



**Saturday, February 7**

5:15 p.m. Rev. Robert S. Kaszynski (Sandy & Teddy Karcz)

**Sunday, February 8**

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 10:00 a.m. Rev. Robert S. Kaszynski (Family)

**Monday, February 9**

7:00 a.m. Antonetta Santoro (Paula King)

**Tuesday, February 10**

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

**Wednesday, February 11**

10:00 a.m. Fern & Seph Nobrega (Anniversary Blessings)

**Thursday, February 12**

No Holy Mass celebrated today

**Friday, February 13**

7:00 a.m. Jennie Kostka (Son)

**Saturday, February 14**

5:15 p.m. Mike & Wanda Zwolinski (Saint Stan's Seniors)

**Sunday, February 15**

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 10:00 a.m. James Chekares (Tom & Cindy Wrobel)

**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: Peace in the Middle East

**BIBLE STUDY**

Come and be refreshed and enlightened by the Word! Join Father Johnson at 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Hall. *Saturday, Feb. 7 & 14. No Bible Study on Sat., Feb. 21, due to the Soup-Per-Bowl.* Join us!

**MALASSADAS**

Sat., Feb. 14, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd

**CARD NIGHT FOR THE TROOPS**

Fri., Feb. 27. Details to follow

**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:* Manuel & Maria Sousa (Daughter, Maria D'Alu); *O.L.C.:* Nora Torres (Jan); *Divine Mercy:* Rev. Robert S. Kaszynski; *St. John Paul II:* Fern & Seph Nobrega.

*From Father Johnson*

**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.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**10 February ~ Saint Scholastica.** She is most famous as the twin sister of Saint Benedict, but her personality and holiness shine through even in the bare account we have of her in the "Dialogues" of Saint Gregory the Great. Born in Norcia in Umbria in Italy in 480, she consecrated her life to God from her earliest youth. After her brother went to Monte Cassino, where he established his famous monastery, she founded and governed a monastery of nuns, about five miles from that of St. Benedict, who, it appears, also directed his sister and her nuns. She visited her brother once a year, and since she was not allowed to enter his monastery, he went in company with some of his brethren to meet her at a house some distance away. These visits were spent in conferring together on spiritual matters. On one occasion they had passed the time as usual in prayer and holy converse, and in the evening they sat down to take their meal together. Scholastica begged her brother to remain until the next day so they could finish their visit, but Benedict refused to spend the night outside his monastery. She had recourse to prayer, asking God to make her brother grant her wish. Immediately, a furious thunderstorm burst over them, so that neither Saint Benedict nor any of his companions could return home. Saint Benedict complained bitterly at having to stay, but Scholastica responded, "I asked you, and you would not listen, so I asked my God and he did listen. So go off now, if you can, and return to your monastery!" So they spent the night in spiritual conversation. Saint Gregory says that she prevailed over her brother because her love was greater, and "God is love." The next morning they parted to meet no more on earth, for three days later she died, and her holy brother beheld her soul in a vision as it ascended into heaven. He sent his brethren to bring her body to his monastery and laid it in the tomb he had prepared for himself. This was about the year 547; Benedict followed her soon after. She is invoked against the danger of lightning and thunderstorms, and is patroness of all women religious. Saint Scholastica, pray for us!



## Respect Life Ministry

All of us are God's children, members of God's family... Saint Paul has told us that in Christ we have become God's adopted children, brothers and sisters in Christ. This is who we are. This is our identity...The Apostle tells us that because God chose us, we have been richly blessed!...God chose and blessed us for a purpose: to be holy and blameless in his sight (Eph 1:4). He chose us, each of us to be witnesses of his truth and his justice in this world.  
~from Pope Francis' homily, Manila, 18 January 2015



### SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM

Thank you for continuing to pray for your spiritually adopted babies. They are 18 weeks old, and about 8 inches long. At this time of development, a protective white substance, called vernix caseosa, begins to cover the babies. This will protect their skin from exposure to amniotic fluid. Ultrasound scans can now detect motion in the larynx, distinct movements that are like those movements made during speech!

*Thank you to all who participated in the Prayer Service for Life this weekend. The next Prayer Service will be March 7 at 8:45 a.m.*

### SAINT STAN'S SENIORS

Adele (508) 672-0030, Phyllis (508) 676-8378, Ann (508) 674-7355  
Buses leave the GS parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

**Bus Trip to Foxwoods Casino:** Thurs., Mar. 5. \$16.00 includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, free play and buffet.

**Bus Trip to Mohegan Sun Casino:** Thurs., Apr. 9. \$16.00 includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, wheel, and \$15.00 food voucher.

### TREASURES OF THE CHURCH

St. Bernadette Church, Fall River, on Wed., Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m. The program includes a multi-media presentation on the Church's use of relics and an opportunity to venerate the relics of many favorite saints. The veneration of relics is a communion with the heroes of our Christian faith, asking for their powerful intercession.



### PROCLAIM & MAGNIFY - SAT., FEB. 28

Join renowned author and philosopher, PETER KREEFT in two talks on The Culture Wars and The Winning Strategy of the New Evangelization. The day will also feature ALLISON GINGRAS, host of *Catholic 24/7*. \$25/person. Lunch included. St. Julie Billiart's Church, 494 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth, MA. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Register by calling or call 508-996-8274 or online at <http://proclaim2015.brownpapertickets.com/>.

### PERMANENT DEACONS

Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha has authorized the formation of a new class of men seeking to be ordained as Permanent Deacons. Each candidate must be in a valid church marriage for at least five years, between the ages of 35 and 60, have given evidence of church interest and support, and a full time resident of our Diocese. A letter of support from the pastor is required. Deacons are ordained to assist the bishop in addressing the needs of the Diocese. No candidate is to be encouraged to apply with the hope or understanding that he will be assigned to his own parish. Applications should be mailed to the Office of the Permanent Diaconate at 106 Illinois Street, New Bedford, MA 02745. Applications should be submitted in time for an information night scheduled for March 24, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at St. Mary's Parish Center in New Bedford. All those who submit an application will be invited to this informative gathering.



### CCD & CONFIRMATION II

Classes: Feb. 8 & 22. No classes on Feb. 15

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

will be celebrated for Saint Stanislaus & Good Shepherd Parishes here at Saint Stan's by Bishop Da Cunha on Tuesday,

### YOUTH GROUP

Mon., Feb. 16, 6:30-8:30, Meeting

Contact: Deb Jezak: [dmj10@live.com](mailto:dmj10@live.com) or 508-679-4348 or  
Leanne Nelson: [lnelsony@gmail.com](mailto:lnelsony@gmail.com) or 508-989-5868

### 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. 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.

### RESERVE THE DATE: FALL RIVER LENTEN MISSION

Every year, the parishes of the Fall River arrange for joint Lenten Mission. This year, the mission will take place from March 9-12, with Mass at 7 p.m. each night. Details on the daily locations will follow. Fr. Paul Halladay, a Chaplain Major in the U.S. Army, will preach the Mission on "*Lenten Lessons from a Combat Chaplain; Reflections on Life and Spirituality from Iraq and Afghanistan.*" Confessions will be offered each night from 6:00-6:45 p.m. There also will be a shorter version of his daily Mission talk given at the 12:05 p.m. daily Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please clear your calendar to make it possible for you to attend as many days of the Mission as you can to grow in faith along with fellow Catholics.

### MASS SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

#### February 18

7:00 a.m.	St. Stanislaus
10:00 a.m.	St. Stanislaus (School Mass)
12:00 p.m.	Good Shepherd
6:00 p.m.	St. Stanislaus

### 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.

### THE ANCHOR

All parishioners are encouraged to subscribe to The Anchor, the weekly newspaper of the Diocese of Fall River. This is a great means to grow in faith and stay informed of issues relevant to the faith that secular newspapers can neglect or distort. Subscriptions are only \$20.00 a year. Subscription envelopes are now available in the narthex. Current subscribers will receive renewal envelopes by mail. Please fill out your contact information, enclose \$20.00 cash or a check made out to the parish, and put it into the collection basket.

### THE FESTIVAL IS ONLY 4 MONTHS AWAY!

We need a couple of refrigerators. If you can help, please call Mary Anne at 508-676-0163.

