

From the Pastor

HOLY MASS

God's serene and kindly countenance The priest now asks God to receive and accept the offerings before us on the altar, the Body and Blood of Christ, just as he received Jesus' offering on the Cross: "Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them." What a beautiful image: God smiling on what we are offering him, his own Son! The priest then recalls three figures from the Old Testament whose offerings were indeed accepted: Abel's sacrifice of the lamb in Genesis, Abraham's offering of Isaac, and King Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine to meet Abraham. These are the great "Eucharistic" figures of the Old Law, whose offerings prefigured our own at Mass, "a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim": Jesus, the Lamb who is slain for us. The priest then asks God to "command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty." We are asking that the Eucharist on our altar be taken up and become part of the unending liturgy of heaven, nothing less. This means that we are asking, in faith, to be in heaven, sharing in the worship of all the saints and angels. Heaven has come to earth and earth to heaven, "so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing." As Father George Rutler wrote, "At this moment, we are in the Upper Room, in our own church, and in heaven, all at once."

Next week: Our Beloved Dead.



PawSox tickets will be coming in next week. Call the office starting Wednesday 29 March. Thanks as always to Mr Lou Ledoux of Axis Bats who is also a parishioner of Good Shepherd.

Saint of the Week

28 March Saint Guntram of Burgundy

Born about 532 in Frankish Gaul, Guntram lived in the bloody early Merovingian era. Though the kings of early France were Catholic, their ways were those of their heathen forefathers. Territorial conflicts were settled by war. Vendettas were settled by murder. The son of the King of Burgundy, Guntram was not immune to brutality. He took a slave girl as his mistress and had a son by her. Then, he married Mercatruide. When Guntram began to suspect that she had conspired in the death of his natural son, he had her sent away. Disappointed with his physician, he had him killed. Then Guntram took a second wife. But his was the tipping point. By God's grace, like Saint Paul and Saint Augustine before him, he had a conversion, felt genuine remorse for his many sins, and did penance. Now king, he ruled the people of Burgundy with care. He avoided bloody wars. Guntram gave generously to the poor and to the Church, endowing monasteries and providing for the clergy. He developed a great reverence and humility before his priests. The writer Saint Gregory of Tours attributed miracles to him both before and after his death. After ruling for thirty-one years in peace and prosperity, Guntram died in 593 and was acclaimed a saint by his subjects. The Lion of Burgundy had become a shepherd king. His relics went to the cathedral of Chalon-sur-Saone, where they remain to this day. He is the patron of repentant murderers and those in second marriages.

Saint Guntram of Burgundy, pray for us!

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. The Lenten Retreat for the Fall River Deanery will be the four nights of 27 to 30 March. It will be led by Father Quigley OP of Providence College.

From the Pastor Cont.



Fall River Deanery Lenten Mission

Week of 3/26

The Fall River Deanery Lenten Mission is this week. Each night, Fr. James Quigley, O.P. will unfold what it means to live a life of virtue, and how to do it. Mass is celebrated at 7pm at the four parishes that will host the mission.

Monday's Mass is at St. Bernadette Parish at 529 Eastern Ave. in Fall River.

Tuesday is at St. John of God Parish at 996 Brayton Ave, in Somerset.

Wednesday is at St. Bernard Parish at 32 South Main St. in Assonet.

The final night is Thursday at St. Anthony of the Desert Parish at 300 N. Eastern Ave. in Fall River.

Confessions will also be heard at each parish at 6pm before the Mass. Please plan on making the mission a part of your Lenten preparations for Easter.

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.

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 break-
fast.

Pray the Stations of the Cross and enjoy Parish Fellowship!

Extra Lenten Confessions

Fridays 6:00pm-7:00pm

31 March Good Shepherd (English or Portuguese)

7 April Saint Stanislaus

Experience the joy of mercy and forgiveness!

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Respect Life Ministry

It is important to remember that love-charity-is a grace, the fruit of our saving encounter with God's own love. Saint Paul reminds us that the Lord's grace forgives our sins, heals our hearts and enables us to become channels of his own unconditional love. Our efforts to love our brothers and sisters with a pure and disinterested love are really our response to the love we have been shown in Christ. Conscious of our human weakness, let us ask our Lord daily to renew the gift of his love within us and to enable us to be witnesses of that love to others, especially those in greatest need. In this way we will fulfill the Apostle's command to "rejoice in hope" (Rom 12:12), as we strive to grow in the life of charity and to draw others to the merciful love of the Father.

~Pope Francis, General Audience, Mar 15, 2017

40 Days for Life March 1-April 9

It is not too late to join other Christians all over the world who are praying and fasting for an end to abortion. For more information, visit www.40daysforlife.com.

Deacon Tim will lead us in praying the Pro-Life Stations of the Cross on Saturday, April 1st, at 8:45am. All are invited.

The **Rosary for Life** is prayed at 2:30pm every Monday when there is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited to come pray for an increased respect for all life from conception to natural death.

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

For all Catholics; may we be channels of God's mercy by loving every person and celebrating the gift of his or her life.

BIBLE STUDY

April 1st at 6:30pm in Good Shepherd Hall. Join us as we pray and study the Sunday Mass readings. It will be The Fifth Sunday in Lent.. The readings will be Ez37:12-14; Rom8:8-11; Jn11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45(34)

SUNDAY VESPERS

Sunday, April 2, 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!

YOUTH IN HIS IMAGE AGES 14-18

- 4/3 5:00-6:15pm Soup Kitchen
6:30-8:30pm Meeting
- 4/8 10:00-11:30am Southpointe
- 4/13 7 churches directly after 7:00pm Mass
- 4/17 6:30-8:30pm Meeting

10am Masses Ad Orientem 2017

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

Good Shepherd

Saint Stanislaus

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

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**

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



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. Classes are every Sunday at 11:15am. For more information visit PopHelps.com



Malasadas
Bom Pastor
8 de abril
a partir de 07:00

Malasadas
At Good Shepherd
April 8th
beginning 7:00am

Venda de comida portuguesa
na paróquia do Bom Pastor

25/ início às 13:00 e 26/3
antes e depois de todas as
missas, até acabar.



Portuguese Food Sale
At Good Shepherd

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

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

Do you have 4 minutes to enhance your Lenten Journey? Pray during Lent with our video reflections filmed live weekdays at the Father Peyton Center. Our clergy, Father Willy Raymond, Father Leo Polselli and Father Pinto Paul, share their meaningful and inspiring reflections. Find them at: <http://blog.FamilyRosary.org> or on [Facebook.com/FamilyRosary](https://www.facebook.com/FamilyRosary). We make it easy as possible for you to have a rich prayer experience this Lent right from your mobile device. Family Rosary: *The Family that Prays Together Stays Together*.

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.

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 21st—Almsgiving during Lent—to give without judgement

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

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

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 Wednesday 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 faithformation@holynamefr.com for more information.

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](mailto:Sr.Paulina@dioc-fr.org) or call: 909-496-2022 or

508-675-1311