

Saturday, April 25

5:15 p.m. Everett Webster, Jr. - 14th Anniversary

Sunday, April 26

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Mark Butler - 30th Anniversary (Siblings)

Monday, April 27

7:00 a.m. Blessings for Joe & Joanne King
(Paula King)

Tuesday, April 28

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

Wednesday, April 29

10:00 a.m. Mary & John Medeiros (Maria Medeiros)

Thursday, April 30

No Holy Mass celebrated today

Friday, May 1

7:00 a.m. Theresa & Vincenzo Campognone
(Paula King)

Saturday, May 2

5:15 p.m. Intentions of John & Florence Deveney

Sunday, May 3

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

10:00 a.m. Connie Miranda (Maria D'Alu) AND
Mary Murphy (Tony & Dolores DeSanto)
AND Living & Deceased of the Hadfield
& Minahan Families

NOTE: The Holy Mass on **Wed., Apr. 29**, will be celebrated at **10:00 a.m.** with the school children. All are welcome! There will be no 7:00 a.m. Mass that day.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

Rosary for Life: 2:30 / Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 3:00

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR FOOD DONATIONS

for the Armand Pontes Memorial Food Pantry in the box in the narthex.

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

COLLECTION

Weekly, \$2,153; Monthly, \$935.25; Etc., \$437.

Thank you!

From Father Johnson

HOLY PENANCE

Once the priest has given the penance to the person, he or she should ask the priest any questions they may have about it. If there are none and all is clear, the penitent is then asked to recite an act of contrition. There are several forms of this prayer, but they must all contain two elements: true sorrow for the sins confessed and a firm purpose of amendment, meaning that with God's grace and help, the person firmly intends never to commit the sins again. Without these two interior dispositions, the priest cannot offer God's forgiveness. When the penitent has finished the act of contrition, the priest/confessor is ready to say the words of absolution. (Note: Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults or venial sins is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. The regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ, and make progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving the gift of the Father's mercy more frequently through this sacrament, we are led to be more merciful as he is merciful.)

SAINT OF THE WEEK

28 April ~ Saint Gianna Beretta Molla: Gianna was born into a deeply Catholic family in Magenta in Lombardy just outside Milan. As a young woman she earned a degree in medicine and in 1955 married Pietro Molla. Three children were born to them in a short time. Gianna cared for her family and continued her medical work with mothers, children, and the elderly. In September, 1961, she began to have pain in the second month of pregnancy due to a fibroma in her uterus. She had three choices: remove the entire uterus with the unborn child, remove the unborn child and the fibroma, or remove only the fibroma, thus saving the child's life while endangering hers. Though the third option was the most risky for her personally, Gianna wanted to save her child. She underwent the operation to remove only the fibroma. Her pregnancy continued, and Gianna prayed. Shortly before the baby was born, Gianna told her husband that if there were a decision, she insisted that they save the child's life. This is just what happened. On 21 April, a healthy girl was born by Caesarean section. Only a few hours later, Gianna developed a high fever and severe abdominal pain caused by peritonitis. On the morning of 28 April, she died, repeating, "Jesus, I love you." She was canonized in 2004 by Saint John Paul II, and is the patron saint of mothers, physicians, and unborn children. Saint Gianna Molla, pray for us!

HOLY ROSARY SODALITY

Prayer Intentions: April: 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

May: For all mothers and women, that they embrace the loving example of Mary, the Mother of God

POLISH FOOD MAKING

Takes place on Wednesday mornings following the 7:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us! Many hands are needed. No experience is necessary!



Respect Life Ministry

Pope Francis has captivated the world with his humility, warmth and compassion for each person. Vivid accounts of his tenderness for “the least of these” – the elderly, the imprisoned, those with disfiguring disabilities, the unborn, and many more – seize our attention. Why? At the heart of each of these interactions is a truth which resonates in our hearts, revealing to us something essential to understanding ourselves and our purpose. We are loved. ~ Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., 2014 Respect Life Month statement

Next Prayer Service for Life: Saturday, May 2, at 8:45 a.m.

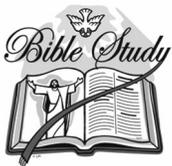
Spiritual Adoption Program



Save the Date! On **Sunday, May 17th** (after the 10:00 Mass) we will have a Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower in anticipation of the birth our spiritually adopted babies. **Everyone who participated in the program is invited to come and celebrate!** Your personal invitation will provide all the details and can be found on the information table in the narthex.

DINE-OUT NIGHT THIS WEEK!

Tues., Apr. 28, at Papa Gino's. All proceeds will support our school!



COME AND BE REFRESHED BY THE WORD! Join Father Johnson for a study of the Sunday Mass readings on Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Hall. All are welcome!

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Holy Hour for Vocations today at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Please make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to priesthood and religious life. Pray for priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week. Encourage your children, grandchildren and other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call. Pledge to pray for vocations at the international website, www.invisiblemonastery.com, which was inspired by a Vatican document urging Catholics to “organize an invisible monastery in which many persons, day and night, are committed to continuous prayer for priestly vocations.”

MOTHER'S DAY ROSE DRIVE



Our parish will participate in the Massachusetts Citizens for Life Rose Drive to show our support for the dignity of all life. As we celebrate Mother's Day, we take this opportunity to purchase a rose to thank our mothers and Almighty God for the gift of life. Roses will be available before and after all Masses on Mother's Day weekend, May 9-10. This is a free will offering. If you prefer, you may offer your rose to the Blessed Mother. Those roses will be placed before the icon of Our Lady and remain there for the entire month of May.



CCD PROGRAM

Final classes: Apr. 26 & May 10
No Class on May 3 (First Holy Communion)

YOUTH GROUP

Meetings:

Meetings: Mondays, May 4 & May 18 - 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, June 4-7: St. Stan's Festival

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



A DAY WITH MARY

Good Shepherd Church: Saturday, May 2. Begins with a Fatima video presentation at 7:50 a.m., followed by a procession of the Our Lady of Fatima statue into the church, crowning ceremony, sung Litany of Loreto, and the five Joyful Mysteries. Holy Mass in honor of Our Lady at 10:00 a.m. Following lunch (please bring a brown bag lunch), there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a meditation on Our Lady by a Franciscan Friar of the Immaculate, silent Adoration, the Five Glorious Mysteries, and the enrollment in the Brown Scapular and the Investiture of the Miraculous Medal. All are welcome! **Please join us for all or part of the day!**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, May 3, at the 10:00 a.m. Mass. **Please keep our second graders in your prayers** as they prepare to receive this greatest of Sacraments, the source and summit of our faith!

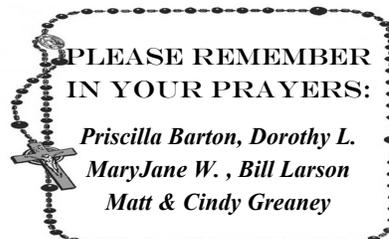
SAINT STAN'S SENIORS

Adele (508) 672-0030, Phyllis (508) 676-8378, Ann (508) 674-7355
All buses leave from the Good Shepherd parking lot

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

Bus Trip to Captain Jack's Lobster Bake & Foxwoods Casino: Wed., June 7. Captain Jack's famous full course lobster bake or prime rib and then on to Foxwoods Casino. Bonus free buffet or \$10.00 food voucher & \$10.00 free play. Luxury motor coach leaves at 9:30 a.m., returning at approximately 7:30 p.m. \$69.00 includes gratuity for driver. Open to the public. Call Phyllis (508-676-8378).

Day trip to Ogunquit Playhouse, Ogunquit, ME: Thurs., July 30, for a performance of "Nice Work if You Can Get It," a Tony Award winning musical comedy starring Sally Struthers and set in the Roaring '20's to music by Gershwin. Lunch at Clay Hill Farms. Menu choices: Roast Pork Loin or Broiled Lemon Haddock. \$115.00/pp includes transportation, gratuity for driver, reserved seating at playhouse, dining room gratuities & taxes. Bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. and returns approximately 7:30 p.m. Call Phyllis (508-676-8378).



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).