

From the Pastor

Looking Ahead 2017

1. As announced at Masses, please try to commit to a rosary each day for our Bishop as he begins to make many important and difficult decisions. This can be our humble but powerful participation in the spiritual side of the program for the renewal and growth of our Diocese of Fall River. Storm heaven with prayers!
2. Please consider attending the Diocesan Women's and Men's Conference at Stonehill on Saturday 11 March from 8:30am on. If enough people are interested, we can go by bus. Please let Leanne in the parish office know if you'd like to do that.
3. Looking further down the road, the Lenten Retreat for the Fall River Deanery will be the four nights of 27 to 30 March. It will be led by Father Stephen Quigley OP of Providence College. Details will follow, but save the dates.

Stations of the Cross 2017

Good Shepherd	Every Friday at Noon from 3 March to 7 April, followed by Clam Chowder and Corn Bread in the Hall.
Saint Stan's	Every Saturday morning at 8:45am from 4 March to 8 April, followed by a light breakfast.

Pray the Stations of the Cross and enjoy Parish Fellowship!

Extra Lenten Confessions

Fridays 6:00pm-7:00pm

17 March	Good Shepherd (English or Portuguese)
24 March	Saint Stanislaus
31 March	Good Shepherd (English or Portuguese)
7 April	Saint Stanislaus

Experience the joy of mercy and forgiveness!

Lenten Regulations

Law of Fast: All adults ages 18 to 59 are bound by the law of fast. On days of fast, those bound by the law are limited to a single full, meatless meal. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs; however, together, these two meals should not equal another full meal. Fasting is prescribed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Law of Abstinence: Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law abstain from meat. Abstinence is prescribed on all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Those who are not obliged to fast or abstain from meat are encouraged to join in those disciplines to the extent that they are able.

***The Bishop has dispensed our diocese from the Lenten abstaining from meat on 17 March since it is Saint Patrick's Day. Those who choose to do are urged to substitute another form of penance in its place.**

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Respect Life Ministry

Lent is a path: it leads to the triumph of mercy over all that would crush us or reduce us to something unworthy of our dignity as God's children. Lent is the road leading from slavery to freedom, from suffering to joy, from death to life...Lent is a time for remembering. It is the time to reflect and ask ourselves what we would be if God had closed his doors to us. What would we be without his mercy that never tires of forgiving us and always gives us the chance to begin anew? Lent is the time to ask ourselves where we would be without the help of so many people who in a thousand quiet ways have stretched out their hands and in very concrete ways given us hope and enabled us to make a new beginning?

~Pope Francis, Homily for Ash Wednesday, 2017

There will be a planning meeting for the Respect Life Ministry on Monday, March 13th at 6:30pm. New members are always welcome.

40 Days for Life March 1-April 9

You're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. For more information, visit www.40daysforlife.com.

Save the Date:

Saturday, March 25th 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

You are invited to join us in 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 10:00am (after Stations of the Cross). Carpooling is available. For more information, please call Donna Lapointe (401-624-3796)

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

For the grace to turn from actions that are not life-giving; may we repent and embrace God's mercy and love.

You Can Make A Difference!

My Brother's Keeper is a Christian ministry in Dartmouth that delivers furniture free of charge to families in need. At each deliver, we offer a crucifix as a gift along with the message, "We are just the delivery people. This is the man who sent you the furniture."

We need volunteers to help in a wide variety of ways including administration, cleaning, sorting, sewing, and pickups & deliveries. All are welcome.

Please join us! Call 774-305-4577 if you need furniture or if you can help us as a volunteer.

My Brother's Keeper

Our Mission: "To bring the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ to those we serve."

[Www.MyBrothersKeeper.org](http://www.MyBrothersKeeper.org)

YOUTH IN HIS IMAGE AGES 14-18

- 3/12 4:00pm Vespers at Saint Stan's
- 3/18 4:30pm St Patrick's Day dinner @ GS \$15
- 3/20 5:30pm-6:30pm Adoration;
6:30-8:30pm Meeting
- 4/3 5:00-6:15pm Soup Kitchen
6:30-8:30pm Meeting
- 4/8 10:00-11:30am Southpointe
- 4/17 6:30-8:30pm Meeting

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Parish is available to anyone in need.

We are also accepting donations of nonperishable items and clothing.

**Contact the Parish office
508-678-7412**

10am Masses Ad Orientem 2017

Like it? Or not so much? Here's how to plan:

Good Shepherd
Saint Stanislaus

	GS	8/6		
SS	3/12		SS	8/13
GS	4/2		GS	9/3
SS	4/9		SS	9/10
GS	5/7		GS	10/8
SS	5/14		SS	10/15
GS	6/4		GS	11/5
SS	6/11		SS	11/12
GS	7/2			
SS	7/9			

SUNDAY VESPERS

**Sunday, March 12, at 4:00 p.m.
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!

BIBLE STUDY

March 18th No Bible Study because of Irish night

Photography Lessons

Saint Stanislaus parishioner Shawn Mills is offering photography and photo editing lessons at Saint Stanislaus Parish. Please join us for the free first two classes, then it will be \$20.00 per month per family as a parish fundraiser for Saint Stanislaus and Good Shepherd Parishes. No prior knowledge is needed. If you have a camera, please bring it with you. Open to parents, students, and parishioners. Next class will be March 12th at 11:15am





Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner At Good Shepherd

Saturday, March 18th

Take-Out: 4:00-5:00pm

Dinner Served: 5:00pm

Irish Music

Large Raffle

Adults: \$15

Children 10 & under: \$7

**As part of the festivities there will
be Irish Step Dancing**



Portuguese Food Sale

At Good Shepherd

3/25 beginning at 1:00pm and 3/26 before
and after all Masses until sold out.



Save the Date: At St Stanislaus Parish April 30th

Portuguese Lunch. Eat in or
take out.

Folkloric dance entertainment.

Watch the bulletin for more
details!

Around the Diocese

Saint Anne's Parish, located at 818 Middle Street in Fall River during Lent in the lower church

Monday-Thursday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 4:30pm-5:30pm

Friday Stations of the Cross and the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4:30pm-5:30pm

Monday-Friday Mass at 5:30pm

Called By Name To Serve

Day of Reflection for Girls ages 14-18

Date: Saturday, April 1, 2017

Time: 9:30am -5:00pm

Place: Dominican Sisters Convent: 3012, Elm Street, Dighton, MA

Cost: \$7, at the door (cash only)

RSVP: by March 24, 2017

To: Sr. Paulina@dioc-fr.org or call: 909-496-2022 or 508-675-1311

St John Neumann Parish will be welcoming Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Director of Education & Ethics at The National Catholic Bioethics Center on **Sunday, March 26, 2017.**

Talk #1 Physician Assisted Suicide: 1:00-2:15pm

Talk #2 Survey of today's most challenging issues in bioethics today?

Cost: Free Will Offering

Where: St. John Neumann Church
157 Middleboro Rd Freetown, MA

For Lent this year, the Fall River Diocese is offering something new! The 2017 Women and Men's Conference is a one-day program with enriching talks, reflection, prayer, and fellowship for a deeper faith-filled journey towards Easter. It will take place on Saturday, March 11, at Stonehill College. Speakers will be Cardinal Sean O'Malley, OFM Cap.; RENEW International Director Sr. Terry Rickard, O.P.; Christian music artist ValLimar Jansen; and lay evangelist and humorist Michael Cumbie. To register or obtain more information, visit www.fallriverdiocese.org or pick-up a flyer here at the parish.

Join us at the upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekend Our Lady of the Cape Parish Brewster, MA
April 22-8:00am to 9:30pm
April 23 8:00am to 4:00pm

Discounted accommodations available at Ocean Edge Resort & Golf Club
Call us at 800-710-WWME for more details.

Catholics Come Home

Tom Peterson former national Advertising Executive, prime-time TV host and Catholic author, will be at Holy Ghost Church, Tiverton RI, on Thursday March 30th 7:00pm-8:30pm. You've likely seen their amazing Catholics Come Home's TV evangomercials that helped more than a half million people come home to the Catholic Church. Now, learn how to go deeper in your faith and help loved one home, during this presentation. Afterward, Tom will sign his humorous and uplifting new book, with endorsements by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Dr. Scott Hahn, Roma Downey, Rick Warren and Coach Lou Holtz. Come hear this international speaker and learn how to go deeper in your faith, and to help bring more souls to heaven... especially your closest family members and friends! Free will offering.

Catholic Pilgrimage to Portugal/Spain...

Join **Father Jeffrey Cabral** (Diocesan Judicial Vicar, residing at St. Mary Parish in Mansfield) and **Father David Frederici** (Pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Pocasset and Chaplain of UMass Dartmouth), from **November 6-15, 2017, for a pilgrimage visiting Lisbon, Fatima, Santiago de Compostela, Avila, Madrid and more.** Celebrate our faith, especially in this 100th anniversary year of the Fatima Apparitions. Price is \$2,749 per person (based on double occupancy). For further information, please visit www.fallrivertribunal.com/pilgrimage.html or contact:

Fr Jeffrey Cabral 508-675-7150 jac@dioc-fr.org
Fr David Frederici 508-563-5887 frdavid@sjeparish.com

Catholic Tour 1-888-465-9868
infor@thecatholictour.com

DO YOU KNOW THE STORY OF CATHOLICISM? DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

Holy Name Parish invites you to look at this question by exploring Bishop Robert Barron's series called Catholicism. The presentations will take place at Holy Name School, 850 Pearce St., Fall River, from 6:30-8:15pm on Wednesdays, March 15, March 22, and April 5. Come to one or come to all. Presented by Mr Patrick McNabb, Director of Faith Formation at Holy Name and Juan Carlos Munoz, a seminarian studying to become a priest for our Diocese of Fall River. Call 508-678-7532 or contact faith-formation@holynamefr.com for more information.

Daily Inspiration for Lent:

You can spend four brief, yet inspiring, minutes in prayer during Lent with our video reflections filmed live weekdays at the Father Peyton Center. Let our priests enhance your prayer life this Lent as Fathers Raymond, Polselli and Paul, sharing their meaningful and inspiring reflections based on daily scripture. Find them at : <http://blog.FamilyRosary.org> or on [Facebook.com/FamilyRosary](https://www.facebook.com/FamilyRosary).

A World at Prayer is a World at Peace.

St. Joseph's and St. Michael's Parish in Fall River hosts a weekly Bible study every Tuesday at 9:30am and repeated again at 7pm in the St. Joseph's school building on N. Main St. The group is held by Jean Revil, Parish Director of Adult Faith Formation. During the Lenten Season, the Bible study will provide an opportunity to deepen your understanding of the disciplines of Lent, and reflect on God's call to return to Him with your whole heart. All are invited to join us each Tuesday. Bring a Bible and join in exploring and sharing our Catholic faith.

Tuesday, March 7th—The Universal Call to Holiness

Tuesday, March 14th—Fasting as prayer and sacrifice

Tuesday, March 21st—Almsgiving during Lent—to give without judgement

Tuesday, March 28th—Be reconciled to God—Penance with a joyful heart

Tuesday, April 4th—The Sacred Triduum—reflecting on the Passion story

Tuesday, April 11th—The Great Feast of 50 days

Little Sisters of the Poor

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Pot of Gold Drawing

Thursday, March 16, 2017

11:00am to 9:00pm

390 Fall River Ave Seekonk, MA

\$17.00 per adult \$7.50 per child under 12

Eat In OR Take Out Available Both options require advanced reservations

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Visit: www.littlesistersofthepoorpawtucket.org

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