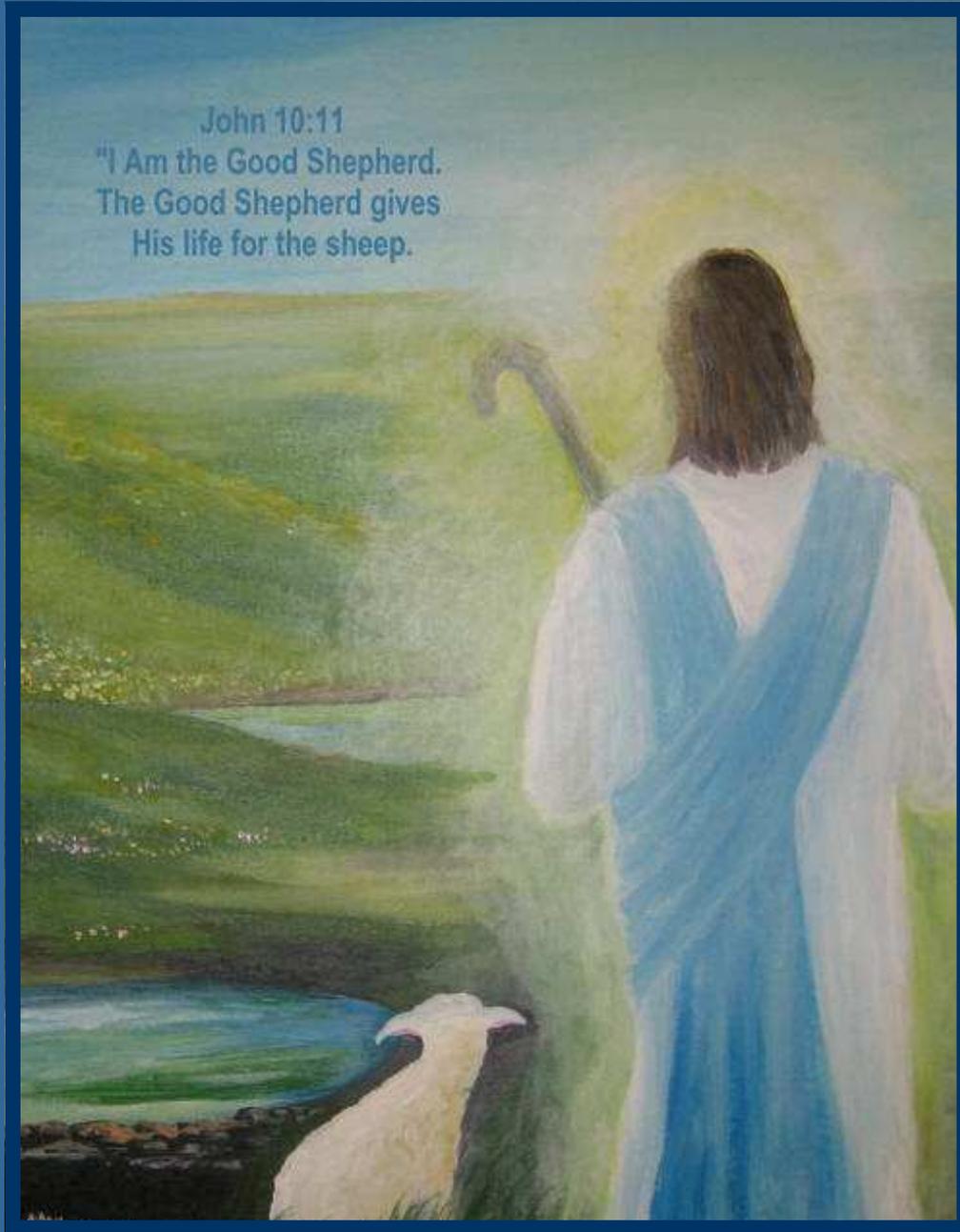


Our Lady of Grace Parish

Dunstable, Groton, Pepperell, MA



4th Sunday of Easter April 26, 2015

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OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH
 OF
 DUNSTABLE, GROTON & PEPPERELL

We are glad you joined us today!

OUR TWO WORSHIP SITES



*St. James Church
West Groton*

*St. Joseph Church
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St. James Church
13 St. James Ave.
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 Web Site: www.ourladyofgracema.org

St. Joseph Church
28 Tarbell Street
Pepperell, MA 01463

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9a.m. - 5p.m.

For a *Sacramental Emergency*, please call the office and select ext. 302 and leave a message and Fr. Bob will get right back to you.

Parish Staff

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Liturgy Schedule

At Saint James Church
 Sunday: 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

At Saint Joseph Church

Weekday Mornings: Wed, Thurs, Fri 8:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month:
 5:30 p.m. Rel. Ed. Mass For CY1 & CY2
 & Families

Confessions: 3:00—3:30 PM at St. Joseph Church
 or by appointment with the Pastor.

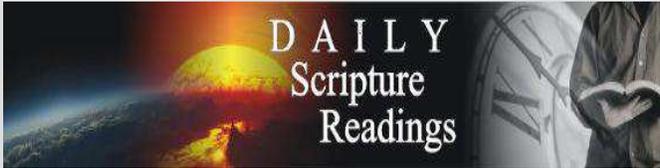
Information regarding any sacraments, (Baptism,
 Marriage, Anointing) please check our website or
 call the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	DATE	TIME	IN MEMORY/HONOR OF	REQUESTED BY
Saturday	April 25	4:00 PM	Joseph Ribeiro, Sr. Joseph Ribeiro, Jr.	Janet Ribeiro (Wife & Mother)
Sunday	April 26	11:30 AM	Ann Fairweather	The Fairweather Family
Sunday	May 3	9:30 AM	James Gleason	Dcn. Mark Markham

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

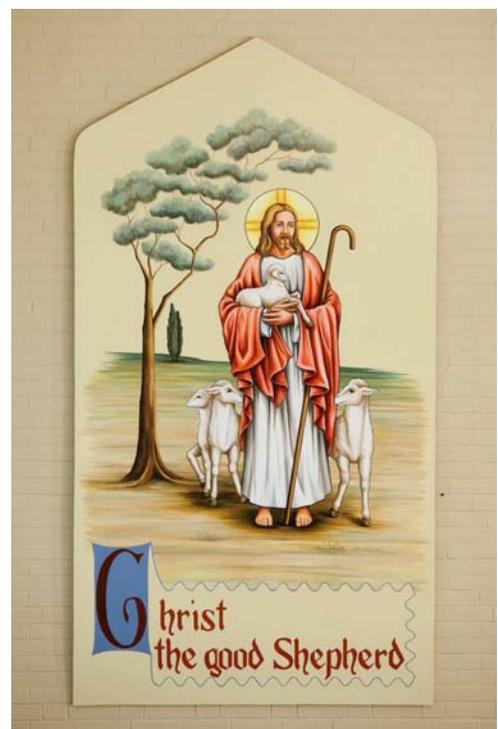
DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday	April 26	4:00 PM	Confirmation Ceremony 1 Rec. & Pen. Service/Rehearsal	St. Joseph Church
Wednesday	April 29	2:00 PM	Legion of Mary	Private Residence
Thursday	April 30	11:00 AM	Rosary & Communion	RiverCourt Residences
Friday	May 1	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	Confirmation Ceremony 1 -gather Sacrament of Confirmation	St. Joseph Hall St. Joseph Church
Sat/Sun	May 2/3	All Masses	2nd Collection for My Father's House	Both Churches
Sunday	May 3	4:00 PM	Confirmation Ceremony 2 Rec. & Pen. Service/Rehearsal	St. Joseph Church



DAILY
Scripture
Readings

Scripture for the week of April 26, 2015

26 SUN Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
 27 Mon Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
 28 Tue Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
 29 Wed Acts 12:24-13:5a/Jn 12:44-50
 30 Thu Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20
 1 Fri Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
 2 Sat Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
 3 SUN Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8





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**Kept in Our Lady of Grace Parish
Month of March 2015**

	ACTUALS 2014/2015	BUDGET 2014/2015	DIFF
Offertory collected at Mass	\$ 27,078		
ONLINE Offertory 3/1-31/2015	<u>\$ 9,294</u>		
Total Offertory	\$ 36,372	\$ 30,083	\$ 6,289
NEW Parish Monthly Collection	\$ 3,400	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,900
NEW Annual Fuel Collection	\$ 4,980	\$ 00	\$ 4,980
Mass Offerings	\$ 320		
Baptism Offerings	\$ 50		
Wedding Offerings	\$ 877		
Funeral Offerings	<u>\$ 2,544</u>		
Total Sacramental Offerings	\$ 3,791	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,791
Easter Flowers	\$ 1,430		
Altar Memorial Flowers	<u>\$ 50</u>		
Total Flowers	\$ 1,480	\$ 100	\$ 1,380
Book Payment	\$ 140	\$ 00	\$ 140
Use of Hall donations	<u>\$ 00</u>	<u>\$ 50</u>	<u>(\$ 50)</u>
TOTAL	\$ 50,163	\$ 33,733	\$ 16,430
<i>Offertory to date</i>	<i>\$267,518</i>	<i>\$270,751</i>	<i>(\$ 3,233)</i>
<i>Grand Annual to date</i>	<i>\$ 59,545</i>	<i>\$ 50,000</i>	<i>\$ 9,545</i>
<i>Annual Fuel Collection to date</i>	<i>\$ 23,134</i>	<i>\$ 25,000</i>	<i>(\$ 1,866)</i>

Would you consider increasing your weekly offering by a few dollars? Even that small amount will make a difference. Thanks!

Sent outside the parish

- PACH \$150
- Africa, Central & Eastern Europe \$60
- Fr. Stephen-Uganda \$10
- Easter-Clergy Health & Retirement \$60
- Good Friday-Holy Land \$4

Special Collections for April 2015

- April 5 Easter - Clergy Health & Retirement Fund** - the Easter Collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests of the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church and you. Please be generous to this important collection.
- April 12 Parish Monthly 2nd Collection** - 100% stays in parish - to help reduce our parish offertory shortfall and a percentage towards the care and maintenance of our parish cemetery, St. Joseph Cemetery on Jersey Street in Pepperell
- April 26 Military, Home Missions, Black & Native American Collection** - supports three important national Catholic missions. The Military Archdiocese collection provides for Catholic chaplains throughout the world for American servicemen and servicewomen. The home Missions collection subsidizes the evangelization and formation activities of mission dioceses. The Black and Native American collection strengthens evangelization and outreach programs that serve the Native American, Alaska Native, and Black Catholic communities in the United States. For more info, please visit:
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www.usccb.org/catholic-giving/opportunities-for-giving/catholic-home-missions-appeal/index.cfm
www.blackandindianmission.org



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**2nd
Collection
Next
Weekend To
Support**

**My Father's House and
Life Saver Ministries**

For more information,
www.lifesaverministries.org



Below is a very moving story of a young woman's experience through My Father's House that transformed her family's life for the better. Next weekend, there will be a 2nd Collection to support My Father's House. Please be as generous as you can. Thank You

My name is Amanda. I am 22 years old and I am a child of a mother who lived in My Father's House. Before Kevin and Cathie had the house in Chelmsford, they went around to churches talking about shepherding homes for teen mothers.

My mom was 14 when she got pregnant with me. Shortly after my mom found out she was pregnant, so did my maternal grandmother. My grandmother went to the ministry and asked them for help getting my mother to and from appointments. That is when Kevin and Cathie introduced my pregnant mother to a wonderful family who helped my mom with getting to appointments, saving money and teaching her the basic life skills that come with being a single mother.

I was born on October 20th 1992. From what I'm told, I was the second child born into the ministry. After my birth, the shepherding family that helped my mother out before I was born still continued to be there for me and my mother. On February 9th 1993 due to some family reasons my mother and I ended up moving into the shepherding family's house, where they raised my mother as their child and me as their grandchild. We were never made to feel like we weren't part of the family.

This amazing family helped my mother continue high school, where she eventually graduated, save money and eventually get her own apartment and car! In 1997, my mother got pregnant with my brother. His father was extremely abusive, so my mother contacted Kevin and Cathie again. At this point they had purchased a house and were taking young mothers in. They agreed to let us move into My Father's House where we stayed for about a year until my mother could get her feet back on the ground.

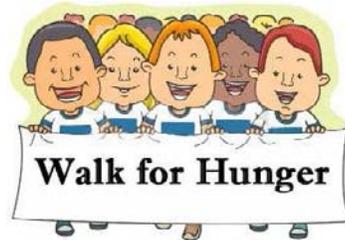
My Father's House has played an amazing role in my life, even at a very young age. I look back now, and I think where would my mother, my brother and I be if My Father's House never came into our lives. I know I would not be the same person I am today!

Still to this day, I talk to and spend time with our shepherding family, I consider them my grandparents and would find myself lost if I lost them! My Father's House gave me an amazing support system. Kevin and Cathie and their biological kids I consider family and have ALWAYS been there for me or my mother in our times of need or achievement! I could never be more thankful for the things My Father's House and their staff have given me.

PARISH HAPPENINGS



Our Lady of Grace **Walking the WALK!** **Project Bread: Walk for Hunger** **Sunday May 3, 2015**



Come join Our Lady of Grace Team in this year's Walk for Hunger!! The 47th annual walk will be held on Sunday May 3, and this marks the 10th consecutive year our Parish will be sending a Team.

The Walk for Hunger, sponsored by Project Bread, is the oldest continual pledge walk in the country and the largest area event to relieve local hunger. Every May, over 40,000 people walk all or part of a 20-mile course through Greater Boston, earning the pledges they have collected to support Project Bread's fresh approach to ending hunger in our state.

If interested in walking or if you would like more information on the event, please contact Vincent Pinque at [978-448-6071](tel:978-448-6071) or vincentpinque@charter.net. You can also join Our Lady of Grace Team on-line at http://support.projectbread.org/site/TR/Walk/General?team_id=76710&pg=team&fr_id=1250

Free Round Trip bus transportation to & from the event provided by OLOG.



Knights' Corner

Save the Date! **Sunday May 17th.**

The second annual Parish Ice Cream Social is coming to St. James after the 11:30 Mass. More details in the coming weeks.



Ice Cream Social

All welcome to *Our Lady of Grace Parish* Electronic Recycle Day **Sat May 9th from 9.00 a.m. to 2.00pm at 28 Tarbell Street (St. Joseph Parking Lot)**

Accepting all electronics to include monitors, computers, computer games, stereo equipment, copy and fax machines, printers, microwaves, dehumidifiers, TV's, any item that as a plug.

We are also accepting any appliances, such as AC's, washers, dryers, stoves,

refrigerators as well as lawn mowers, snow blowers with the gas removed, exercise equipment and grills.

The recycle event will have low fees of \$5 each for computer, \$10 any monitor or small TV less than 19", \$15 each TV between 19" and 26" and \$20 each TV over 26" wide and wood console TV's, projection TV's \$25 each TV 32" and over \$30. .

Any appliance are \$10 each large refrigerators \$25. Any cell phones, bikes car, truck batteries are free, as well as any scrap metal. Zero landfill.

Any question J.wood36@yahoo.com



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



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Daily Mass

For the week of May 3, 2015 the Priests presiding on the televised Mass are*:

Sunday May 3 – Father Reed, The CatholicTV Network
Monday May 4 – Father Nestor, Hingham
Tuesday May 5 – Father Cannon, Hopkinton
Wednesday May 6 – Father Connors, Watertown
Thursday May 7 – Father O'Driscoll, Rockland
Friday May 8 – Father Suarez, Brockton
Saturday May 9 – Father Reed, The CatholicTV Network

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Room is still available for the Summer Program at Northeast Catholic College in Warner, NH! The Collegiate Summer Program offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips including hiking and canoeing. The program is for students who will be entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2015. It is also open to students who have just graduated high school. The Collegiate Summer Program is a two-week session that runs from

Sunday, July 26 – Saturday, August 8, 2015.

Register today at www.NortheastCatholic.edu!

For more information, contact the admissions office at admissions@northeastcatholic.edu or 603.456.2656.

Programming Highlights week of May 3, 2015 Bulletin Blurbs

We are grateful to you for sharing this information with your parishioners

Catholic TV Presents highlights special programming from our partners. This week CatholicTV will air, "Benedict XVI: Love Affair with the Truth" to honor Pope emeritus Benedict XVI. Watch this program on Monday, at 10:30pm, Thursday at 5pm, Friday at 2:20pm and Saturday at 3:30am. *CatholicTV Showcase* features special programs, movies and documentaries relevant to the time of year, as well as honoring feast days. *Bishop Fulton j. Sheen: A Man for All Seasons: Spring* is this week's Program. It will feature his insights on the feasts and holidays during the spring. His birthday is May 8th. Watch this program on Friday 9:30pm EST and Saturday at 1pm.

NEW! Catholics Come Home– This month CatholicTV Network premieres a moving television series, recorded on location in more than a dozen locales across North America. This series joins host, Tom Peterson, who conducts interviews with individuals. These individuals recently came home to the Catholic Church as a result of seeing one of the campaign's evangelicals or visited the interactive website, CatholicsComeHome.org and answering the call of the Holy Spirit. Tune in Monday at 9pm, Wednesday at 1pm and Friday at 2am & 3:30pm.
[Catholics Come Home Show Page](#)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The gospel says "But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God". Let your marriage live in truth and works through God.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are May 1 – 3, 2015, May 29 – 31, 2015 and July 10 – 12, 2015.

In the first reading it says "I will be their God, and they shall be my people." God wants to be invited into your marriage. For more information call Jim and Elaine Richard at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwme.org



The Story of The Good Shepherd For Children



THE GOOD SHEPHERD

In Palestine, at the time of Jesus, there were many, many sheep. The shepherds who cared for them often knew every sheep in their flocks. Sometimes they could call each one by its name.

Imagine an early morning at a sheepfold in Palestine in those days:

The door of the sheepfold opens, and out comes the shepherd. His rough sheepskin mantle is thrown over his shoulders and he carries a long crook or staff.

One by one the sheep come through the gate and follow the shepherd. He knows where there is a fine pasture filled with green grass. A sparkling stream of cool water ripples across the green field. It is

a long way to that pasture. The sheep will have to travel through a lonesome, rocky valley before they reach it. But the shepherd goes before them.

The pasture is reached at last. How the lambs frolic about! All day long the sheep and lambs stay in this beautiful pasture.

At last the shepherd looks at the sky. It is late afternoon, and a storm is coming. The sheep are a long way from home and the sheepfold. He calls to them, and they know his voice. Off they move homeward.

The gatekeeper is watching for them. He opens the door of the sheepfold when he sees them coming. The shepherd stands by the open



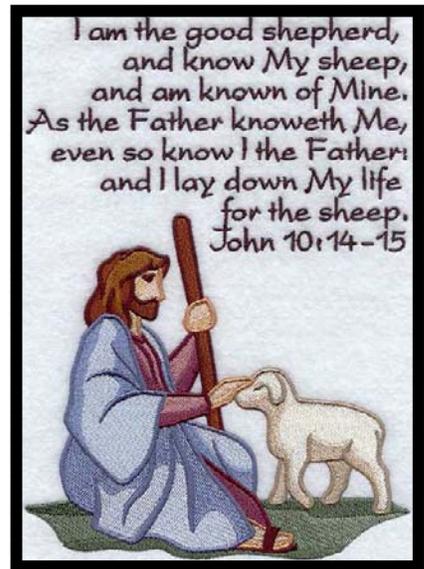
THE SHEPHERD LEAVING THE SHEEPFOLD FOR THE GREEN PASTURE

“Ninety-seven, ninety-eight, ninety-nine—” Then he drops his staff and exclaims, “Only ninety-nine! One must be lost. I had a hundred sheep this morning.”

Off he goes in the darkness and storm, calling the one missing sheep by name as he feels his way along the rough valley. He stops. A faint sound reaches his ear. The lost sheep must have taken shelter in some cave among the rocks. The shepherd follows the sound of its voice. He finds the sheep, picks it up, and starts for the sheepfold.

As soon as the shepherd reaches the fold in safety, he calls his friends together.

“I have found my sheep!” he tells them. “Rejoice with me; for I have



door with his shepherd’s staff raised. One by one, the sheep and lambs pass under his staff and through the gate into the fold. Hear the shepherd counting the sheep as they pass in,



found my sheep which was lost.” And his friends are glad, and rejoice with him.

How happy the listening people must have been when Jesus told them that God was like a good shepherd hunting for his lost sheep, and that God rejoiced more over wicked people who became good than over all the people who thought themselves perfect.

Jesus knew that a good shepherd loved each one of his flock. “I am the Good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine,” He told the people. And He told them that like a good shepherd He, too, was ready to lay down his life for his sheep.



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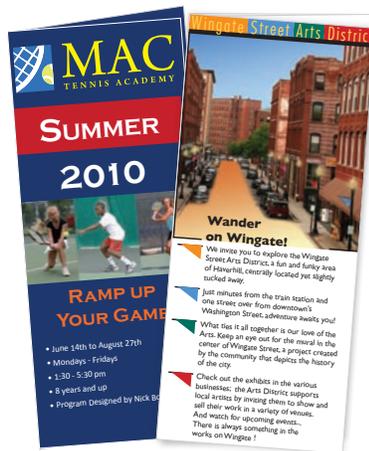
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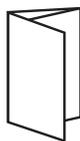


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