



Saturday, 5:15 p.m.	December 31 Joseph & Mary Duarte
Sunday, 7:00 a.m.	January 1 Birthday Blessing Sophie & Isabelle (Paula King)
Monday, 7:00 a.m.	January 2 Louis & Carolotta Moniz
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.	January 3 Holy Mass at Good Shepherd
Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.	January 4 Joseph, Mary, Louis Souza
Thursday,	January 5 No Holy Mass
Friday, 7:00 a.m.	January 6 Vincenzo Perrotti 10th Anniversay (Paula King)
Saturday, 5:15 p.m.	January 7 Living & Deceased Member of The Holy Rosary Sodality
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	January 8 Manuel V Pimental Jr 13th Anniversary

Holy Rosary Sodality

Intention:

That all people come to know the peace of Christ and for the return to the Church of lapsed Catholics.

Memorial Candles

Sanctuary: Healing & Blessings Jose Sousa;
Divine Mercy: George Pereira; **O.L.C:** Charlotte Czepiel Birthday Blessings; **St. Pope John Paul II:** Special Intention

Financial Blessings

12/25
Weekly Collection \$ 2,748.00
Assessment \$ 1,258.00
Christmas Offering \$1,750.00
Etc. \$ 710.00
Thank You!

Any time anyone wants to give a gift that will not be subject to the diocesan assessment, please just put your donation in an envelope and mark it "Maintenance and Repairs." It will be used entirely by the parish.

From Father Johnson

HOLY MASS

Dialogue and Invitation!:

From Msgr. Moroney: The center and summit of the whole Mass now takes place. The Prayer of Consecration (or Eucharistic Prayer) begins with a dialogue between priest and people by which all prepare themselves for the great moment of sacrifice and communion. This dialogue dates from about at least the year 215 AD and has remained unchanged throughout the centuries. It is a part of every liturgy, Latin, Greek, Aramaic, Syriac, Coptic, Armenian, or Ethiopian. It begins as the Mass began: "The Lord be with you! And with your spirit!" The priest then lifts up his hands and invites the people to lift up their hearts and join them to Christ, with him preparing to offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to God the Father: "Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord!" The Fathers of the Church frequently commented on these words. They are like a call to all creation, especially to mankind, to every creature whose heart has grown heavy with the cares of this world, calling to them to reach within and lift their whole heart up to the Lord, joining in the perfect sacrifice of Christ's praise on the altar of the cross. The final step of the dialogue is part Jewish and part Roman. "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God" is taken from the synagogue service in use at the time of Jesus. The people's response is pagan, from an ancient Roman juridical formula which "sealed the deal," as it were; it approved the intent of any formal agreement: *Dignum et justum est*. It is right and just.

Next Week: Getting closer and closer!

Saint of the Week

4 January Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Elizabeth Ann was born into the Bayley family of New York in 1774, wealthy, socially prominent and devoutly Anglican. At age twenty she married William Seton, a businessman. Five children were born to them, yet Elizabeth found time to visit and care for the poor. When her beloved husband contracted tuberculosis, they went to Italy for a cure, but the journey took a severe toll and William died on board ship off Pisa. Left a young widow with five children, Elizabeth was taken in for a time by Italian friends and began to feel drawn to the Catholic faith. Upon returning to New York, she was received into the Church, which cost her the financial support of her Anglican family. She and her little family were now destitute. Her search for work to support her family led her to Baltimore, where she opened a school for girls. By this time, Elizabeth was feeling an intense call to religious life. With the support of the Archbishop of Baltimore, John Carroll, she formed a community of teaching sisters, and in 1810 they opened Saint Joseph's free school in Emmitsburg, adopting the rule of the Sisters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. In the first years there, Elizabeth buried eighteen of her sisters and, most grievously, her own two daughters. In her later years, she suffered great spiritual dryness. We have many of the beautiful letters she sent to her nuns. She once wrote. "Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be." She died in 1821, and in 1975 became the first native-born American to be canonized by Pope Paul VI. *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us.*



Respect Life Ministry

At the beginning of this New Year, I offer heartfelt wishes of peace to the world's peoples and nations, to heads of state and government, and to religious, civic and community leaders. I wish peace to every man, woman and child, and I pray that the image and likeness of God in each person will enable us to acknowledge one another as sacred gifts endowed with immense dignity. Especially in situations of conflict, let us respect this, our deepest dignity, and make active nonviolence our way of life... Nothing is impossible if we turn to God in prayer. Everyone can be an artisan of peace.

~Pope Francis, Message for the 50th World Day of Peace, January 1, 2017

All are invited to the next Respect Life Prayer Service On Saturday, January 7th at 8:45am.

Respect Life Prayer Intention

Pray for a world renewed in the peace of God through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God and Queen of Peace.

Seniors' News

Foxwoods Casino, Thursday January 5th. \$16 includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, free play, and buffet. This trip is open to the public. Bus leaves at 8:30am from Good Shepherd Parish parking lot on South Main St. For more information or reservations call Phyllis 508-676-8378, Adele 508-672-0030, or Ann 508-674-7355.

Parish Prayer Intentions

Priscilla Barton, MaryJane W., Bill Larson, Mary B., Matt & Cindy Greaney, Alice Gauthier, Crystal Bedal, Debbie Reid, Ricky Nobrega, Steve Marchand, Rita Cabral, Rebekah Ponte, Kim & Anne Fischer, Beatrice Moniz, Michael Facchini, Rose Facchini, Lois K, Marc, Patricia O'Brien, Anne Marie Hallisey, Kathleen Correia, Pat Cabral, Barbara Howard, Ann & Paul Zygiel, Denny & Joe Bucko, Donald Vezina, Marie Gsgnon, Rita Littlefield & Family. In thanksgiving for all graces and blessings received. To request prayers for a loved one or friend, contact Father Johnson or Leanne Nelson at 508-678-7412.

STORM HEAVEN WITH PRAYER!



Join the Spiritual Crusade to storm Heaven with prayers, particularly the Holy Rosary, on the **first day of each month**. You will be uniting your prayers and intentions to every Rosary Warrior in the world. Join us in forming a Spiritual Army of Rosary Warriors to besiege Heaven with prayer, and to spread the Light of Truth throughout America and the world.

Citizens For Citizens Fuel Assistance Program Are you having trouble paying your fuel bill?

In the Fall River area call: 508-676-7397 or 508-679-0041

In the Taunton area call: 508-823-6346



January 8th at 1:00pm
Good Shepherd Hall

"And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us," Merry Christmas! Give your children the best gift of all the growing love of their parents. Explore more by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Jan 20-22, 2017 in Duxbury, MA and March 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMWMA.org

BIBLE STUDY

January 7th at 6:30pm in Good Shepherd Hall. Join us as we pray and study the Sunday Mass readings. It will be The Epiphany of The Lord. Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12 (20)

FROM THE PASTOR: In order to save money, we have changed our contract with the Waltz Company, the budget envelope people. Along with other changes, they will no longer be sending out a yearly record of your donations for tax purposes. If you wish to receive an official letter from the parish that will serve as an official document for the IRS, please call the parish office and make a request soon after the New Year. Only if you ask for this will you receive it. To repeat, Waltz will no longer be sending out your record of yearly contributions. The parish will issue such a document, but only if you request it.

2016-2017 SAINT STANISLAUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

All at 6:30 p.m.
2/14/17 Parish Council 2/28/17 Finance Council
5/16/17 Parish Council 5/30/17 Finance Council