

**13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sunday**  
in Ordinary Time

Welcome to  
**Good Shepherd Parish**  
June 28, 2026



"AND WHOEVER DOES NOT  
TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND  
FOLLOW AFTER ME IS NOT  
WORTHY OF ME."

MATTHEW 10:38

**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**

#### 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, JUNE 27**  
**4:00 PM**  
**THE PEOPLE OF**  
**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**  
**8:30 AM**  
**MARK KUTCH**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 1**  
**9:00 AM**  
**MILLIE CHOINSKI**  
**RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES**

#### Parish Calendar

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**  
**9:30 AM**  
**COFFEE & DONUTS**  
**PARISH CENTER**

**THURSDAY, JULY 2**  
**1:00—3:00 PM**  
**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**  
**PARISH CENTER**

**FRIDAY, JULY 3 &**  
**MONDAY, JULY 6**  
**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**DAILY MASS WILL BE HELD**  
**AT THE USUAL TIME OF**  
**9:00 AM**

**CHECK SUMMER HOURS FOR**  
**SCHEDULE CHANGES**

## *The Honored Ambassador Before God (Part II) . . .*

When I was working at Eric Fuchs Hobby store at the mall thirty-some-odd years ago, we used to keep the really expensive items (the remote-control airplanes and Lionel train sets) on the top shelf; the next most expensive merchandise (remote control cars) on the second-to-top shelf; and other stuff on the counter below the shelves. Being the majestic height of five-foot-two, I used to have to climb up on a stool, then the counter, and stand on my toes to reach the top shelf. (I'm convinced we had customers who asked to see those things just for the amusement of watching my feats of gymnastics, but I guess that could be just my imagination . . .)

Prayer also has a hierarchy, or a ladder (Oh! what I would have given for a ladder at Eric Fuchs!), reaching from lower to highest. It moves from concern over things here below upward to consideration of the things of Heaven, or from the self to God.

The first level of prayer is prayer of petition. Here the person acknowledges one's need of God's aid and cries out to the Lord for His help. It's the form of prayer that we're all most familiar with. But make no mistake: just because it's the ground floor of prayer doesn't mean it's of no value. It is the ground floor, after all, not the basement. When genuinely offered, the one making petition encounters his/her own limitations and in humility recognizes the majesty of God. This person likewise expresses a measure of trust in God, appealing to His mercy and His benevolence, hoping in the promise of His love. If the one offering this prayer didn't trust in a good and loving God, (s)he never would have bothered to approach Him with these petitions in the first place. This contrasts radically with the one who timidly says (s)he doesn't want to trouble God with his/her problems. While such a stance may seem at first blush to be humble, it's really not so at all; rather, it expresses a lack of trust in God, a refusal to believe that God is all loving and cares deeply for us. It takes more sincere humility to realize that God is not like us: He isn't put out by our appeals for His help, as though we were taking Him away from greater concerns. He wants us to approach Him with our needs—not in order to lord it over us and make us beg, but because that's the way we begin a conversation with Him, and that's how a real relationship starts.

The second level of prayer is intercession. We offer these all the time at Mass. Similar to petition, prayers of intercession beseech God for His help, but for another person, not for oneself. Intercession takes prayer a little higher up because in such a prayer one moves the attention away from oneself to concern for another. When we do this, we grow in love: we come closer to that kind of love that the New Testament speaks of—selfless love (in Greek, *agape*, or *caritas* in Latin). The more disinterested the prayer, the purer it will be. If we're praying for the person's genuine wellbeing and willing the good for that person, we're offering sincere intercession; if our prayer is that the person comes around to our way of thinking or relents and complies with what we want . . . well . . . that prayer might need a little cleaning up. And the less emotionally entangled we are with the person the more we strengthen that *agape* love. This, of course, isn't to say that intercessions offered for one's child or spouse or grandchildren is inferior; but it demonstrates a maturation in *caritas* when we can create space in our heart and prayer for those whose lives don't immediately impact our own. Although the potential pitfall to be wary of here is praying for too abstract a concern. If the party involved is a generalized group or faceless demographic, the prayer devolves into the pursuit of an ideology, not a prayer for

the good of the person.

The next tier of prayer is prayer of thanksgiving. In this we're not seeking anything from God but recalling the blessings He has shown us and lifting our heart in gratitude for those gifts of His benevolence. Thanksgiving recognizes God's generosity and with loving appreciation offers thanks. It's the equivalent of a child kissing his mother on the cheek when he gets the birthday present he'd asked for. Much more than the idea of a slot-machine-like "sky daddy," prayer of thanksgiving maintains the relationship between the praying person and God. One affirms that God is good and recall appreciatively the goodness He gives. In the gospel of Luke, Jesus cures ten lepers and sends them off to check with the Levitical priest to get the certificate of guarantee that they indeed have been cleansed of the disease. On the way, realizing that he'd been healed, one of the ten returns to Jesus to show his gratitude. Jesus wonders why the other nine should be so ungrateful. (After all, they could have taken time out to circle back and thank Him and then proceed to the Levitical priest; it wouldn't have been that much trouble, would it?) In prayer of thanksgiving, we recollect ourselves and preserve in our memory the experience of God's graciousness.

The penultimate form of prayer is praise. Here we simply offer praise and glory to God just because He is God, and hey: if He don't deserve it, who does? The Gloria at Mass is the prayer of praise par excellence. Even at the moment in the Gloria when we do give Him thanks, it's for His great glory, not for any benefits we've received from His Hand. Prayer of praise is an outburst that wants to express our inner encounter of God's beauty, which strikes us with such force that we want to let that experience be known. Prayer of praise isn't seeking anything from God; it doesn't refer back to oneself; it simply acknowledges that God deserves praise in His own right.

The highest level of prayer is adoration, when we simply repose in God's presence, in silence, to contemplate Him. Here the immersion in God's goodness, truth, and beauty is so powerful that words fail it. In praise, one is still self-conscious enough to want to express the impression made by the experience. With adoration, even this degree of self-consciousness is overwhelmed by the encounter and the person merely is transported entirely in the Other. While adoration itself has many levels of purity to it, peaking at the ecstasy of such mystics as St. Theresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross, prayer of adoration of some degree is within reach of all the Faithful. Indeed, it is a necessary form of prayer to give us rest and refreshment, and to prepare us for the Beatific Vision in Heaven, where all souls will abide in constant adoration of the Trinity.

As the inner life of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit consists in all Three Persons making of gift of Themselves to each other in adoration, so too will the perfectly purified soul in Heaven be incorporated into that exchange of love. "What we shall later be has not yet been revealed," explains St. John in his first letter in the New Testament; "we know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is." This is the destiny of every person, and the goal of every Christian. At that point, we won't need an ambassador before God: we will be fully immersed in His Presence. Until then, our prayer rises up to Him to prepare a place for us in His Kingdom, and readies us for the eternal wedding banquet by accustoming us to love Him with all our heart, all our mind, and all our strength.

~ Fr. Ren

# 2025 - 2026

## SHOUT OUT TO OUR PARISH YOUTH!



**Our Youth have been active in living out Christ's call to love & serve our neighbors this year:**

- volunteering at Royal Wayland nursing home - partnered with You Got Flowers
- cleaning out goat area at Unity Farm in Sherborn (animal sanctuary)
- collecting foods/money for My Brother's Table once a month
- assisting at Pearl Street Cupboard
- serving meals at Pearl Street Cafe in Framingham one Friday a month
- helping out at Haverhill Food Pantry

Thank you to our youth, their families, and our parish youth leaders! You are a blessing to our parish and our community!



# Prayer Requests



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



**GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH PRAYER LINE:**

**GSPPRAYERS@GMAIL.COM**

OR CALL THE NEW LINE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE :  
**(508) 650 - 3545 EXT. 11**



## Coffee & Donuts!

RETURNS After 8:30 AM Mass!  
Presented by our Hospitality Committee  
St. Zepherin Parish Center



Upcoming dates:  
JUNE 28TH  
JULY 12TH  
JULY 26TH  
AUGUST 9TH  
AUGUST 30TH

Good Shepherd Parish  
All are Welcome!



## Readings To-Go!

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 28, 2026

Scan QR code to see this week's readings!

## MY BROTHER'S TABLE

AT GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

Please contact Laurie Hojlo at [happyhojlos@verizon.net](mailto:happyhojlos@verizon.net) on how to volunteer at our food pantry



# Welcome

Our Hospitality Committee kindly requests your assistance by signing up to be a Host family for one of our upcoming coffee & donuts events.

A member of the committee will serve alongside!

(508) 650 - 3545

For now, please call the office but we will try to get a sign-up form included in our next email newsletter!

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

(ADJUSTMENTS WHILE FR. FLEMING IS AWAY)

MONDAY 9 AM @ ST. ANN



WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY  
9 AM @ ST. ZEPHERIN



NO DAILY MASS ON TUESDAYS  
THROUGH THE MONTHS OF JULY & AUGUST

## CELEBRATING 4TH OF JULY

Parish office closed July 3rd & 6th; Have a safe & enjoyable holiday!

DAILY MASS 9 AM @ ST. ZEPHERIN ON JULY 3  
DAILY MASS 9 AM @ ST. ANN ON JULY 6

"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



**JULY 9TH 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

## CARD REWARDS

Whether in TV commercials, mailings from banks, or being told "you are pre-approved, wouldn't you like to apply for our Mastercard" when checking out, we repeatedly hear reward points attached to credit cards. Spend more with "X". Get more back. Is that the way God works? The concluding verses of today's gospel (Matt 10:40-42) could suggest a system of graded rewards from "best", the triple points ("receive me, receives one who sent me, aka. God"), to \$5 off your next purchase ("cold water to one of little ones ... a disciple, not lose reward"). St. Paul would reject handing out reward points, "you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus," (Rom 6:11).

In other words, no earning card rewards for that eternal vacation in God's kingdom. Instead, believers are swept up into a new way of life. Our reading about the prophet Elisha and the Shunammite woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a) illustrates the prophet's reward. She offered hospitality to the Jewish holy man journeying between Transjordan and Mediterranean trade routes. But the Lectionary has cut her words out of the story (vv. 12-13, 16b). She rejected Elisha's suggestion that he can make her request of the king or regional general. "I live in the midst of my own people." And then like Abraham's wife Sarah, she brushes off the promised baby. "Don't lie to your maidservant." Of course, she did have the baby.

The woman had not anticipated or even desired any reward for her hospitality to God's prophet. She had a supportive husband as well as that larger community of her people. So, using her resources to aid Elisha recognized God's power working. Instead of reading that list of "assured a reward" items as though it defined reward amounts, consider it reassurance. Even the smallest gesture in the "team effort" toward expanding God's kingdom in this world merits a place in the victory parade.

Pheme Perkins, PH.D.  
Joseph Professor Emerita  
of Catholic Spirituality  
Boston College



# 2026 BOSTON NFP WEEK

## Solidarity in Pastoral Care



Celebrate NFP Week by networking with professionals, pastoral workers, and students across disciplines who embrace (or are curious about) a Catholic understanding of fertility and want to explore how and why Catholics should work across fields to better support women in their childbearing years.

**Anyone who plays a role in this mission is welcome.**

**SATURDAY, July 25th** | **St. John's Seminary**  
127 Lake St, Boston | **9:30 AM-5:00 PM**

### Speakers Include:



**Dcn. Thomas Heyne, MD & Nancy Hernandez-Heyne, MD**



**Marguerite Duane, MD**

Co-founder & Executive Director of FACTS About Fertility



**Paul Carpentier, MD, CFMCM**

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**Fr. Denis Nakkeeran, STL**

Prof of Bioethics at St. John's Seminary



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## READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

<b>SUNDAY</b> June 28	<b>Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
<b>MONDAY</b> June 29	<b>Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles</b> Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
<b>TUESDAY</b> June 30	<b>The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</b> Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8/Mt 8:23-27
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> July 1	<b>Saint Junipero Serra, Priest</b> Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17/Mt 8:28-34
<b>THURSDAY</b> July 2	Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 9:1-8
<b>FRIDAY</b> July 3	<b>Saint Thomas, Apostle</b> Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
<b>SATURDAY</b> July 4	<b>Independence Day</b> Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9+10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 9:14-17
<b>SUNDAY</b> July 5	<b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

Pilot Bulletins

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For more information please call or visit our Parish Office:  
(508) 650-3545; parish@goodshepherdwayland.org;  
99 Main St., Wayland, MA

### THE TABERNACLE CANDLES



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### GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

#### CALENDAR YR2026: HOLY DAY OR SPECIAL/SECOND COLLECTIONS

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)



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH MISSION!**

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

ALLELUIA

Mass of Renewal  
Curtis Stephan

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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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### Apostles Peter and Paul

FIRST CENTURY  
FEAST DAY: JUNE 29

These apostles share a feast as founders of the church in Rome. Peter, a Galilean fisherman chosen by Christ as one of the Twelve Apostles, became the undisputed leader of the fledgling church after Pentecost. Paul, a Pharisee and Roman citizen who had persecuted Christians, became after his dramatic conversion the church's greatest missionary, its "apostle of the gentiles." By tradition both were martyred in Rome. Their adventures are recounted in the Acts of the Apostles, and letters from them are included in the New Testament.



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### PARISH SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2026: APRIL 2026

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 - April 2026

WHAT WE NEEDED	WHAT WE RECEIVED	VARIANCE
\$67,957	\$55,144	(\$12,813)

#### My Brother's Table Financial Activities FY2026 - April 2026

WHAT WE NEEDED	WHAT WE RECEIVED	VARIANCE
\$2,667	\$747	(\$1,920)

NET operating balance since inception  
in October 2020: \$71,244

All operating and non-operating financial activities of the parish from July 2025—April 2026 are included in the year to date report included below.

#### FY2026: Year to date as of April 2026

Accounts	Actuals	Budget 2026	Variance \$
Income	\$848,073	\$789,150	\$58,923
Expense	813,217	813,307	(90)
Net Operating Income (Loss)	34,856	(24,157)	59,013
Non-Operating Income (Loss)	52,020	1,667	50,353
Net Non-Operating Income (Loss)	52,020	1,667	50,353
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$86,876</b>	<b>(\$22,490)</b>	<b>\$109,366</b>

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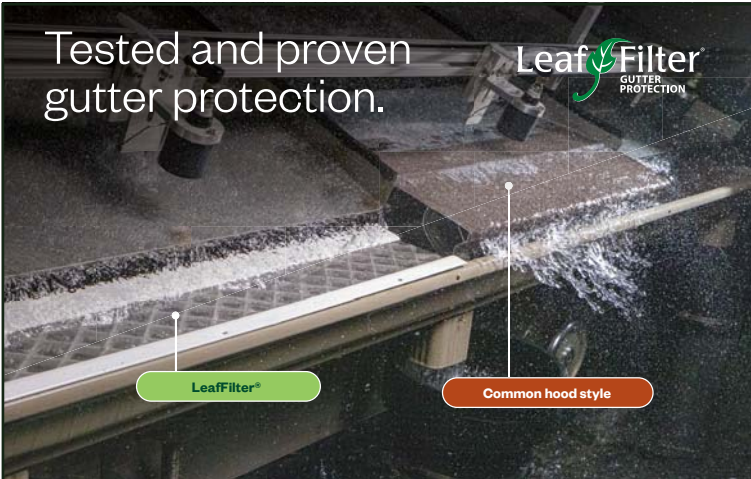
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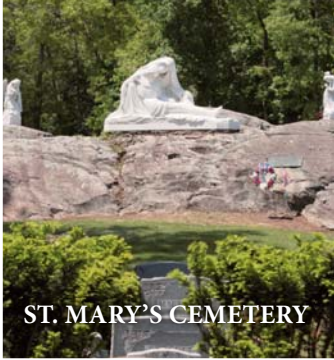
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