September 10, 2017
Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Good Shepherd Parish

Matthew 18:19-20
Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. [20] For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

Mass Schedule
Weekday Mass at 9:00 AM

Monday and Tuesday - St. Ann Church
Wednesday thru Friday - St. Zepherin Church

Saturday Vigil:
4:00 PM at Saint Ann Church

Sunday:
8:30 AM at Saint Zepherin Church
10:30 AM at Saint Ann Church
5:00 PM at Saint Zepherin Church
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**Sacrament of Baptism:**

The baptism of infants is generally celebrated on the fourth Sunday of each month at St. Ann Church and the third Sunday of the month at St. Zepherin Church. Baptism may also be celebrated during a parish liturgy. Parents should contact the Pastoral Center in advance to make arrangements. Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church should contact the pastoral center for information.

**Sacrament of Marriage:**

Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the anticipated date of the wedding by contacting the Pastoral Center.

**Sacrament of Penance (Confession):**

Saturdays at St. Ann Church from 3:15-3:45 pm or by appointment.

**Sacrament of the Sick and Communion Calls:**

Holy Communion is regularly brought to the homebound and to those in skilled nursing and assisted living facilities in our parish. If you know of someone who needs this service and is not receiving it please contact the Pastoral Center.

**Readings For The Week**

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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.

Summer Mass Schedule
5PM Mass returns Sunday, September 10th
St. Zepherin Church

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Mass Intentions
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Saturday, September 16th 4:00 pm
Dennis Specter, Memorial Mass
St. Ann Church

Sunday, September 17th 8:30 am
Edward Meagher, 10th Anniversary Mass
St. Zepherin Church

Saturday, September 23rd 4:00 pm
Rita Merullo, Memorial Mass
St. Ann Church

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Lector Ministry
The lector serves an important role in proclaiming the Word of God during liturgical celebrations. If you are interested in this ministry, an information/training session will be offered on Monday, September 25, 7:30 pm at Saint Ann Church. This ministry is open to persons who have been confirmed and are 16 years of age and older.

Please sign up by contacting Sister Roberta at rrzeznik@goodshepherdwayland.org or 508.650.3545.
Presented below are the financial results of Good Shepherd Parish for FY 2018 (July 1 thru July 30). Thank you for your generous support!

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**Propagation of the Faith Mission:** $3028

**Special Collection Sept 9/10:** Hurricane Harvey

**Clergy Health and Retirement Trust Sept 16/17:**
Next week, the diocese-wide collection will support the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our 590 Boston priests. Our priests are always there for us; they share Christ’s good news, joyfully perform good works, and spread good faith to all they encounter. You can show your gratitude by giving generously to the collection. You are also invited to make your gift online at clergytrust.org or text the word PRIEST to 56512 (msg. & data rates may apply). And don’t forget to find and follow the Trust on Facebook by searching “@ClergyTrust.” Thank you in advance for your generous and prayerful support of our priests.

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**RACISM IS BREAKING THE 8TH COMMANDMENT**

By: Reverend David O'Leary, S.T.L., D.Phil.
Parochial Administrator – Good Shepherd Parish

The very word “racism” brings up many negative images, thoughts and past history. But sadly, it is not past history but still a present reality. As a Moral Theologian, I have given some thought to this matter and I would like to share my insights.

The Book of Genesis chapter 1, verse 26-27, states:

Then God said: “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all wild animals and all creatures that crawl on the ground.” God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.

The dignity of the human person is rooted in being created in the image and likeness of God. The divine image is present in every human person. It is not what we drive, what logos we have on our shirts, not how much we earn, but that we are created in God’s image and likeness. And because of that basic reality all people deserve respect and dignity. Denying this fact and working against this reality is a breaking of the Eight Commandment.

The Eight Commandment states:
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
You shall not swear falsely against your neighbor.

So, the eight commandment forbids misrepresenting the truth in our relationships with one another. The truth that all people are created in God’s image and likeness. It is an act of calumny to harm the good name and reputation of another person.

Racism detracts and destroys the dignity and honor of an individual. Every person has a natural right to the honor of his or her personhood, name, and reputation. The respect for the reputation and honor of all persons forbids ALL detraction and calumny in words and attitude against another human person.

My conclusion; is racism in any shape or form is the breaking of the Eight Commandment of God. This might be a new interpretation but the reality is the same. Racism is wrong and is a sin. Any one who commits an act of racism is endangering their mortal soul since they are breaking the Eight Commandment of God.

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**BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

The Tuesday morning Bible study will have its 1st meeting followed by a potluck lunch on Tuesday, September 12th at Sue Sullivan’s house: 7 Brookdale Lane, Sudbury. Bible study at 10 AM or drop in later to socialize (978) 460-2289. Regular meetings to resume in St. Zepherin center from 10-11 AM on Tuesday September 26th.
**Come and See**

Are you an adult who has been baptized in another Christian faith tradition but now want to learn more about the Catholic faith?

Are you an adult who has no religious affiliation but would like to learn about the Catholic faith?

Are you an adult who has been baptized in the Catholic Church but has not received First Holy Communion or Confirmation?

If you have answered “yes” to any of these questions, we would welcome the opportunity to help you learn more about the catholic faith or prepare for the sacraments you haven’t yet received.

Please share this invitation with family members, neighbors or friends. Questions? Contact Sister Roberta at rrzeznik@goodshepherdwayland.org or 508.650.3545.

**Music Ministry**

We continue to learn the new Mass setting from Dan Schutte’s Mass of Christ the Savior. We are now using the Alleluia through the Lamb of God. Thank you for learning this new setting which will continue through Ordinary time until Advent. We hope to start learning the Gloria this week.

GSP music ministry is always looking for new members. Consider joining the choir, Youth choir, or playing an instrument at Mass. Please contact Jody Pongratz if you are interested: jpongratz@goodshepherdwayland.org or 508-650-3545. The first adult choir rehearsal is Monday Sept 18 at 7:15pm in St Zepherin church.

**WEST REGION *** ADULT EDUCATION**

“THE MAKING OF SAINTS” an adult education offering for the West Region of the Archdiocese will be presented over five sessions on Wednesdays September 27 - October 25, 7:00 -8:30PM at Saint Zepherin center 99 Main Street, Wayland, MA. There is plenty of free parking.

A close look at the workings of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints and the process that leads to individual being declared a Saint in the Roman Catholic Church.

Parochial Administrator of Good Shepherd Parish, former university and seminary professor.
To sign up: please call Good Shepherd Parish 508-650-3545
Registration for Fall 2017 Religious Education - Registration for the 2017-18 religious education year is open. We appreciate your registering as soon as possible to help in class formation and catechist assignment. Visit the parish web site at www.goodshepherdwayland.org to find the link to register as well as an option to pay registration fees online through PayPal. The deadline of June 30 for guaranteed schedule placement has passed but the sooner we receive your registration, the more likely it will be that we can accommodate your first choice. Please contact the religious education office with any questions.

Catechist and Volunteer Blessing and Training - On Sunday, September 10, there will be a blessing of all catechists and religious education volunteers at the 8:30 Mass at St. Zepherin. The Mass will be followed by a light brunch and training for catechists in grades K-8 in the St. Zepherin Center. Our speaker for K-5 will be Susan Kay. Susan is a very experienced catechist who has provided training and support to religious education programs through her work with the Archdiocese of Boston. She will provide practical ways to make our curriculum engaging for the students. Grade 6-8 catechists will focus on strategies for engaging middle school students in a meaningful way.

Beginning of a New Year - Classes for our K-5 Religious Education program will be starting soon. Team 1 will meet at St. Zepherin on Sunday, September 17 beginning with the 8:30 Mass followed by class in the center. There will be a meeting for parents who are new to our family religious education program at 9:45. Team 2 will meet on Sunday, September 24 at St. Ann at 9:00 followed by Mass at 10:30. There will be a meeting for all parents who are new to our family religious education program at 9:15. Team placements have been sent to those families who have registered. Please let us know if you have registered but have not received confirmation. Please register as soon as possible if you have not done so already.

Religious Education is a Volunteer Based Program - Please consider the ways that you can serve the children of our parish in learning their faith. Volunteers are needed as catechists, assistant catechist, children’s liturgy leaders and hospitality coordinators. All families involved in our program have been sent an email asking you to let us know how you will be able to help in the coming year. Please prayerfully consider how you will be able to share your time and talent.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word - We have a specific need for leaders for Children’s Liturgy of the Word at the 10:30 Mass at St. Ann. This ministry can be planned around your schedule. An easy to follow guide and training are provided. Please contact Sue Muldoon for more information if you think you might be able to help with this ministry.

Sacrament Preparation - Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist is a two-year program with the sacraments being received in the winter and spring of the second year. The program is typically begun in grade 1 but can be started at a later age. Please contact Sue Muldoon in the religious education office with any questions about preparing your children to receive the sacraments.
Nuestro Pequenos Hermanos (NPH)

The Pequenos are coming! Good Shepherd Parish is once again hosting a dancing and singing group this time from the NPH Guatemala home. We are looking for host families to take a pair of students and/or an adult chaperone. The students are high school aged and will be hosted from Wed Sept 27 thru Wed Oct 4. Please let Sally DeGeorge: degeorgio@verizon.net, Eleanor Paglia: Eleanor.paglia@gmail.com, Jody Pongratz (jpongratz@goodshepherdwayland.org) know if you are interested in hosting.

Join the photo wall of NPH Sponsored Children: Each week in this column we will tell you about a child who is looking for a sponsor or about a child that is being sponsored by one of our GSP parishioners.

Today we meet Roxana who is 6 years old and who just learned how to write. Her best friend is Alejandra, and they love to run all around the NPH Mexico home together. Roxana’s favorite food is tacos, and she loves lunch time! Roxana’s favorite character is Elsa from Frozen!

Roxana has 4 siblings. Their father wasn’t present and their mother’s income was not sufficient to maintain the household. The children had to work to help their mother, but this was not enough to keep them from living in extreme poverty. Their uncle Noe has been a part of the NPH family since he was 3 years old, and Roxana and her siblings joined NPH in Nov 2014.

Please consider sponsoring a university student or a student such as Roxana living in one of the NPH homes. We are hoping that 10 more children will be sponsored by GSP parishioners as well as 5 university student sponsorships. We are confident that the family of Good Shepherd Parish will once more open their hearts to support the children of NPH. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, going on a trip or getting involved with NPH, please be in touch with Sally DeGeorge: degeorgio@verizon.net, Eleanor Paglia: Eleanor.paglia@gmail.com, or Jody Pongratz jpongratz@goodshepherdwayland.org.

Permanent Diaconate Inquirers Program

Have you ever wondered what is a deacon? Has someone said to you, “You’d make a good deacon.”

If you are a single or married, faith filled Catholic man, who loves the Church, would love to serve Christ and the Church as a minister of Charity, Word and Sacrament, you may be hearing God’s possible call to the Permanent Diaconate.

Good Shepherd Parish will host Session 1 of 3 sessions for the Permanent Diaconate Inquirers Program. This first session will cover “Who is the deacon” and will address your questions regarding the role and work of the deacon in the Church and community. Besides Deacon Geoff and Peggy, deacons and their wives from our surrounding parishes in Weston, Sudbury and Framingham will on hand, too. If you are married, you are strongly encouraged to attend all the sessions with your wife.

The dates and times for all three sessions are:

- **Session 1:** 9/20/17 at 7:00 PM, St. Zepherin Center, Wayland
- **Session 2:** 11/7/17 at 7:00 PM, Archdiocese Pastoral Center at 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree
- **Session 3:** 11/18/17 at 9:00 – 2:00 PM, Archdiocese Pastoral Center at 66 Brooks Drive, Braintree

The Diaconate Formation Program is a four-year program open to single and married men who will be between the ages of 35 – 65 at the time of ordination. To register or for more information please contact:

Deacon Christopher Connelly at 617-746-5649, or cconnelly@rcab.org or Deacon Geoff, 508-653-1590, or ghiggins@goodshepherdwayland.org.

Bethany Hill Appeal

BETHANY HILL APPEAL continues this week. Please consider donating a $25 gift card to a local store to help a child residing there with the purchase of clothing or school supplies.

Gifts can be returned to church next weekend or to the parish office. Thank you!
New Altar Servers are Always welcomed!

Who: Boys and girls having received their First Holy Communion.

What Age: 10 years of age and older.

Where: Serve at both Saint Ann Church and Saint Zepherin Church.

How: Training, support and guidance as well as scheduled to serve with experienced altar servers.

When: Scheduled to serve at Mass with input from your family so as to accommodate the family schedule and preferences.

Why: Actively serving God and our parish in a special way at Mass.

Please contact Deacon Geoff (ghiggins@goodshepherdwayland.org), or Kathy Curtin (kpcurtin@comcast.net) for more information.

Check out Fr. Dave's Blog on the Good Shepherd Website

www.GoodShepherdWayland.org

This weeks title:

Racism Is Breaking the 8th Commandment

New blogs will be posted biweekly.
Boston Sock Exchange

Although our volunteers celebrated Labor Day weekend, it was just a regular day for the more than 100 brothers and sisters who greeted us as we arrived at the Boston Common on September 2nd. They were grateful to receive our donations of sandwiches, water, new socks and underwear, and seasonal clothing, including hooded sweatshirts for the cooler weather. We received many requests for winter boots and jackets in anticipation of the cold weather approaching.

As a gentleman walked past the long line, he stopped to ask what we were doing. One of our volunteers explained our ministry to him, and he reached into his pocket and handed us some money. He said that he wished he had more to give. We thanked him for his kindness.

While we were collecting prayer requests, one brother said, “Please pray for me. I need the prayers more than the food you just gave me.” As we ended our visit, we joined hands in prayer with our brothers and sisters and asked our Heavenly Father to bless and protect them.

DONATIONS: Your donations of NEW OR GENTLY USED CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR are greatly appreciated. Please place these donations and water bottles (16 oz. bottles) in the plastic blue bins inside the main entrances of both churches.

The MOST NEEDED ITEMS for our October trip are:

- Men’s long-sleeve shirts (sizes M-3X)
- Hooded sweatshirts (sizes M-3X)
- Men’s and women’s jackets (sizes M-3X)
- New/gently used men’s pants, jeans, and sweatpants (waist sizes 32-38, M-XL)
- New men’s t-shirts, briefs, and boxers (M-3X); new women’s briefs (sizes 5-7)
- New/gently used sneakers and winter boots (men’s sizes 8-12; women’s sizes 6-9)
- Adult backpacks and tote bags

Please PRAY for our brothers and sisters living on the streets. This month’s SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS are for Charlie, Daniel, Eli, James, Jarrett, Jennifer, Joe, John, Jose, Luther, Lynda, Maria, Marie, Michael, Mike, Nick, Raymond, Roberto, Roland, Rufus, Samantha, Shawn, Sim, Stacie, Russell, Vincent, and Warren. For further information, please contact Paula Morgan, dpsmorgan@mac.com. Our next trip to Boston will be on Saturday, October 7th.

RESPONSIBILITY TO WARN

As many of us have been checking in on friends and colleagues in Houston, the background debate continues over responsibilities for warning inhabitants of danger or even requiring their evacuation. Would that have led to worse disaster on clogged roads? And, in any event, the poorest have few options but to wait it out, hoping to dodge the bullet. Others with more resources left on their own ahead of Harvey. Today’s reading from Ezekiel (33:7-9) describes the prophet’s role as that of a watchman. Not that of civic authorities advised by the “signs” of modern weather forecasting, but of the sentries responsible to announce the approach of invading armies (vv. 2-6).

Those who fail to heed the watchmen’s warning blast in time of war are responsible for their own deaths. But if the sentry has failed to warn, then he is the one to blame for that loss of life. Ezekiel lived during the worst events of Israel’s history. The prophet, himself, joined those taken into captivity by Babylonian invaders while the prophet Jeremiah appears to have died among those who fled into Egypt. In 587 BCE the Babylonians devastated the land and completely destroyed God’s Temple in Jerusalem (Ezek 33:21-33).

For decades prophets like Jeremiah and Ezekiel had warned the nation that continued disregard for God’s rule of justice would spell disaster. The God of loving mercy could assume the enemy face of punishment. In Jeremiah 7-8 we hear the words of those who argued “Disaster can never touch us. We have God’s Temple (and the ark of the covenant).” In Ezekiel 1-3 the prophet has a vision of God’s heavenly throne chariot taking off from Jerusalem toward the land of exile. So the prophets could not be charged with failing to issue warning upon warning.

How were the exiles responding to disaster? Ezek 33:10 depicts a hopeless feeling that came with acknowledging the enormity of their sins. Others accuse God of punishing unjustly (vv. 17, 20). The prophet responds that God never desires the death of the wicked. Instead the watchman/prophet calls for repentance, “that the wicked turn from their ways and live,” (v. 11). Even with the earlier prophecies fulfilled, the prophet’s responsibility as watchman remains. God’s throne chariot carried Him into exile with the people. So even in disaster there is time for repentance and salvation. God’s real desire is peace and life, even for the sinner.

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