



**Saturday, February 21**

5:15 p.m. Paul & Stella Lawton (Midura & Wilbur Families)

**Sunday, February 22**

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to my Mother (Paula King)

**Monday, February 23**

7:00 a.m. All Students in the Parishes & School

**Tuesday, February 24**

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

**Wednesday, February 25**

7:00 a.m. Rev. Robert S. Kaszynski (Maria D'Alu)

**Thursday, February 26**

No Holy Mass celebrated today

**Friday, February 27**

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

**Saturday, February 28**

5:15 p.m. Rev. Robert S. Kaszynski

**Sunday, March 1**

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Holy Rosary Sodality (Sodality)

10:00 a.m. Holy Mass

**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 peace in the Middle East

**Meeting:** Sun., Mar. 1, following the 7:00 Holy Mass

**NO BIBLE STUDY THIS SAT., FEB. 21,**

We resume next Sat., Feb. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Hall  
Come and join us!

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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

**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 Torres); *Divine Mercy:* Rev. Robert S. Kaszynski (Jan Torres); *St. John Paul II:* Fern & Seph Nobrega.

*From Father Johnson*

**HOLY PENANCE**

The **third commandment** is about keeping a day for the service of the Lord: "Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day." The first and by far the most important way to keep Sunday holy is to go to Holy Mass and participate fully and attentively, body and soul. (This includes the Saturday evening vigil Mass, of course.) When we do this, the rest of the day is transformed. People may be uncomfortable with what some consider to be an outdated teaching, that missing Holy Mass is a mortal sin, but it is unchanged: we have a grave obligation to assist at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. Have I missed Mass without good reason, sickness being the principle one? Have I made others miss Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation? Have I left early or been late for Mass for no good reason? There may be the rare occasion when we have to leave Mass early (though there are few situations why 5 minutes make a difference), but to do so habitually, as some do, is an offense against God and the others at Mass who stay to the end. Have I been willfully distracted during Mass? Have I done or commanded unnecessary servile work on Sunday or Holy Days of Obligation? Have I bought or sold things not of necessity on Sunday? This last one is difficult, no doubt. Now that stores are open every Sunday, we may forget. Of course, if we must buy something of necessity, there is no fault involved. But to plan supermarket shopping every Sunday is certainly forgetting that the Lord's Day is to be kept holy. Sunday should be a day when we set aside time to worship our God and then to relax and enjoy our family and friends.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**25 February ~ Blessed Sebastian Aparicio.** Born in 1502 into a peasant family in Galicia, Spain, he was a pious boy who never learned to read or write. At the age of 31 he sailed for Mexico, where he began working in the fields as a hired hand. He displayed a talent for engineering, however, and was soon building roads to facilitate agricultural trading and other commerce. His 466-mile road from Mexico City to Zacatecas took 10 years to build and greatly helped the Indians and Spanish settlers. In time, Sebastian became a wealthy farmer and rancher. At the age of 60 he wed a poor girl who had no other marriage prospects. She was much younger than he. Her motivation may have been a large inheritance; his was to provide a respectable life for a girl without even a modest dowry. When his first wife died, he entered another marriage for the same reason, but his second wife also died young. Then, at the age of 72, Sebastian amazed his friends by distributing his goods among the poor and entering the Franciscans as a lay brother at Puebla de Los Angeles, south of Mexico City. Once professed, Sebastian was sent out collecting alms for the friars, an assignment which lasted for the next 25 years. He travelled the length and breadth of Mexico, familiar to all. His charity to everyone he met earned him the nickname "the Angel of Mexico." He died at the age of 98 in 1600, still on the road begging. His body is uncorrupt to this day and can be seen in his home church of Saint Francis in Puebla. Sebastian was beatified in 1787 by Pius VI. He is the patron of engineers and travelers. Blessed Sebastian, pray for us!

**RELICS OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX, ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA,** St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Bernadette, and St. Maria Goretti will be among the more than 150 Treasures of the Church visiting St. Bernadette Church, Eastern Ave., Fall River, on Wed., Feb. 25, at 6:30 p.m. Some of these relics are 2,000 years old, and there will be a portion of the veil of Our Lady, as well as one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world! Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion (such as rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.

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

Join PETER KREEFT for "The Culture Wars" and "The Winning Strategy of the New Evangelization." Also includes ALLISON GINGRAS, host of *Catholic 24/7*. \$25/person with lunch. St. Julie Billiart Church, 494 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth, MA. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Register by calling 508-996-8274.

**MEN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

With Msgr. Gerard O'Connor and Fr. Roger Landry. Sat., Feb. 28, at St. Francis Xavier Parish in Acushnet. Begins with Holy Mass at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 3:00 p.m. The registration fee is \$20, including refreshments and lunch. To register, call 508-995-7600.



**Respect Life Ministry**

***Our spiritually adopted babies are 5 months old!***

Be sure to check out the new poster on the bulletin board, which shows their incredible development!

***Respect Life Ministry Planning Meeting:***

Mon., Mar. 2, at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

***Prayer Service for Life & Pro-Life Stations of the Cross***

Sat., Mar. 7, 8:45 a.m. Please join us!

[E]very Christian community is called to go out of itself and to be engaged in the life of the greater society of which it is a part, especially with the poor and those who are far away. The Church is missionary by her very nature; she is not self-enclosed but sent out to every nation and people. Her mission is to bear patient witness to the One who desires to draw all creation and every man and woman to the Father. Her mission is to bring to all a love which cannot remain silent...In each of our neighbors, then, we must see a brother or sister for whom Christ died and rose again. What we ourselves have received, we have received for them, as well. Similarly, all that our brothers and sisters possess is a gift for the Church and for all humanity. Dear brothers and sisters, how greatly I desire that all those places where the Church is present, especially our parishes and our communities, may become islands of mercy in the midst of the sea of indifference! ~ Pope Francis, *Message for Lent 2015*

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**CCD & CONFIRMATION II**

Classes this Sun., Feb. 22.

March CCD classes: 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29.

**YOUTH GROUP**

Mon., Feb. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Meeting

Sat., Feb. 28, 4:00 p.m.: Youth Mass

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

*Lenten Schedule*



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays, 12:00 p.m.** at Good Shepherd (followed by a chowder/cornbread lunch)

**Saturdays, 8:45 a.m.** at St. Stanislaus

Please come to one or the other or both. Let us renew our devotion to the life-giving Passion of Christ!

**ADDITIONAL LENTEN CONFESSIONS**

**6:30-7:30 p.m.**



Wednesday, Feb. 25	Good Shepherd
Wednesday, Mar. 4	Good Shepherd
Wednesday, Mar. 4	St. Stanislaus
Wednesday, Mar. 18	Good Shepherd
Wednesday, Mar. 25	Good Shepherd
Wednesday, Mar. 25	St. Stanislaus
Wednesday, Apr. 1	Good Shepherd

**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.

**CRS RICEBOWL CAMPAIGN**

Join us as we take part in the Rice Bowl Campaign this Lent. Be sure to pick up your rice bowl in the narthex. Remember: Your Lenten sacrifices change lives!

**LENTEN REGULATIONS**

**Law of Abstinence:** Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence. On days of abstinence, those bound by the law abstain from meat. On all Fridays of Lent, abstinence is prescribed. This, of course, includes Good Friday. Abstinence is also prescribed on Ash Wednesday.

**Lenten Discipline:** The Code of Canon Law very aptly summarizes the ecclesiastical discipline in Canon 1249: "All members of the Christian faithful in their own way are bound to do penance in virtue of divine law, in order that they all may be joined in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed in which the Christian faithful in a special way pray, exercise works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence."

*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.