Welcome to
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
October 25, 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." ~ Matthew 22:37

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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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FRIDAY
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

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ST. ZEPHERIN CHURCH, 59 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,
CALL 508-650-3545 EXT. 14

Weekday Masses
Monday
9:00 AM St. Ann
NO TUESDAY MASS
Wednesday—Friday
9:00 AM St. Zepherin

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
4:00 PM
WINNIFRED MCKIE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25
8:30 AM
PEOPLE OF GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH
10:30 AM
EDNA M. RIDER
5:30 PM
ANNE GALBRAITH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
9:00 AM
SHEILA MAHONEY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29
9:00 AM
HENRY BAYARD

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
9:00 AM
MILLIE CHOINSKI & RUTH
(CHOINSKI) FORNES

Parish Calendar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24
KNITTERS CRAFT FAIR @ PC
10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

CHEESE & WINE @ ST. ANN HALL
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26
CHOIR REHEARSAL /PC
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27
BIBLE STUDY WITH PHEME / PC
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28
AA 12 STEP MEETING / ST. ANN HALL
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION @ ST. ZEPHERIN
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Pick Your Piety . . .

When my brother started his ham-and-egger construction company, it was just he, another brother, and myself building the first house. He'd rented a trailer to use as a sort of on-site office, and someone had written in pencil over the inside door: *Three Dudes Spontaneous Construction. "We're Doing Good Things."* That kinda became our motto for the duration of the job.

That trailer flashed back in my memory as I look at the potpourri of things we're offering at our parish this year. It can be rather daunting, kind of like drinking from the proverbial firehose.

We're inviting folks to sponsor a needy child through **NPH USA.** Next month we'll begin advocating participation in **Cursillo**: a Catholic weekend-long retreat for deepening one's spiritual life and walk with Christ. We've entered into a parish partnership with **Hallow**, offering our parishioners subscriptions to the popular prayer app at a reduced rate and to get involved with several prayer challenges that the app will present over the course of this year (two of which we've already completed). We're offering the **Cor Men's Group** on the second Tuesday evening of each month; and the evening **Bible study/Emmaus Readers Book Club**, alternating with one another on Wednesday evenings.

We hosted a Baby Bottle drive to raise a little money for **Love Your Neighbor**: an effort to open a home for pregnant women who have nowhere to turn to for support. Coming up will be the Knights of Columbus annual **Coats for Kids** campaign to raise money to buy winter coats for disadvantaged children. Around December we'll bring back the **Giving Tree for Christmas**; and we'll be hosting the **Three Kings Bethlehem wood** craftsmen, who'll be selling religious articles sculpted out of olive wood from Bethlehem—nice ideas for Christmas presents.

Phew! That's a lotta stuff goin' on! It can feel chaotic, I'm sure, kind of like spontaneous construction on a house.

So I want to assure you, the intention at work here is to offer multiple opportunities. It's not my expectation that you'll participate in all of these endeavors. But it is my hope that you'll try out at least one or two of them. I know Catholic guilt can work on us, so that we feel obligated to open our wallet at every cry of the poor; but practically speaking, that's simply not realistic. Believe me, I appreciate that. But please choose those that most appeal to you, those endeavors that you feel drawn to, or (to borrow a phrase from our Protestant brothers) what the Holy Spirit has laid on your heart.

To keep it all in balance, I would recommend (urge?) you to choose one activity that grows your prayer life/spirituality and one project to donate to that will put your faith into action. As St. James says in his letter in the New Testament, *Faith without works is dead*. But the flip side of that is that works that aren't fueled by a lively faith will also wither on the vine. If your schedule and budget allow you to do more, and the Spirit so moves you, feel free to add one or two other opportunities on offer to your plate. But I think beginning with just the two, one from each category, will be a great starting point.

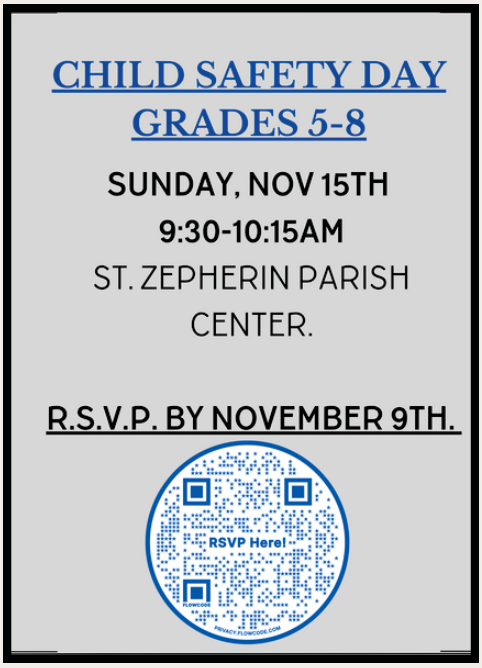
Discern what you're drawn to. Use wisdom, prudence, and *caritas* (the virtue of self-giving love) as you choose. Three Dudes may do spontaneous construction, but intentionality is the watchword here. And remember . . .

"We're doing good things."

Fr. Ren

Faith Formation

November Events and Sign Up!



OUR PICNIC GATHERING

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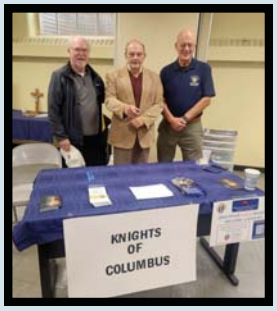

WHAT'S COMING UP

What's On Deck

PLEASE NOTE:

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 22nd

OUR LAST 5:30PM SUNDAY MASS WILL BE

THE SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

With Father Fleming leaving us, we regrettably need to reduce our Mass schedule.
Thank You for understanding.

A A 12 STEP OPEN MEETINGS

If you know anyone who would like to join at any point, meetings will be every week on Wednesdays at St. Ann Hall starting Oct 7, 2026 through April 8, 2027.

A Mass of Remembrance
November 1, 2026
St. Ann Church
10:30 Mass

Sign Up QR Code

Each year, we remember in a special way all those parishioners and loved ones who have passed to the Lord since last October 2025. During the Mass, their names are read, and we invite close relatives to light a special memorial candle.

For those unable to attend, a memorial candle is still lit. The Mass will be livestreamed. If you wish that a loved one be remembered but their funeral Mass was not celebrated at our Parish, we invite you to call Vina Sousa at 508-650-3545 Ext. 10 or email her vsousa@goodshepherdwayland.org. In either case, please contact us by October 30th so we can plan for your attendance.

I have now attached a QR code for sign ups as well. If you plan on coming to the Mass of Remembrance and if you also plan to attend our luncheon gathering afterwards. You can reach me whatever way is easier for you.
Thank You and God Bless.

Our Mission: is to have a home for pregnant women in need of a safe, supportive and loving environment.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE
SEPT. 26 - NOV. 1, 2026

As a fundraiser, the board of Love Your Neighbor Maternity Home, will be providing Good Shepherd Parish with baby bottles where individuals can fill a baby bottle with coins, cash, and checks (online baby bottle gifts are also accepted).

Current Phase: Fundraising and acquiring a home in the Metrowest Boston, MA area

Love Your Neighbor
MATERNITY HOME

JUSTICE CODE

The subtitle of Pope Leo XIV's encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* on issues raised by AI technology highlights the task of Catholic social ethics, *"on safeguarding the human person."* That expression could just as well be applied to the descriptions of the Biblical legal code in today's Scripture readings. And the Hebrew prophets often charged the elite with claiming devotion to God while ignoring the plight of the poor – a situation that God will not put up with (e.g. Isa 5:7-10).

Today's readings from Exodus 22:20-26 and Matthew 22:34-40 challenge the idea that God's code of justice requires erudite education to understand. In the legal material that follows the Ten Commandments, God's Torah (= instruction) articulates principles of social justice to safeguard human persons: concern for the poor, the weak and protecting "outsiders" living in Israel from abuse. Israelites should have empathy for outsiders living in their midst after their generations of slavery in Egypt. The anger that causes God's nostrils to flare up when he "hears the cry of the poor" does not condone harsh punishment. It flows from God's being, *"…for I am compassionate,"* (v. 26).

Assorted Pharisees, scribes or legal scholars in the gospel typically act like those "take it through the courts" mode today. However, judges in their world did not decide cases before them by appealing to written laws. Whether Jewish or Roman, a judge or court employed their own sense of is right. Jesus did not have to cram for the bar exam to sum up God's legal principles. Both cite passages from the Torah: *"love the Lord, your God with all your heart,"* (Deut 6:5) and *"love your neighbor as yourself,"* (Lev 19:18). Other first century Jewish sources have comparable summaries. Jesus did not invent the "love God and neighbor" justice code. He pushed that "love neighbor" to "love enemy" in the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5:43-48). That love reflects God's perfection.

Pheme Perkins, PH.D.
Joseph Professor Emerita
of Catholic Spirituality
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Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)
Good Shepherd Parish, Wayland, MA
October 24th – 25th, 2026
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

For an increase in love for God: That the virtue of divine love we received at baptism be nurtured and grow within us,

WE PRAY…

For the just treatment of the stranger and the forsaken: That we always see the face of Christ in those most easily dismissed and give a gentle response,

WE PRAY …

For the protection of life at all stages and seasons: That as a people dedicated to the civilized treatment of all we commit zealously to the right to life of the frailest people,

WE PRAY …

For those seeking proper housing: That they find domicile that meets their particular needs with dignity,

WE PRAY …

For mental health ministry: That we care for the spiritual needs of those afflicted with mental illness, so that the whole person may be made well,

WE PRAY …

For all the faithful departed: That they find rest in the Company of Saints.
Today we pray especially for …

4:00 PM – Winnifred McKie
8:30 AM – The People of Good Shepherd
10:30 AM – Edna M. Rider
5:30 PM – Anne Galbraith
… for whom we offer this Mass,

WE PRAY …

For the requests on our parish prayer line, those in our books of intentions, and for those we hold in the silence of our hearts,

WE PRAY…

Glory to God

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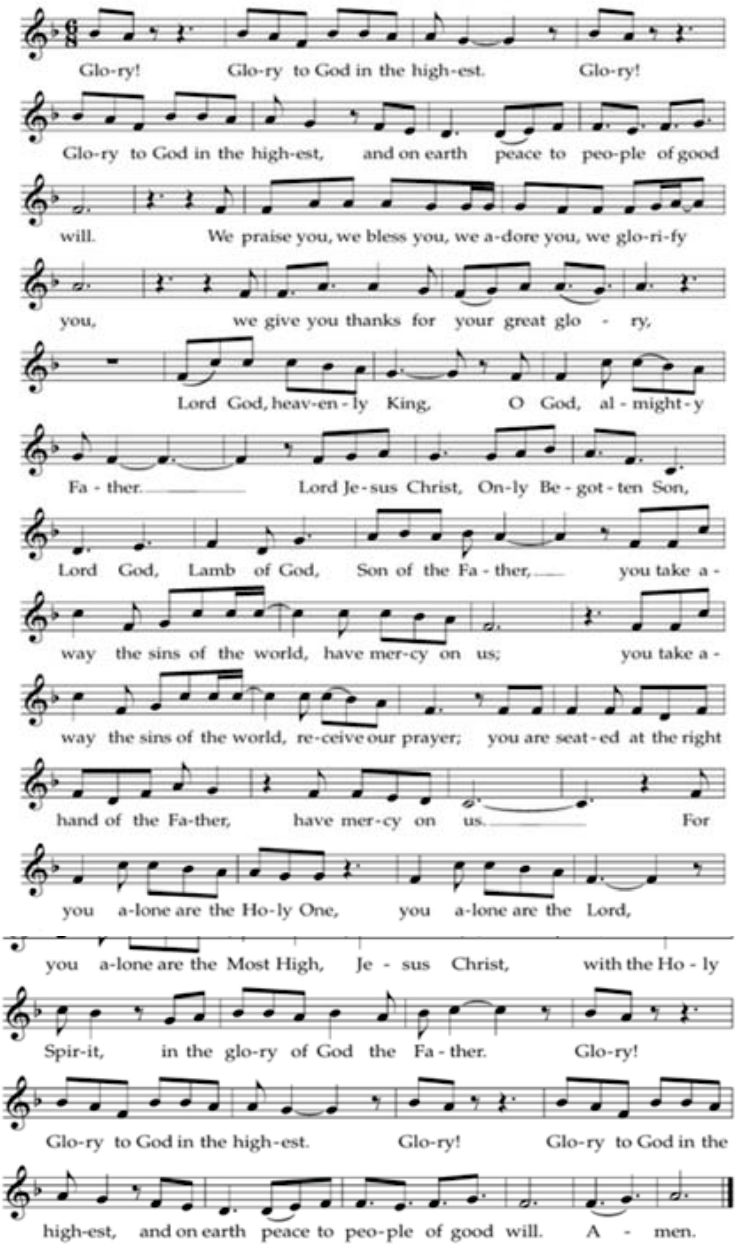
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Mass of Renewal
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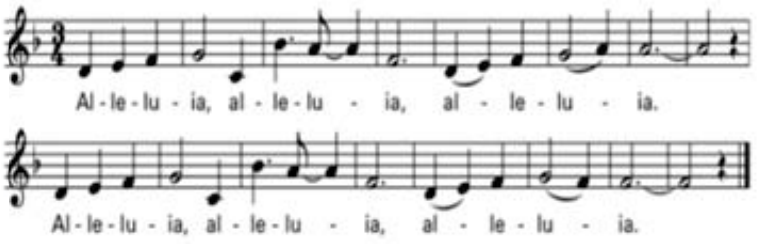
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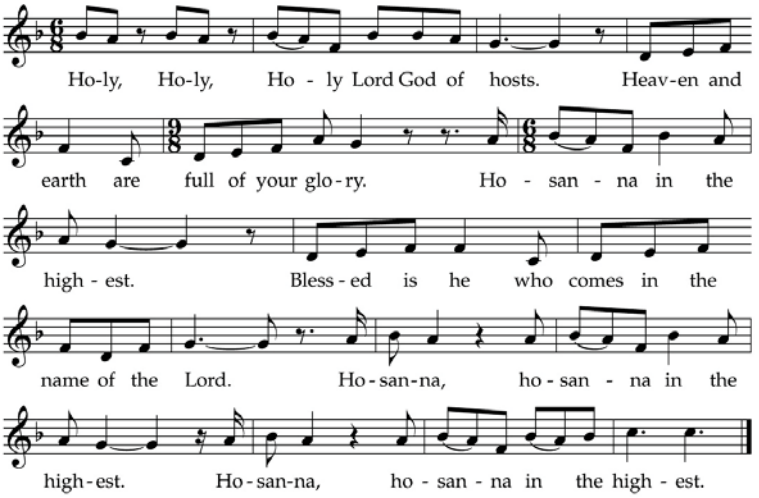

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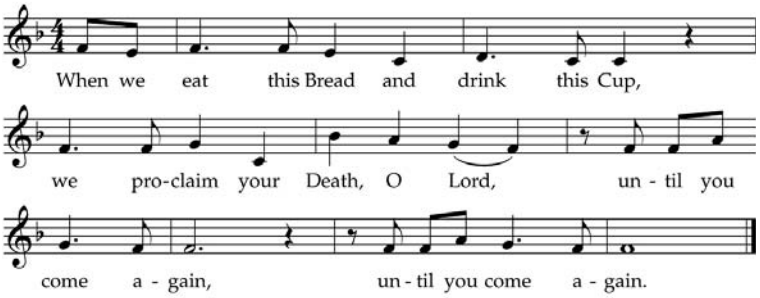

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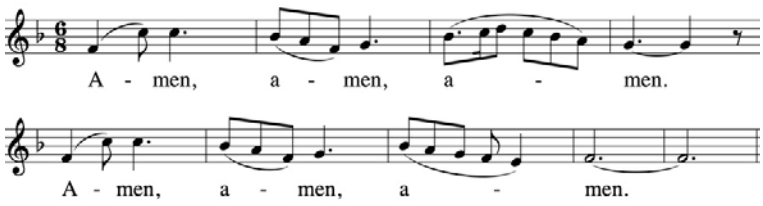

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PSALM 18: I LOVE YOU, LORD, MY STRENGTH

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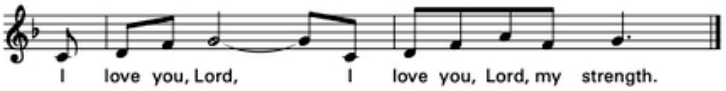
1. I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock,
my fortress, and my Savior.
2. My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, my help, my stronghold!
The Lord is worthy of all praise.
When I call I am saved from my foes.
3. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
You who gave great victories to your king,
and love shown to your anointed.

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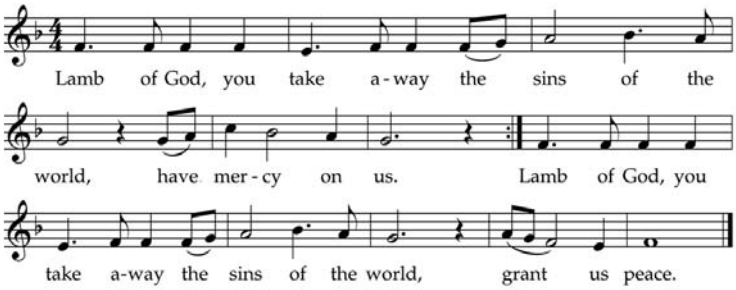
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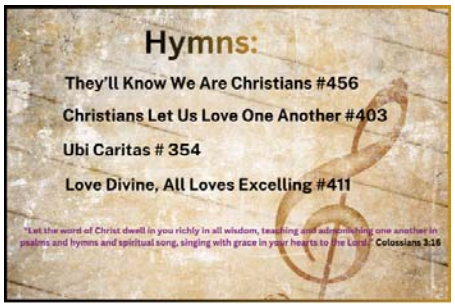

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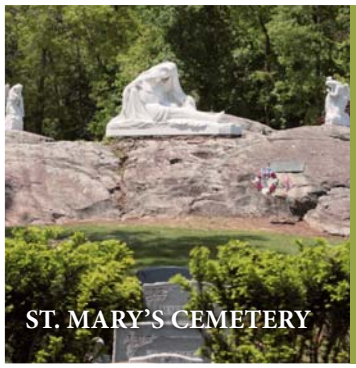

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