



Mass Intentions

- Saturday, March 7**
5:15 p.m. Katherine Proulx (Evelyn Whipp)
- Sunday, March 8**
7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. George Pereira (Family)
- Monday, March 9**
7:00 a.m. Vincenza Perrotti (Paula King)
- Tuesday, March 10**
8:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Good Shepherd
- Wednesday, March 11**
7:00 a.m. Mildred Midura (Paula Midura)
- Thursday, March 12**
No Holy Mass celebrated today
- Friday, March 13**
7:00 a.m. Rev. Robert S. Kaszynski (Leo & Marilyn Dube)
- Saturday, March 14**
5:15 p.m. In memory of Michael & Julianna Niewola (Butler Family)
- Sunday, March 15**
7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
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 our servicemen overseas

BIBLE STUDY
Come and be refreshed by the Word! Join Father Johnson on Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd hall. Upcoming sessions: Saturday, Mar. 7 & 14. All are welcome!

FINAL WEEK OF "THE ANCHOR" DRIVE
The subscription fee is just \$20/yr. Please drop your envelope and check or cash in the collection basket.

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: Joseph Dawicki;
O.L.C.: Stephanie Czepiel;
Divine Mercy: Rev. Robert S. Kaszynski (Denita Tremblay);
St. John Paul II: M/M Louis Silvia

COLLECTION
Weekly, \$4,079.50; Needy Families, \$986; Etc., \$861. Thank you!

From Father Johnson

HOLY PENANCE

The **fifth commandment** is as blunt as can be: "Thou shalt not kill." Human life is sacred because from its beginning, at the moment of conception, it involves the creative action of God and it remains for ever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. God alone is the Lord of life from its beginning until its end: no one can under any circumstances claim for himself the right directly to destroy another innocent human being. From the moment in the Book of Genesis when Cain killed his brother Abel, murder has been with us and has been condemned as a deadly or mortal sin. Taking the life of a child in the womb is murder as well, as is euthanasia, at any stage. Neither has anyone the right to take his own life, since it is God's, and only his, to take. Legitimate self-defense has always been permitted, since one is defending the very life given us by God. The waging of a just war is also allowed, but far too many wars are not just at all! The fifth commandment also rules out the human acts that lead to killing, especially hatred and unjust anger. The fifth commandment asks us: Have I procured, desired, or hastened the death or bodily injury of anyone? Have I borne hatred? Have I oppressed anyone? Have I desired or taken revenge? Have I quarreled or fought with anyone? Have I wished evil on anyone? Have I intended or attempted to injure or mistreat others? Is there anyone with whom I refuse to speak, or against whom I bear a grudge? Have I taken pleasure in anyone's misfortunes? Have I been jealous? Have I had or attempted to have an abortion or counseled anyone else to do so? Have I entertained thoughts of suicide or attempted suicide? Have I overindulged in food or drink? Have I harmed anyone's soul, especially children, by giving scandal through bad example? The fifth commandment is not just a negative: it commands us to honor all human life and do everything we can to foster it.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

8 March ~ Saint John of God: He was born in Montemor-o-Novo, Evora, Portugal, in 1495. After mysteriously disappearing from his home at the age of eight, John was taken in by a farmer in Oropesa, Spain, outside of Toledo, who set him to tending his sheep. He joined the army at the age of 22 and, after two tours of duty totaling 20 years, returned to Portugal, only to learn that his mother had died and his father had entered the Franciscans. John felt a deep desire to do likewise. He traveled to Granada, where he heard the passionate preaching of Saint John of Avila. Considering all the sins of his life as a soldier, he had what could be called a spiritual and nervous breakdown and was committed to an insane asylum. Saint John of Avila came to visit him there and convinced him to devote all his energies to helping others. He had a vision of the Virgin Mary holding out clothes for the Christ Child, and he knew that he had found his vocation: he would devote himself to the care of the sick poor. He was completely healed of his nervous affliction and went out to found many hospitals where the sacramental care was as important as the medical care. And the medical care was ahead of its time: the patients had their own beds and everything was kept clean. John used to go out into the streets to beg for all he needed. He died in 1550, kneeling before the altar in prayer and surrounded by his spiritual sons, who had taken up his way of life. After his death, Pope Sixtus V created the Congregation of the Brothers of Saint John of God. Saint John of God, pray for us!

DO YOU KNOW A FAMILY WITH CHILDREN?
Have them take a look at our school website: www.saintstanislaus.com



Lenten Lessons from a Combat Chaplain

Reflections on Life and Spirituality from Iraq and Afghanistan

An Interview with Fr. Paul Halladay about the Upcoming Fall River Deanery Lenten Mission

When parishes host a priest to preach a Lenten Mission, normally the priest comes to preach all the Masses at a parish the weekend before so that all parishioners — including those who have never attended a parish mission before — can get a taste of what the mission will be like and be personally invited to come. Because the parishes in the Fall River area collaborate in hosting a Lenten mission to help their parishioners grow spiritually and live a holy Lent, it is impossible for the mission preacher to preach simultaneously at the various parishes of the city on a given weekend. So we've done a brief interview with Fr. Halladay in preparation for the mission so that you can

get to know him and an idea of what he will say and how it will help you to make this Lent the best Lent of your life. Father Halladay is a priest of the Archdiocese of Mobile, Alabama, ordained in 2000. After four years of parish work, he entered Active Duty as a U.S. Army Chaplain and over the last decade has done tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, served at West Point and was also Deputy Command Chaplain for NATO in Afghanistan. He is now a Major and has been awarded numerous military medals and honors. This year he has been assigned by the Army to do a Masters in Ethics at Salve Regina in Newport so that he can teach soldiers in ensuing years.

What's a Lenten mission and how can it help Catholics live a better Lent?

We first need to explain something more fundamental that Lenten Missions serve to strengthen and fortify. Sacraments are the fundamental actions of our spiritual lives as Catholic Christians and they can be explained as particular encounters with Christ — particular in the sense of extraordinary encounters, moments of meeting Christ, where he gives himself to us in ways that are out of the ordinary. Sure, we meet Christ in others. Yes, we can encounter Christ through his creation, marveling at the beauty of it and being in it in very enjoyable ways. We can sense moments that we call “spiritual” in music that is particularly moving and meaningful to us. But in a sacramental encounter, the soul meets Christ in ways that nature or the natural cannot mediate Him. Encountering Christ is what our souls long for, and while it may or may not feel the same as some of these other encounters, it is the reason for the soul's existence; an encounter with Christ that is more intimate and more profound than any of the others.

There are times throughout the year when Sacramental encounters with Christ carry with them even greater significance. Even though we may meet and speak with friends and family through-



Fr. Paul Halladay

out the year, when they come together to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or some other event, those moments have greater significance. Christmas and Easter are two of these special moments through out the year, and since they are particularly special they warrant significant preparation, as does any special event. Advent and Lent are those times of preparation for Christmas and Easter where the Church often offers something out of the ordinary to help us in our preparation. A Lenten Mission is just such an occasion. So Lenten Missions help us to prepare for a Sacramental encounter with Christ at the very significant celebration of Easter.

To refer to Easter as a “very significant celebration” is, however, to understate the case drastically! It is as if to say that D-Day was a very large military operation. It certainly was but that hardly describes the enormity or the historical significance of that moment. The Triduum, the three days when we annually remember the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ, is the D-Day of our spiritual lives, Holy Thursday the eve of battle, and Good Friday the day of combat. While Holy Saturday looks and feels like a day of defeat, Easter Sunday shows us that from what appears to be defeat, God fashions a victory like no one or nothing could have ever anticipated! From death arises life, and life indestructible, immortal life, no longer subject to death or destruction, no longer affected by sin. As a result, the soul is now capable, ultimately, of not only encountering the reason for its existence, but residing with Christ, living forever with Him. The body, too, that part of us that is subject to decay and destruction, has a part in this immortality that we have with Christ. Easter teaches us that as well, and a Lenten Mission becomes the opportunity to explain this “sure and certain hope” of our Christian faith since the life of body and soul is what we celebrate.

What can someone who has never been to a Lenten mission before expect and hope to get out of one?

No two Lenten Missions are the same but all of them are meant to do the same thing. That's why if you've been to a Lenten Mission every year, or you've never been to one before in your life, you can always get something out of it. Missions are meant to prepare us for that particular encounter with Christ at a very

Fall River Deanery Lenten Mission

March 9-12, 2015

7:00 pm Mass each night, with Confessions from 6-6:45 pm

- Monday, March 9, St. Bernadette Church, 529 Eastern Avenue, Fall River.
- Tuesday, March 10, St. Bernard Church, 32 South Main Street, Assonet.
- Wednesday, March 11, St. Michael Church, 189 Essex Street, Fall River.
- Thursday, March 12, St. Anthony of the Desert Church, 300 N. Eastern Avenue, Fall River.

Mini-mission talks will also be given each day as the homily at the 12:05 pm Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 327 Second St, Fall River

Come, Enter Anew This Lent into Victorious Spiritual Combat!

significant time of celebration, by explaining its importance to us. Because of my background as an Army Chaplain, my goal is to help people prepare to encounter Christ at Easter by sharing some of the stories from my time as a combat Chaplain in Iraq and Afghanistan. The sobering reality of battle, and the prospect of encountering our mortality – death on the battle field – forces us to look squarely at life, the reasons for it, what we should do with it, how we ought to treat life and what needs to be important in it. Since Easter is about life, eternal life, and how this life now is meant to prepare us for that life to come, military combat becomes a paradigm through which we can better understand the significance of the battle of Lent and the victory of Easter. With this Lenten Mission I will introduce you to four soldier Saints in the history of the Church and soldiers from my own experience who have helped to articulate what the meaning of life, this one and the next, is really all about; the “what” and the “why” of Easter. For this reason I’ve entitled the mission: *Lenten Lessons from a Combat Chaplain: Reflections on Life and Spirituality from Iraq and Afghanistan*.

How has your service to soldiers in war zones enhanced the way you live out your Catholic faith and your Catholic priesthood?

Since the celebration of Easter is really the fundamental reason why we believe, the reason for our faith, military combat becomes not only a paradigm through which we can better understand Easter, but also a paradigm through which we can better understand our faith. A soldier’s life, both in training and in combat, becomes a living catechism of the living out of our faith. It needs someone to help make the meaning, however, and that is what a chaplain’s role essentially is, to help soldiers make meaning out of training: field training, drills, combat exercises, and finally combat itself. Lifting a line from a T.S. Eliot poem, we can “have the experience but miss the meaning.” Giving meaning to experience is one definition of spirituality, and that is what the Chaplain seeks to do – bring meaning to the experience. Not just any meaning, mind you, and not just “a” meaning, but the truth, the true meaning that is never static but always dynamic and unfolding. By being the channel through which faith is cultivated the Chaplain becomes the means by which an experience – particularly the intense and profound experiences of combat – when reflected upon at different moments in a person’s life still provides a fresh understanding of the truth, a deeper meaning, even when reflected upon from a different vantage point in time.

If someone can’t come to all four nights of the mission, would it still be worthwhile to attend some of the evenings, or if someone misses one night will that person be lost later?

The beautiful thing about faith is that even a little goes a long way! Remember what Christ said about faith and mustard seeds: even a little faith can move mountains. Certainly, if one cannot come to every evening, there should be something good and useful they can take away to prepare

themselves to celebrate Easter with a little better understanding than before, a little deeper meaning than previous experiences of Easter may have held. Each night of the mission is a “stand alone” experience and a different lesson to be drawn from the life and experiences of our military men and women. If you can only make one or two, you’ll still should leave with something that you can keep with you to help make Easter a better experience this year and hopefully for years to come.

If someone has a family member or friend who has fallen out of the practice of the faith, how could this mission help?

The universal appeal of military stories doesn’t really come from the fact that they are stories about soldiers as much as it comes from the fact that they are stories about epic struggles and victories against overwhelming odds. There is also the universal appeal of victory out of what seems to be defeat. This is what inspires us so deeply, brightens hope within us and encourages us to keep going even when everything else seems to say its pointless. Experiences in combat have this element to them, and they are sharpened, made “edgier,” by the sheer fact that what lays in the balance is life and death. Because of this appeal, I think even those whose faith is flagging for whatever reason — serious struggles of their own, finding church boring or Catholicism too authoritarian to suit their spiritual desires — should still find something nourishing and uplifting in this Lenten Mission. While there is a military theme to the Lenten Mission, it is there only as a vehicle to convey something that touches all of us at the core of our humanity. As I said before, it is a paradigm that conveys a deeper meaning of life with its hardships, defeats, joys and victories.

Would you have any advice how to invite those who might be distant from the Church to join them for these days of prayer with Catholics across the city?

The first thing I’d say would be simply to invite them to come! Hopefully the explanation I have offered with regard to the theme will help to stir the interest of some, and especially some who have given up on faith and religion or who may have even turned to other forms of spirituality. Because of the humanity of the people we’ll speak about and the heroic way they face the hardships and difficulties of battle, people with faith or no faith at all should find them at the very least interesting and even inspirational, regardless of your perspective on faith and religion. As a military Chaplain one of our core duties is to assist men of women of different faiths and no faith at all. As such, I don’t presume a level of faith or even that everyone attending is Catholic or even Christian. I do, however, presume that everyone wants to be inspired in life, wants to have hope and to be encouraged in living life and being happy in it. And while the mission will be about preparing

us to celebrate Easter, it will do so by conveying inspirational stories of victory that should have an appeal regardless of one’s religious background. So please just invite someone to come with you!





Respect Life Ministry

Every child, at every age of development, brings us God's smile and invites us to recognize that life is his gift, a gift to be welcomed with love and preserved with care always and at every moment. ~ 2009-10 *Respect Life Program Flyer, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities*



To all participants in the Spiritual Adoption Program: Be sure to take your note from the basket in narthex. Thank you for your continued prayers.

Thanks to all who came to Card Night for the Troops. Your support for the troops, veterans, and wounded warriors is much appreciated!

CRS RICE BOWL

Hungering for a Bountiful Earth. The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation, Niger, where we're reminded that life's joys and challenges are often seasonal. This week, we pray for people who struggle to feed their families during the hungry season – when food is in short supply.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Law of Abstinence: Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.



Catholic Schools Fine Arts Night: Tues., Mar. 24, from 6-8 p.m. at the Children's Museum in Fall River. All students in our school will have their artwork exhibited in the Library Conference Room. Our Girls Schola will perform at 7:15 in the Courtroom. (both on second floor).

The Drama Club Play, *The Girl with the Golden Locks*, will take place on April 10 and 11 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets available starting Mar. 16 at the school office. \$10/adults & \$5/under 12. Includes a baked ziti dinner. No tickets at the door. Order by April 6.

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

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 both. Let us renew our devotion to the life-giving Passion of Christ!

Lenten Confessions



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

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Fall River Lenten Mission

Come to the Lenten Mission This Week — Monday through Thursday this week is the Lenten Mission of the parishes of the Fall River area, which is an excellent way to enter more deeply into the Lenten season with prayer and faith. The mission will take place each night with Mass at 7 pm at the following Fall River parishes: On Monday, St. Bernadette (529 Eastern Ave, Fall River); on Tuesday, St. Bernard (32 S. Main St., Assonet); on Wednesday, St. Michael (189 Essex St., Fall River); and on Thursday, St. Anthony of the Desert (300 N. Eastern Ave, Fall River). Fr. Paul Halladay, a Chaplain Major in the U.S. Army, will preach the Mission on "Lenten Lessons from Combat Chaplain: Reflections on Life and Spirituality from Iraq and Afghanistan." Please see the bulletin insert where Fr. Halladay speaks about the importance of Lenten Missions and gives you an introduction to the important spiritual themes he will be covering each night. Come to as many nights as you can and please invite family friends to join you. Lenten Confessions will be offered each night from 6-6:45 at the respective Churches. There will also be a shorter version of his daily Mission talk given at the 12:05 pm daily Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral (327 Second Street, Fall River).

DON'T FORGET YOUR EASTER FLOWERS!

Be sure to order these beautiful plants by Fri., Mar. 13.
Contact the school office at 508-674-6771. Spread the word!



CCD PROGRAM

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

CONFIRMATION II

Sun., Mar. 8: Class — 8:15-9:45 a.m.

Sun., Mar. 15: Rehearsal (candidates & sponsors) - 2:00 p.m.

Tues., Mar. 17: The Sacrament of Confirmation - 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH GROUP

Monday, March 9th, 6:30-8:30, Meeting

Sun., Mar. 22, 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m., H.S. Youth Convention @ Stang

Mon., Mar. 23, 6:00-8:00, Jr. High Rally @ Bishop Stang

Fri., Mar. 27, 6:30 p.m., Living Stations of the Cross @ G.S.

Contact: Deb Jezak: dmj10@live.com or 508-679-4348 or

Leanne Nelson: lnelsonyg@gmail.com or 508-989-5868

SURVEY FOR THE LAITY

In October 2014, the III Extraordinary General Assembly met to deal with the topic: The Pastoral Challenges of the Family in the Context of Evangelization. The final report of this assembly, *Relatio Synodi*, was issued in December, 2014, and serves as the preparatory document or *Lineamenta* for the XIV General Assembly scheduled to take place October 4-25, 2015, which will deal with *The Vocation and Mission of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World*. The General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops has requested that the bishops' conferences conduct a broad consultation of the particular Church, including the input of all components of the People of God. A survey of questions has been created for the response of the laity. These will be made available through the Anchor, as well as here. **The deadline for responses is March 13, 2015.** Here is the link to the Survey for the Laity: <http://goo.gl/forms/FI38DofWbJ>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

If you have a family member or friend who would like the prayers of the parish, please contact Father Johnson or Eileen Hadfield (401-662-7694 or ehadfield@verizon.net).