

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 17**

5:15 p.m. Mary Serba & Alvarnas Family  
(Sandy & Teddy Karcz)

**Sunday, January 18**

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Cichon & Piszcz Families (Family)

**Monday, January 19**

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Capeto (Maria Medeiros)

**Tuesday, January 20**

8:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Good Shepherd

**Wednesday, January 21**

7:00 a.m. Blessings for Jeffrey & Hanna, Brenda & Scott, James & Michelle, and Jennie & Mark (Paula King)

**Thursday, January 22**

No Holy Mass celebrated today

**Friday, January 23**

7:00 a.m. Deceased of the Delaney & Dube Families  
(Leo & Marilyn Dube)

**Saturday, January 24**

5:15 p.m. Adam Polak (Evelyn Whipp)

**Sunday, January 25**

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
10:00 a.m. Faculty, Staff & Students of the School

**NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
this week due to the holiday.

**HOLY ROSARY SODALITY**  
Prayer Intention: For the unborn

**COLLECTION**  
Weekly, \$2,479; Monthly, \$685.50; Etc., \$163. Thank you!

**SAINT STAN'S SEMINARIAN**  
at St. John's in Brighton is Larry Valliere. Let's keep him in our prayers and support him with a note of encouragement every now and then.

Mr. Larry Valliere  
St. John's Seminary  
127 Lake Street  
Brighton, MA 02135

**MEMORIAL CANDLES**  
*Sanctuary:* Rev. Robert S. Kaszynski (Marie D'Alu); *O.L.C.:* For a Special Intention; *Divine Mercy:* St. Stanislaus School (Denita Tremblay); *St. John Paul II:* Noah Gramitt (Denita Tremblay)

*From Father Johnson*

**HOLY PENANCE**

Many people seem to have enjoyed the series on Holy Mass that appeared in installments in the bulletin last year. Now I would like to turn to another sacrament of the Church: Confession or Penance or Reconciliation. One of the things that has surprised me since I became Pastor is how few people make use of the opportunity to go to Confession. Many people seem to be confused about our obligation to confess or, even more, about the values of frequent confession. Perhaps people are going to confession elsewhere (Saint Anne's Shrine seems to be popular), but I would like the sacrament to be better understood by all, no matter where they choose to go. As I did with the Mass, I will look at the rite of the sacrament and, with the help of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, explain why Confession or Reconciliation is one of the great spiritual treasures of the Catholic Faith.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**21 January ~ Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr.** The feast of this young girl, martyred at the age of 12 in about the year 304 AD, is very old and is attested by the most ancient Roman calendars. She is also mentioned with great admiration by some of the Fathers of the Church: St Ambrose, St Jerome, St Augustine, and the poet Prudentius. Her fame spread throughout the whole ancient world, both Greek- and Latin-speaking. The reasons for this were her extreme youth, her purity (Agnes in Greek means chaste), and her courage in the midst of terrible torture. At the moment of her sentencing, she is reported to have said, "It is Christ whom I love. I have become the bride of him whose mother is a virgin. The music he now makes sounds sweetly in my ears. When I love him, I am chaste; when I touch him, I am clean; when I embrace him, I am strengthened in virginity. He has set a crown on my head, as the crown of a bride. I plight my troth to him alone, at whose beauty the sun and moon stand in wonder." Not bad for a 12 year old! Saint Agnes, pray for us and all our young girls! Give them a love for purity in a world that seems to hate it.

**AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS**

Friday, February 27, at 7:00  
Sunday, March 15, at 7:00  
Sunday, March 29, at 7:00 & 10:00

**AVAILABLE CANDLE INTENTIONS**

March: Sanctuary, Divine Mercy & O.L.C.

**BIBLE STUDY**

Come and be refreshed and enlightened by the Word! Join Father Johnson at 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Hall. *Saturday, Jan. 24 & 31.* All are welcome!



## Respect Life Ministry

### HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE



**Thursday, Jan. 22, at 10:00  
St. Stanislaus Church**

This day has been designated as the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” Please see the insert for more information

Every Christian is called to work for the common good and against the evils and injustices of their day. We all are called to witness to life in whatever job and setting God places us. ~ *Life Matters: Call to Greatness 2012 USCCB Respect Life Program*

### PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE

*Sat., Feb. 7, at 8:45am. All are welcome.*



### VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE, PATRONESS OF UNBORN CHILDREN,

We implore your intercession for every child at risk of abortion. Help expectant parents to welcome from God the priceless gift of their child's life. Console parents who have lost that gift through abortion, and lead them to forgiveness and healing through the Divine Mercy of your Son. Teach us to cherish and to care for family and friends until God calls them home. Help us never to see others as burdens. Guide our public officials to defend each and every human life through just laws. Inspire us all to bring our faith into public life, to speak for those who have no voice. We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, who is Love and Mercy itself. Amen.

### PARISH LIBRARY

Do you have any spiritual reading books that you would like to share with your fellow parishioners? The Holy Rosary Sodality is sponsoring a library nook in the entrance foyer of the church. Just leave your used books on the shelf area to the left of the main doors. Sodality members will create a mini-library on that shelf. Parishioners may borrow or keep any book they find interesting.

### SAINT STAN'S SENIORS

Adele (508) 672-0030, Phyllis (508) 676-8378 or Ann (508) 674-7355  
**Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino:** Thurs., Feb. 5. \$16 includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, wheel & \$15 food voucher. Open to the public. Bus leaves Good Shepherd Church at 8:30 a.m.

### RETREAT FOR ADULTS IN THEIR 20'S & 30'S:

Who do you say that I am? The Jesus Retreat. Spend a weekend with others and consider your own response to Jesus' vital question. Have conversations in small groups, take time to reflect and pray, and connect with old friends or meet new ones. Join us for a Charis Retreat weekend from Fri., Feb. 20, at 5pm through Sun., Feb. 22, at 1pm. Cost is \$50/person for college students and \$100/person for non-college students in their 20's and 30's if registered by Feb. 1. Add \$25 after February 1. For more information, visit <http://www.dfrm.org> or contact Deacon Frank Lucca, 508-999-8877 or [flucca@umassd.edu](mailto:flucca@umassd.edu)



### CCD & CONFIRMATION II

No classes this week. We resume on Sunday, Jan. 25.

### YOUTH GROUP

Jan. 21-23, Pilgrimage 4 Life, Washington DC  
Mon., Jan. 26, 6:30-8:30, Meeting

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Leanne Nelson: [lnelsonyg@gmail.com](mailto:lnelsonyg@gmail.com) or 508-989-5868



### JOIN US FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

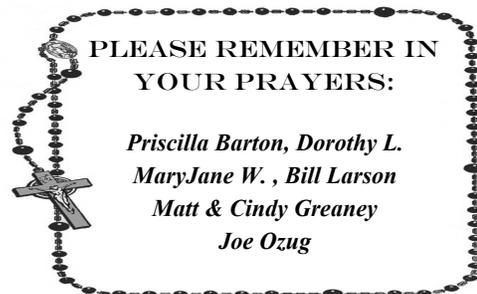
Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 25-30, is almost here. This is a great week to celebrate our school community and your child's accomplishments. The full schedule for the week's activities will be sent home next week and posted on the web site.

The Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week is on Sun., Jan. 25 at 10:00 a.m. All students, PK-8, attend in full academic uniform and sit with their class. **After Mass, the Parent Group is holding its annual family breakfast.** The menu is home fries, French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, yogurt parfaits, pastries, OJ, coffee, tea. Tickets are \$7/adult and \$5/children. Tickets can be purchased or ordered after Masses this weekend.

Our annual Open House is on Thurs., Jan. 29 from 6-8 p.m. Student projects and demos will be on display. Everyone is welcome.

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

“Essential Catholicism: A Preparation Course for Adult Confirmation” will take place on six consecutive Tuesday evenings at Bishop Connolly High School from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning March 3. The Sacrament will be administered in May. Please see Father Johnson for more information.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN  
YOUR PRAYERS:

*Priscilla Barton, Dorothy L.  
MaryJane W., Bill Larson  
Matt & Cindy Greaney  
Joe Ozug*