

From the Pastor

Holy Mass

Proper Behavior at Mass

Please, let us not leave Mass early unless it is absolutely necessary: that is, it is a true emergency. Whether we sing or not, we should stay right through to the end of the recessional hymn, if there is one. While there are possible exceptions to this guideline, most who leave early don't really need to and ought not to, plain and simple. The worst case, I believe, is those who habitually leave Mass right after receiving Holy Communion, without even stopping in the pew to make a prayer of thanksgiving. This is disrespectful to God and distracting to those who are praying and thanking God for his great gift, the Holy Eucharist. Many of us have heard it said that at the Last Supper, the only one to leave early was Judas Iscariot. Don't be a modern-day Judas!

*10am Masses Ad Orientem 2017 Like it?
Or not so much?*

Here's how to plan:

Good Shepherd

Saint Stanislaus

		GS	11/5
SS	10/15	SS	11/12

Sunday Vespers

*Sunday, November 12th
4:00pm at Saint Stan's*

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

19 October Saint Cleopatra

There truly was a Saint Cleopatra, though not the one we associate with Julius Caesar and Marc Antony. According to tradition, she was a devout widow from Palestine who was living in Egypt when she witnessed the martyrdom of the soldier Saint Varus. Moved by his holy death, Cleopatra rescued his remains from the dunghill on which they had been thrown, and had the bones shipped back to Palestine, telling the authorities that they were the remains of her dead husband. When she reached home, Cleopatra had a shrine built in Varus' honor. The very day the shrine was to be consecrated, her son John was in bed with a fever. She prayed to Varus, asking him to obtain what would be good for her son. Later that day, John passed away quite suddenly. Cleopatra lashed out in anger and grief against the saint. Why, she wondered, had he ignored the petitions of a mother's heart? That night, Cleopatra had a dream in which she beheld her beloved son side by side with Varus. Both men wore shining garments of white. Varus answered that he had indeed answered her prayer for what would be best for her son: God had called John at once his heavenly dwelling. Cleopatra awoke from her dream full of joy. She buried her son alongside Saint Varus and the shrine became a place of pilgrimage. Cleopatra is the patron saint of all parents who outlive their children.

Saint Cleopatra, pray for us!

There will be a bus trip to St. Joseph's Abbey in Spencer, Ma on Tuesday, October 24th. The cost per person is \$20. We will leave Good Shepherd Parish at 10:00am and stop for lunch on the way to the Abbey. We will return approximately 7:00pm. Please sign up at the parish office.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord my Refuge, my Stronghold, my God in whom I trust. —Psalm 90

From the Pastor Cont..

Respect Life Ministry

"We must listen to God, who speaks to us. Having a well-informed conscience doesn't mean we have all the answers to the complex problems in the world, but it does mean that we are sensitive to the needs and struggles of other people."

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Understanding Conscience,"

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

For the times we are pressured to compromise for human life; may the Lord strengthen our courage and resolve.

Joyful News-40 Days for Life Update

Since the 40 Days for Life Prayer vigils began on Sept 27th, there have been 112 babies saved from abortion. Thanks be to God! The prayer campaign continues through November 5th. Please join your prayers with those who are praying, and standing vigil at clinics around the country and the world.

October is Respect Life Month:

***Baby Bottle Campaign continues** Empty baby bottles are available at the church entrance. Please take one home to fill with your spare change this month. The proceeds will go to Learn Your Options to help them in their work with women and men in crisis pregnancies. Any amount you can give is appreciated.

***October 20th Create-a-Card Family Night** You are invited to join the CCD and School Families from 6:00-8:00pm in the school auditorium. We will be making cards for the sick and homebound of our parishes as well as for the residents of Southpointe Nursing Home. Materials and refreshments will be supplied. No artistic talent is necessary, just a willingness to share a loving thought with someone in need.

***October 21st 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil** Please join us for the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil at the abortion clinic in Attleboro. This is the last abortion clinic in the Fall River Diocese. This quiet but powerful witness saves lives. Stay for as long or short a time as you like. We will leave from the Good Shepherd parking lot at 9:30am, carpooling is available. For more information, please call Donna Lapointe (401)624-3796

*** October 29th Celebration for Life Dinner** There will be a spaghetti dinner at Good Shepherd hosted by the Respect Life Ministry and the Youth Group. All proceeds will be donated to a local pro-life charity and to support the Youth Group's trip to the March for Life in Washington. Details to follow!

*** October 30th Holy Hour for Life** Please join the Saint Stan's schoolchildren at 10:00am for a Holy Hour for Life.

*** Food for the Needy** Donations of non-perishable food items can be left in the vestibule of Saint Stan's church or dropped off at the Good Shepherd Food Pantry. This will be an ongoing collection to aid the hungry in our neighborhoods.

Good Shepherd Parish Food Pantry

Donations of non-perishable food items are always welcome. There is a collection tote in the vestibule at Saint Stan's church or can be brought to the conference room or office at Good Shepherd. The food pantry is available to anyone in need while the parish office is open or by appointment.

Bible Study

Bible Study Saturday, October 21th 6:00pm in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall. It will be the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings will be Is 45:1,4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21 (145)

Youth Group Schedule

Oct 16th 6:30-8:30pm movie night and meeting
(come early if you can help set up)

Oct 21st 9:00am prayer service at abortion clinic in Attleboro

Oct 21st 4:00pm retirement dinner for Deacon John Branco

Oct 22nd 12:00-2:00 Speak to me, God (talk by Father Jason at Holy Name Church-lunch is provided)

Oct 23rd 6:30-8:30pm meeting

Oct 29th 5:00pm Spaghetti dinner (arrive by 2:00 if possible)

Oct 30th 6:00-8:30pm adoration and meeting

Nov 6th 6:30-8:30pm meeting

Nov 11th parish clamboil

Nov 13th 6:30-8:30pm movie night and meeting
(come early if you can help set up)

Nov 20th

Nov 27th 6:00-8:30pm adoration and meeting

Dec 4th 6:00pm Respect Life planning meeting at Saint Stan's (all who are coming to March for Life in Washington please attend)

Dec 11th 6:00-8:30pm adoration and meeting

Dec 17th Caroling at Southpointe Nursing Home (Time to be determined)

Movie Night with Father Leonard with discussion after the movie

Monday, October 16th 6:30pm in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall.

All are welcome!

Next movie: Sarafina

As tensions of Apartheid spread across South Africa, many students revolt in a demonstration that comes in the wake of the introduction of the Africans language as a means of teaching. This sparks riots among school age young people who have resolved to do what it takes for freedom to come. In the township of Soweto, a group of students, led by a young beautiful and intelligent girl Sarafina, mastermind a plot to rise against the Apartheid regime by vehemently rejecting the proposal to have Africans as a medium of instruction. This angers the white people and results in a massive unrest of the students and those others supporting them. Meanwhile, Sarafina's mother accepts a job as a housekeeper in a white woman's home and somehow it angers Sarafina. Following the unrest of students and their possible torture and trial, Sarafina is released from prison, reunites with some of her colleagues and composes the "Freedom is Coming Tomorrow" song/

Pilgrimage Prayer Intentions:

On November 6-15, Fr Jeff Cabral will be leading a group on a pilgrimage to Portugal and Spain, with Fr David Frederici, the Pastor of Saint George in Westport. If you have any specific prayer intentions, please email him at jac@dioc-fr.org (please put Pilgrimage Prayer Intention in subject header). These prayer intentions will be collected and remembered at daily Masses celebrated during the pilgrimage in Portugal and Spain.

St John Neumann Womens Guild

Sponsoring their "Christmas Bazaar"

Featuring Guest Vendors to be held at St John Neumann Parish Hall

Located next to Cathedral Camp on Route 18 – Middleboro Road in East Freetown, MA

On Saturday, November 4th, 2017 from 9:00am-4:00pm

Take exit 8 (Chace Road Exit) off Route 140

Free Admission and wheelchair accessible

Hearty lunch will be served. For more information please go to www.sjnfreetown.org

Bishop Connolly High School Fall River, MA

Open House

Wednesday, October 28, 2017 5-8pm

Sunday, November 12, 2017 1-3pm

Call (508) 676-1071, ext 333 for more
information

Holy Land Pilgrimage – Walk in the footsteps of Jesus. 10 days: November 6-15, 2018.

Walk where Jesus walked... Cruise the Sea of Galilee... Visit Nazareth... Climb the Mt. of Olives & view the Old City of Jerusalem... Walk the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre... Visit Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity.

Hosted by: Rev Philip N. Hamel, Pastor of St Joseph – St Therese Parish New Bedford, MA.

Only \$3,499 per person from Boston. (Air/land tour price is \$2,799 plus \$700 government taxes/airline surcharge)

Tour price includes: Roundtrip air from Boston, First Class hotels, Breakfast & Dinner daily, Comprehensive Sightseeing, Porterage, Entrance Fees, and much more!

For a detailed brochure please contact Rev Hamel: (508)995-5235 (leave a message-repeat phone number)

Email: PNHamel@aol.com (in subject box: Pilgrimage to Italy) Don't miss this trip of a lifetime!

The LaSalette 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, October 24th from 7:00pm-8:30pm and subsequent meetings will be held every other Tuesday evening. For more information or for directions, please contact Dottie at (508)672-1928 or dojale@icloud.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: "I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it." Learn how to more easily express love to your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME is October 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at (800)710-9963 or visit us at <https://wwmema.org>

South Eastern New England Men's Conference: October 21, 2017 8:30am-1:00pm

Parish Center, Holy Family Parish 372 Middleboro Ave East Taunton, MA 02718

12:15pm Mass with healing services including First Class Relic of Saint Mother Teresa

Donation: \$10 make reservations at: <http://www.stmarksattleborofalls.org/mens-conference-registration/#>

"And I sought for a man among them who should build up a wall and stand in the breach before Me for the land." Ezekiel 22:30

Speak to me, God (How can I listen?)
October 22, 2017 12-2pm

Guest speakers:

Fr. Jason Brillhante: Father Jason is native of Fall River. After completing his studies of the priesthood at St John's Seminary in Brighton, MA he was ordained as a Roman Catholic Priest of the Fall River Diocese in 2012. He is presently serving as chaplain at Charlton Memorial Hospital.

Sister Sabitha, OP: Sister is originally from India. She is a member of the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation in the USA. Currently she is studying for nursing in Bristol Community College.

A light lunch will be served at Noon, followed by presentations by our guest speakers. Registration required for lunch.

Free will offering.

RSVP by Oct 15, 2017

Email: hnvocations@hnsfr.org or call

Donna 774-644-5878

**A Guide to the Sacraments presented by Holy Name Parish At the Parish Center in Holy Name School
Sundays after the 10:30am Mass and Wednesdays at 6:30pm**

Oct 25 and 29 The Sacraments

Nov 5 and 8 The Eucharist

Nov 12 and 15 Walking through the Mass

Nov 19 and 29 Penance & Anointing of the Sick

Nov 26 and Dec 6 Matrimony & Holy Orders

THE SACRAMENTS ARE THE LORD'S UNIQUE SPIRITUAL GIFTS TO US to help us follow His way, His truth and His life. Join us at Holy Name School for a five part series dedicated to **explaining the Sacraments of the Church**. Using the video series, Symbolon, and offering discussion and commentary, Mr Patrick McNabb, Director of Faith Formation at Holy Name and Deacon Daniel Nunes of Holy Name will guide participants to a deeper understanding of the Sacraments and how they aid us in our relationship with God. There will be two sessions each week, one on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass and on Wednesdays, at 6:30pm, at the Parish School. Participants can choose either session. First Sessions are on Wed., Oct. 25 at 6:30pm and Sunday, Oct 30 after the 10:30am Mass. Refreshments will be available.