

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brothers and sisters:

*I consider that the sufferings of this present
time are as nothing
compared with the glory to be revealed for us.
For creation awaits with eager expectation
the revelation of the children of God;*

~ Romans 8: 18-19



**Welcome to
Good Shepherd Parish**
July 12, 2026

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

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, JULY 11
4:00 PM

CHERYL KANE &
RICHARD KANE, JR.

SUNDAY, JULY 12
8:30 AM
PEOPLE OF
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

FRIDAY, JULY 17
9:00 AM
MILLIE CHOINSKI
RUTH (CHOINSKI) FORNES

Parish Office Hours:
Monday—Thursday
9 AM—3 PM
Friday 9 AM—12 PM

Parish Calendar

TUESDAYS OF
JULY & AUGUST
NO 9:00 AM DAILY MASS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15
7:00 PM
INTRODUCING A ROSARY GROUP
AT THE PARISH CENTER
(CALL THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS)

WHEN THE PARISH OFFICE
IS OPEN,
SO IS ST. ZEPHERIN CHURCH
PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STOP IN
FOR A BIT TO PRAY!

The Honored Ambassador Before God (Part IV) . . .

"The greatest things are accomplished in silence—not in the clamor and display of superficial eventfulness, but in the deep clarity of inner vision [...] The silent forces are the strong forces."

So says Romano Guardini, Pope Benedict XVI's most influential mentor and one of Pope Francis's favorite theologians. And it's true. We'll never be able to know how we should respond to the world around us, moment to moment, and in the spontaneity of an unexpected turn-of-events, if our inner vision isn't clear. But we'll never explore that inner vision as long as outside things block the way inside.

Silence is something that needs to be entered into and journeyed through. At first, we need to endure the silence, as an addict must endure the withdrawals of detox. And believe me, this is not an idle simile; noise—both aural and visual—can be addictive. We need to purge our senses in order to purify our hearts and imagination and make them ready for the encounter with God. Elijah needed to let the earthquake subside, the fire die down, and the driving wind pass by so the silent approach of God could be perceived. This purification is what St. John of the Cross called "the dark night of the senses": unplugging from the stimuli of the world around us, persevering with the discomfort, the restlessness (and sometimes even physical trauma) of the deprivation in order to clear the field of our interior self so as to make room for God.

Be forewarned: it's not easy. But then, nothing truly good ever is, is it? The most important things always require time, discipline, patience, and diligence. If you want to take life seriously, if you want authentic joy and fulfillment, if you want to flourish in your humanity, do yourself the favor of deliberately chiseling out time every day for prayer—and start by spending this dedicated time simply dwelling in silence. Let the many, densely packed layers of noise be peeled back one by one until the deepest part of yourself begins to come into view.

The first step is to remove oneself from the noise around us. This is probably the easiest version of silence to achieve (although it's becoming more and more challenging as our world gets filled with more noise). Give yourself permission to sit amidst nothing. Resist the temptation to get up and bolt. Trust me, this temptation will be strong—at first, seemingly overwhelming, and even screaming that it's urgently dire. It's a lie. Don't believe it. You *can* sit still in quiet; it just takes self-discipline and willpower. It takes resisting the lie that we must be active to be productive, and be productive to be significant. Once we decide to reject that lie, to allow oneself to be at quiet leisure, then we can press on through the restlessness and learn to become at ease with silence.

Once we've gotten accustomed to external silence, the next level is interior silence. This is much more difficult to achieve, because it requires one to turn down—and eventually tune out—the noise in one's head. When our focus isn't captured by things outside us, then our own thoughts start to clamor for attention. It's important to spend some time with these thoughts: they are part of who one is, and unless they're taken into account, one will never take full possession of oneself. The trick is not to let these thoughts lead you down the primrose path. It's easy, especially when one is idle and reposing in the quiet, to go traipsing after every thought that enters one's mind . . . to let it draw the mind onto the next related thought . . . then the subsequent one . . . then the one after that . . . Before we know it, we haven't been silent; we've been diverted by a string of random notions.

Instead, when a thought first occurs to you in your silent repose, take it seriously. Why was it the first thing that popped into your head? Why does it matter to you? What does it mean for you? What is its deeper importance for you? This is how one plumbs the depths of one's core self. We discover how the roots of our surface-most self trace downward to the heart. The process almost always results in some new degree of self-knowledge; but don't be surprised or frustrated if it only dead-ends in darkness—all that means is one hasn't figured oneself out entirely yet. (And that's OK; we won't have full self-awareness until we're with God in eternity. But we should still gain as much ground in that department as we can during this life.)

As we move through this process, it'll inevitably take us away from our thoughts—the noise of the mind—to the deeper undulations within us. If the noise of the mind is like the music played on the treble clef, this deeper noise can be likened to music on the bass clef. It's like the percussion of a bass line rising up through the floor from the music they're playing in the apartment downstairs (we've all been there at some point in life!). Here we've moved past the melody and now are only hearing the rhythm.

This is what's going on at gut-level, and it too needs to be acknowledged, addressed, and put to rest before we come to real silence. Cardinal Sarah refers to this as the silence of the heart and says that it "is the most mysterious thing, because although we can decide not to talk by keeping quiet, although we likewise can close our eyes so as to see nothing, we have less control over our heart. In it there is a fire that burns, in which passions, anger, resentments, and violence are difficult to control."

Moreover, when we haven't shut out the noise outside for a while—indeed, a long while—the noise from within makes itself heard at the first opportunity. Learning first to listen to that voice—the voice of our own desires and passions—and understand it is a necessary first step. Again, this is part of how one gains true possession of oneself so as to be able to then bring that self before God in candid conversation.

At this level, we can easily be deceived. When I left my career in academia and concentrated on discerning what God was calling me to next, I spent hours every afternoon in Eucharistic Adoration. As I got down to the core level of myself, the seat of my desires and passions, I mistook these strong feelings for God's authentic voice. It led me down some blind alleys and dead ends in search for what I was meant to do with my life. Fortunately, none of these panned out; and as I learned from the experience that the "voice" prompting me in those directions was my own (even though I didn't initially recognize it), I was able to then push past this and approach the silence of the heart.

I said it above, but it bears repeating: the most important things in life always require time, discipline, patience, and diligence. Start by devoting fifteen minutes to silent reflection, and stay with it for the full quarter-hour, no matter what. It is a journey, and it takes the person embarking on it past different vistas and different milestones. But it's not only a journey well worth taking—it's an indispensable journey for a life well lived. The second-most meaningful adventure one will ever take is the adventure that explores one's own interior life. The *most* meaningful one is the adventure that leads to the encounter with God. The river that carries us along that first adventure is a tributary that pours into the ocean of the second one. That ocean is the font of prayer.

~ Fr. Ren

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!



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Readings To-Go!

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 July 12, 2026

Scan QR code to see
 this week's readings!



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

Prayer Requests



+St. Martin
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 St. Zepherin Parish Center



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

Good Shepherd Parish
 All are Welcome!

THE TABERNACLE CANDLES



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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



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“I was sick and you visited me . . .”



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WHO COULD USE A VISIT FROM ONE OF OUR HOMEBOUND MINISTERS, PLEASE CONTACT
THE PARISH OFFICE AT 508.650.3545, OR [PARISH@GOODSHEPHERDWAYLAND.ORG](mailto:parish@goodshepherdwayland.org)

READINGS, SAINTS, OBSERVANCES 2026

SUNDAY July 12	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
MONDAY July 13	Saint Henry Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 10:34-11:1
TUESDAY July 14	Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
WEDNESDAY July 15	Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27
THURSDAY July 16	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab+15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30
FRIDAY July 17	Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
SATURDAY July 18	Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest Mi 2:1-5/Psalm 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
SUNDAY July 19	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Pilot Bulletins

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

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

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!

You may still remember Father Deo, who was with us for a couple of months last summer. He would often tell me about how dangerous his situation in Egypt was, how he couldn't go out in public without a police escort or wear his clerical clothes for fear of being attacked.

Persecution of Christians is still a very real experience throughout our world today, especially in Africa, China, and the Middle East.

Nigeria has been designated an area of particular concern for religious persecution of Christ's followers. Our Lord's words from this past Sunday's Gospel are every bit as pertinent today as they were two thousand years ago.

Bishop Robert Barron has written a book titled "What Do Their Deaths Demand?", shedding light on this problem, so sadly unnoticed. Proceeds go to the non-profit organization, Aid to the Church in Need.

I would like to encourage you to prayerfully consider donating to this important project of protecting religious freedom and basic human rights in the world. To learn more about what they do, visit them at <https://www.churchinneed.org/>

And please do pray fervently for God's protection of these people and for an end to religious persecution.

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"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 23RD AT ST. ANN

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

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SATURDAY, July 25th



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Nancy Hernandez-
Heyne, MD



Marguerite
Duane, MD
Co-founder & Executive Director
of FACTS About Fertility



Paul Carpentier,
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PURPOSE FOR THORNS?

Jesus had a casual approach to the hard work of farming (Matt 13:1-9). Preparing a field, clearing rocks, digging at soil, and weeding to protect growing crops have been around since humans started farming. So, the sower wasn't just tossing seed out and hoping for the best. Jewish legend had it that Abraham invented a plow that enabled farmers to put the seed directly into the ground. No snacks for hungry crows. Eventually Christian preachers favored the allegorical reading that matched each ground type with different responses to Jesus' preaching. Thorns are closest to healthy plants, "... *then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit,*" (v. 22).

Unlike the paths created by human and animal traffic or rocky soil necessary for a planet and creatures living on it, does a habitable world need thorns? Surely not in Paradise. But St. Paul argued that God had subjected creation "*to futility...in the hope that creation itself would be set free ... and share the glorious freedom of the children of God,*" (Rom 8:20-21). Paul finds those thorns in the curse which God pronounces as punishment when Adam and Eve are expelled from Eden. Humans have to toil with "thorns and thistles" in order to "...*eat the plants of the field,*" (Gen 3:18-19). Jesus' parable leapfrogs the difficulty examples to highlight the positive conclusion, harvests that will sustain life.

Similarly, Isaiah 55:10-11 reassures readers that God's word never enters the world without being effective just like rain on the earth "...*making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats,*" (Isa 55:10-11). Jesus shares Isaiah's perspective. Isaiah 6:9-10 warned the prophet that God's word also met up with deaf ears and hard hearts (cited in Matt 13:13-15). Jesus is not fooled by the huge crowds cheering him on. A fruitful understanding of God's word will have to out-compete the thorns.

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



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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 YouTube channel:
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Psalm 65:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruit-ful

har-vest, will yield a fruit-ful har-vest.

You visit the earth, give it water; you fill it with riches.
 God's overflowing river brims over to prepare the grain. *Refrain*

And thus you provide for the earth: you drench its furrows;
 you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth. *Refrain*

You crown the year with your bounty. Abundance flows in your pathways;
 in pastures of the desert it flows. The hills are girded with joy. *Refrain*

The meadows clothed with flocks. The valleys are decked with wheat.
 They shout for joy; yes, they sing, yes, they sing! *Refrain*

Text: Psalm 65: 10abcd, 10c-11, 12-13, 14, *The Revised Grail Psalms*.

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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-

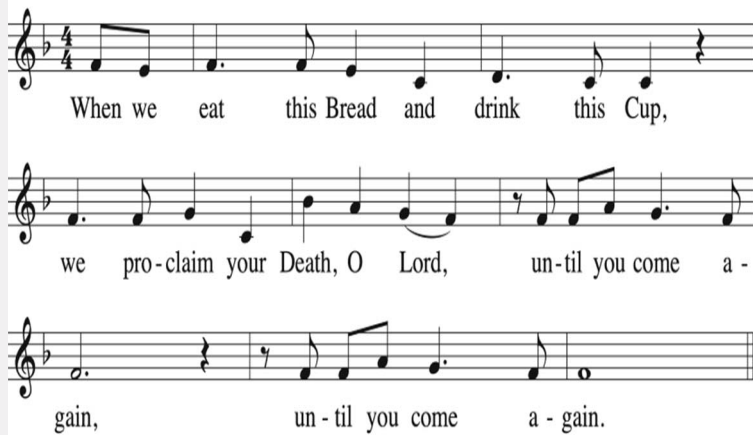
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na, ho-

san-na in the high-est.

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION B



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AMEN



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LAMB OF GOD



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Saint Camillus de Lellis

1550-1614
FEAST DAY — JULY 18

This tall Italian was prone to aggression and gambling in his youth. The son of an army officer, he served for three years as a Venetian soldier. During one military engagement, he received a leg wound that would continue to plague him. At age 24, his regiment disbanded, and he gambled away all his property. Destitute, he found work as a hospital servant in Rome to pay for treatment of his ulcerated leg, but he was dismissed for quarrelsomeness. This brought him to become a laborer at the Manfredonia Capuchin monastery, where he experienced a pivotal religious conversion.

In 1575, he tried to join the Capuchins but was denied admission because his leg wound had returned. He went to the hospital in Rome for treatment, and while there, decided to devote his life to caring for the sick. He took a hospital job where he oversaw administration and introduced reforms to patient treatment. This time, he became known for his piety and prudence.

On the advice of friends and his spiritual director, St. Philip Neri, he decided to become a priest. Camillus was ordained in 1584, at age 34, and founded the Order of the Servants of the Sick, more generally known as the Camillians. The order is visibly distinguished by the large red cross they wear. He was canonized in 1746, the "founder of a new school of charity." He is a patron of the sick, of hospitals, doctors, and nurses.

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Next meeting: JULY 19, 2026

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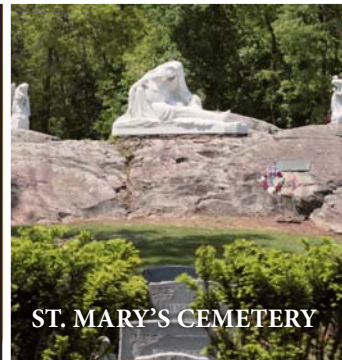
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