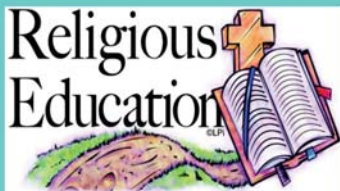


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OUR STUDENTS PREPARING
FOR FIRST COMMUNION THIS SPRING:**

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3:00 - 4:00 PM
St. Ann Church**

**This is a Mandatory Teaching Mass prior to
receiving your first Eucharist**



Faith Formation
LIFELONG AND ONGOING

Celebrating
**Good Shepherd Parish's
HIGH SCHOOL**
Graduating Class of 2026

Sunday, May 17th
at 5:30 PM Mass
— St. Zepherin's Church —

Good Shepherd Class of 2026 High School Seniors receiving Parish Scholarships and Awards will be recognized.

Immediately following the Graduation Mass there will be a Parish sponsored BBQ Dinner Reception in the Courtyard and Parish Center.

Please RSVP by May 13th to: Deacon Colm
cmcgarry@goodshepherdwayland.org

- Yes, I will be attending — Number attending: _____
- No, sorry, we will not be able to attend

Welcome to Our Parish

We are always pleased to welcome new members to our Good Shepherd Parish family. If you would like to become a registered member, please fill out the information below and drop in the offertory box.

Should you have questions, please call the office at 508-650-3545.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

We will contact you shortly to complete your registration or you may visit our website for an online registration form:
www.GoodShepherdWayland.org.

**HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP
6:30 PM
PIZZA AND MUSIC BINGO
MAY 3, 2026**



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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-ty
 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

Refrain Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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

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

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

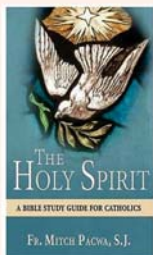
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*"Come Holy Spirit, Fill the Hearts of Your Faithful
... and You Shall Renew the Face of the Earth"*

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and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,"
and at Confirmation we were
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6:30-8:00 PM ~
Parish Center at St. Zepherin

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April - May 2026
April 25 - 4:00 PM
Mass at St. Ann Church
May 3 - 8:30 AM
Mass at St. Zepherin Church
May 10 - 4:00 PM
Mass at St. Ann Church
May 17 - 10:30 AM
Mass at St. Ann Church
May 24 - 8:30 AM
Mass at St. Zepherin Church



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today, brothers and sisters, I have the joy of praying with you -- and with all the people of God -- for vocations, especially those to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Parish Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Sunday, May 17th—11:30am
St. Ann Hall



In appreciation for all that you do, we are inviting all of our **Ministry Volunteers** to a Luncheon so we can celebrate the many ways that you demonstrate God's love for Good Shepherd Parish.

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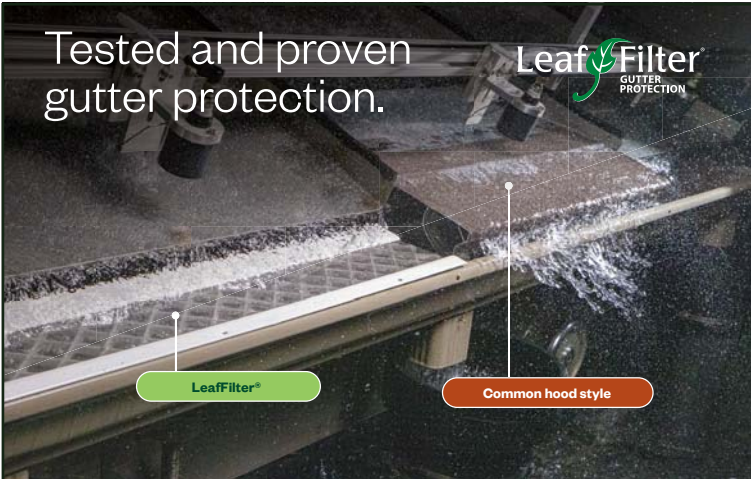
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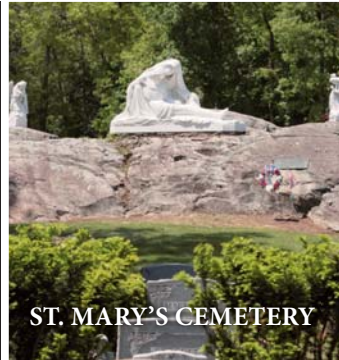
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