

## From the Pastor

### *The Seven Deadly Sins:*

#### *Sloth. Part 2*

In Cantos 17 and 18 of the Purgatorio, Dante describes the punishment of those whose besetting sin was sloth or spiritual laziness. He finds them running around a great mountain, endlessly, never being allowed to rest or even slow down. As they run, they shout out examples of those who were slothful (the Israelites who gave up on the journey with Moses and perished in the desert) and those who were just the opposite of slothful, those who were energetic and zealous in pursuing what they sought in life. They mention the Blessed Virgin Mary rushing through the hill country to visit her cousin Elizabeth, but also Julius Caesar, who was always eager for the next battle, rushing across Europe to his next conquest. Even an old pagan life Caesar can be a good example! When we are tempted to slacken our efforts in loving and serving God, when the practice of virtue seems boring or in vain, we should repeat in our hearts, "Don't ever, ever give up. Our reward awaits us in heaven, much greater than we can possibly imagine."



*10:00am Mass Ad Orientem  
Good Shepherd  
Saint Stanislaus*

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

### *Saint of the Week*

*15 February*

#### *Saint Claude la Colombiere*

Claude was born in 1643 to well-off and devout parents outside Lyon, France. He joined the Jesuits and even before he was ordained, was invited to preach for the Visitation nuns on the occasion of the canonization of their founder, Saint Francis de Sales. Like Francis, Claude was deeply devoted to Christ's mercy. Shortly after his profession of vows, he was made superior at the Jesuit house in Paray-le-Monial, northwest of Lyon. There he came to know a young Visitation sister, Margaret Mary Alacoque, to whom Christ was appearing with his bleeding heart revealed. Claude became Margaret Mary's confessor and spiritual director, and the standard bearer of the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1677, Claude announced the feast of the Sacred Heart for the first time in England, where he had been sent to preach before the Duchess of York. The next year Claude was accused of involvement in the "Titus Oates Plot" to kill King Charles II. He was imprisoned, tried, and convicted on specious evidence. King Louis XIV intervened and Claude was released, but his health was broken. He died three years later in 1682 at Paray, at the age of thirty-nine. Claude had taught, "It is a great illusion to want all you hear about and all you see in books, as well as to burden yourself with so many devotional practices. Read very few books and make a great study of Jesus Christ crucified."

*Saint Claude la Colombiere, pray for us!*

#### *Vespers*

*Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at Saint  
Stanislaus 4:00pm*

#### *Bible Study*

There will be Bible Study in the Parish Hall on the 17th of February at 6:30pm

## *From the Pastor Cont..*

### *Respect Life Ministry*

#### ***XXVI Annual World Day of the Sick: February 11, 2018***

Jesus bestowed upon the Church his healing power: "These signs will accompany those who believe...they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover" (Mk 16:17-18)... The Church's mission is a response to Jesus' gift, for she knows that she must bring to the sick the Lord's own gaze, full of tenderness and compassion. Health care ministry will always be a necessary and fundamental task, to be carried out with renewed enthusiasm by all, from parish communities to the most largest healthcare institutions. We cannot forget the tender love and perseverance of many families in caring for their chronically sick or severely disabled children, parents, and relatives. The care given with families is an extraordinary witness of love for the human person; it needs to be fittingly acknowledged and supported by suitable policies. Doctors and nurses, priests, consecrated men and women, volunteers, families, and all those who care for the sick, take part in this ecclesial mission. It is a shared responsibility that enriches the value of the daily service given by each.

To Mary, Mother of tender love, we wish to entrust all those who are ill in body and soul, that she may sustain them in hope. We ask her also to help us to be welcoming to our sick brothers and sisters. The Church knows that she requires a special grace to live up to her evangelical task of serving the sick. May our prayers to the Mother of God see us united in an incessant plea that every member of the Church may live with love the vocation to serve life and health. May the Virgin Mary intercede for this Twenty-sixth World Day of the Sick; may she support all those who care for them. To all, the sick, to healthcare workers and to volunteers, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing.

~Pope Francis, Message for the 26<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Sick 2018

#### ***Respect Life Prayer Intention:***

For those who suffer from illness; may they be comforted and cared for by loved ones and healthcare workers following Christ's example.

#### ***Diaper Drive continues through March 9<sup>th</sup>:***

St. Stan's schoolchildren are conducting a disposable diaper drive. 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, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:45am. All are welcome.

#### ***Card Night for the Troops, Friday, February 16, 2008, 6-8pm***

Come and make a greeting card to show your support for our active duty service members, veterans, and wounded warriors. No special talent is necessary! All materials and refreshments will be provided.

#### ***40 Days For Life Prayer Campaign February 14 – March 25***

Please join your prayers with those who are praying, fasting, and standing vigil at clinics around the country and around the world. Please see the insert for more information.

#### ***Prayer for the Sick***

I reach out to you, my God, in this time of need.  
Carry me on the difficult days when I have no strength.  
Wrap me in your love when I am discouraged.  
May your grace wash over me and refresh me.  
And as you hold me tenderly in the palm of your hand,  
I ask for healing of all my afflictions. Amen

*Movie Night with Father Leonard*  
*Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:pm*  
*“The Good Lie”*

After their village is destroyed and their parents killed by Northern militia, Sudanese orphans Theo, his siblings and other survivors make a difficult journey to a refugee camp in Kenya. Thirteen years later, the group gets the chance to settle in the U.S. They are met in Kansas by Carrie Davis (Reese Witherspoon), who has been charged with finding them jobs. However, seeing how adrift they are in 20th-century America, Carrie endeavors to help them in rebuilding their shattered lives.

**Youth Group Schedule**

2/12 6:30-8:30pm movie night with Father Leonard  
2/14 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass at Saint Stanislaus  
3/12 6:30-8:30pm meeting

**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.**



**CARD NIGHT FOR THE TROOPS**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018 6-8PM**

All are invited to join the St. Stan's schoolchildren for Card Night for the Troops. We will make cards for our soldiers who have served and for those who are still serving. Let our troops know they are not forgotten. The cards will be sent to Operation Gratitude for inclusion in the care packages they send to active duty troops, veterans, and wounded warriors.

No special artistic talent is required and all materials will be provided. Refreshments will be available.

## 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 60<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> Malassadas*

*February 24<sup>th</sup> Portuguese Food*

*March 17<sup>th</sup> Corned Beef and Cabbage*

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](mailto:Brendan@bfcamp.com) or visit and register online at [www.bfcamp.com](http://www.bfcamp.com) Please don't wait as sessions fill up quickly.

A Polish Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at St. Theresa Parish Hall, 265 Stafford Road, Tiverton, RI. Appetizers served at 5:00pm; Dinner served at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults; children 10 and under FREE. After Dinner Music provided by Classic Rock Band: "Noise In the Basement". This dinner will benefit our Youth attending the Jamaican Mission Trip in June 2018 and is sponsored by the Catholic Faith Committees of St. Theresa and St. Christopher. Please call office for tickets 401-624-8746

"The Kingdom of God is at hand." As we begin Lent, let us try to bring the kingdom of God to our marriages 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>

Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. We want to invite you to join us on our next Emmaus weekend. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments. The next Emmaus is March 9-11 at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, MA. For more information or to apply online, email us at [emmausretreats@gmail.com](mailto:emmausretreats@gmail.com) or visit our website: [www.emmausretreats.com](http://www.emmausretreats.com)

### *2018 Women and Men's Conference "Save the Date"*

The Fall River Diocese is offering again this year a Women and Men's Conference, set for Saturday, March 10, at Stonehill College in Easton. The Conference program features dynamic speakers, prayer, music, reflection and Mass, plus -new for 2018- a special track for young adults, ages 18-30. Speakers will be Paulist Father Dave Dwyer, host of Sirius XM Radio's The Busted Halo Show; Daughter of St. Paul Sister Marie Paul Curley, a writer and multi-media producer; Father Tony Ciorra of Sacred Heart University, who is a leading expert in Catholic spirituality; and ValLimar Jansen, a Christian music singer and composer. This Women and Men's Conference offers a great opportunity for spiritual renewal and enrichment during Lent. For details, pick up a registration form at the parish or visit [www.fallriverdiocese.org](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org).

The chamber chorus Sine Nomine under the direction of Glenn Giuttari will present a concert at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, February 11 at 3 o'clock. The program will feature music of the German Baroque with music of Pachelbel, Schutz, Telemann and Bach with period instruments. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ensemble.