



**Mass Intentions**

**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

**Monday, January 26**  
7:00 a.m. Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (Paula King)

**Tuesday, January 27**  
8:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Good Shepherd

**Wednesday, January 28**  
7:00 a.m. Joe Minior (Family)

**Thursday, January 29**  
No Holy Mass celebrated today

**Friday, January 30**  
7:00 a.m. In Memory of Sr. Francis de Sales, C.S.S.F. (Butler Family)

**Saturday, January 31**  
5:15 p.m. Wanda Wrobel - Birthday Blessings (Family)

**Sunday, February 1**  
7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Holy Rosary Sodality (Sodality)  
10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Cichon & Piszcz Families (Family)

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**  
Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please use the school entrance.

**HOLY ROSARY SODALITY**  
**Prayer Intention:** For the unborn  
**Meeting:** Sun., Feb. 1, following the 7:00 a.m. Mass

**COLLECTION**  
Weekly, \$2,173.75; Catholic Comm., \$479.50; Etc., \$318. Thank you!

**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.* Join us!

**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

One of the most beautiful descriptions of the sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation or Confession (all are correct) is found in the Decree of the Second Vatican Council *Lumen Gentium*: "Those who approach the Sacrament of Penance obtain pardon from God's mercy for the offense committed against him and are, at the same time, reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by their sins and which by charity, by example, and by prayer labors for their conversion." Baptism washes us clean of all sin, both original sin, which comes to us through our wounded human nature, and actual sin, that is, the sins we ourselves have committed. Adults who are baptized (often at the Easter Vigil) experience this full grace of the sacrament of Baptism; original sin and all actual sins are cleansed. This is why, in the ancient world, Baptism was sometimes delayed and given on the deathbed, as was the case with the Emperor Constantine. But most of us were baptized as babies and so had no actual sin at that time. For us all, no matter when we were baptized, life is long and difficult, and we are weak and needy sinners. We read in the first letter of Saint John, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." The Lord himself taught us to pray, "Forgive us our trespasses." The sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance is God's own answer to this need of ours for forgiveness after Baptism, and he has willed it to bring forgiveness and strength to us through the ministry of his Church.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK

**26 January ~ Saint Paula.** Born in Rome in 347, Saint Paula belonged to one of the first families of Rome, the ancient clan of Furius Camillus. Married as a young woman, she gave her beloved husband a son and four daughters, one of whom, Eustochium, would herself become a saint. She was left a widow in 379 at the age of 32. In 382 there took place her decisive meeting with Saint Jerome, who inspired her with a burning desire to follow the monastic life in the East. A small group of women soon left for the Holy Land, where Paula first made the pilgrimage of all the famous holy places, afterward going to visit Egypt, and finally taking up residence at Bethlehem. She threw herself into Scripture studies under the direction of Saint Jerome. She and her daughter, Eustochium, studied and mastered Hebrew perfectly, having formed a scripture study group with Jerome. They also founded two monasteries, one for men and one for women, both dedicated to bible study and the pursuit of Christian perfection. This gave them great joy, but their peace was disturbed by constant annoyances, first the controversy concerning Origenism which disturbed their relations with Bishop John of Jerusalem, and later Paula's financial distress, brought on by her own extreme generosity to the poor. She died in Bethlehem in 404 in the midst of these trials and good works. She is the patroness of widows and pilgrims. Saint Paula, pray for us!



# Respect Life Ministry



Sat., Feb. 7, at 8:45am.  
You are invited!

The concerns for non-violence, sustainable development, justice and peace, and care for our environment are of vital importance for humanity. They cannot, however, be understood apart from a profound reflection upon the innate dignity of every human life from conception to natural death: a dignity conferred by God Himself and thus inviolable. ~ Pope Benedict XVI

## Did you know?

Our spiritually adopted babies are four months old now! There is a new poster on the bulletin board which shows their amazing growth. Thank you for your prayers.



### 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.

### NEIGHBORS IN NEED

The Armand Pontes Memorial Food Pantry at Good Shepherd Church has expanded its outreach to include clothing, especially winter clothes, and is need of donations of new or gently used jackets, sweaters, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, pants., etc., for men, women and children. Please bring your donations to the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### CITIZENS FOR CITIZENS RSVP PROGRAM

seeks volunteers to assist grade K-5 students with basic literacy skills in the Fall River area. Volunteers must be 55+ years of age. For more information, contact Judy Charest at 508-679-0041.

### 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. 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. Contact Deacon Frank Lucca at 508-999-8877 or flucca@umassd.edu



### CCD & CONFIRMATION II

Classes resume this Sunday, Jan. 25.

CCD classes next Sunday, Feb. 1

Confirmation II Day of Recollection: Sat., Jan. 31

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

will be celebrated for Saint Stanislaus & Good Shepherd Parishes here at Saint Stan's by Bishop Da Cunha on Tuesday, Mar. 17, at 7:00 p.m.

### YOUTH GROUP

Mon., Jan. 26, 6:30-8:30, Meeting

Contact: Deb Jezak: [dmj10@live.com](mailto:dmj10@live.com) or 508-679-4348 or

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

### CAMP FATIMA/CAMP BERNADETTE

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2015 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer 2-week overnight sessions for children, ages 6-15. For a brochure and DVD, contact Michael Drumm at 603-364-5851 or visit us at [www.campsfatimabernadette.org](http://www.campsfatimabernadette.org).

### GOOD SHEPHERD SOUP-PER-BOWL

Sat., Feb. 21, at 5:30 p.m.

Come and taste homemade soups and vote for your favorites! Breads and desserts finish the evening. It's a great way so spend a winter night. Tickets are just \$8/adults and \$4/children under ten. We already have clam boil stew, minestrone, chicken noodle, and wonton on the menu! Attention, All Cooks: Why not enter your soup in our contest! Just make three gallons of your favorite recipe and then come to serve it. Prizes will be awarded to our top three vote-getters. Contact the Parish Office at 508-678-7412 or [gsgfallriver@gmail.com](mailto:gsgfallriver@gmail.com) to purchase tickets or register your soup.

### PETER KREEFT/PROCLAIM & MAGNIFY

Radio CorMariae proudly presents Dr. Peter Kreeft ([www.peterkreeft.com](http://www.peterkreeft.com)), who will speak to the current Culture Wars and the role New Evangelization plays in a winning strategy. The day will also include a presentation from Radio CorMariae's host, Allison Gingras ([www.reconciledtoyou.com](http://www.reconciledtoyou.com)). Includes lunch. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Sat., Feb. 28, at St. Julie Billiart, Dartmouth. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1017662> or by contacting Radio CorMariae at 508-996-8274 or [info@wpmw.org](mailto:info@wpmw.org).

### 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 contact Father Johnson for details.

### TREASURES OF THE CHURCH



Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will visit St. Bernadette Church in Fall River on Wed., Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m., with an exposition of the "Treasures of the Church."

The exposition begins with a multi-media presentation on the Church's use of relics that is scriptural, catechetical and devotional, leading to a renewal of the Catholic faith for many people. After the teaching, those in attendance have an opportunity to venerate the relics of some of their favorite saints. The veneration of relics is a communion with the heroes of our Christian faith, asking for their powerful intercession.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Priscilla Barton, Dorothy L.

MaryJane W., Bill Larson

Matt & Cindy Greaney

Joe Ozug