

From the Pastor

The Seven Deadly Sins:

Wrath, part 1

Just as gluttony is more than appetite and sloth is more than laziness, so wrath is more than just anger. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the neutral emotion of anger becomes the sin of wrath when it is directed against an innocent person, when it is unduly strong or long-lasting, or when it desires excessive punishment, especially death. If anger reaches the point of a deliberate desire to kill or seriously wound a neighbor, it is gravely against charity; it is a mortal sin. This is what we call wrath. Hatred usually accompanies wrath. It is the sin of desiring that someone else may suffer misfortune or evil and is a mortal sin when one desires grave harm and broods upon or nurses the thought.



10:00am Mass Ad Orientem
Good Shepherd
Saint Stanislaus

GS	SS
3/4	
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

22 February

Saint Margaret of Cortona

Many saints, like Saint Augustine, suffer greatly in overcoming the sins of the flesh. Saint Margaret of Cortona is another example. A native of Laviano in Tuscany, Margaret lost her mother when she was nine years old. Her father then married a woman who had no use for little Margaret. At the age of seventeen, Margaret met a rich nobleman, moved in with him, and soon bore him a son. Yet she longed for something deeper. She liked to go to quiet places, where she could imagine an ordered, happy life, which hers was not. One day while her lover was away on a trip, his dog arrived unexpectedly at the house. Margaret followed the dog and found his murdered body. This sudden, violent event unleashed a torrent of sorrow. She renounced her jewels and fine clothes and repudiated her beauty. Even so, her father would not take her and her young son in, so in desperation she fled to Cortona, where two kindly women offered them shelter. They also came to know the Franciscan friars there, who ministered to them. The next three years were hard. Sometimes Margaret longed for a man and the pleasures of her past; at other times she was filled with self-loathing and remorse. But in the humble Franciscans she saw her path to freedom through renunciation. At last her purification came to an end and she entered the Third Order. From this time on, Jesus began to speak to Margaret in prayer, calling her “my child.” Margaret became a special friend of the poor and founded a community to relieve their wants. She died in 1297 and was immediately acclaimed a saint.

Saint Margaret of Cortona, pray for us!

Bible Study

There will be Bible Study in the Parish Hall on the 24th of February at 6:30pm

From the Pastor Cont..

Respect Life Ministry

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign of our conversion”. Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life...By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well...When we give alms, we share in God’s providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God. Fasting...allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbor. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

~Pope Francis, Message for Lent, 2018

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

In this Lenten season, may God show us the way of compassionate respect for all human life.

Diaper Drive continues through March 9th:

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 3rd at 8:45am. All are welcome.

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.

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.

Youth Group Schedule

3/12 6:30-8:30pm meeting

3/26 6:30-9:00pm movie night and 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)

*Movie Night with Father Leonard
Monday, March 26th 6:30pm
In the Parish hall. All are welcome.*

Good Shepherd Parish Save the Date:

February 24th Portuguese Food

March 17th 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 or visit and register online at www.bfcamp.com Please don't wait as sessions fill up quickly.

"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 or visit our website: 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.