

From the Pastor

The Seven Deadly Sins:

Greed, part 3

Dante's poetic exposition of the seven deadly sins in his Divine Comedy is always worth a look. When he leaves the Hall of Gluttony in the third circle of hell, he is led by Virgil into the fourth circle, that of greed. Dante finds that the occupants of this circle, those who gave their souls to that deadly sin, are being boiled alive in molten gold. Gold was their great desire in earthly life; therefore it is their instrument of torture in the afterlife. Dante also comes upon Plutus, the god of wealth and of the underworld, in the form of a horrific living golden statue that continually spews words of anger and hatred addressed to those around him and to Satan himself. Quite an image to keep in mind when we are tempted by the deadly sin of avarice.



10:00am Mass Ad Orientem
Good Shepherd
Saint Stanislaus

GS	SS
2/4	
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

Saint of the Week

30 January

Saint Giacinta Mariscotti

As a child, little Clarice was sweet and pious. But as she got older, she wanted all the comforts her wealthy family could provide. When her parents arranged for her sister to marry a wealthy nobleman, the man Clarice herself wanted to marry, she was overcome with envy. She lashed out at everyone in the family. Finally her parents got fed up with her and sent her off to a convent in Viterbo. Clarice, now called Giacinta, was determined not to let religious life hold her back. Her richly appointed apartment had its own kitchen. She wore a habit made of fine cloth. Many visitors came to call. This lasted ten years, until Giacinta fell ill. When her confessor came to her room and saw her lavish lifestyle, he exhorted her to reform her life. For a while, Giacinta did live more simply, but soon enough she began gathering pretty things and surrounding herself with comforts. Again sickness laid her low, but this time her heart was changed. She donned an old worn habit, went out barefoot, and fasted on bread and water. Giacinta devoted herself to the poor, founding two institutes to help the destitute and sick in Viterbo. She begged door to door to provide for others' needs. Giacinta's canonization process states that "through the apostolate of charity, she won more souls to God than many preachers of her time." She died in 1640.

Saint Giacinta Mariscotti, pray for us!

Bible Study

There will be Bible Study in the Parish Hall on the 3rd of February 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

“The Catholic Church’s teaching concerning abortion is well known. We hold that every child, from conception onward, deserves love and the protection of the law. We believe that no person or government has the right to take the life of an innocent human being – and we hold that the real problems that lead women to consider abortion should be addressed with solutions that support both mother and child.”

~Cardinal Dolan, Chairman, Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Letter to Senate in Support of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, Jan. 2018

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

For unborn children in danger of abortion; may they be given the chance to live the life God has planned for them.

Do you live with the pain of an abortion?

Even though you may feel this could never be understood or forgiven, there is hope in Christ. For help, go to www.hopeafterabortion.org or call the Project Rachel Hotline of our diocese (508) 997-3300. Project Rachel is a confidential healing ministry for men and women hurting from past abortions.

Diaper Drive:

St. Stan’s schoolchildren are conducting a disposable diaper drive during Catholic School’s Week, January 29-February 2. Any size is fine, but sizes 4, 5, and 6 are the most needed. The diapers collected will be given to Catholic Social Services for distribution to needy families. Donations can be left in the school lobby or in the collection bin in the church narthex. Thank you

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

1/29 6:30-8:30pm meeting
2/12 6:30-8:30pm meeting
2/14 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass
3/12 6:30-8:30pm meeting

Diocese of Fall River Lenten Regulations 2018

1. Law of Fast

- A. All adults (18 and older) are bound by the law of fast up to the beginning of their 60th year.
- B. On days of fast, those bound by the law are limited to a single full meal. This meal is meatless. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to ones' needs; however, together these two meals should not equal another full meal.
- C. There are two prescribed days of fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

2. Law of Abstinence

- A. Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence.
- B. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law abstain from meat.
- C. On all Fridays of Lent, abstinence is prescribed. This, of course, includes Good Friday. Abstinence is also prescribed on Ash Wednesday.

3. Lenten Discipline

The Code of Canon Law very aptly summarizes the ecclesiastical discipline in Canon 1249: "All members of the Christian faithful in their own way are bound to do penance in virtue of divine law; in order that all may be joined in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed in which the Christian faithful in a special way pray, exercise works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence..."

- 4. Funeral Masses are not to be celebrated on the Sundays of Lend and Easter, Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum (cf. NGIRM #380)

February 10th Malassadas

February 24th Portuguese Food

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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“Remember that my life is like the wind.” Let us make the best of our time together with our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, 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 30th 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