

Welcome to Good Shepherd Parish May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter



Christ Taking Leave of the Apostles by Duccio di Buoninsegna

Jesus said to his disciples:
"Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You have faith in God; have faith also in me.
In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.
If there were not,
would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? "
John 14: 1-3

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, MAY 2
BARBARA McGEE
SUNDAY, MAY 3
10:30 AM
PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
MONDAY, MAY 4
9:00 AM
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
MEMORIAL SOCIETY
TUESDAY, MAY 5
9:00 AM
ANTHONY "THOMAS" DeMAIO
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
9:00 AM
KWAMINA PANFORD &
FAMILY (LIVING)
THURSDAY, MAY 7
9:00 AM
MILLIE CHOINSKI &
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES
FRIDAY, MAY 8
9:00 AM
VARKEY VATTAPPARA

Parish Calendar

SUNDAY, MAY 3
10:30 AM MASS
CROWNING OF MARY
TUESDAY, MAY 5
BIBLE STUDY WITH PHEME
10:00 AM
PARISH CENTER
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
6:30—8:00 PM
ADULT BIBLE STUDY
PARISH CENTER
THURSDAY, MAY 7
7:00—11:00 AM
MY BROTHER'S TABLE
FOOD DISTRIBUTION
ST. ANN'S HALL
1:00—3:00 PM
PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY
PARISH CENTER
7:00 PM
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING
ST. ANN'S HALL

In Illo Uno Unum (Part III) . . .

In trying to preserve pure biblical faith from the influence of Greek philosophy, the third-century Christian thinker Tertullian once quipped, “What has Jerusalem to do with Athens?” Had he ever read the Acts of the Apostles he might have found the answer to his question: St. Paul would likely have said, “Enough to work with.”

When Paul himself was in Athens, as ticked off as he was with the pantheon of pagan deities that the Greeks worshipped, when they gave him the opportunity to tell about his religion he began by referring to a statue they had “to an unknown god”—and proceeded from there to explain that this unknown god was, in fact, the God of Abraham. Eventually he would come to rely heavily on Stoic philosophy when laying out the Christian Faith in his letters.

The Church has since come to call this strategy inculturation: the practice of drawing on the existing culture of a particular civilization to begin to instruct the people about the Christian Faith. A few months ago, in a message to the Pastoral-Theological Congress, Pope Leo XIV offered this description:

Inculturation is, rather, a demanding and purifying process, through which the Gospel, while remaining intact in its truth, recognizes, discerns and assumes the [seeds of the Word] present in cultures, and at the same time purifies and elevates their authentic values, freeing them from that which obscures or disfigures them. These seeds of the Word, as traces of the Spirit’s prior action, find in Jesus Christ their criterion of authenticity and their fulfilment.

In the same way as an individual person, in converting to Christianity, begins by recognizing the goodness he already possesses and actively applies him-/herself to growing that goodness in cooperation with God’s grace, so too are entire cultures evangelized. Missionaries such as the apostles Paul, James, and Thomas, not to mention St. Augustine of Canterbury and St. Patrick, have all employed this strategy in bringing the Gospel to western Europe, India, and the British Isles.

There are those who would object to this as colonialism, which would be a valid concern if/when force is used to bring about the conversion. (As a side note, it’s worth mentioning that the conquistadors who came to the New World, although they were required to bring missionaries along with them for the purpose of evangelizing the native peoples, themselves had no interest in evangelization; they were, from first to last, mercenaries, and the Jesuit and Franciscan priests in their company had little recourse to prevent them from exploiting the aboriginal population.)

But to genuinely evangelize peoples is not exploitation nor is it aimed at imperialism. As the holy father notes, it’s a purifying process. When we recognize that all people, in our shared humanity, are summoned to a supernatural destiny, that we all have planted in our heart the desire for communion with God, then evangelizing cultures is the project of bringing them into communion with Christ. At the same time, it enriches the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth with the diversity of these cultures. Pope St. John Paul II captured this astutely when he described inculturation as “the incarnation of the Gospel in native cultures and also the introduction of these cultures into the life of the Church.” The culture is purified and sanctified by its awakening to Christ; and the Church is strengthened by the contribution the culture has to offer to the universal Church.

Inculturation stands on the opposite side of the spectrum from indifferentism: the heresy that all religions are equally effective paths to God. While it’s true that all bona fide religions do have elements of truth to them, they ultimately are open to, and stand in need of, exposure to Christ. As St. Peter says in Acts, “there is no other name under Heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.”

Indifferentism is diversity without unity. It leads to that alienating effect that erodes social capital which Robert Putnam has observed in contemporary American society. Inculturation, on the other hand, responds to the common quest of every person to discover the true and living God, introducing the universality of faith in Christ without doing violence to the original culture. As Pope Leo recognizes, it’s not only a purifying process, it’s also a demanding one. A process that deserves more attention to properly understand. So, more on this next week . . .

- Fr. Ren



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Pope Leo XIV has pointed to Our Lady of Guadalupe as the model of “perfect inculturation” as Mexico prepares to mark the 500th anniversary of the apparition in 2031 with a jubilee year.

**PARISH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2026: Q3**

Your ongoing Offertory contribution is the key in reaching the 2026 fiscal year income budget 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 - Q3 (Jan. - Mar. 2026)**

WHAT WE NEEDED	WHAT WE RECEIVED	VARIANCE
\$265,552	\$287,016	\$21,464

**My Brother's Table Financial Activities
FY2026 - Q3 (Jan. - Mar. 2026)**

WHAT WE NEEDED	WHAT WE RECEIVED	VARIANCE
\$8,000	\$2,348	(\$5,652)

My Brother's Table NET since inception in October 2020: \$73,167

All operating and non-operating financial activities of the parish, January—March 2026 (Q3) are included in the year to date report included below.

You can make your offertory contribution via mail, EFT bank transaction, collection basket, or online by using the QR code.



FY2026: Year to date as of March 2026

Accounts	Actuals	Budget 2026	Variance \$
Income	\$792,183	\$693,425	\$98,758
Expense	721,483	742,683	-21,200
Net Operating Income (Loss)	70,700	(49,258)	119,958
Non-Operating Income (Loss)	1,907	0	1,907
Net Non-Operating Income (Loss)	1,907	0	1,907
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$72,608	(\$49,258)	\$121,866

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PANFORD

(MAY 1 - 7)



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

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Ministry**

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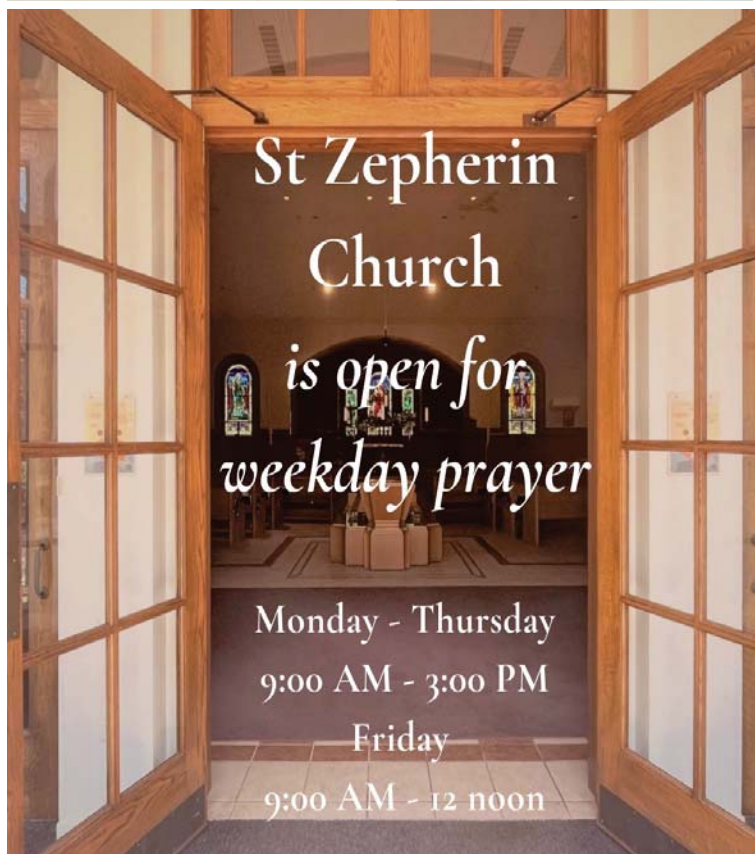
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May 7, 2026**

First Thursdays
of each month!
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Where:
St. Zepherin Parish Center

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



READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

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
MONDAY May 4	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
TUESDAY May 5	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
WEDNESDAY May 6	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
THURSDAY May 7	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
FRIDAY May 8	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10+12/Jn 15:12-17
SATURDAY May 9	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
SUNDAY May 10	6th Sunday of Easter Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Pilot Bulletins

Can you spare us some of your time and talent?

We are in need of assistance:

- 1) caring for and arranging altar flowers
- 2) join any of our liturgical ministries: lectors, extraordinary ministers, altar servers, videographers!



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Together We Are One

Total Catholic Appeal donations as of 4/20/2026:

\$57,435 (71% of \$81,000 goal)

Once a year, Catholics in the Archdiocese are asked to join together to support their parish and the greater Church by contributing to the Catholic Appeal. Thank you to the many families that have responded to this call. If you have yet to give, please pick up an envelope at the back of the church or make a secure online donation at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.



**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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ST. ZEPHERIN CATHOLIC CEMETERY

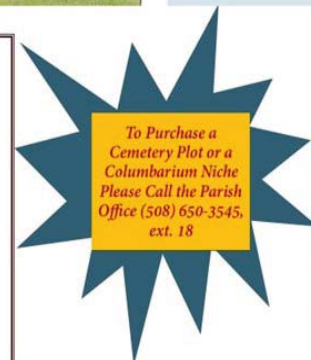
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GPS FOR GOD??

Recognizing the street name, I decided to walk the “Express Delivery” envelope from my door to its destination nearby. “Thank God. I was about to start driving around looking for a doorway matching the delivery photo,” a woman said as I approached. “How did GPS get the location wrong?” In today’s gospel the disciples have their own problems with “where” and “who” when Jesus says that he’s going on ahead to prepare their place in “my Father’s house” (Jn 14:1-12). Thomas asks for directions, and gets, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.” Philip asks for the Father’s photo ID, and gets, “have I been with you so long...? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

Any first-century Jew might ask similar questions. Moses is the only one privileged to encounter God face-to-face in the Torah. And when God created the universe all the vaults of sky and starry heavens came into being at His Word. So, they are not divine beings or the astrological code for events about to unfold on earth. God is beyond His creation while remaining in touch with all its creatures.

Stepping back into the 21st century: Were the Artemis II astronauts looking back on that small, blue shining home planet in the vast darkness of space closer to the Father’s house than their TV viewers? What about those hours behind the moon when it was impossible to contact earth? God’s address cannot be geo-located. Jesus insists that he alone reveals the Father. But there’s an additional puzzle in this gospel. Jesus allows that the “works” (aka. miracles) he has done may convince some to believe who have difficulty with his God-claim. But, then, he promises, “... *believers in me will do greater ones ... because I am going to the Father,*” (v. 12). There are no greater healing miracles than giving sight to one born blind or restoring Lazarus to life. So, the “greater ones” are not technological but for two millennia “... *those who have not seen yet believed,*” (Jn 20:29).



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Of Catholic Spirituality
Boston College



+St. Martin de Porres, pray for us!+


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5th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026

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Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, May 14:

9 AM @ St. Zepherin (livestreamed)

7 PM @ St. Ann

Feast of the Ascension May 14, 2026

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Link through goodshepherdwayland.org or YouTube: [gspwayland](https://www.youtube.com/gspwayland)



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-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

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.

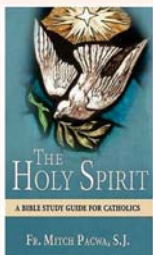
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*"Come Holy Spirit, Fill the Hearts of Your Faithful
... and You Shall Renew the Face of the Earth"*

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and in the world.

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Wednesday evenings:
May 6, 13, 20, & 27, June 3, 10, & 17
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Parish Center at St. Zepherin

Lord, Let Your Mercy Be On Us

Psalm 33

Marty Haugen



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in
you, as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for the upright. Give thanks to Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute singing Him songs!
2. For the word of the Lord is upright, and all His works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right, and His merciful love fills the Earth.
3. Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear Him, who hope in His merciful love to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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



In appreciation for all that you do,
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to a Luncheon so we can celebrate
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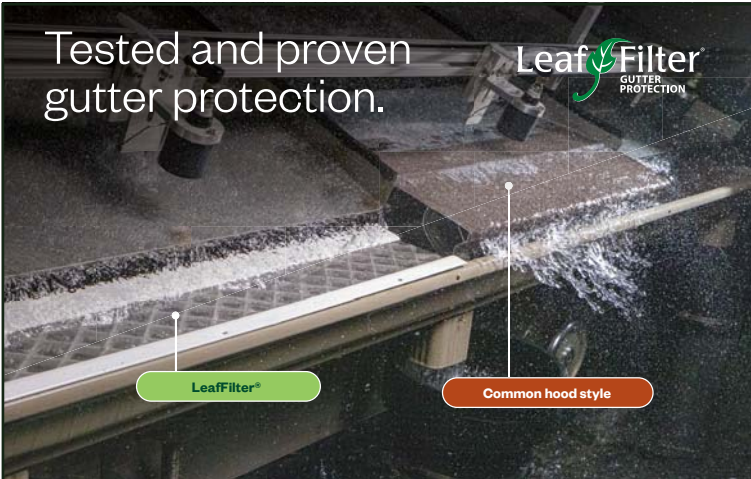
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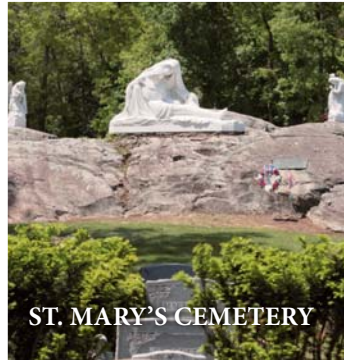
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