



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 (Sodality)

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

Monday, May 4

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

Tuesday, May 5

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

Wednesday, May 6

7:00 a.m. Mary Coady (Babci & Cioc)

Thursday, May 7

No Holy Mass celebrated today

Friday, May 8

7:00 a.m. Vincenza Perrotti (Paula King)

Saturday, May 9

5:15 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, May 10

7:00 a.m. All Mothers of the Parish

10:00 a.m. All Students in the Parishes & School

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 all mothers and women, that they embrace the loving example of Mary, the Mother of God, and for the young people in our parish who recently received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist

May Communion Breakfast: May 3, following the 7:00 Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

MEMORIAL CANDLES

Sanctuary: Sally Grygiel & Ruth Tremblay; *O.L.C.:* Manuel & Maria Sousa (Daughter, Maria D'Alu); *Divine Mercy:* In Thanksgiving for Mothers Living & Deceased; *St. John Paul II:* Rose Dawicki

COLLECTION

Weekly, \$2,195.30; Grotto, \$779.25; Etc., \$454. Thank you!

From Father Johnson

HOLY PENANCE

The priest now says the most important words of the confession, the words of absolution: "God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son, has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." This beautiful prayer deserves a closer look. Note first that the pardoning of sins is the work of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity: Father of mercies, Son of reconciliation, Holy Spirit of forgiveness. Mercy, reconciliation and forgiveness are God's greatest gift to us, even greater than our personal existence, because they open to us the way to eternal life. Next, the prayer mentions the "ministry of the Church" as the means by which we receive pardon and peace. Without the Church, there is no Reconciliation; without the Church, there are no Sacraments at all. As Saint Cyprian of Carthage wrote, "He who does not have the Church for his Mother cannot have God for his Father." Then follow the actual words of absolution while the sign of the Cross is made over the penitent, as once again the power of the Holy Trinity is invoked: "And I absolve you from your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The penitent gives his or her assent by saying, "Amen," and a straying sheep has been returned to the Lord's fold.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

9 May ~ Saint Pachomius, Abbot. Pachomius was born into a pagan family in Upper Egypt around the year 290. When he was old enough, he went to Thebes and enlisted in the Roman army, where he first met Christians. Moved by their good example, he sought Baptism and then placed himself under the spiritual direction of a hermit named Palemon. According to tradition, he then received a vision from God telling him to move to Tabennisi on the banks of the Nile, where he founded houses for monks to live in community. His own brother was his first recruit. To maintain discipline and good order, Pachomius wrote a strict rule in Coptic for his monks. They studied Sacred Scripture and memorized the Psalms, which they would recite aloud as they did their manual work. To give good example to his monks, Pachomius would always take upon himself the most difficult tasks. So great was his charity and so evident his holiness, many came to him for instruction. By the end of his life in 346, he had founded twelve monasteries, nine for men (with a total of 7,000 monks!) and three for women. Saint Jerome later found his Rule and translated it into Latin, so that we have it to this day. Saint Pachomius, pray for us.

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!

BIBLE STUDY

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!

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
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From Father Johnson

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SECOND GRADERS ON RECEIVING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Landen Aguiar, Matthew Cabral, Isabelle Chekares, Sophie Chekares, Austin Duarte, Connor Eubank, Jake Green, Kaylee Kusnitz, Aidan Lambert, Evan Lambert, Kathryn Medeiros, Ava Mello, Marco Melo, Leah Mills, Olivia Mlynek, Dominick Paiva, Olivia Pereira, Jeffrey Swauger, and Lauren Ventura. It is a great day for them and for the parish as we see a new generation receive this greatest of sacraments, the source and summit of our faith. Many thanks to Mrs. Gdanska, Mrs. Ferreira and Mrs. Sousa, who worked so hard to prepare them. Above all, thank you to Almighty God for this gift of the Blessed Sacrament!

POPE ST. PIUS X YOUTH AWARD

One of our wonderful young parishioners, **Katie Banalewicz**, has been chosen by Bishop da Cunha to receive the Pope St. Pius X Youth Award. She will receive the award from the Bishop at the Cathedral on Tuesday, May 5. Katie is receiving this award for her years of service to the parish, especially at the altar, and her constant presence at so many of our parish functions. Thank you, Katie, for all your generosity and kindness. *Ad multos annos!*

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~ MAY 14

Wed., May 13	6:00 p.m.	Saint Stanislaus
Thurs., May 14	7:00 a.m.	Saint Stanislaus
	8:00 a.m.	Good Shepherd
	12:00 p.m.	Good Shepherd



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
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CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

This week you should have received information about the 2015 Catholic Charities Appeal. Bishop da Cunha invites each of us to make a commitment to support the work of the diocesan apostolates and ministries that build up our Church. This effort is a means by which we can all work together to care for the Church and one another by sharing the gifts God has granted us. Our parish goal is 100% participation. We welcome you to join us in joyfully supporting the Catholic Charities Appeal. Please take time this week to reflect and pray about the blessings you are called to share with your Catholic family.



Respect Life Ministry

So often I find mothers in the square who are expecting a baby and ask me for a blessing . . . these babies are loved before coming into the world. And this is free, this is love; they are loved before being born, like the love of God who always loves us first. They are loved before having done anything to deserve it, before knowing how to talk or think, even before coming into the world! Being children is the basic condition for knowing the love of God, which is the ultimate source of this authentic miracle. In the soul of every child, inasmuch as it is vulnerable, God places the seal of this love, which is at the basis of his/her personal dignity, a dignity which nothing and no one can ever destroy. ~ Pope Francis, *General Audience, February 11, 2015*



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

No class this Sunday, May 3

PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN SCHEDULE: Final classes: May 10 & May 17. *All students will attend the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 17*, followed by our Respect Life Baby Shower.

YOUTH GROUP

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

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

Contact: Deb Jezak: dunj10@live.com or 508-679-4348 or
Leanne Nelson: lnelsony@gmail.com or 508-989-5868



FREE TICKETS!

Section 6, Row A

Call or visit the Parish Office.

Mon.	May 11	7:05 p.m.	vs.	Indianapolis Indians
Tues.	May 12	7:05 p.m.		Indianapolis Indians
Wed.	May 13	12:05 p.m.		Indianapolis Indians
Thurs.	May 14	7:05 p.m.		Columbus Clippers
Fri.	May 15	7:05 p.m.		Columbus Clippers
Sat.	May 16	6:05 p.m.		Columbus Clippers
Sun.	May 17	1:05 p.m.		Columbus Clippers.

SAINT STAN'S SENIORS

All buses leave from the Good Shepherd parking lot

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).

Did you know?

Your spiritually adopted baby is 30 weeks old and weighs about four pounds. Half of the weight mom gains now goes directly to her baby. During this time of development, the baby is also receiving antibodies from mom which will protect him from a wide variety of diseases. Mom might start to "waddle" when she walks. This is because the ligaments in her pelvis are softening in preparation for her baby's birth.



The **Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower** is on **May 17th after the 10:00 mass**. If you haven't already done so, please pick up your personal invitation at the information table in the narthex. We look forward to sharing refreshments and fellowship with you as we celebrate the coming births of our adopted babies!