

**Saturday, December 19**

5:15 p.m. Mary Knapinski (Evelyn Whipp)

Sunday, December 20

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

Monday, December 21

7:00 a.m. Edward P. Niewola (Brother, John)

Tuesday, December 22

7:00 a.m. Holy Mass at Good Shepherd

Wednesday, December 23

7:00 a.m. All Students in the Parishes & School

Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m. Joseph Minior (Esther Minior)

Friday, December 25

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Christmas Flowers

Saturday, December 26

5:15 p.m. Josephine Niewola & Helen Little (Sister, Mary)

Sunday, December 27

10:00 a.m. Joseph Duarte - Birthday Remembrance (Anne Joerres)

HOLY ROSARY SODALITY**Prayer Intention:**

For all loved ones who are homebound and all in health care facilities, that they know they have our support and prayers, and for all who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation.

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: Living & Deceased Felician Sisters (Butler Family);

Divine Mercy: Dennis Cunningham, John & Phyllis Gosciminski, George & Thelma Solas; **O.L.C.:** Special Intention; **St. Pope John**

Paul II: John & Sally Grygiel

Sunday Vespers

This Sunday, December 20, at 4:00 p.m.

We will sing the official prayer of the Catholic Church, the Liturgy of the Hours, or the Divine Office.

Come and experience the beauty of singing Evening Prayer with the Universal Church!

*From Father Johnson***THE SIX COMMANDMENTS OF THE CHURCH**

The Fifth Commandment is that we contribute to the support of the Church, her pastors, schools, and other institutions. The old wording very beautifully stated, "It is a duty to contribute to the support of religion according to our means, so that God may be duly honored and worshipped, and the kingdom of His Church extended." We should contribute generously, but always "according to our means;" no one is meant by this law to be impoverished. However, as we all know, our nation has always had a separation of church and state, so that apart from our tax-free status, there is no government financial support, as in most European countries, for example. Americans should keep this in mind and contribute accordingly. By the way, bishops, priests and deacons must also abide by this commandment and give generously!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

23 December ~ Saint Thorlac of Skalholt. By the year 1000, the Gospel had reached far-off Iceland, though pagan ways remained, and Church discipline was weak. All priests took wives. Churches were built by the wealthy; they considered them private property, and priests were held to be in their personal employ, not under the bishop. So it was that when Thorlac was ordained, his family had already chosen him a wife. But then he went to study in England; there, perhaps through the influence of Saint Hugh of Lincoln, he came to see the worth of celibacy. Returning to Iceland, Thorlac refused the betrothal, to the dismay of his family. He dwelt in constant prayer. In the morning while yet in bed, he would chant the Our Father and the Creed. Over the course of the day he would sing 50 psalms. In 1174, Thorlac was named Bishop of Skalholt. He opposed abuses that were everywhere present in those days, especially the selling of priestly assignments and posts. Thorlac defended the Church's financial freedom in the face of the landed gentry, though he was very generous to the poor, who loved him for it. When he died in 1193, he was honored by all. Five years after his death, the Icelandic government, the Althing, which ruled in both political and church matters, declared him a saint. In 1984 Saint John Paul II confirmed this decision and named him Patron Saint of Iceland. Saint Thorlac, pray for us!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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

NO BIBLE STUDY

On Saturday, December 26 or January 2. We will resume on Saturday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m., at Good Shepherd Hall. Come and be refreshed by the Word! All are welcome!

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

starting Thursday, Dec. 24, and reopen on Monday, Jan. 4.



Respect Life Ministry

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." ~ *Luke 1:41-42*

Sincere thanks to all who came caroling at Southpointe. Your gifts of love and song were much appreciated by the residents.



The Holy Virgin made of her existence an unceasing and beautiful gift to God, because she loved the Lord. Mary's example is an incentive...for all of us, to live in charity for our neighbor – not out of some sort of social duty, but beginning from the love of God, from the charity of God . . . Mary is the one who leads us to Jesus and teaches us how to go to Jesus; and the Mother of Jesus is our own and makes a family, with us and with Jesus. For us Christians, love of neighbor springs from love of God. ~ *Pope Francis, Address to Missionaries of Charity, "Dono Di Maria" Homeless Shelter, May 2013*

THANK YOU!

Saint Stanislaus School wishes to thank the Saint Stan's Seniors for their Christmas gift of \$500 to the school. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

SAINT STAN'S SENIORS

Bus trip to Foxwoods Casino: Thurs., Jan. 7. \$16.00 includes bus fare, gratuity for the driver, free play, and buffet. Open to the public. Leaves from GS at 8:30 a.m. Phyllis at (508) 676-8378, Adele (508) 672-0030 or Ann at (508) 674-7355.

CHECK OUT OUR PARISH LIBRARY NOOK

Borrow or keep any book you find interesting and leave any spiritual books you'd like to share. Thanks to the Holy Rosary Sodality for sponsoring this great resource located in the narthex.

EWTN

The Word Became Flesh – For you!" Unite with Christians around the globe in celebration of Christmas. Attend Mass in Vatican City with Pope Francis, enjoy beautiful musical concerts from around Europe, and travel to the sacred sites of the Holy Land – all by watching EWTN. Visit www.ewtn.com for more information and to find your local channel.

MISS A BULLETIN?

Find it online at www.saintstanislausfr.com



CLASSES for CCD & CONF. II:
Classes this week. No classes Dec. 27.

CAMP FATIMA/BERNADETTE

Camp Fatima for boys and Camp Bernadette for girls are now accepting registrations for the 2016 summer season. The camps, located in the Lakes Region of NH, offer two-week overnight sessions for children ages 6-15. To request a brochure and DVD, contact Michael Drumm at (603) 364-5851 or email mdrumm@campsfatimabernadette.org. Please don't wait as sessions do fill up quickly.

YOUTH GROUP

Mon., 12/21 Adoration @ GS, 5:30-6:30 p.m./Meeting, 6:30-8:30
Mon., 12/28 Soup Kitchen: 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Th., 12/31 Vigil Mass @ SS, 6:00 p.m., followed by
New Year's Eve Awake-A-Thon to 8:00 a.m. on Jan. 1
Contact Leanne Nelson: lnelsonyg@gmail.com or 508-989-5868



CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Wednesday Dec. 23 8:00-9:00 a.m. Good Shepherd
6:00-7:00 p.m. Saint Stanislaus

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Thursday Dec. 24 4:00 p.m. Good Shepherd
4:00 p.m. Saint Stanislaus
Friday Dec. 25 12:00 a.m. Good Shepherd
7:00 a.m. Saint Stanislaus
10:00 a.m. Good Shepherd
10:00 a.m. Saint Stanislaus
11:30 a.m. Good Shepherd



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