

From the Pastor

The Seven Deadly Sins: Gluttony, part 1

Before we begin discussing gluttony, let's stop and look back a minute. Where did the idea of seven deadly sins come from? The first to talk about a list of deadly sins was a theologian and desert father of the fourth century named Evagrius Ponticus. He actually identified eight, not seven sins: gluttony, lust, greed or avarice, sadness, anger, sloth, vainglory and pride. It was Pope Gregory the Great, two hundred years later, who gave us the list of the seven deadly sins as we know them: lust, gluttony, greed, sloth, wrath, envy, and pride. I am not Pope nor am I a theologian, but I think there really should be eight deadly sins, the eighth being gossip. I will add that onto the end of our list. Now though, we begin our treatment of the sin of gluttony, which Saint Thomas Aquinas defines as "the inordinate desire for food that defiles a man spiritually"

Extra Advent Confessions from 6:30-7:30pm Monday, December 11th at Good Shepherd and Monday, December 18th at Saint Stanislaus.

Christmas Mass Schedule

12/24

8:15am at Good Shepherd

10:00am at Saint Stanislaus and at Good Shepherd

11:30am at Good Shepherd (Portuguese)

4:00pm at Saint Stanislaus

5:30pm at Good Shepherd

12:00am at Good Shepherd (bilingual)

12/25

7:00am at Saint Stanislaus

8:00am at Good Shepherd

10:00am at Saint Stanislaus and at Good Shepherd

Sunday Vespers

Sunday, December 10th

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

11 December Saint Gention

Saints Fuscian and Victorinus were friends of the future Saint Quentin in the third century. All three had left Rome to preach Christ in the province of Gaul, now France. They had some success, despite repeated harassment from the Roman authorities. After a time, they made for the place near Reims where Quentin was preaching, hoping to spend some time with him. To avoid persecution, they took a roundabout way, which took them to what is now the village of Sains. There the two were welcomed at the home of Gention, a pagan. When Gention heard of their purpose, he gave them the bad news: Quentin had recently been put to death by the Roman soldiers. Instead of going on, the two stayed for supper with Gention. They told him the story of Jesus and his Gospel, and Gention drank in their every word. Suddenly, a knock came at the door. Voices demanded that Gention produce the Christians. He went at once to the door and met the soldiers with bared sword, blocking their way to the missionaries. The troop attacked him, pinned him down, and cut off his head. Fuscian and Victorinus were hurried to the magistrate, where they soon met the same fate. All three have been traditionally honored on this date. Gention is the patron saint of innkeepers.

Saint Gention, pray for us!

Bible Study

Saturday at 6:30pm in the Good Shepherd Hall. It will be the Second Sunday of Advent. Is 40:1-5,9-11/2Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8(5)

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

“If you know someone who has had an abortion, express your sympathy for her loss. Assure her of God’s unconditional love, and encourage her to seek healing and forgiveness.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing”

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.

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

For those grieving after abortion; may they trust in God’s patient mercy and find healing through his Church.

Save the Dates

We will be singing Christmas carols at Southpointe on December 17th at 2:00pm

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

Dec 17th 2:00pm Caroling at Southpointe Nursing Home

MASS INTENTIONS

On Monday, December 4, the Mass Book opened for both Mass and candle intentions from January-June 2018. Please remember out of fairness to all parishioners, each parishioner may reserve up to three weekend Mass intentions in a six-month period. Intentions are always taken for Community Masses. To schedule intentions, you may call or visit the Parish Office Monday-Thursday 8:30-2:30 or email them to gfallriver@gmail.com

Blood Drive!

Holy Ghost Church

Thursday, December 14, 2017

4:00pm-7:00pm in the Church Hall 316 Judson Street, Tiverton

Don't forget to bring your driver's license or another form of identification when you donate.

Visit www.ribc.org to make an appointment, Sponsor Code 3832

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.

Fall River

508-674-4681

New Bedford

508-997-7337

Cape Cod

508-771-6771

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 December 19th 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.