



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, January 2**

5:15 p.m. Sophie & Isabelle - Birthday Blessings  
(Paula King)

**Sunday, January 3**

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

**Monday, January 4**

7:00 a.m. Holy Mass

**Tuesday, January 5**

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

**Wednesday, January 6**

**10:15 a.m.** Living & Deceased Members of the Holy  
Rosary Sodality (Sodality)

**Thursday, January 7**

No Holy Mass celebrated today

**Friday, January 8**

7:00 a.m. Vincenza Perrotti - 10th Ann. (Paula King)

**Saturday, January 9**

5:15 p.m. Carole Boruch

**Sunday, January 10**

10:00 a.m. Antonetta Santoro - 9th Ann. (Paula King)

**NOTE: Holy Mass on Wed., Jan. 6, will be celebrated at 10:15 a.m. with the school. All are welcome! There will be no 7:00 a.m. Mass that day.**

**HOLY ROSARY SODALITY**

*Prayer Intention:*

For the gift of our Catholic Schools, where our faith and traditions are taught, fostered and practiced

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. Please use the main school entrance. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord!

**MEMORIAL CANDLES**

*Sanctuary:* — *Divine Mercy:* Special Intention (Joyce Freitas);  
*O.L.C.:* Adam Polak; *St. Pope John Paul II:* Rev. Robert S. Kaszynski (Maria D'Alu).

**PLEASE REMEMBER  
IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

Mary (Dube) Seagrave, Priscilla  
Barton, MaryJane W.,  
Bill Larson, Mary B.,  
& Edward Couto



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

*From Father Johnson*

**THE WORKS OF MERCY**

We have joyfully begun the Jubilee of Mercy at the behest of our Holy Father Francis. Over the next weeks, as a bulletin series, I would like to examine the works of mercy, both corporal and spiritual. They are an ancient compilation of the traditional ways we as Christians care for each other and have mercy on each other. They are, in short, what makes a Christian truly Christian. The Christian who worships God, no matter how ardently, and neglects these works of mercy towards his brothers and sisters, is deeply lacking in understanding of what the gospel message truly is. The Corporal Works of Mercy are:

- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To shelter the homeless
- To visit the sick
- To ransom the captive
- To bury the dead

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**6 January ~ Saint Andre' Bessette.** He was born in Saint-Gregoire d'Iberville, Canada, in 1845. His father died in a logging accident when he was nine years old; his mother, left to raise a large family on her own, died of tuberculosis three years later. Andre' was himself sickly and left school when still young. For a time, he worked in the mills of Fall River MA. In 1870 he joined the Holy Cross Brothers near Montreal. Since he was poorly educated, he was assigned as doorkeeper, infirmarian, and lamp-tender at the College Notre-Dame, a post he held for almost forty years. Sick people coming to the door would often ask Andre' to pray with them. He would give them a medal of St. Joseph or anoint them with oil from a lamp that burned before a statue of the saint. Many were healed. In time, a steady stream of the sick came to be healed at the hands of Brother Andre'. As his fame grew, he always insisted, "It is Saint Joseph who cures!" He was in his nineties in 1937, still ministering to the sick, when he died; around a million people came to pay their respects. He once said, "Do not try to have your trials taken away from you; rather, ask for the grace to bear them well." He was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010. Saint Andre' Bessette, pray for us.

**PARISH MEETING**

There will be a parish meeting for anyone wishing to come on Sunday 3 January after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. The present situation of the parish will be presented, with special reference to the new diocesan assessment.

**THIS WEEK'S RESPECT LIFE  
PRAYER INTENTION**

Please pray for the spiritual and physical well-being of every newborn child.



## Respect Life Ministry

Mercy is the heart of God. It must also be the heart of the members of the one great family of his children: a heart which beats all the more strongly wherever human dignity – as a reflection of the face of God in his creatures – is in play. Jesus tells us that love for others – foreigners, the sick, prisoners, the homeless, even our enemies – is the yardstick by which God will judge our actions. Our eternal destiny depends on this . . . Consequently, wherever the Church is present, the mercy of the Father must be evident. In our parishes, communities, associations and movements, in a word, wherever there are Christians, everyone should find an oasis of mercy. ~ *Pope Francis, Overcome Indifference and Win Peace, message for World Day of Peace, Jan. 1, 2016*

**Please join us for the next Prayer Service for Life on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 8:45 a.m. All are welcome.**

### BIBLE STUDY

Come and be refreshed by the Word! Bible Study with Father Johnson will resume on Sat., Jan. 9, at 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Hall with the readings for the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.



### THE 110TH ANNIVERSARY

of the opening of St Stanislaus School is on January 6, 2016. Thank you to our current parishioners and alumni, and the many generations past, for such prayerful and generous support of the school. You enable us to continue our mission of providing an excellent Catholic education.

### COLLECTION REPORT

Weekly, \$3,013; Monthly, \$1,036; Christmas, \$5,055; Oplatki, \$77; Etc., \$443. Thank you!

### CATHOLIC SCHOOL SURVEY

The Bishop's Task Force on Catholic Education is gathering feedback on our Catholic schools through an online survey targeted at all parishioners. If you are a parent of school-aged children, you are particularly encouraged to participate. The results of the survey will help inform the Task Force's thinking as to how priests, school leaders, parishioners, and the larger Diocese can work together most effectively for the benefit of the schools in the Diocese. You can access the survey via the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CF9QCN2>. Please submit your response by January 10, 2016.



### CLASSES for CCD & CONF. II

Resume this Sunday, Jan. 3.

### YOUTH GROUP

- Mon., 1/4 Meeting @ GS, 6:30-8:45 p.m.
- Mon., 1/11 Soup Kitchen at St. Bernadette, 4:45-6:30 p.m.
- Mon., 1/18 Adoration & Meeting @ GS, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Jan. 21-23 March for Life, Washington, D.C.
- Mon., 1/25 Soup Kitchen at St. Bernadette, 4:45-6:30 p.m.

Contact Leanne Nelson: [lnelsonyg@gmail.com](mailto:lnelsonyg@gmail.com) or 508-989-5868

## Epiphany House Blessing

O LORD, our lives are made of nights and days, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets and stars. We mark ends, and we mark beginnings, and, in all, we praise You for the graces and mercy that fill our days. We pray Your blessing now upon this dwelling. Remember us, O God; from age to age, be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time. As You bring us to the threshold of another year, help us to face its responsibilities, joys and sorrows with the conviction of Your constant love. We are sorry for the unfaithfulness of the past. Confident of Your merciful forgiveness, we willingly forgive those who have wronged us. As You bless this, our home, so bless us, Your children, at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. AMEN.

THEN PROCEED TO MARK the principal doorway(s) of your home or apartment using the blessed chalk you received today:

**20 + C + M + B + 16**

You may sprinkle the home with holy water if available and burn the incense if you wish. You may sing a carol and then offer the concluding prayer:

O LORD ETERNAL, on this day You led the Wise Men to the discovery of Jesus, Your Son, by the guidance of a star. Grant that by the marking of our doorpost with the initials of these holy servants of Yours, we may be mindful always that all who enter this home are really seeking Your Presence and that we who leave through these doors should be alert to Your Presence wherever we go and be ourselves bearers of Your Good News through our attitudes and actions. Protect all who visit this home and make it a place of peace, love, mutual support, and holy joy. Guide us all our days until we are safely home with You forever. We make our prayer through Christ, our Messiah and Lord, who lives with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. AMEN.



### THE MISSIONARY IMAGE OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

is coming to Holy Ghost Church, 303 Hooper St., Tiverton, R.I., on January 9, 2016. Our Lady will arrive at 12:00 p.m. There will be time to venerate the image. At 2:00 p.m., there will be a presentation about the image, followed by a Holy Hour and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Come honor the Patroness of the Americas!