



Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, December 28

7:00 a.m. Rev. Robert S. Kaszynski (Anne Joerres)

Tuesday, December 29

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

Wednesday, December 30

7:00 a.m. Angela, Louis & George Rapoza (Anne Joerres)

Thursday, December 31

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Friday, January 1

7:00 a.m. Julie Souza Health (Sandy & Teddy Karcz)

Saturday, January 2

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

Sunday, January 3

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

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.

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

The Sanctuary Candle for January is available.

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 SIX COMMANDMENTS OF THE CHURCH

The Sixth Commandment is that we observe the laws of the Church concerning marriage. This means that marriage is the lasting union of one man and one woman, that we do not marry close relatives, that we be of age and of sound mind, that we marry according to the rites of the Church, and, once married, we hold the bond of matrimony to be sacred and inviolable. Marriage is the most essential building block of the Church and of society, and the laws of the Church and civil society are put in place to defend it.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

31 December ~ Saint Catherine Laboure'. She was born in Paris in 1806. As a teenager, Zoe Laboure' keenly desired to enter religious life. In response, her father sent her to wait on tables in her brother's restaurant. But she held onto her vocation in secret, and in 1830, Zoe entered the Sisters of Charity, taking the name Catherine. As a novice, she was visited one night by an angel who led her to the brightly lit convent chapel. Seated on a chair was Mary. Catherine sat at her feet and the two talked for hours. The second time Our Lady appeared, she was standing on a globe. From her jeweled fingers, many-colored rays shone. Words framed her figure: "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." On the reverse of the scene was a capital "M" and above it, a cross mounted on a bar; below it were two hearts, one crowned with thorns, one pierced by a sword. Catherine was told to have a medal struck with these images. She shared the vision with her spiritual director, who believed her and obtained permission for the "miraculous medal." Catherine lived to the end of her days at the convent, nursing the old men who sought hospice there. After her death in 1876, her body was found to be incorrupt. It is venerated today in the very chapel where she talked with Mary. Saint Catherine Laboure', 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 families, especially those living in poverty or in war-torn areas.

A Blessed Christmas!

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

this week and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 4.

NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

due to the school vacation. See you in the New Year!



Respect Life Ministry

Jesus, the Son of God, the Savior of the world, is born for us, born in Bethlehem of a Virgin, fulfilling the ancient prophecies. The Virgin's name is Mary, the wife of Joseph. Humble people, full of hope in the goodness of God, are those who welcome Jesus and recognize him . . . Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit today enlighten our hearts, that we may recognize in the Infant Jesus, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary, the salvation given by God to each one of us, to each man and woman and to all the peoples of the earth. May the power of Christ, which brings freedom and service, be felt in so many hearts afflicted by war, persecution and slavery. May this divine power, by its meekness, take away the hardness of heart of so many men and women immersed in worldliness and indifference, the globalization of indifference. May his redeeming strength transform arms into ploughshares, destruction into creativity, hatred into love and tenderness. Then we will be able to cry out with joy: "Our eyes have seen your salvation". ~
Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi Christmas message, 2014

THE JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, one of the moments of the year-long Jubilee of Mercy, will take place on Sunday, December 27, 2015, the feast of the Holy Family. Visit the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org) for resources and suggestions for your family on the Jubilee day or any time during the Jubilee year.



Please join us for the next Prayer Service for Life on Saturday, January 2, at 8:45 a.m. **All are welcome.**

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! Join us!

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.

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.



CLASSES for CCD & CONF. II:

Classes resume on Sunday, Jan. 3.

YOUTH GROUP

- Mon., 12/28** Soup Kitchen: at St. Bernadette, 4:45-6:30 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
- Sat., 1/2** Pro-Life Prayer Service @ SS, 8:45 a.m.
- 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: lnelsony@gmail.com or 508-989-5868

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!



Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God
A Holy Day of Obligation

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 (VIGIL):

6:00 p.m. Saint Stanislaus

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1:

7:00 a.m. Saint Stanislaus

8:00 a.m. Good Shepherd

12:00 p.m. Good Shepherd (bilingual)

Wielki Świąt Bożego Narodzenia
i Świąt Nowego Roku!