

February 11, 2018  
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Good Shepherd Parish

St. Ann Church  
134 Cochituate Road  
Wayland, MA

*Serving Wayland, Natick & surrounding  
communities  
Worshipping At*

St. Zepherin Church  
99 Main Street  
Wayland, MA



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**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

Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday:	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

## Calendar of Events

February 10 Saturday	8:30 am	Meeting Christ in Prayer **Rescheduled date
February 14 Ash Wednesday	9:00 am 7:00 pm	Mass St. Zepherin Church Mass St. Ann Church
February 14 Wednesday	7:00 pm	Meeting Christ in Prayer St. Zepherin Center
February 16 Friday	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross St. Ann Church
February 19 Monday		President's Day Office Closed
February 19 Monday	7:00 pm	Lenten Adoration and Rosary - St. Ann Church
February 20 Tuesday	9:30 am	Bible Group St. Zepherin Center
February 20 Tuesday	1:00 pm	Knitting Group St. Zepherin Church
February 20 Tuesday	7:00 pm	Adult Education Series St. Zepherin Center
February 21 Wednesday	6:30 pm	"The Door is Always Open" Confession - St. Ann Church



### Ash Wednesday, February 14

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

9:00 AM St Zepherin Church

7:00 PM St Ann Church

### LENTEN FASTING

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by everyone 18 years of age to age 59. This means that one may have only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs and eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence is observed by everyone 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.



### CRS RICE BOWL

During Lent our parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to encounter our neighbor as companions through our Lenten journey, through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We will see how our prayers, fasting and alms can support those worldwide who are forced to flee their homes to find safety or better opportunities. Please consider these suggestions in your Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar daily to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey
- Prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.
- Visit [csrricebowl.org/stories](http://csrricebowl.org/stories) to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Rice bowl gift.

Visit [csrricebowl.org/families](http://csrricebowl.org/families) for activities that will help your family grow in faith this Lente season.

CRS Rice Bowls will be collected at the end of Lent. Thank you for participating in this outreach.

## Mass Intentions

### Good Shepherd Parish Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 10th 4:00 pm  
Ronald MacDonald, Memorial Mass  
St. Ann Church

Sunday, February 11th 5:00 pm  
Sean McGlynn, 10th Anniversary Mass  
St. Zepherin Church

Monday, February 12th 9:00 am  
Millie Choinski, Memorial Mass  
St. Zepherin Church

Thursday, February 15th 9:00 am  
Hilda and Bernard Konowski, Anniversary Mass  
St. Zepherin Church

Saturday, February 17th 4:00 pm  
Joe Logue, Memorial Mass  
St. Ann Church

Sunday, February 28th 5:00 pm  
Josephine Hebert, Memorial Mass  
St. Zepherin Church

### Wine Tasting Note of Thanks

A sincere thank you to *Barbara Matyi* and *George and LeeAnn Doherty* for all their hard work putting together the delightful wine tasting. From the transformation of the St. Zepherin center to resemble a welcoming bistro to the delicious menu, it was obvious to all who attended that you put great time and effort into making this event a big success. A great time was had by all!





Presented below are the financial results of Good Shepherd Parish for **FY 2018** (July 1, 2017 thru June 30, 2018). Thank you for your generous support!

	Actual July - Dec 2017	Capital Expenditures FY 2018
Revenues		\$9,145 – parking lot crack sealing St. Ann & St. Zepherin. Coating and striping to be done in the spring.
Offertory	\$468,000	
R/E fees/others	<u>61,000</u>	
<b>Total</b>	\$529,000	\$3,500 - St. Zepherin Center skylight replacement balance
Expenses	434,000	
Net Income (deficit)	95,000	

The next special collection is on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. This collection supports the Catholic Charities.



St. Paul speaks to us clearly and succinctly in the second reading today: "whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." Can you make that your prayer this week that in all things large and small, in your words and in your actions, your prayer will be to give glory to God? If you do that, not only will you notice a difference in your attitude and in your life, but certainly others will notice the difference in you as well.

### St. Zepherin Cemetery

Bent Street - Wayland  
Plots available

Please call Jackie 508-650-3545

## Heightened Flu Activity Office of Risk Management

This year's influenza virus is the most widespread outbreak since public health authorities began keeping track more than a dozen years ago, according to the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD). The most dominant flu strain infecting people this season is H3N2. A similar strain called H1N1 was responsible for the 1918 flu pandemic, and the 2009 "swine flu" outbreak. Because people have had less exposure to H3N2 up until now, populations have not had time to build up immunity and thus more people are becoming ill with the virus.

Scientists think this season's flu vaccine may only be about 30 percent effective against H3N2. However, the CDC strongly recommends influenza vaccination for all persons 6 months of age and older. There is still time to get a flu shot if you haven't done so already. Call your health care provider or visit a local pharmacy that offers flu vaccinations.

### Liturgical Directives

- Holy water fonts are to be drained, cleaned with disinfecting soap, and re-filled with holy water on a regular basis. Please note that old holy water should be disposed of in the sacrarium.
- The distribution of the Precious Blood for the faithful is **suspended**, with the exception of those who must receive from the cup due to medical reasons. The faith of the Church teaches that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one species.
- The exchange of the Sign of Peace is to be offered without any physical contact. If the priest celebrant chooses to extend the invitation for the sign of peace, the faithful, instead of a handshake, may bow to the persons nearby.
- While the faithful retain the option of receiving Holy Communion on the tongue or in the hand, all ministers of Holy Communion are advised to distribute the consecrated hosts with care, being cautious not to touch the tongue or the hand of the communicant. Ministers should also wash their hands before Mass in preparation for the distribution of consecrated hosts.

## Religious Ed K-5

**Team 2** meets on Sunday, February 11 for session 9 at St. Ann. Class will meet from 9:00-10:15 in the hall followed by the 10:30 Mass. This will be a parent and child session.

Dawn Sullivan will be presenting on Finding Joy in our Lives. Dawn will be sharing her own experience of moving from seeking happiness in her success to finding lasting joy. She will also offer concrete steps that we can take to incorporate ways to develop joy filled habits into our busy lives. We will also be discussing ways to help our children to develop these habits in our pressure driven world. All our welcome.

There will be no K-5 Team Meeting on February 18 or February 25 due to the school break.

**Teams 1 and 2 will meet on Sunday, March 4 for Session 10 and our Parish Family Retreat-** Fr. Dan O'Connell will be our speaker for this special event for all ages. The morning will include all family sessions, Mass, a light meal and a child breakout session with fun and engaging activities. The only Mass for the morning will be included in the retreat. The event will be held at St. Ann Church from 10:00-1:00. This will be a parent and child session.



**Upcoming Speaker for Parent Sessions-** Blogger and speaker Alison Gingras from Reconciled to You will be presenting to our parent session on Sunday, March 11 for Team 1 at St. Zepherin or Sunday, March 25 for Team 2 at St. Ann. Her topic will be Strengthening the Foundations of our Faith. You can follow Allison's blog at [www.reconciledtoyou.com](http://www.reconciledtoyou.com) or listen to her podcasts at Breadbox media program "A Seeking Heart" <https://www.breadboxmedia.com/allison-gingras.html>

### Planning ahead for summer?

Join us for a fun filled week of creative and engaging activities. We will be using song, movement, fun and creativity to learn that God has a purpose for us and for our lives.

Good Shepherd Parish Vacation Camp is for children ages 5-11. Monday, June 25-Friday, June 29 from 9:00-12:00. It will be held at St. Zepherin Center 99 Main Street, Wayland. The fee is \$50.00 per child.

We are in need of adults and middle and high school youth to volunteer as leaders as well as volunteers to help with preparations for the camp. Please let us know if you can help.

Contact Sue or Kelly in the Religious Education Office for more information or to register. Please let us know if you are able to help. 508-650-3545 [smuldoon@goodshepherdwayland.org](mailto:smuldoon@goodshepherdwayland.org), [www.goodshepherdwayland.org](http://www.goodshepherdwayland.org)



### **Cursillo – An Opportunity to Deepen Your Faith**

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### **Collection of Food Donations**

To donate, place non-perishable food items in the baskets at the entrance of both churches. Your donations benefit the following food pantries:

- \* Parmenter Food Pantry
- \* St. Matthew Food Pantry
- \* Natick Service Council



With 49 million people facing hunger every day in America, including nearly 16 million children, this is one way you can help those in need.

# Music Ministry

Did you know that there are **musical changes** during the **season of Lent**?

We **fast** from the Gloria and Alleluia through the season of Lent with their return at the Easter Vigil.

We will **sing** the Penitential Rite: Lord have Mercy led by Deacon Geoff or one of the cantors. The Lenten Gospel Acclamation comes from the Mass of St. Ann that we have been using since the introduction of the new translation of the Mass. You will notice that the tune is similar to the Amen that you know so well.

The Memorial Acclamation will change to: *"Save Us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free."* instead of *"When we eat this bread and drink this cup....."*.

The **Lord's Prayer will be chanted**; for those who would like to see the music notes you can find them in Breaking Bread #13.

**No instruments** will be passed out at the end of Mass for the Sending Forth Song except for Laetare Sunday which is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, March 11.

Thank you to the Choir for leading us in our sung prayer at the 5pm Mass this weekend. The choir will lead us next at the 10:30 on Feb 18.

Upcoming **Adult Choir** rehearsals:

Sunday February 11 6:00pm \* Monday February 19 7:15pm \* Monday February 26 7:15pm

**Youth Choir** please send your availability to Jody so a rehearsal schedule can be developed.

If you are interested in participating in Music Ministry for Palm Sunday, Triduum, and/or Easter please contact Jody at [jpongartz@goodshepherdwayland.org](mailto:jpongartz@goodshepherdwayland.org). If you would like to sing, please come to the next choir rehearsal. If you would like to play at one of those Masses, please speak with Jody.

## Catholic Heart Work Camp 2018 Information

CHWC is a 6 day mission trip for HS students. The work varies by site and group: teens could be helping out at a food bank, painting the home of someone on a fixed income, or other age-appropriate work. CHWC gives our young people a chance to get out of their comfort zone and connect with others from across the country and many different walks of life. It is a high-energy week of fun and prayer, including Mass and other worship experiences.



**Who can go?** This mission trip is open to teens entering grades 9-12 and recent HS grads. We have spots for 21 teens.

**Who runs it?** Each camp has a local manager and director as well as a team of young adults who run the activities, cook and keep everything organized.

**Where?** We will going to N. Haledon, NJ. Our home base this year is Mary Help of Christians Academy. We sleep in the classrooms and use the school's facilities such as cafeteria and showers.

**When?** Sunday, July 22—Friday, July 27, 2018

**How do we get there?** We will be taking a coach bus.

**What is the cost?** The cost of the trip is \$650. We will be fundraising to offset part of the cost of the trip. No family will be turned away because of need.

### Fundraisers:

- Students speak at Masses with "Wall of Giving" (April 7/8)
- Car wash & Pancake Breakfast Sunday June 17th at the 8:30am mass

Payment Plans are available.

To reserve a spot or if you have any questions please contact Kelly [kmcperson@goodshepherdwayland.org](mailto:kmcperson@goodshepherdwayland.org)

**Save the date: Good Shepherd Parish Trip  
to NPH Guatemala: June 28 – July 3.**



Join fellow GSP parishioners to the NPH home in Guatemala. The music and dance group that visited us last fall were from this home. There are limited spots so please let Sally DeGeorge (degeorgio@verizon.net), Jody Pongratz (jpongatz@goodshepherdwayland.org), or Courtney O'Brien (cobrien@nphusa.org) or register online at [nphusa.org/Guatemala-2018-6](http://nphusa.org/Guatemala-2018-6). More information is available on the flyers in the church and last week's bulletin insert. You don't want to miss this exciting opportunity!

**The Knights of Columbus for the  
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**THE 2018 LANTERN AWARD**

**Honoree:  
Bishop Robert P. Reed**

Monday April 16th at the  
Sheraton Framingham Hotel, 1657 Worcester Road,  
Framingham Tickets are \$40.00 each or \$400 per  
table. Social Hour 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM (cash bar),  
Dinner at 7:00 PM.

Please visit [Massachusettsstatekofc.org](http://Massachusettsstatekofc.org) to register.  
Click on the calendar tab on the left side of the home  
page and scroll down to April 16th. Be sure to use  
the Good Shepherd Council #16156 to get good  
seating.



**Prayer Shawl Knitting Group**

Please join us on **Tuesday, February 20th** in the St. Zepherin Center for the next knitting group gathering. Bring your knitting needles if you have them. We have the yarn! There are some great teachers to help you get started.

Not new to knitting? Join us as we knit up prayer shawls for those that need them in our community.

Contact Kelly with any questions. 508-6350-3545



**Benefit Concert at  
Wayland High School Tomorrow!**

The WHS Tri-M Music Honor Society will host a benefit concert on Monday, Feb. 12, 2018 at 7pm in the WHS auditorium. The concert will feature Wayland resident professional musicians some of whom are currently playing with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, in addition to WHS musicians.

The society is raising money for the National Association for Music Education's Give-a-Note Foundation which strives to bring awareness to the importance of music education and to strengthen musical opportunities for all students, providing the resources necessary to help 20 million students through grants to new and existing school programs. (Please visit [www.giveanote.org](http://www.giveanote.org) for additional information.)

There is a suggested donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. The snow date for the event is Tuesday, Feb. 13.

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is now available!**

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### **World Day of Prayer for the Sick**

As the church prepares for the World Day of the Sick on February 11, please consider a prayer for those suffering from addiction and their loved ones struggling to cope with the impact of the disease.

#### **Prayer for Sick Persons**

I reach out to you, my God, in this time of need.  
Carry me on the difficult days when I have no strength.

Wrap me in your love when I am discouraged.  
May your grace wash over me and refresh me.  
And as you hold me tenderly in the palm of your hand,

I ask for healing of all my afflictions. Amen.

#### **Prayer for the Caregiver**

Lord, be present to us today as we do the work of your hands.

Embolden us as we care for those entrusted to us.  
Grant us the skill and the patience needed to serve all we meet.

May we always be a compassionate presence, a listening ear,

And the voice of reason in the chaos that sometimes envelops those we serve.

Help us to be beacons of light, hope and promise along the way.

And when the dawn of a new day arrives, renew and refresh us as we begin anew. Amen.

For those requesting the Anointing of the Sick please contact Fr. Dave at 508-650-3545 or [Fr.Dave@goodshepherdwayland.org](mailto:Fr.Dave@goodshepherdwayland.org)

### **Project Rachel**

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven." – Pope Francis.

Project Rachel is the post-abortion ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston which offers hope and healing for women suffering from the pain of a past abortion. Project Rachel offers confidential support, retreats and referrals for Sacramental Reconciliation (Confession). Spring 2018 retreat dates will be March 10, May 5 and June 2. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or [help@projectrachelboston.com](mailto:help@projectrachelboston.com).

Fr. Dave is a Project Rachel Priest.



Good Shepherd Council #16156

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual K'Night at the Races**

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**  
**St Ann Church**

#### **Traditional Corned Beef Dinner**

Doors Open at 5:30 pm

Dinner Served at 6:00 pm

Races at 7PM

**Irish Sweepstakes Race**

**Admission and Dinner**

**\$15.00**

**Beer & Wine Cash Bar**

Proceeds Support:  
Good Shepherd Council's  
Charities &  
Rebuilding Christian  
Communities in Iraq

Tickets:  
Ed Hebert  
617-962-0486  
[hebertteam@comcast.net](mailto:hebertteam@comcast.net)

Donations of Raffle Prizes and Silent Auction Items graciously accepted. To donate or to advertise in our program booklet please contact Jon Kenney at 508-878-6555 or [jon@kenney13.com](mailto:jon@kenney13.com)

### **Snow Closings**

As a reminder, if Wayland schools are closed due to weather conditions, there will be no daily Mass.

**INCLEMENT  
WEATHER  
INFORMATION**



## **Boston Sock Exchange**

It was a frigid morning on February 3<sup>rd</sup> as we traveled to the Boston Common. Although many of our brothers and sisters did not venture out in the cold, those who did were very grateful for our donations of warm clothing, sandwiches, and water. One volunteer also brought hot soup, which was a big hit on such a cold morning!



A big thanks to our middle school students who made fleece blankets and sandwiches for our trip! Our brothers and sisters were thrilled to receive these thoughtful and much-needed donations!

We appreciate the generosity of parishioners who continue to donate \$5 gift cards to McDonald's, Burger King, and Dunkin Donuts. It was wonderful to be able to give them to our brothers and sisters on such a cold day!

**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. For those interested in making a monetary donation, please make checks payable to "Good Shepherd Parish" with "Boston Sock Exchange" on the memo line and place the checks in the collection basket at Mass or in the blue donation bins.

The **MOST NEEDED ITEMS** for our March trip are:

- Men's and women's winter jackets (sizes M-3X)
- Hooded sweatshirts, fleeces, and sweaters (sizes M-3X)
- New/gently used winter boots (men's sizes 8-12; women's sizes 6-9)
- Winter hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves
- New/gently used men's pants, jeans, and sweat-pants (waist sizes 32-38, M-XL)
- New men's t-shirts, briefs, and boxers (M-3X); new women's briefs (sizes 5-7)
- New men's crew socks (please, no used socks)
- Adult backpacks (they are in great demand!)

Please PRAY for our brothers and sisters living on the streets. This month's SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS are for Amin, Fran, Glenn, James, Joe, John, Junior, Kenny, Kimberly, Luis, Luther, Lynda, Maria, Marie, Michael, Rachel, Ramon, Rob, Robin, Rufus, Warren, and Wayne. For further information, please contact Paula Morgan, [dpsmorgan@mac.com](mailto:dpsmorgan@mac.com). Our next trip to Boston will be on **Saturday, March 3rd**.

## **PEOPLE PREPARED**

Today's gospel situates the cure of a man afflicted with a debilitating skin ailment as the example of Jesus' rock star status as a healer (Mk 1:40-45). Even the deserted areas where he had been able to withdraw to pray (v. 35) no longer provide any respite. The word "leprosy" should not be used to translate the rules for dealing with a variety of chronic, but curable skin disorders in Leviticus or in the gospels, since the medical condition to which "leprosy" refers did not exist in that region. Persons afflicted with the conditions catalogued in Leviticus were required to dress like mourners and remain apart from others as a sort of quarantine. Once their recovery had been certified by a priest, a ritual purification restored individuals to holiness.

Most non-Jewish students find the system of purification rituals and rules about contamination conveyed by contact with what is impure baffling and imagine that Jesus is simply out to blow up the whole system. Scholars who have studied the complex relationship between impurity, illness, demonic possession and exclusion of those afflicted from the holiest places disagree. The Jewish sect represented in the Dead Sea scrolls sought to maintain a divine holiness. Consequently no one "...defiled in his flesh, paralyzed in his feet or hands, lame, blind deaf, dumb, or defiled in his flesh with a blemish visible to the eyes or a tottering old man...shall enter...for angels are present..." (1 QSa 1:3-9).

The same group imagined that in the coming messianic age earth will be a paradise, always watered by seasonal rains and in addition, "...there will be no disease at all, and wild animals will vanish. . .There will be no pestilence you your land. For God is with you and his holy angels. . ." (4Q285). For the Essene sect ethical holiness must correspond to ritual purity. Only repentance, a turning away from wickedness, can cleanse a person from that form of defilement.

After a detailed study of this evidence, Prof. Jodi Magness concludes that it provides the religious framework for understanding the ministry of Jesus ("They Shall See the Glory of the Lord [Isa 35:2]," *Journal for the Study of the Historical Jesus* 14 [2016] 99-119). Not only is Jesus calling for an ethical repentance from the heart (Mk 7:18-23), he is preparing those whose afflictions exclude them from holiness as well. So Jesus is not seeking his own fame. He is preparing people for the coming reign of God.  
*Pheme Perkins*

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**Thank you,  
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