

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 4

7:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, April 5

7:00 a.m. Easter Flowers

10:00 a.m. Intentions of Eileen Hadfield (Friend)

Monday, April 6

7:00 a.m. Rev. Robert S. Kaszynski (Family)

Tuesday, April 7

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

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 a.m. Valerie Polka - Birthday Blessings

Thursday, April 9

No Holy Mass celebrated today

Friday, April 10

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

Saturday, April 11

5:15 p.m. Valerie Polka - Birthday Blessings
(Saint Stan's Choir)

Sunday, April 12

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the
Holy Rosary Sodality (Sodality)
10:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving for Graces and Blessings
Received (Valerie A. Butler)

From Father Johnson

HOLY PENANCE

Now that we have finished our examination of conscience, we are ready to begin the Sacrament. We go in and kneel or sit. Every penitent has the choice of confessing anonymously or face to face. If there is a traditional box-style confessional and you wish to confess face-to-face, just ask and the priest will find a place of privacy nearby. If there is a full sized reconciliation room, there should be some kind of arrangement such that you can still confess anonymously. However you choose, the priest will help you. I usually begin with the Sign of the Cross, adding an ancient prayer for the penitent: "May the Lord be in your heart and on your lips so that you may humbly and truthfully confess all your sins." The penitent then begins, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been _____ weeks/months/years since my last Confession. These are my sins." Notice that we say, "Bless me, Father" and not "Forgive me, Father" because it is not the priest who forgives our sins, but God alone, through the words of the priest. As for the time past since our last Confession, there is no need to be absolutely exact. A general idea is enough. Next, we report our sins as best we can, concealing nothing. Remember, the priest has heard everything; he will not be shocked, so tell him everything. Moreover, priests are poor sinners, too, who have to confess their own sins to another priest. Though they must judge hearts and deeds in their role as confessor, they share the same human weaknesses we all do. If a priest ever acts or speaks with arrogance in the confessional, he will answer to God for it.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

7 April ~ Saint Herman Joseph. Herman was born in 1150 in the great city of Cologne, Germany. As a child, he had a great devotion to Mary and talked to her as one would to a friend. Praying once before a statue of Our Lady and the Christ Child, he reached up and offered her his apple. The story goes that the statue came to life and Mary bent down so that the Child Jesus could accept the gift! When he was old enough, Herman applied to and entered the Norbertine Abbey at Steinfeld. He served humbly in the refectory, until he was made the sacristan, a position he loved. After ordination to the priesthood, he began to receive visions and ecstasies as he said Mass. He was so devout and his Masses took so long that no one wanted to serve with him. Yet they loved him for his chaste innocence and called him Joseph, a name which stuck. He was a skilled clockmaker and frequently repaired the clocks in nearby convents; the nuns would claim that their clocks were broken so that the holy priest would come and pay them a visit. He lived a long and happy life as a canon and a priest. He was 91 years old when he was stricken at the Easter liturgies and died. He was immediately acclaimed a saint by those who had known him, but he was not formally canonized until Pius XII did so in 1958. He is the patron of watch and clockmakers. Saint Herman Joseph, pray for us!

A Joyous & Blessed Easter to All!



Christ is Risen!

Alleluia!

Christ is Truly Risen!

Alleluia!

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

NO BIBLE STUDY

Sat., Apr. 4. We will resume on Sat., Apr. 11, at 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Hall. Join us!

MEMORIAL CANDLES

Sanctuary: Walter Dawicki;
O.L.C.: Valerie Polka; *Di-*
vine Mercy: Stella Dawicki;
St. John Paul II: Mr. & Mrs.
Antone Cardelli & John

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please use the school entrance.



Respect Life Ministry

Planning Meeting

Monday, April 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Respect Life Prayer Service

Sat., April 18, at 8:45 a.m.

(Please note the change in date.)

All are welcome!



Spiritual Adoption Program

Congratulations! We have entered the third trimester of development for our spiritually adopted babies! Thank you for your prayers. More than 30 million heartbeats have occurred during the first two trimesters. Our babies eyes are open now; they can blink and even cry. They have eyebrows and eyelashes. The retinas at the back of the babies' eyes are developing. If a bright light, such as a flashlight, is held against Mom's belly, the baby will notice and may turn in the direction of the light.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Service of Prayer & Song
Veneration of the Relic of St. Faustina
St. Stanislaus Church
Sunday, April 12
3:00 p.m.

Jesus, I trust in You!

SAINT STAN'S SENIORS

Adele (508) 672-0030, Phyllis (508) 676-8378, Ann (508) 674-7355

Bus Trip to Foxwoods Casino: Thursday, May 7. \$16.00 includes bus fare, driver gratuity, free play, and buffet. 8:30 a.m. from GS.

PLEASE JOIN OUR YOUTH GROUP IN HELPING THOSE IN NEED

During the month of April, our Youth Group will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Armand Pontes Memorial Food Pantry. You may leave your donations in the box next to the Respect Life table in the narthex. Thanks so much for your support!

FIRST FRIDAY MEN'S CLUB

The First Friday Men's Club of Fall River meets on the first Friday of each month at St. Joseph Church, North Main St., Fall River, from 6-8 p.m., beginning with Mass and followed by a hot meal and guest speaker. This is a wonderful way to connect with other Catholic men in the city and to grow in your faith. Next Meeting: May 1.



CCD PROGRAM

No classes this Sunday, April 5.

Classes resume next Sunday, April 12 (*Easter Egg Hunt!!*)

YOUTH GROUP

"YES" Retreat: April 10 & 11

Meeting: Monday, April 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAM

The Collegiate Summer Program in Warner, NH, for high school students offers participants the opportunity to study theology, philosophy, literature, and political science. During the summer program, students also attend daily Mass and enjoy sports, socials and day trips, including hiking and canoeing. Open to students entering their sophomore, junior or senior year of high school in the fall of 2015. The two week session runs from Sunday, July 26th to Saturday, August 8, 2015. Register today at www.NortheastCatholic.edu or call 603-456-2656.

HOLY ROSARY SODALITY

Prayer Intentions: For the newly baptized into and those returning to the Church, for the safety and protection of the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Father, and for religious tolerance

Meeting: Sunday, Apr. 12, following the 7:00 a.m. Mass

JOIN US FOR THE DRAMA CLUB PLAY & DINNER

Last call for *The Girl with the Golden Locks* and a delicious baked ziti dinner on Fri., Apr. 10 & Sat., Apr. 11, at 6:30 p.m. \$10/adults & \$5/under 12. Ticket deadline: Monday, April 6. No tickets at the door.



FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus, Love incarnate, died on the cross for our sins, but God the Father raised him and made him the Lord of life and death. In Jesus, love has triumphed over hatred, mercy over sinfulness, goodness over evil, truth over falsehood, life over death. That is why we tell everyone: "Come and see!" In every human situation, marked by frailty, sin and death, the Good News is no mere matter of words, but a testimony to unconditional and faithful love: it is about leaving ourselves behind and encountering others, being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast . . . Come and see! Love is more powerful, love gives life, love makes hope blossom in the wilderness. ~ Pope Francis, *Urbi et Orbi Message*, Easter 2014

PASCHAL CANDLE

This year's Paschal Candle has been donated by the Butler Family in memory of Mrs. Valerie Butler and Marc Butler (30th Anniversary).

FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS

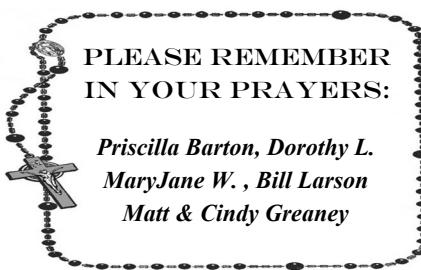
Will be available in the narthex before and after all Masses next weekend. Be sure to get yours!

SAVE THE DATE

Good Shepherd Penny Sale & Famous Kitchen: Sat., April 18

COLLECTION

Weekly, \$2,359; Jasna Gora, \$831; Etc., \$276. Thank you!



**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).