



Saturday, May 16

5:15 p.m. Leonel & Stella Autote (Family)

Sunday, May 17

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Cichon & Piszcz Families (Family)

Monday, May 18

7:00 a.m. Henry Paruch (Boyko Mem. Funeral Home)

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

7:00 a.m. Doris & Ernest Patry (Maria Medeiros)

Thursday, May 21

No Holy Mass celebrated today

Friday, May 22

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, May 23

5:15 p.m. Manuel & Maria Sousa (Maria D'Alu)

Sunday, May 24

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Joe Minior (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 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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

To request prayers for a loved one or friend, contact Father Johnson or Eileen Hadfield at 401-662-7694.

POLISH FOOD MAKING

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

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: 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

From Father Johnson

HOLY ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sickness is one of the great, shared experiences of human existence. We all get sick, from the tiny baby to the eldest among us. From the common cold to terminal cancer, sickness makes us aware of our weakness in the most concrete way possible. Sickness can make us unable to work, unable even to pray at times. Health is a precious gift, as we all seem to know deep down, and illness and suffering can fill us with dread and sometimes even make us rebel against God: "How can God send me this serious or fatal sickness? I try to be a good person, practice my faith, and love others. Why am I suffering when people who lead bad lives seem fine and healthy?" These are valid questions that can only be answered by faith. Illness can also make us grow and mature, helping us discern in our lives what is not essential, so that we can turn towards what is truly important. Illness can provoke a search for God and a return to him. It is a great proof of God's love for us that in our need, in our sickness, he comforts and strengthens us with a Sacrament with graces devoted specifically to the moments when weakness and pain make us vulnerable to wavering and even despair. Holy Anointing is that Sacrament.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

18 May ~ Saint Eric IX, King of Sweden, Martyr. Born into a noble Swedish family around 1110, he was given a solid foundation of virtue, devotion and learning. Upon the death of King Sverker in 1141, he was, because of his extraordinary virtues and qualifications, placed on the throne by the election of the States, according to the laws of the Kingdom. His first care as king was to watch over his own soul. He fasted and often kept vigil in prayer. He was a good ruler, and took special care to do justice to the poor. Content with his own wealth, he imposed no taxes on his people. He had the laws and constitutions of the kingdom collected into one volume, which to this day is called King Eric's Law. The great danger to his people was the attacks of the Finns, who were still pagans. He defeated them in a great battle near Karlskrona, but after his victory he wept bitterly at the sight of the dead bodies of his enemies, because they had died unbaptized. When he had conquered Finland, he sent St. Henry of Uppsala to preach there and begin their conversion to the faith. Though beloved of his people, he had his enemies, especially among those who were still pagan. He was at Mass on the day after the Ascension when news was brought to him that a rebel army was on the march against him. He calmly answered: "Let us at least finish the Sacrifice; the remainder of the Feast I shall keep elsewhere." After Holy Mass he commended his soul to God, made the Sign of the Cross, and, to spare the blood of the citizens who were ready to defend his life, marched out alone before his guards. The conspirators rushed upon him, beat him down from his horse, and beheaded him. It was the 18th of May 1151. His tomb was soon honored with many miracles of healing; it remains to this day at Uppsala. Eric is honored as chief patron of the kingdom of Sweden, along with Saint Bridget. {fs20 Saint Eric, pray for us!



Respect Life Ministry

[C]hildren are, in and of themselves, a treasure for humanity and also for the Church, for they constantly evoke that necessary condition for entering the Kingdom of God: that of not considering ourselves self-sufficient, but in need of help, of love, of forgiveness. We all are in need of help, of love and of forgiveness! Children remind us of another beautiful thing: they remind us that we are always sons and daughters. Even if one becomes an adult, or an elder, even if one becomes a parent, if one occupies a position of responsibility, underneath all of this is still the identity of a child. We are all sons and daughters. And this always brings us back to the fact that we did not give ourselves life but that we received it. The great gift of life is the first gift that we received.
~ Pope Francis, General Audience, March 18, 2015

Sincere thanks to all who participated in the Roses for Life Drive last weekend. Your generosity is very much appreciated.



Did you know?

It is the end of month 8 of your spiritually adopted baby's development. Be sure to check out the new poster on the bulletin board which shows what your baby looks like at this stage of development. At about 5-6 pounds, your baby is looking less wrinkly as his arms and legs are getting plump from the "baby" fat accumulating under the skin. It is getting cramped inside the uterus, but your baby is still very active and will soon be turning into a head down position in preparation for birth!



This Sunday, May 17, is the Spiritual Adoption Baby Shower. We look forward to celebrating with you after the 10:00 Mass.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE of FALL RIVER

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL: IT'S WHAT WE DO.

We encourage you to make your pledge or contribution as soon as possible and to support the Appeal as generously as you can. If at all possible, please consider making a pledge. This allows you to make a greater contribution as you can pay it over time. If you did not receive a contribution card, please pick one up in the narthex. Programs supported by the Appeal help people in all phases of life – from children, to youth, to parents, to the elderly. Numerous agencies, programs and ministries provide food and shelter, educate children and adults, and meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of thousands. Your support of the Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to meet these responsibilities.

COLLECTION

Weekly, \$2,324.50; Assist. for the Needy, \$1,001; Etc., 475. Thank you!



OUR ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Fri., May 22, in the church. All are invited, especially veterans, family members and spouses of deceased veterans. We will be taking this opportunity to honor the memories of all who have died in the service of our country and to give thanks to our living veterans. Remember, the freedoms you enjoy today were paid for by the sacrifices of our veterans.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

In remembrance of our beloved deceased, Bishop da Cunha will celebrate Holy Mass in the original Mausoleum Chapel of Notre Dame Cemetery in Fall River on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, at 10:00 a.m.

QUO VADIS DAYS

The Diocese of Fall River is offering a five-day retreat for young men ages 14-18 to help young men deepen their faith and discern their vocation. Priests and seminarians of our diocese will provide conferences, spiritual guidance and fraternity. We will join together in prayer (Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, and the Rosary), as well as enjoy hiking, swimming, flag football, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, and great food. July 6-10 at Betannia II Retreat Center in Medway, MA. See Father Johnson for more information.

YOUTH GROUP

Meetings: 6/1 & 6/15, 6:30-8:30 / St. Stan's Festival: 6/4-6/7
Revolution Soccer game: 6/13 (bus leaves GS at 5pm)

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

THE FESTIVAL JEWELRY BOOTH

needs good costume jewelry, as well as small and/or medium jewelry boxes. Donations can be left in the jewelry booth box in the foyer of the church. Thank you for your help!

SAINT STAN'S SENIORS

All buses leave from the Good Shepherd parking lot

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

Bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino: Thurs., June 4. \$16.00 includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, wheel & \$15.00 food voucher. Open to the public. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Call Adele, Ann or Phyllis.

Bus Trip to Captain Jack's Lobster Bake & Foxwoods Casino: Wed., June 17. 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.

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.

NO BIBLE STUDY

on Sat., May 16 & 23. We will resume on Sat., May 30.

DR. SCOTT HAHN

Cultivating Faith & Family in a Hostile Culture. Sat., June 13. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Precious Blood Church, 28 Carrington Ave, Woonsocket, RI. To register, go to <http://relevantradio.com/events-rhode-island>.



FREE TICKETS!

Section 6, Row A
Call or visit the Parish Office.

Mon. May 26 7:05 p.m. vs. Scranton/Wilkes Barre
Tues. May 27 12:05 p.m. vs. Scranton/Wilkes Barre