

December 2, 2018
First Sunday of Advent
Good Shepherd Parish

*St. Ann Church
134 Cochituate
Road*

*Serving Wayland, Natick & surrounding
communities worshipping at*

*St. Zepherin
Church
99 Main Street*



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass at 9:00 AM

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

Pastoral Center Office Hours:

Monday thru Thursday 9:00am - 4:00 pm
Friday 9:00am - 3:00 pm

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

Stepping into Advent from Bishop Reed

Very often, the first Sunday of Advent comes so soon after Thanksgiving that we hear ourselves saying, “Is it Advent already? Where does the time go?” We have been so immersed in the spirit of Autumn—from the back-to-school routines to Halloween to the changing colors of the leaves—that Advent, with its hints of the wintry festival of Yule—sort of abruptly takes us into another season.

Indeed, time does fly...whether you are having fun or not!

It was quite different for those who experienced the first Advent—our Jewish brothers and sisters of old who had no such timetable and waited centuries for the coming of the promised Messiah. We, who live in a time when the Gospel has been proclaimed, have an opportunity once a year to put ourselves in the shoes of those who could only hope for His coming. We, who in Faith see and hear the Christ, anticipate the birth of Jesus as if it had not yet happened in time. This is not merely a childlike exercise of pretend, as if we were trying to recover the excitement of believing in Santa Claus. Rather, it is the living out of our faith through the commemorations of the liturgical year.

Sometimes I wonder as I wander if we lose sight of the longing for a Messiah that God’s people once had. We have the benefit of hindsight—of being able to look back and acknowledge that this is how it happened. But do we take it all for granted? We treasure this time of year, and that’s wonderful: it’s certainly a time when we can have a heightened sense of family, of closeness to one another and to God, of the warmth of our homes, of special celebrations and traditions (remembering of course those who are without many of those things). Often, there is a let-down when the season is over and we return to the ordinariness of daily life.

This Advent, could we not make an extra effort to meditate more deeply on how key this season really is—and the reason for it. At least once a week—on Sundays—draw back from the hustle and bustle of the “holiday season” and enter into God’s time. Try this experiment in your prayer: imagine yourself to be living in ancient Israel. You know the Scriptures and how they speak of the promised Messiah. “When will He come?” you keep asking. As we watch the Advent candle being lit before Mass (and maybe in our homes as well), we might remind ourselves that we live both in time (symbolized by the progressive burning of candles) and in eternity (denoted by the wreath on which the candles are set—in the form of a ring, it has no beginning and no end). The world after the Fall of Adam was destined to be an eternity in darkness, but God our Father would not let that happen. Every time He extended His hand to us, every prophet He sent, it was as if He were giving us a candle to illumine that darkness and give man a chance to find his way home. And every candle we light on the Sundays of Advent is one more step we take toward Christ, the Light of the World.

As we get caught up in the hustle and bustle, these four weeks WILL fly by. And Christmas will come and go, and our minds will be directed to the next “big holiday,” according to the world’s timetable. Don’t miss the opportunity to receive a great gift from God, which you can hold onto throughout the New Year: Allow yourself to prayerfully go into the “timeless” realm of prayer where you can meditate on that time “Before Christ.” What a dark, sad world we would be living in if a young Jewish maiden had not said Yes to God. We too have the chance to allow Christ to be born in us—and receive from God a the Light that alone guides us toward eternity.

+  Robert P. Reed

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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. 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:

For the Sacrament of the Sick please call Fr. Dave at 508-650-3545.

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 508-650-3545.

Readings For The Week

Sunday:	Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
Monday:	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Good Shepherd Parish Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 2nd
8:30am Ann Crowley, Memorial Mass
10:30am All Parishioners

Monday, December 3rd
9:00am Good Shepherd Memorial Society

Tuesday, December 4th
9:00am Millie Choinski, Memorial Mass

Friday, December 7th
9:00am Phil Matyi, Memorial Mass

Christmas Flowers

Envelopes for Christmas flowers to honor a loved one can be found at the entrances to both churches. Please include the name(s) of those you wish to be honored or remembered.

Envelopes can be placed in the basket, mailed or dropped off at the Pastoral Center.

Vigil Candle Dedication

Hilda Konowski
November 30 - December 6

Anna & Gene Repucci
December 7 - December 13

Emanuel (Manny) Salos
December 14 - December 20

Daniel Keating, Sr.
December 21 - December 27

Nicholas Teti
December 28 - January 3

Corinne & Vincent Cianci
January 4 - January 10

If you would like to dedicate a candle in memory or honor of a family member or loved one, please contact the office 508-650-3545. The suggested offering is \$10.00. The name of the person will be placed in the bulletin and the candle will burn for one week, Friday through to the following Thursday.

Advent Adult Education Program

Tuesday evenings 7 - 8:15PM
St. Zepherin Center
Jesus & Mary in Prayer, Scripture & Liturgy
Presented by Fr. Dave

Dec. 4th - Jesus & Mary in Prayer
Dec. 11th - Jesus & Mary in Scripture
Dec. 18th - Jesus & Mary in Liturgy

Come to one, come to them all!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses

Friday Dec. 7th at 7PM at St. Ann Church

Saturday Dec. 8th 10AM Mass at
St. Zepherin Church

Calendar of Events

Monday December 3	4:00 pm	Youth Group Service Trip - Pine St. Inn
Tuesday December 4	7:00 pm	Awaiting Jesus & Mary in Advent - St. Zepherin Center
Wednesday December 5	11:30 am	Wednesday Lunch Group St. Zepherin Center
Thursday December 6	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus St. Ann Church
Friday December 7	7:00 pm	Immaculate Concep- tion Vigil Mass St. Ann Church
Saturday December 8	10:00 am	Immaculate Concep- tion Mass St. Zepherin Church

Annual Christmas Tree Sale by Wayland Troop 1 Boy Scouts!

Decorate your home for the holidays with a fresh-cut tree while supporting your local Boy Scouts in their annual fundraiser. Starting on Friday 11/30 at the Community United Methodist Church, 80 Main St. (Route 27), Troop 1 will be selling fragrant balsam firs from Nova Scotia and wreaths with bows in various diameters. Tree sizes range from tabletop to towering 10-plus-footers and are competitively priced.

Come early to get your favorite shape! Tree sales will be the first three weekends in December, ending on 12/16, subject to availability. Hours are Fridays 4-7PM, Saturdays 8:30AM-5:30PM and Sundays 11:30AM- 5:30PM. The Scouts will secure it to the roof of your car. Thanks for supporting Troop 1 Wayland Boy Scouts.





STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Presented below are the financial results of Good Shepherd Parish for **FY 2019** (July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019). Thank you for your generous support.

	Actual Oct 2019	Capital Expenditures FY 2019
Revenues		
Offertory	\$237,000	\$2,850 seal coat & stripe small lot St. Ann, deposit.
Other income	<u>78,000</u>	
Total	\$315,000	\$6,570 Pastoral Center roof re-habbed.
Operating Expenses	264,000	
Net Operating Income	51,000	Cash on hand:
Capital Expenditures	9,500	\$250,000 (unrestricted)
Net Cash Flow (deficit)	41,500	\$53,000 (restricted)

Vigil Lamp Candles

A vigil candle is kept by the tabernacle at all times. The candle burns for one week. If you would like to dedicate a candle in memory or honor of a family member or loved one, please contact the office. The suggested offering is \$10.00. The name of the person will be placed in the bulletin and the candle will burn for one week, Friday through to the following Friday.

Please call or email MaryAnn at 508-650-3545 mmalovrh@goodshepherdwayland.org.

MORE THAN 5000 COATS FOR KIDS

Massachusetts Knights of Columbus donated more than 5000 new winter coats to kids who needed them this fall. The Good Shepherd Parish Knights Council delivered its coats to boys and girls living at Bethany House in Framingham. This is the 4th year that GSP K of C has donated coats. Thank you to all who have helped by giving to K of C fundraisers.

St. Zepherin Cemetery

Bent Avenue - Wayland
Plots available

Please call Jackie
508-650-3545

Prayer Shawl/Knitting Group

1:00 PM every Tuesday
St. Zepherin Center

All are welcome!



Home Blessings!

Following in the footsteps of Pope Francis, Fr. Dave, our Administrator, would be honored to bless peoples' homes. Give a call or e mail to schedule a Blessing. FrDave@goodshepherdwayland.org
508-650-3545 x14

Religious Ed K-5

Advent materials for Families- The first Sunday of Advent is Sunday, Dec 2. Advent calendars, family prayer guides and an advent children's book will all be made available at the sessions on Sunday, November 18. Dynamic Catholic is offering daily advent reflections sent my email. Sign up at dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever

Sunday, Dec. 2

Reconciliation Family Retreat for all second-year sacrament preparation students from 9:00-12:00 at St. Ann. Participation in the 10:30 Mass is included in this retreat schedule. Parents attend the retreat with their child

Advent Wreath Making following the 5:00 Mass in the St. Zepherin Center. Volunteers are needed to make this event possible. Please contact Sue Muldoon if you are able to help.

Sunday, Dec. 9 8:30-10:45am Team 1 Meets for Session 8 St. Zepherin (P & C)

Team 1 Family Mass at the 8:30 Mass. There will be a parent session for team 1 parents during the children's class session.

John McLaughlin will be our speaker. John is the father of three daughters. He will be sharing out finding ways to deepen our experience of God and invite our children into finding their own experience of God.

9- 11:30am Team 2 Meets for Session 8 St. Ann

Sunday, Dec. 16

8:30-10:45am Team 1 Meets for Session 9 St. Zepherin

9- 11:30am Team 2 Meets for Session 9 St. Ann (P & C)

Team 2 Family Mass at the 10:30 Mass. . There will be a parent session for team 2 parents during the children's class session.

John McLaughlin will be our speaker. John is the father of three daughters. He will be sharing out finding ways to deepen our experience of God and invite our children into finding their own experience of God.

Knights of Columbus Poinsettia Sale

The Good Shepherd Knights of Columbus Council will once again be accepting orders for 6 inch Red Poinsettia plants after all Masses this weekend
12/1 & 12/2.

Plants will be available for pickup after Mass the weekend of December 8/9.

Prices are \$12.00 ea or two for \$20

Donations for Altar Flowers
Will Also Be Accepted.

Thank you for your generous support

Wednesday Lunch Group

All are welcome to come and meet with Father Dave. The next meeting of the Wednesday Lunch Group will be on **Wednesday, December 5th** in St. Zepherin center at 11:30 AM. Please remember to bring a brown bag lunch and a donation for the food pantry.

It is not necessary to let us know if you are coming but call if you need information: Janet Testa 508-358-2934 or Marjorie McCammon 508-358-7203.

Music Ministry

HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we begin this **Advent** season we mark the beginning of the new liturgical year. Some musical changes for the season will include changing our Mass parts to Mass of St Ann which is in the small booklets in the pews. During Advent we refrain from singing the Gloria except on the Holy day for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary on Dec 8.

Adult Choir Schedule:

Sun Dec 2 **Sings at Mass First Sunday in Advent
8:30 Mass at ST Zepherin church**

Mon Dec 3 rehearsal 7:15pm

Sun Dec 9 **Sing at Mass 2nd Sunday of Advent
10:30 at ST Ann Church**

Mon Dec 10 rehearsal 7:15pm

Sun Dec 16 **Sing at Mass 3rd Sunday in Advent
10:30 at ST Ann Church**

Mon Dec 17 rehearsal 7:15pm

Mon Dec 24 **Sing at the 5:30pm Christmas Eve
Mass at ST Zepherin Church**

Tues Dec 25 **Sing at the 10am Christmas Mass at ST
Ann Church**

Youth Choir 's next rehearsal is Mon Dec 3 4pm in ST Zepherin Church. The Youth choir will be singing at the 8:30 Mass on Sun Dec 16 for the 3rd Sunday of Advent.

On Dec 24, Christmas Eve, the Youth choir will give a prelude Concert at 3:30pm and will lead us in our sung prayer at the 4pm Mass at ST Zepherin Church.



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

It IS the most wonderful time of year! As we hum our favorite lyrics, bake Christmas cookies, and hang the mistletoe let us rejoice and remember the driving force behind it all, the Christ child who would love us unconditionally and fill us with peace and hope. There are so many who live among us who need to feel that love.

It is a wonderful tradition for our Good Shepherd Parish to provide gifts to the families of REACH <https://reachma.org> who are victims of domestic violence and to adolescents in our community who are in foster care. Here are the words of thanks from a mother of REACH: " In my experience, I would like to express how special the people that buy the gifts are. I feel the love and care when I open the bags and start to wrap my child's gifts. The gifts are so thoughtful and carefully selected. I'm speechless when I see the generosity pour in and manifest in this way."

There will be 100 tags for REACH families and 25 tags for foster adolescents available on the Giving Tree at St. Ann's beginning Saturday, Nov. 23rd. Please RETURN the gifts to ST. ANN's by SUNDAY, NOON, DECEMBER 9th. We have to deliver them in time for the REACH Christmas party. Please remember to LEAVE BEHIND THE TEAR OFF TAG WITH YOUR NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER so we can remind you if you should forget.

The Giving trees are set up at St. Ann's to eliminate confusion when returning, sorting, and tracking the gifts. We hope all parishioners will consider making their way to St. Ann's to help us reach our goal in providing these 125 gifts. We are so grateful to all the parishioners who have participated through the years—and a special shout out to those generous souls who have taken several tags.

If you would like to help by making reminder calls, sorting gifts on December 9th, or delivering gifts Dec. 9th and 10th please call Donna Hale 508-561-2937.

THANK YOU!! And MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

IF YOU TOOK AN ORNAMENT AND FORGOT TO LEAVE BEHIND THE STAPLED TAG WITH YOUR NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER PLEASE CALL DONNA HALE 508-561-2937 SO WE CAN TRACK YOUR GIFT. THANKS!!

AUTOMATIC GIVING

Please consider using Automatic Giving through your bank when donating. This method helps protect Good Shepherd against summer vacation absences, bad weather (blizzards!), and other times that you may physically be away.

How to set up automatic parish giving:

1. Log in to your online banking service (you will first need to be enrolled for this with your bank)
2. Go to "Pay Bills" or similar function and add/enter the information below:

Payee name: Good Shepherd Parish
Payee address: 99 Main St, Wayland, MA 01778
Phone: 508-650-3545
Account: Good Shepherd

3. Go to "Set-up Recurring Bill Payment or similar function and enter/select:

Choose Payee: Good Shepherd Parish
Amount: monthly amount
Payment Date: MM/DD/YY (will occur same day each month)
Frequency: monthly
No. of payments: weekly or monthly
Memo: Offertory or other special collection

You are now set-up; your bank will automatically mail your offertory check.

If you have any questions, please call Jackie Fagone, Business Manager at 508-650-3545.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship of your parish!

Youth Ministry

Upcoming Youth Events Confirmation Students May Earn Building Blocks

December 9 (8 Building Blocks)

Saints: Inspiring Stories from 6:00-7:30 at
St. Zepherin Center

9th and 10th Graders: No idea who to choose for your Confirmation Saint? No idea where to start? Join us for an engaging night of inspiring stories about Saints' lives! Plus, dinner and prizes!!

Please stay for the Youth Mass at 7:30!

December 9

Youth Mass 7:30 at St. Zepherin

Bishop Reed is celebrating two special Masses (December 9 and April 7) this year for the youth of the West Region with a specific focus on those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Come, worship alongside your peers with live praise music at a youth-focused Mass! We, at Good Shepherd Parish, are excited to host this opportunity for the Confirmation students to celebrate Mass with Bishop Reed as they journey toward receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation with him. All youth in Middle School and High School as well as families are welcome!

Prayer Line

NEED PRAYER
for yourself, friends, others
nearby or far away
CALL THE GSP PRAYER LINE
508 745 6317

More than two dozen fellow parishioners will be notified of your prayer request so they can pray.



Boston Sock Exchange



We had soaking rain for our visit to the Boston Common on November 3rd. Despite the weather, we had a great visit with our brothers and sisters who waited patiently in line as we set up canopies to keep our donations dry. We were blessed to have several Youth Ministry students join us. They helped with all of the logistics of the trip and made it a success!

We did not see our sister who was attacked last month, and pray that she is feeling better and living with her family member. We received sad news that a brother who has been coming to the Common for many years, and often joined us behind the tables to distribute donations, died suddenly this past week. We pray for Russell's soul and his brothers who are missing him.

Did you know that our ministry accepts donations of dress shirts, dress pants, suits, dresses, and dress shoes? We donate them to the employment program at St. Francis House, a homeless shelter near the Common, to help our brothers and sisters who are trying to secure jobs.

DONATIONS: Your donations of **NEW OR GENTLY USED FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING** 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 December trip are: Hooded sweatshirts, and winter coats and jackets (sizes M-3X)

Men's long-sleeve shirts (sizes M-3X)

New/gently used men's long pants, sweatpants, and jeans (waist sizes 32-38, M-XL)

New men's t-shirts, briefs, and boxers (M-3X); women's new briefs (sizes 5-7)

New/gently used boots (men's sizes 8-12; women's sizes 6-9)

Adult backpacks and duffel bags

Please **PRAY** for our brothers and sisters living on the streets. This month's **SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS** are for Carmelo, James, Joe, John, Juan, Karen, Leigh, Louis, Lucas, Lynda, Marcia, Maria, Marie, Mercedes, Patrick, Sidney, Tyrone, and Warren. For further information, please contact Paula Morgan, dpsmorgan@mac.com.

Our next two trips to Boston will be on Saturday, December 1st and Saturday, January 5th.

STRESS TESTING

"And why exactly is your lab growing plants there??" I asked my nephew, a 1st year grad student at Penn State. Despite some amazing technology for analyzing root structures and genes, soil and climate in PA will not stress out the plants sufficiently for their research into producing crops better able to withstand drought and poor soil conditions. So the young man who once refused to leave his home state of NH is now "the mobile plant torturer" . . . to the amusement of family at Thanksgiving dinner.

Of course, the big picture driving this research is a global humanitarian concern to prevent famines with more resilient crops. Most people have patches of the approaching Christmas holidays that they consider at least stress testing if not major torture, just hoping for the bright spots to come. Our readings for the 1st Sunday in Advent also point to survival in stressful times. Jerusalem under attack by Babylonian armies was destined to be destroyed. For years Jeremiah had been warning its leaders that God would not be a shield no matter what. But facing disaster the prophet changes tone from doom to future hope. God will not forget His promises. A truly just king descended from David will arise to restore the nation (Jer 33:14-16).

Over four centuries later, Jesus did not take over the throne of his ancestor, King David. Instead of Advent as celebrating the birth of God's messiah-king, the liturgy anticipates what we call the "Second Coming" of Jesus. No more use for genetic repairs to adapt plants to the changes in climate and growth of the human population. God will be taking apart the ordering structures of the cosmos – the heavenly bodies will no longer provide reliable signs and the seas will break their boundaries (Lk 21:25-28). People everywhere in the world will die terrified.

However both Paul, who expected Jesus' return in his lifetime, and Luke, who 45 years later does not assume that, insist that Christians have a different fate than the rest of humanity. They must remain rooted in the gospel nutrients (faith, hope, love) as they have been taught (1 Thess 3:12-4:2). If they do so, then instead of collapsing with fear, they will actually stand up straight whenever the Lord returns. Both Paul and Luke agree that it is easy to fall into the "anxieties of daily life", so an essential part of the alert system is prayer.

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