

Parish Calendar
Please see bulletin for details

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 The Lord (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

Saturday, May 19th 11:00am at The Cathedral: Ordination of Ryan Healy to the
Diaconate (Youth group & Jr Youth group to attend)

Sunday, May 20th 11:00am-12:30pm Junior Youth Group

Sunday, May 20th Pentecost Sunday

Sopas 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

Sunday, May 27th 4:00pm Vespers at Saint Stanislaus

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:

Our worthy reception of the sacrament of reconciliation begins before we ever reach the confessional, through our careful examination of conscience. We quietly ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten us as we do so. This is his work first and foremost, because it is he who searches our minds and hearts. The classic way to examine our conscience is to use the 10 Commandments. The first three commandments lead us to examine our personal conduct toward God, the last seven towards our neighbor. So, the **first commandment** says, "I am the Lord your God; you shall not have false gods before me." On its most obvious reading this is a commandment forbidding the worship of idols, as the pagans did. But it is more searching and challenging than that: "Have I deliberately doubted or denied my faith? Have I practiced any superstitions? Have I said my daily prayers? Have I mocked God, his Church, his saints, or any holy thing? Have I abused the Sacraments in any way? Have I been irreverent in Church, by inappropriate behavior or long conversations? Have I hated God or despaired of his mercy? Have I given too much importance to any creature, activity, or human opinion?" A serious examination of conscience will pose all these questions, based on the first commandment.

May 27th at 4:00pm Vespers at Saint Stanislaus

10:00am Mass Ad Orientem

Good Shepherd

Saint Stanislaus

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When donating to Catholic Charities Appeal please make checks payable to Catholic Charities and not to the church. Thank you!

Saint of the Week

9 May

Saint George Preca

George was born of working-class parents in 1880 in Valletta, on the island of Malta. His youthful piety matured into a priestly vocation and he was ordained in 1905. Two years later, George struck up a friendship with some young men from the next parish. Drawn at first by his infectious sense of humor, the young men were soon seeking George's spiritual instruction. They began to meet in a ramshackle house they jokingly called "the museum." George jokingly made it a grand Latin acronym: Magister Utinam Sequatur Evangelium Universus Mundus. MUSEUM. It means in English, "Master, would that the whole world would follow the Gospel." MUSEUM became the Society of Christian Doctrine, a movement to renew the faith of the Maltese through catechesis. George called his spiritual sons to a high standard of life and learning so that they could shine as lights for others. Like Saint Philip Neri before him, George was suspected by the bishops because of his high spirits and jokes, and his centers for catechesis were closed. He was attacked in the press. At his darkest moment, George met a young boy pushing a manure cart through the city streets. The boy turned and commanded him to help. George did so, with no sense of where the boy was leading him. After this encounter, he was filled with joy. He knew that the boy had been the child Jesus urging him to nourish the faith of his countrymen. George died in 1962, revered as the Second Apostle of Malta, after Saint Paul. Today, his Society of Christian Doctrine has 850 members serving in Malta and around the world.

Saint, George Preca, pray for us!

Bible Study

There will be Bible Study in the Parish Hall on the 12th of May at 6:30pm

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

From the Pastor Cont..

Respect Life Ministry

Each of us is a “creature,” whose origin is the loving gaze of God, who looks upon us “within His very self: and draws us forth from this love. This is the love that is the very being of God; the love of the Father for the Son, the love of the Son for the Father, the Holy Spirit that is love. This is what being created in the image and likeness of God means: to be drawn forth from love; created for love. Thus, every human life conceived in the womb in conceived with a spark of divinity! No wonder we cherish all life as sacred and worthy of the dignity of the children of God. No wonder we believe that all life conceived in the womb is worth all our effort to protect so that the child may come forth from the Light of God into the light of the world.

~Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, “Life: Origins in the Trinity,” Truth in Love: Reflecting the Good News of Christ, 2013.

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

May we treat one another with love that reflects the sacredness of human life.

Mother’s Day Rose Drive

Our parishes will be participating in the Massachusetts Citizens for Life Rose Drive to show our support for the dignity of all life. As we celebrate Mother’s Day, we take this opportunity to purchase a rose to thank our mothers and our God for the gift of life. Roses will be available before and after all the masses on Mother’s Day weekend, May 12-13. There is a free will offering for the roses.

If you prefer you may offer your rose to the Blessed Mother. The roses will be placed before the icon of Our Lady and remain there for the month of May.

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, June 5th 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 Thursdays 10:00am -12:00pm or by appointment.

Junior Youth Group Schedule (ages 9-12)

5/6 11:00-12:30pm meeting
5/19 11:00am at The Cathedral (Mr. Healy's ordination to be Transitional Deacon)
5/20 11:00-12:30pm meeting

Youth Group Schedule (ages 13+)

5/6 6:00 Father Leonard's talk (please come to the youth group room by 5:00 to help set up)
5/7 6:00-8:00pm meeting
5/19 11:00am at The Cathedral (Mr. Healy's ordination to be Transitional Deacon)
5/21 5:30-6:30pm adoration; 6:00-8:00pm meeting

Volunteers Needed: A Prayer Celebration for Families, **Sunday, June 10**, N. Easton, for the historic celebration of Pope Francis' decree recognizing Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., as Venerable and another step closer to sainthood. Day will consist of Eucharistic Procession, Rosary Prayer, and the Holy Mass. **Volunteers needed for hospitality, parking, logistics, etc.** The Father Peyton Center – 518 Washington St., N. Easton, MA 02356. Please call Ashley at 508-238-4095 for more information or to sign up. May God bless you for sharing your gifts of time and talent. Find our event on www.Facebook.com/FamilyRosary

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.

"This I command you: love one another." Learn how to love your spouse as Christ asks 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 & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

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@hollyfamilytaunton.org for a brochure.

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.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO A SPECIAL TOWN HALL MEETING sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life and local pro-lifers. The Town Hall, "MCFL on the Move," will take place on Wednesday, May 16, 6:30-8pm at Baptist Temple Church, 700 N Eastern Ave, Fall River. Topics will include: Life is Winning, Death is Losing; Roe Will Go; Fake News is Falling; How to Achieve the Dream. Q&A period is included. All are welcome.

Be a Super Hero to A Homeless Child

Do you have 2 hours each week to play with young homeless children in one of Horizons for Homeless Children's shelter-based Playspaces in Fall River & New Bedford? Help a homeless child learn, play, and thrive. Upcoming volunteer training 6/7/18. 6-9pm in West Bridgewater. For more information or other training dates visit www.horizonschildren.org or call 508-510-3250. Show off your super power giving back to children in your community.

Meeting the need for new clothing and items for babies and toddlers exists all year and can put a great strain on families. Several parishes in the Diocese of Fall River will participate in Celebrate the Beauty of Every Child (Prayer and Newborn/Toddler Campaign) on the weekend(s) of June 2-3, and/or June 9-10. NEW items such as diapers, wet wipes, bibs, teething rings, receiving blankets, onesies, sleepers, and outfits for infants and toddlers (through 5T) are being collected. Items will be distributed to local families and area centers where assistance is provided to those in need. Members of Massachusetts Citizens for Life, St. Vincent de Paul, the Diocesan Pro-Life Apostolate, Catholic Social Services, and the Knights of Columbus have joined forces to sponsor this event.

Celebrate the Beauty of Every Child is also a call to prayer. Young families need our prayers, and we are all being encouraged to pray as a family. Everyone is a child in the eyes of God, and we are all members of God's family. Thousands of prayer cards are being distributed throughout the Diocese of Fall River as a means of being unified in prayer through this event and beyond.