

Parish Calendar
Please see bulletin for details

Tuesday, May 1st 12:00-3:00pm Prayer Blanket Ministry at Good Shepherd
(bring your own lunch)

Saturday, May 5th 8:45am Respect Life Prayer Service at Saint Stanislaus

Sunday, May 6th 11:00am-12:30pm Junior youth group

Sunday, May 6th 6:00pm Father Leonard speaks at Good Shepherd

Monday, May 7th 6:00-8:00pm Youth group meeting

Thursday, May 10th Ascension of Jesus (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday May 9th 6:00pm Vigil Mass at Saint Stanislaus

Thursday May 10th 8:00am at Good Shepherd

10:15am School Mass at Saint Stanislaus

12:00pm bilingual Mass at Good Shepherd

Wednesday May 16th 6:30pm Good Shepherd Parish Feast Meeting

Sunday, May 20th 11:00am-12:30pm Junior youth group

Sunday, May 20th Pentecost Sunday

Soupas after the 11:30am Mass at Good Shepherd

Monday, May 21st 5:30-6:30pm Holy Hour at Good Shepherd

Monday, May 21st 6:00-8:00pm Youth group meeting

Saturday, May 26th 7:00am Malassadas at Good Shepherd

Friday, June 1st, Saturday, June 2nd, Sunday, June 3rd Saint Stanislaus Festival

Thursday, June 7th 8:30am Seniors' trip to Mohegan Sun

Wednesday, June 20th 9:45am Seniors' trip to Captain Jack's and Foxwoods

Friday, August 10th, Saturday, August 11th, Sunday, August 12th

Good Shepherd Parish Feast

From the Pastor

Holy Penance:

What should we call this sacrament? Like Extreme Unction (before Vatican II), which came to be called the Sacrament of the Sick, Penance is known by a number of names. As the Catechism (#1423) tells us, "it is called the sacrament of Conversion because it makes sacramentally present Jesus' call to Conversion, the first step in returning to the Father, from whom one has strayed through sin. It is called the sacrament of Penance, since it consecrates the Christian sinner's personal and ecclesial steps of conversion, penance and satisfaction. It is called the sacrament of Confession, since the confession of sins to a priest is an essential element of this sacrament. In a profound sense, it is also the confession or praise of the holiness of God and of his mercy towards sinful man. It is called the sacrament of Forgiveness, since by the priest's sacramental absolution, God grants the penitent pardon and peace. It is called the sacrament of Reconciliation, because it imparts to the sinner the love of God who reconciles: "Be reconciled to God!" (2 Corinthians 5:20). He who lives by God's merciful love is ready to respond to the Lord's call: "Go; first be reconciled to your brother."

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

GS	SS
5/6	5/13
6/3	6/10
7/1	7/8
8/5	8/12

Saint of the Week

30 April Saint Marie de l'Incarnation

She was born in 1599 in central France. When she was seven, Marie had a vision of Jesus, who asked her, "Will you be all mine?" She answered yes, without hesitation. She longed to go to the convent, but her parents married her to a silk maker. Two years later, Marie's husband died, leaving her and her little son Claude penniless. She returned to her father's house, managed her brother-in-law's business, and lived a life of prayer and chastity. When Claude was twelve, with the blessing of her spiritual director, she revealed her plans to enter the Ursuline convent at Tours. Marie's family was so scandalized that they stirred up her own son against her. Despite her efforts, he ran away just before she entered the convent. When he returned, he stormed the convent with his friends, shouting, "Give me back my mother!" Marie said later that at that moment she suffered "a living death." Yet an inner voice told her, "Do not grieve. I will take care of him." She listened and trusted. In 1639, she and two other sisters set sail for the wilds of Canada. Marie taught the faith to the eager natives and directed the construction of a house and monastery in Quebec. After fire ravaged the building, Sister Marie, undaunted, immediately began rebuilding. She exchanged many letters with Claude, who later became a monk. He encouraged his mother to record the many graces God bestowed upon her, and he wrote her biography.

Saint Marie de l'Incarnation, pray for us!

Bible Study

There will be Bible Study in the Parish Hall on the 28th of April at 6:30pm

Starting the 30th of April there will be Confessions every Monday evening from 6:30-7:30. We will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament as well during that time. On April 30th confessions will be at Saint Stanislaus. During May, confessions will be at Good Shepherd. Then in June at Saint Stanislaus.

From the Pastor Cont..

Respect Life Ministry

When someone is facing great trials, we need to meet them where they are, walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however he directs... Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them. Sometimes our actions speak for themselves; other times, words are needed. Whatever the situation, Jesus knows how to speak to each person's heart; we simply need to follow where He leads. Let us go, therefore, and not be afraid. God is always with us.

~Life Issues Forum: How to Build a Culture of Life, Feb. 23, 2018

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

May God's loving presence strengthen us to be not afraid as we work to build a culture of life.

The next Respect Life Prayer Service on Saturday, May 5th at 8:45am. All are welcome!

Seniors' News

Mohegan Sun Casino, Thursday, June 7, \$18. Includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, wheel and \$15 food voucher. Bus leaves at 8:30am from Good Shepherd Church parking lot, South Main St.

For more information or reservations call:

Phyllis 508-676-8378; Ann 508-674-7355; Adele 508-672-0030

Captain Jack's Lobster Bake and Foxwoods Casino, Wednesday, June 20th. \$76 - includes gratuity for driver, enjoy Captain Jack's famous full course lobster or prime rib bake, Bonus: Buffet dinner coupon and \$10 Casino slot bonus. Luxury Coach leaving 9:45am from Good Shepherd Church parking lot. Returning 7:30pm.

For more information or reservations call:

Phyllis 508-676-8378; Barbara 508-491-7457

Prayer Blanket Ministry

Meeting Tuesday, May 1st. 12:00-3:00pm in the Good Shepherd hall, bring a lunch.

If you would like to join the prayer blanket ministry or to request a blanket please contact Joan Burda 508-679-6186

"May you know the healing power of the Holy Spirit through this prayer filled blanket."

Good Shepherd Parish Food Pantry

Donations of non-perishable food items are always welcome.

The food pantry is available to anyone in need on Thursday 10:00am -12:00pm or by appointment.

Junior Youth Group Schedule (ages 9-12)

5/6 11:00-12:30pm meeting
5/20 11:00-12:30pm meeting

Youth Group Schedule (ages 13+)

5/7 6:00-8:00pm meeting
5/21 5:30-6:30pm adoration; 6:00-8:00pm meeting

South End Neighborhood Association:

The neighborhood meeting will be held on Thursday, May 3rd, at 6:30pm in the Good Shepherd Parish hall. The guest speaker will be a representative from St. Anne's Hospital to inform the public of new services and also to conduct a consumer survey. An update on the King Phillip Mill will be presented by the developer, Robert Kfoury. A representative from the Police Department will give a monthly report on crime in the neighborhood. Light refreshments will be served. For further information, please call Alan Silvia at 774-526-1122

This year The Diocese of Fall River is very blessed to have one young man being ordained to the transitional diaconate and three men to be ordained priests. Please plan on attending these great gifts of Holy Orders being given to them at The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Fall River. Ryan Healy is to be ordained a Transitional Deacon on Saturday, May 19th at 11:00am. Deacons Matthew Gill, Juan Carlos Munoz, and Daniel Nunes are to be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, June 9th at 11:00am. If you can please join us for these beautiful occasions, and please keep them in your prayers.

REBOOT with Chris Stefanick

St Barnabas Church
1697 East Main Road
Portsmouth, RI 02871

St. Barnabas is thrilled to have the privilege of welcoming this dynamic and world-renowned Catholic author, speaker, and television host to our parish for an event like you've never experienced before! You won't want to miss this opportunity to reconnect with your faith!

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:00-9:30pm Tickets are \$22 per person and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are available to purchase in the parish office or online at Reallifecatholic.com/reboot

Celebrate the life and legacy of St. Damien of Moloka'i at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, 226 Great Neck Road, Wareham, 02571 on Saturday May 12, 2018 from 10am-3pm (includes a light lunch). To register call Sr. Claire at 508-295-0100. Cost: Free will offering.

Bring your family and friends the day guided by Fr. Columban Crotty, ss.cc., Sr Muriel Lebeau, ss.cc., and Sr Claire Bouchard, ss.cc. will focus on aspects of Damien's life and ministry with presentations for adults and activities for children. Time will be set aside for prayer, reflection, blessing with a relic and documentary: "An Uncommon Kindness" narrated by Robin Williams. All are welcome!

Hymn Fest for Our Lady, Sunday, May 20 – St. Mary’s Cathedral, Second and Spring Streets, Fall River, at 4pm. Come and enjoy honoring Our Blessed Mother in her month of May through her song! Traditional Catholic hymns, including such favorites as “Bring Flowers of the Rarest,” “Mother, at Your Feet is Kneeling,” and “’Tis the Month of Our Mother” will be played on an extraordinary organ. Those attending will be led in singing the hymns by an outstanding vocalist. Prior to the singing of each hymn, a brief background of its history and significance in Catholic devotional life will be presented.

Catholic Pilgrimages to the Shrines of Spain and The Holy Land:

Michael Milano from Our Lady of Mount Carmel is leading pilgrimages to the Shrines of Spain in September and the Holy Land in November.

Spain, September 10-21, 2018, \$3,899.00 per person including air from Providence.

Holy Land, November 7-17, 2018, \$3,899.00 per person including air from Providence.

Most meals included. Holy Mass daily at the Shrines.

For a Flyer or more detailed information please call: Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660

Living the Fatima Message invites you to: Joseph’s Yes: the strength and joy of encountering Joseph with Jesus and Mary at Fatima—our Holy Family, Saturday, May 12, 8am-3pm, sponsored by Bishop Connolly High School, 373 Elsbree St., Fall River, MA. Live Our Lady’s “peace plan” through Mass, Living Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Confession. Listen to reflections by religious and laity from around the diocese, have fun with your family in the children’s activity room, and learn from keynote speaker, Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, founder and mother servant of Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, Quincy. Please bring your own brown bag lunch and join us May 12 for any part, or for the entire program. Accessible facility. No charge. Free will donations graciously accepted. Free parking. Full schedule at fb.com/livingfatima – click events – or email livingfatima@gmail.com or call 781-521-3677

Once again the Diocese of Fall River Vocation Office is running Quo Vadis Days from July 9-13, 2018 at Betannia II Retreat Center in Medway, MA. This retreat/camp is a great time for boys ages 14-19 (those entering high school to those entering college) to seek to grow in their faith and fraternity, learning how to discern what is one of the most important things in their life: their vocation. Throughout the week there are times of prayer and sports, talks on living the faith and understanding the different vocations, Mass and Adoration, mountain hiking, and fraternity. It is a great chance for them to build friendships with others their ages who are living their faith, as well as to get to know the seminarians of the diocese. It is a wonderful time and the cost is only \$100. If any young man is interested please fill out the Quo Vadis brochure in the church or you can email Fr. Kevin Cook, Director of Vocations at frcook@holyfamilytaunton.org for a brochure.

Jesus is the good shepherd and laid down his life for us that we may have new life. Give your marriage new life by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH and June 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen and 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 June 8th-10th 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.