

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 15:

4:00 p.m. (Good Shepherd)
5:15 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Brazilian)

Sunday, December 16:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
10:00 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
11:00 a.m. (St. Stanislaus)
11:30 a.m. (Good Shepherd, Portuguese)
12:30 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Spanish)

Monday, December 17:

12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Tuesday, December 18:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Wednesday, December 19:

12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
6:00 p.m. (St. Stanislaus)

Thursday, December 20:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Friday, December 21:

12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
6:00 p.m. (St. Stanislaus)

Saturday, December 22:

4:00 p.m. (Good Shepherd)
5:15 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Brazilian)

Sunday, December 23:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
10:00 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
11:00 a.m. (St. Stanislaus)
11:30 a.m. (Good Shepherd, Portuguese)
12:30 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Spanish)

Third Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

Mariana Velho
Mary E. (Juliette) McNally
Brazilian Community

Third Sunday of Advent

Claire Berube & William X Murray Jr
James F. Noverca Sr.
In Memory of Mary Knapinski; Vincenza Perrotti
Jovina & Bento Sousa & Family
Spanish Community

Advent Weekday

Emma Francis

Advent Weekday

José Pereira
Fr. Francis X. Wallace

Advent Weekday

People of the Parish
For the people of the parish

Advent Weekday

Jaime & Maria DaPonte
Eileen M. Geary

Advent Weekday

Msgr. John Moore
Retire priests

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

Daniel Robillard Sr 21st Anniversary
Dr. Edward Doherty D.D.S.
Brazilian Community

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Antonio M Dias & Manuel DeSousa
Frank and Sophie Stefanik
St Vincent DePaul Anniversary
Joao M Silva
Spanish Community

The Sanctuary Lamp (St. Mary's Cathedral) burns in loving memory of the Souls in Purgatory

The Sanctuary Lamp (Good Shepherd): Paul G. Arruda

The Our Lady of Angels (Good Shepherd): For parishioners of St Anne's, Holy Cross, and Holy Rosary

The Sanctuary Lamp (St. Stanislaus): In Thanksgiving for all Graces & Blessings received (Valerie A Butler)

Divine Mercy (St. Stanislaus): Anthony & Sophie Dubiel (Barbara)

Our Lady of Czestochowa (St. Stanislaus): In Thanksgiving for all Graces & Blessings received (Rita Cabral)

Pope St. John Paul (St. Stanislaus): Birthday Intentions of Father Johnson

SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY

If school is canceled, all Masses and church functions are canceled. Office is closed. If school is delayed, morning Masses (Good Shepherd) are canceled, noon Mass (Cathedral) and evening Masses (St. Stanislaus) will take place as usual. Office opening is delayed. If snow occurs on the weekend, Sunday Masses (and Saturday Vigils), will take place as scheduled, but please use your best judgment and be safe.



PRAYER for the THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT:

Rejoice! Joy is all around us and our celebration of Advent calls us to discover it. The joy that the Scripture passages speak about is a joy that comes from a security with our God, those around us, and our place in the world. It is the joy Isaiah describes when he writes, "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is a joy that comes from our living faith in a living God. It is the joy we feel as we approach the birth of our Savior and remember the awesome beauty of what happened on that cold Bethlehem night.

THE SHEPHERD'S CORNER

GOD IS DOING SOMETHING NEW! Last weekend was such a beautiful celebration. I soaked in every moment of the Mass of my official installation as rector of the Cathedral and administrator of Good Shepherd and St. Stanislaus churches. As I expressed at the end of that Mass, I am so deeply grateful to everyone who helped to make the celebration such a beautiful one.

But, let me say a word today about why I asked the Bishop to come and be with us for the Mass of installation. That Mass itself is not a necessary part of taking up a new role of leadership. All of the technical parts of that were accomplished with the Bishop issued my official assignment and its effective date, October 31st, came to pass. The Mass is a way of ritualizing that which was already canonically effective.

But most importantly, I wanted this Mass to symbolize not something for me personally in ministry, but something for us as a community of faith coming together in this new collaborative effort as the Catholic Community of Central Fall River. I was so pleased to see members from all of our communities present. We had servers from each of the churches, staff and volunteers, and regular parishioners. There were also people present from the churches recently closed – St. Anne, St. Bernadette, Holy Cross, and Holy Rosary. This was the beginning of our new process of growth.

Bishop da Cunha blessed us with a wonderful and challenging homily, and reminded us that just as in the life of St. John the Baptist so long ago, today for us as well, “God is doing something new.” He told us that John’s mission has become our mission. John’s mission was the proclamation of Christ and His saving power in our lives. Our task is to take up that message once again with a renewed vigor and enthusiasm so that we can preach it both internally and externally.

Let us make Bishop da Cunha’s challenge to us our new mission statement. He called us first to PRAY, to always call upon God no matter what happens. He called us to HAVE HOPE that nothing is impossible for those who believe. And to have STRENGTH because with God all things are possible.

My friends, God wants to do something new with us and through us. Let us give all that we have, all that we are, so that with God will we truly be renewed.

Peace, love, and prayers,

Fr. Tom

OUR FORMED SUBSCRIPTION

Please visit Formed and explore the wonderful collection of movies, talks, books, and programs sharing the beauty and wonder of our Catholic faith. There’s something for everyone — adults, teens and children, those who new to the faith and those seeking to deepen their knowledge. Best of all, it’s FREE. Watch or listen on your phone, computer, tablet, or television. Go to goodshepherd.formed.org to register for your free account today!



12/9

St. Mary's Cathedral
 Weekly: \$1,497
 Religious Retirement Fund: \$563
 Immaculate Conception: \$367
 Spanish Ministry: \$264
 Brazilian Ministry: \$163

Saint Stanislaus
 12/2 HVAC: \$2,580

Good Shepherd
 Weekly: \$2,572
 Share in the Care: \$849
 Immaculate Conception: \$790

Welcome to all new parishioners or those who might be visiting our parish. Please introduce yourself after Mass or stop by the Parish office during office hours.

CATHEDRAL RELIEF SERVICES:

As you can see, we were able to stock our shelves once again with parishioner generosity & support. To be sure with the colder temps and weather conditions, our distribution numbers could increase, so we are depending on your generosity to continue. We are also fortunate to have some folks outside of our parish that are supporting our effort as well. There is a knitting group that are providing hats, scarves and mittens too. May God bless all our donors and please pray for our patrons that they are safe, fed and comfortable during the winter season. Items needed are pasta & sauce, peanut butter & jelly, cereal ,oatmeal, canned pasta, tuna, instant mashed potatoes , canned potatoes. We are most grateful to the St. Stanislaus school community for their generous donations of non perishable items. We were able to assist 5 needy parish families with a Thanksgiving meal from monetary donations on holydays throughout the year. We prepared 98 bags for distribution and we distributed 48 bags. Our next distribution will be on **Sunday, December 30, 8 to 9:30 am**. We will stock the shelves on December 13 & December 20 and prepare distribution bags on December 27 immediately following the 12:05 Mass. Help is greatly appreciated. May you have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

Food Pantry at Good Shepherd

Donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries are always welcome. The food pantry is available to anyone in need by appointment. Please call the parish office.

HELP WITH ALTAR LINENS The Cathedral is looking for a volunteer to cleanse and iron the altar linens used for Mass each week. If you are able to assist with this service to our liturgy, please contact Fr. Tom (frtomw@gmail.com or 508-673-2833).

Altar Servers needed!

Any child (girl or boy) in Grade 3 and above who are interested in being more involved in the Mass are asked to consider becoming an altar server. For more details, please call the parish office or see Father Washburn.

If you are interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister please contact the parish office.

Respect Life Ministry

"Each according to his or her possibilities, profession and responsibilities, should feel in themselves an obligation to love and serve life, from its beginning to its natural end. It is, in fact, everyone's duty to welcome human life as a gift to be respected, protected and promoted, even more so when it is fragile and in need of attention and care, either before birth or when it is in its final stages." ~ Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Address, Feb. 3, 2008

Respect life Prayer Intention For all the faithful; may the Lord grant them the grace to persevere in promoting a culture of life in vigilant expectation of Christ's return. All Are Invited!

The next Respect Life Prayer Service will be Saturday, January 5th at 8:45 a.m. at St. Stanislaus Church. The service is followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Prayer Intentions

Priscilla Barton, MaryJane W., Alice Gauthier, Crystal Bedal, Ricky Nobrega, Rita Cabral, Rebekah Ponte, Kim & Anne Fischer, Beatrice Moniz, Michael Facchini, Rose Facchini, Patricia O'Brien, Anne Marie Hallisey, Kathleen Correia, Pat Cabral, Barbara Howard, Ann & Bob Zygiel, Penny & Joe Bucko, Donald Vezina, Kim Dias, Fernanda Dias, Floyd Fischer, John Romero Jr., Eddie Gravel, Anne Varley, Patricia O'Brien, Kelly O'Brien, Alyssa Camara, Claire Carreiro, Joanne Soares, Edward Gavin, Anne Cournoyer, Teri Stewart, Wyatt Boulais, Julie Sousa, Tom Sousa, Mary Ann Araujo, Margaret Pietraszek, Teri Dias, Abigail Tavaras, Jillian Lowney, Bruno Teixeira, and Braydyn Bentley Dias, Christine Barboza RIP, Francisco Silva, Val Monteiro, Bobby Rozycki, Eddie Gravel, John Romero Jr., Jeannie Quinn, Kevin Soares, Marlene Harrington, Patricia O'Brien, Kelly O'Brien, Francis Pacheco, Bob Pereira, Luis Raposo, John T. Haggerty, Barbie Canuel, Paul Canuel, Carter Wheeler, Joyce, Barbara Simcock, Patience Raposa, Colt Raposa, Dan Rego, Pat Wilson, Cookie, Herman Costa, Kevin Cartin, Paula King, Richard Moniz, Greg Moniz, Pauline Grocott, Pam Almeida, Kenneth Copsetta, and Sarah Steen

In Thanksgiving for all graces and blessings received.
To request prayers for a loved one call the parish office at 508-678-7412

Prayer Line/Book

Anyone interested in joining our prayer line to pray for those in need please call the parish office.
To request prayers please call 774-955-0409

Parishioners in the Armed Services-If you know any parishioner serving in the Armed Forces or a Veteran please email or call the parish office.
Patrick Rioux Sr. Retired

"Almighty God and Father, hold our service men and women in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for their selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

LaSalette Shrine Festival of Lights Mass Times:

Regular Mass Times: Monday – Friday: 12:10 and 4:00 pm
Saturday – Sunday 12:10pm, 4:00 pm, and 5:30 PM

Reconciliation: Daily 1:00 to 5:00 pm
Tuesdays and Saturdays (Portuguese-Spanish) 2:30-4p.m.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Advent Giving Tree, Christmas trees will be displayed at the main entrance of the Cathedral & near the altar in Our Lady's chapel beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2. Tags will be displayed with items requested for this project, please take a tag or tags, purchase the item requested and return the item in a Christmas gift bag with the tag attached. All items MUST be returned by December 23 so we can distribute the items during the Christmas season. The recipients this year will be patrons of our parish food pantry and our local veterans center. Thank you in advance for your participation in this worthwhile project. May you all have a blessed Advent season. There is also a tree at Good Shepherd Parish which items will be donated to Catholic Social Services.

TWELVE DAYS of CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

December 15 and December 22—“Eleven Drummers

Drumming” Need a last minute Christmas gift? Consider buying a raffle ticket instead of a state lottery ticket as a stocking stuffer and support our parish fundraiser with the possibility of winning 13 great prizes-cash, restaurant and gift certificates, PC basketball tickets, theatre tickets and unique handcrafted items. Entries with more information can be found at the doors of the Cathedral and online at www.cathedralfallriver.com

“Angels of Love”

Once again Good Shepherd will be encircling the Church during the time of Advent and Christmas with the names of those people closest to our hearts on our “Angels of Love”. Each “Angel” can be purchased for \$3.00 and can be used to remember anyone either living or deceased. Forms are on the table in the connector. Just fill out the form, place it in an envelope with payment and either drop it into the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory.

CAROLING, CAROLING . . .

Everyone is invited to join in a caroling festivity on Sunday afternoon, December 30 (the Feast of the Holy Family) starting in the Cathedral at 2 p.m. and continuing at the neighborhood apartment buildings. The music will be familiar, and no special talent is expected of the singers. Instruments are welcome. Following the caroling there will be refreshments at the Cathedral parish hall in the school.

Holy Rosary Sodality at Good Shepherd Parish will be having a Bake Sale Dec 22nd and Dec 23rd before and after all Masses in the conference room.

Donations are welcome!



UPCOMING MEETINGS

On January 15, 2019 @ 6:30 pm - Cathedral relief services and at 7:00 pm - Cathedral fundraising/ social activities. These meetings will be held in the Cathedral rectory. New members and ideas are always welcome. A blessed and Holy Advent & Christmas season to all!

Anyone willing to help decorate the Cathedral for Christmas is cordially invited on Sunday, December 22nd around 2pm. We are most grateful to anyone who can give their time and energy to help make the Cathedral a festive place for the celebration of Christmas and the New Year.

Holy Rosary Sodality

The Holy Rosary Prayer Intention for December : That we may all grow in Grace, Humility, and Charity.

Beginning on December 5, the Rosary will be prayed at 5:30pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings prior to Mass. All are Welcome!

For information in English or Portuguese call Norma 508-496-0199

Saint Stanislaus December Prayer Intention: For the grace to welcome the presence and peace of Jesus that comes to us through the Motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and that the Church hierarchy receives the Holy Spirit's grace to faithfully lead the Church.

**Prayer Group at Good Shepherd
Monday and Wednesday nights 7:00-9:00pm in the
Conference Room**

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Tuesday, January 8th 12:00pm-3:00pm in the Good Shepherd hall, bring a lunch.

If you would like to join the prayer blanket ministry or to request a blanket please contact Joan Burda 508-679-6186

**Bible Study at Good Shepherd
Will resume on Tuesdays at 3:30pm in January**

Shepherding the Homebound

Through home visits, reassuring phone calls and sending cards or letters on a regular basis, our ministers will engage the elderly/homebound through conversation and social support. Volunteers who are Eucharistic Ministers can deliver the Holy Eucharist to those who ask. Our intent is to visit those in Nursing Homes as well as those restricted to their own homes. Homebound includes those parishioners who cannot easily get out of their homes due to temporary or chronic illness. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Lector please call the parish office. You do not need to have a special need to ask for a visitor.

Please contact the parish office if you would like to be a visitor or you would like to request a visit.



Year of The Visitation of The Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa Icon Visitation dates have been extended through December 2018

12/1-12/8 Paiva Family; 12/8-12/15 Seseske Family
12/15-12/22 Denita Tremblay; 12/22-12/29 Botelho Family;
12/29-1/1 Chekares Family

Being a host family requires only that you honor Our Lady through prayer during your host week. You can bring her to your home following the 11:00am Mass (Sunday) at Saint Stanislaus. Return must be before the 11:00am Mass the following Sunday. A lighter icon of Our Lady is available in the sacristy. You may choose either one. Any questions contact: Denita Tremblay 401-624-9680

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION NIGHT

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, Bishop of Fall River, has authorized the formation of a new class for Permanent Deacons beginning in the spring of 2019. Those interested in pursuing the vocation of the diaconate are invited to submit a preliminary application. Additional details and a preliminary application is available on our website—fallriverdeacons.com. A final informational meeting will be held on January 17, 2019 at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Center, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford at 7:00 p.m. Questions? Call 508-990-0341 or visit office@frpermanentdiaconate.com.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM

The Diocesan Marriage Preparation program needs more team couples—both newly married and veterans (age is not a consideration). We constantly hear from those working in the program, how much they get out of their involvement. They meet in three locations: Mansfield, Dartmouth and Dennisport on Cape Cod. In each location there is a team of volunteers that facilitate three to five sessions per year. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, please email or call the Office of Faith Formation at bbonneau@dfrcs.org or call 508-678-2828, #13.

ADULT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A program to prepare adults for complete reception into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation (RCIA) as well as adults looking only for Confirmation, will begin in the Cathedral rectory on January 12, 2019, and will end before Easter. Classes will run from 3:00-4:00 each Saturday (excepting inclement weather) and costs nothing. If you are interested, please call the rectory before January 12th and leave a contact number, or see Deacon Peter Cote after any of the Cathedral Masses. Thank you.

Save the Date: The Fall River Diocese 2019 Women and Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at Stonehill

College in Easton. Response over the past two years has been very positive to this one-day Lenten program that features noted speakers, music, Mass, fellowship and more. So, please mark your 2019 calendar now and watch for details on the Women and Men's Conference in the coming months.

Seniors' News

Foxwoods Casino Thursday, January 3, 2019. \$18 includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, free play, and buffet. Bus leaves Good Shepherd Church parking lot S. Main St at 8:30am.

Mohegan Sun Casino Thursday, February 7, 2019. \$18 includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, wheel, and \$15 food voucher. Bus leaves Good Shepherd Church parking lot S. Main St at 8:30am.

For more information or reservations call:
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