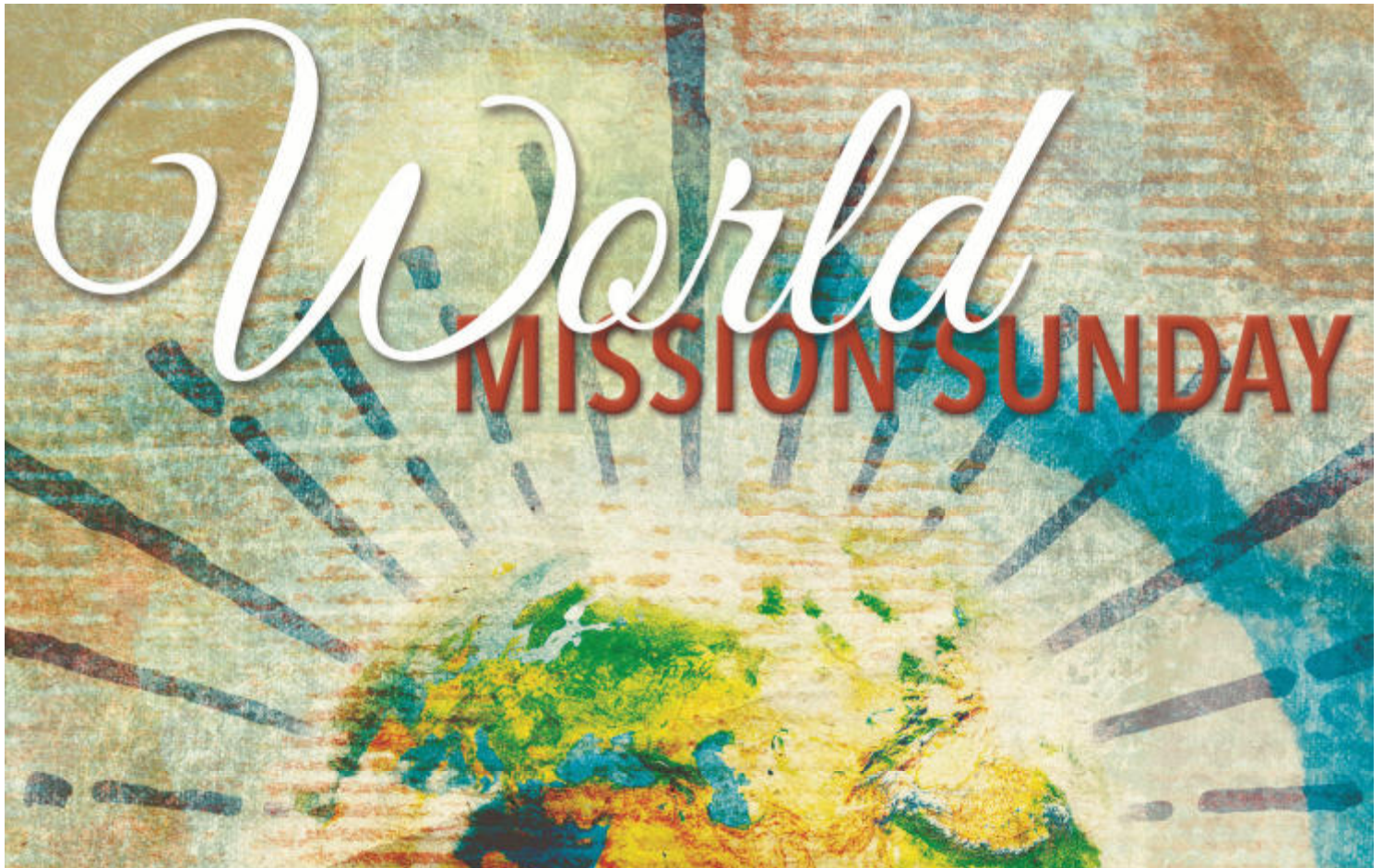


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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 6:00 PM; Sunday: 9:00 AM

Daily

Mass (Tuesday & Friday): 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 10:00-11:00 AM
(At St. Augustine 3:00-3:45 PM)

Holy Day Masses

As announced

Priests' Residence

St. Mary Rectory
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If you are a visitor or if you are new to our parish, we welcome you. If you would like to become a member of our parish, you may call the parish office, contact us by e-mail or return this form by mail or by placing it in the offertory collection.

This form may also be used for change of address or to request a call from a member of our staff.

Name _____

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☐ New parishioner ☐ Change of address ☐ Please contact me

Linwood/Uxbridge, Massachusetts

**Saturday, October 23**

6:00 PM Leo, Margaret & Paul Fitzpatrick
by Mary Fitzpatrick

Sunday, October 24

9:00 AM Joan St. Andre by Ann DiCrescentis

Tuesday, October 26

9:00 AM Shirley Maynard by Joyce Paquette

Friday, October 29

9:00AM The People of Good Shepherd

Saturday, October 30

6:00 PM Ray Colonero (11th anniv.) by his family

Sunday, October 31

9:00 AM The People of Good Shepherd

Liturgical Roles October 30 & 31**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

6:00 PM P. Berthelette, M. Landry

9:00 AM S. Joanis, J. Paquette

Lectors

6:00 PM J. Hauge

9:00 AM P. Joanis

Altar Servers

6:00 PM D. Rousseau

9:00 AM A. Thompson

Ushers/Greeters

6:00 PM L. Carter, G. White

9:00 AM B. Pomfret, R. Poulin

Readings for the week of October 24, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/
Mk 10:46-52

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 [21a]/
Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3a]/
Lk 13:18-21

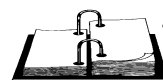
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6 [6a]/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5a]/Lk 6:12-16

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a,
14-15, 17-18 [14a]/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/
Mk 12:28b-34

**The Week Ahead**

Sunday, October 24	9:00 AM	Mass
	10:15 AM	Religious Ed. (OLV school)
Tuesday, October 26	9:00 AM	Mass
	5:00 PM	TOPS (Parish Center)
Wednesday, October 27	5:00 PM	Finance mtg. (St. Mary's parish ctr.)
Thursday, October 28	7:00 PM	Bible Study (Parish Center)
Friday, October 29	9:00 AM	Mass
Saturday, October 30	10:00 AM	Confessions (Church)
	4:00 PM	Bible Study (Parish Center)
Sunday, October 31	6:00 PM	Mass
	9:00 AM	Mass
	10:15 AM	Religious Ed (OLV school)

All Saints' Day is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, because it falls on a Monday. Nonetheless, for those who wish to observe the solemnity, Mass will be celebrated on **Monday, November 1 at 9:00am at Saint Augustine and 5:00pm at Good Shepherd.**

Masses for **All Soul's Day, Tuesday, November 2, will be celebrated at 9:00am at Good Shepherd and 5:00pm at Saint Augustine.**

We are currently looking for volunteers who would be interested in serving as lectors, altar servers, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and church decorators. If you're interested in helping in any of these capacities, please contact the office. A note for all existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: All Extraordinary Ministers' commissions must be renewed by the Bishop's Office and new training is required. If you would like to continue to be able to serve as an Extraordinary Minister at Mass or to the homebound, we will be in touch when training dates are set.

Good Shepherd Parish is holding its Holiday Fair on Saturday, November 13 from 9am-1pm. Once again we are offering the popular meat pies. Meat pies must be pre-ordered and paid for by October 23/24. Order sheets with the details are available on the back table.



For those of you that advertise our Holiday Fair on your lawn, the signs are available to be picked up at the main entrance of the church.

Mary Chapel

The Mary Chapel will be open for private prayer on Monday & Wednesday from 9am-3pm and Friday from 9am-Noon.



**October 24 10:15 AM Religious Ed.
(OLV School)**

**8th Annual Celebrate Priesthood
Taste of the Diocese Gala**

For the past 7 years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called “**Celebrate Priesthood—Taste of the Diocese**” as a benefit for Retired Priest’s Care. We cannot let a year go by without pausing to reflect on the gift of the priesthood in the lives of all Catholics. On **Thursday, October 28, 2021** we are planning an in-person **Taste of the Diocese** event preceded by live presentations to be streamed online for those who cannot gather with us in person. We are excited to announce a new venue for this year! **Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School** will host our tasting event in the newly refurbished Gymnasium and the live Presentations will be streamed on the internet from the Burke Auditorium. Attendees can attend both events or simply drop in at any time for the tasting in the Gymnasium. To make a donation, buy tickets for Taste of the Diocese, or to get more information to place an advertisement, visit worcesterdioocese.org or call Michael Gillespie at 508-929-4368

The Finance Committee will be meeting Wednesday, October 27 at 5:00pm at St. Mary’s Parish Center in the Conference room.



SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

Weekend of October 16 & 17

Regular \$2228; Electronic \$533; Utilities \$215; Candles \$25;
Parish Savings \$105; Parish Rel. Ed. \$110; Hall Rental \$150;
Reimbursement St. A.’s \$117.75; Holiday Fair Meat Pies \$350;
Holiday Fair Lunch Donation \$200;

Total Envelopes: 70

*(The participation of all is very important
and is appreciated by the whole community)*

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!” We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It’s all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that “to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement.” We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God’s mercy is always available. It doesn’t matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God’s, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

Lighter Side

Call Ahead

Father John was nervous when he cast Jimmy, the middle school class clown, as Joseph in the annual Christmas pageant. His fears were realized when Jimmy decided to do a little improvisation by pulling out his cell phone in the pageant’s opening scene.

The astonished priest, who was narrating, asked, “What are you doing with your phone?”

Jimmy smiled and replied, “This year I’m phoning that inn to make a reservation!”

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