

From the Pastor

The Seven Deadly Sins:

Greed, part 1

It is also called avarice, cupidity, or acquisitiveness. In the Summa Theologiae, Medieval theologian St. Thomas Aquinas said greed “is a sin directly against one’s neighbor, since one man cannot over-abound in earthly riches, without another man lacking them. It is also a sin against God, like all mortal sins, inasmuch as man despises things eternal for the sake of temporal things.” Greed is giving one’s heart and soul to a disordered desire for the things of this world, especially money, and turning away from the things of God.

10:00am Mass Ad Orientem

Good Shepherd Saint Stanislaus

<i>GS</i>	<i>SS</i>
2/4	1/14
3/4	2/11
4/1	3/11
5/6	4/8
6/3	5/13
7/8	7/15
8/5	8/12
9/2	9/9

Sunday Vespers

*Sunday, January 14th
4:00pm at Saint Stanislaus*

We will sing the official prayer of the Catholic Church, the Liturgy of the Hours, or the Divine Office. Come and experience the beauty of singing Evening Prayer with the Universal Church!

Saint of the Week

15 January

Saint Ita

Ita was an Irish saint, born Deirdre, in present day County Waterford, about the year 500. She took the name “Ita” because in Gaelic it means “thirst” and Ita had a parching thirst for God all her life. As a girl, she refused a betrothal, doing battle against her father’s plans with a three-day fast. Her father gave in and Ita consecrated herself to God. She went off to a mountainous area, where she and other young women founded the convent of Killeedy. They took in young boys to be educated and Ita came to be known as the “foster mother” of the saints of Ireland. Saint Brendan himself learned his catechism at Ita’s knee. She once said there were three things that most pleased God and three that most displeased him. God is pleased with true faith in a pure heart, a simple life with a grateful spirit, and a generous charity; he is most displeased with a hateful mouth, a resentful heart, and pride in wealth. Ita’s wisdom and her healing powers drew many followers and her convent became a double monastery. She died around 570 after patiently suffering from a long illness, probably cancer.

Saint Ita, pray for us!

Bible Study

There will be Bible Study in the Parish Hall of January 13th at 6:30pm

Good Shepherd Parish Food Pantry

Donations of non-perishable food items are always welcome.

The food pantry is available to anyone in need while the parish office is open or by appointment.

From the Pastor Cont..

Respect Life Ministry

“Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. ... Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all.”

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Every Life is Worth Living”, 2017

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

For all people; may God grant courage to embrace his precious gift of life, even in the most difficult of circumstances.

Pilgrims from the Youth Group Ministry will be traveling to Washington this week to participate in the Prayer Vigil for Life and the March for Life. Please keep them in your prayers. Please join the Youth Group for a **Holy Hour on Monday, January 15th from 6:00-7:00pm at Good Shepherd Parish**

January 22, Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

The General instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no.373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children”. “In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.” More information will be in next week’s bulletin of visit www.usccb.org

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: JANUARY 18-26, 2018

9 Days for Life is a “digital pilgrimage” of prayer and action focused on cherishing the gift of every person’s life. A multifaceted novena highlighting a different intention each day provides reflections, bonus information, and suggested actions. Sign up to receive the novena through a free app, daily emails, or daily text messages. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to sign up and for information on how else you can get involved! **#9DaysforLife#OurPrayersMatter**

Save the Dates

The next Respect Life Prayer Service will be on Saturday, February 3rd at 8:45am. All are welcome.

The Pro-Life Apostolate is sponsoring its Annual Essay Contest to focus on the upcoming anniversary date of Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton, the decisions which legalized abortion-on-demand in this country. Our theme this year is “BE NOT AFRAID” which calls us to reflect on the constant presence of Jesus in our lives through whatever storms or trials we have to face. We are not alone.

Essays will be grouped and judged in two categories according to grade level: Grades 6,7,8 comprise the first category and Grades 9 through 12 comprise the second category. First prize winners will be awarded \$150.00 cash and Second prize winners will be \$75.00 cash.

Call the parish office at 508-678-7412 for further information.

The deadline for submission of entries is February 9, 2018

Youth Group Schedule

1/15 6:00pm Holy Hour; 7:00pm meeting

1/18-1/21 March for Life

1/29 6:30-8:30pm meeting

Portuguese Food Sale
January 20th
beginning at 1:00pm.



Vende-se comida
Portuguesa
Dia 20 de janeiro
começando às 1:00 da
tarde.

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2018 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. For more information or to request a brochure, contact Brendan Stackhouse at 603-364-5851 or email Brendan@bfcamp.com or visit and register online at www.bfcamp.com Please don't wait as sessions fill up quickly.

Catholic Social Services, a non-profit, Approved Housing Counseling Agency, is offering financial capability workshops and one-to-one counseling to all, including homeowners and renters facing financial difficulties.

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands.” As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingston, RI and Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

The La Salette Retreat Center in Attleboro is the location for a new bi-weekly support group for separated and divorced persons. Our next meeting will be Tuesday January 16th from 7pm-8:30pm and subsequent meetings will be held every other Tuesday evening. For more information or for directions, please contact Dottie at 508-642-1928 or dojale@icloud.com

2018 Women and Men’s Conference *“Save the Date”*

The Fall River Diocese 2018 Women and Men’s Conference will take place on Saturday, March 10, at Stonehill College in Easton. Building on last year’s first-ever such Conference in the Diocese, the one-day Lenten program will include keynote talks by noted speakers, prayer, music, fellowship, Mass, and new for next year, a separate track for young adults, ages 18 to 30. Please mark your calendar now and look for details on the 2018 Women and Men’s Conference in coming months.

Start off the new year by doing good. Volunteer to play with homeless children at a Horizons for Homeless Children Playspace in one of more than 90 family friendly shelters. We have a high need for volunteers in Fall River & New Bedford. A commitment of 2 hours a week for 6 months and training are required.

Upcoming volunteer training:

Tuesday, February 6 from 6:00-9:00pm Brockton, MA

To find out more, view other training dates, or to apply, call 508-510-3250 or visit horizonschildren.org/playspace