

## From the Pastor

### *The Eighth Deadly Sin: part 2*

We all know what gossip is, whether we can define it or not. Webster's dictionary tells us it is "spreading the rumor or report of an intimate nature about someone, whether it is true or not." This may be done out of malice or out of the simple enjoyment such an act gives. It also may help a person with low-esteem to feel better about himself by simply deflecting attention away from his own issues. Gossip is often directed against bosses or those in authority, for obvious reasons: those not in power are often jealous of those who are. The word may also be used to denote a person who engages in the act of gossiping. We say, "He or she is a real gossip." So how do we stop gossiping? We can think of the damage it does to others and to our own souls. We can simply stop listening to and encouraging those who speak badly of others. Then, a variation of the Golden Rule: We can remember how it felt when we heard gossip about ourselves. We can focus always on the positive. Finally, we can ponder the wisdom of Saint James 3:5-10, where we read, "In the same way the tongue is a small member and yet makes great pretensions. Consider how a small fire can set a huge forest ablaze. The tongue is also a fire. It exists among our members as a world of malice, defiling the whole body and setting the entire course of our lives on fire, itself set on fire by Gehenna. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. This should not be so, my brothers."

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

<i>GS</i>	<i>SS</i>
<i>5/6</i>	<i>4/8</i>
<i>6/3</i>	<i>5/13</i>

### *Saint of the Week*

*8 April Saint Walter of Pontoise*

Walter was a distinguished university professor of rhetoric and philosophy when he left his position and entered the monastery of Rebais in France. King Philip II appointed the quiet and humble Walter to be abbot of the new monastery of Pontoise. Walter led well and with diligence, but he felt crushed by the weight of his office. Twice he tried to escape the stresses of his job, stealing away first to the monastery of Cluny, then to a hermitage on an island in the River Loire. Both times his monks hunted him down and brought him back. When next in Rome, Walter asked Pope Saint Gregory VII to relieve him of his duties; instead the pope confirmed him in them and sent him back. Once he had accepted this was God's will, Walter showed himself to be an unyielding reformer. In a time when priests were taking women for their beds and taking money from administering the sacraments, his task was daunting. Once, after defending the Church's law that the faithful were not to attend a Mass said by a priest who was living with a woman, Walter was thrown into jail by the local magistrate, who disagreed. He met this injustice as he did all others: with intense prayer. He was soon released. Walter died 8 April 1095, which was Good Friday that year. His tomb quickly became a place of pilgrimage and prayer. His relics disappeared at the time of the French Revolution.

*Saint Walter of Pontoise, pray for us!*

### *Bible Study*

There will be Bible Study in the Parish Hall on the 7th of March at 6:30pm

**Starting the 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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*

*Be assured that it is never too late to seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and that "you can with sure hope entrust your child" to the Father and his mercy (Evangelium Vitae, 99)*

*~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing*

Do you live with the pain of an abortion?

Even though you may feel this could never be understood or forgiven, there is hope in Christ. For help, go to [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://www.hopeafterabortion.org) or call the Project Rachel Hotline of our diocese 508-997-3300. Project Rachel is a confidential healing ministry for men and women from past abortions.

#### *Respect Life Prayer Intention:*

For mothers, fathers and grandparents who grieve the loss of a child from abortion; that they may discover the depths of God's merciful love for them and seek his forgiveness, healing and peace.

**The next Respect Life Prayer Service will be Saturday, April 7, at 8:45am. All are invited!**

### **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+)**

**4/9 6:00-8:00pm meeting**

**4/23 5:30-6:30pm adoration; 6:30-9:00pm movie night and meeting**

**5/7 6:00-8:00pm meeting**

**5/21 5:30-6:30pm adoration; 6:30-9:00pm movie night and meeting**

*Movie Night with Father Leonard*

*Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:30pm*

*In the Parish hall.*

*Adoration before the movie from 5:30-6:30*

*All are welcome!*