

Saturday, December 5

5:15 p.m. Vincenza Perrotti (Paula King)

Sunday, December 6

10:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Rosary Sodality (Sodality)

Monday, December 7

7:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Niewola & Butler Families (Butler Family)

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Tuesday, December 8

7:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Society

10:15 a.m. William & Helen Francis (Anne Joerres)

Wednesday, December 9

7:00 a.m. John & Irene Terecira (Anne Joerres)

Thursday, December 10

No Holy Mass celebrated today

Friday, December 11

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

Saturday, December 12

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

Sunday, December 13

10:00 a.m. George Pereira - Birthday Remembrance (Family)

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.

Christmas Breakfast:

Sunday, December 13, at 8:30 a.m.

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

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.

From Father Johnson

THE SIX COMMANDMENTS

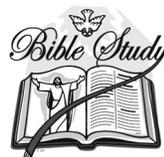
The Third Commandment of the Church is that we confess our sins at least once a year. One of the things that has surprised me since I became Pastor is how few people make use of the opportunity to go to Confession. Many people seem to be confused about our obligation to confess or, even more, about the value of frequent confession. Perhaps people are going to confession elsewhere (Saint Anne's Shrine seems to be popular), but we should all go at least once a year. Remember, Confession doesn't just take away sin; it also bestows grace and hope. Who doesn't love that feeling of strength and a fresh new beginning as we leave the confessional? Go to Confession regularly! It changes lives!

SAINT OF THE WEEK

12 December ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1521, the Spanish explorer Cortez and his army took the capital city of the Aztecs in Mexico, whose serpent god had long demanded daily human sacrifice. Ten years later, Mary the Mother of God appeared to a poor Aztec convert named Juan Diego, on the hill of Tepeyac just outside Mexico City. "Dear little son," she told him, "I love you. I want you to know who I am. I am the Ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of the True God who gives life to all things." She told Juan to go to the bishop and ask that a chapel be built on that spot. He did so, but the bishop asked for a sign, and Mary promised to give Juan one when he came the next morning. Mary came down the hill to meet him the next day and told him to find and gather roses (though it was December), which he did. She then arranged them in his cloak and sent him to the bishop. At the bishop's house, Juan told his story and opened the cloak. The roses fell to the ground. Juan was astounded to see the bishop tumble to his knees before the miraculous image of Mary that had appeared there on his humble cloak. Mary then appeared to Juan's uncle, telling him she wished to be called "Santa Maria de Guadalupe," which the Aztecs took to mean "the serpent god trodden upon." Eight million Aztecs converted to the true faith in the ten years following the apparition, over 16,000 a week. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

MARIAN MEDAL

The Bishop has chosen Miss Jean Willis as the Marian Medalist from Saint Stanislaus Parish. Congratulations, Jean, and thank you for all you do for us! Jean will receive the Marian Medal on Sunday, 13 December, at 3:00 p.m.



COME AND BE REFRESHED BY THE WORD! Bible study with Father Johnson takes place on Saturday evenings at 6:30 p.m., at Good Shepherd Hall. We study the Sunday readings. All are welcome! Please join us.

COLLECTION REPORT

Weekly, \$2,117.50; Christmas Flowers, \$1,047.75; Etc., \$198. Thank You!



Respect Life Ministry

With this reflection, we arrive at the threshold of the Jubilee; it's close. The door is before us, not just the Holy Door, but another: the great door of the Mercy of God — and that is a beautiful door! — which embraces our penance, offering the grace of his forgiveness. The door is generously open, it takes a little courage on our part to cross the threshold... From the Synod of Bishops, which we celebrated in the month of October, all families and the entire Church received great encouragement to meet at the threshold of this open door. The Church was encouraged to open her doors, to go out with the Lord to meet her sons and daughters on the path, at times uncertain, at times dismayed, in these difficult times. Christian families in particular were encouraged to open the door to the Lord who is waiting to enter, bringing his blessing and his friendship. And as the door of God's mercy is always open, so too must the doors of our churches, our communities, our parishes, our institutions, our dioceses, be open, because this is how we can all go out to bring this mercy of God. ~ Pope Francis, General Audience (Family-33. the Welcoming Door), November 15, 2015



****Change in date****

The **Respect Life Ministry Planning Meeting** has been changed to **Monday, Dec. 14, at 6:30 pm.** Please join us!



THIS SUNDAY, DEC. 6, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.! Raffle of decorated trees, lunch and children's craft area! A great way to spend some family time during Advent. Come for part or all of the day. Raffle tickets must be purchased by 2:00. You do not need to be present to win the raffle.

POLISH FOOD MAKING

Schedule for December

Wed. 9 December Cabbage Pierogi
Wed. 16 December Golabki

We could use some extra help Monday and Tuesday, 14 and 15 December for prep work. Thanks!

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS CONCERT

This Sunday, December 6, at 3:00 p.m. Enjoy beautiful religious and secular hymns and carols by its combined choirs. Admission is free!

SOUTH COAST COMMUNITY CHORALE

Presents their 19th annual Christmas Concert featuring Schubert's Mass in G Major, along with fun and traditional holiday favorites from Rudolph to Mozart, on Sunday, December 13, at 3:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd. A reception will follow in the parish hall. A limited number of complimentary tickets are available for parishioners of both Good Shepherd and St. Stanislaus Parishes and can be reserved by calling the Parish Office.

MALASSADAS

Sat., Dec. 12, at 7:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Hall



CLASSES for CCD & CONF. II:

December 6, 13 & 20

YOUTH GROUP

Sun., 12/6 Festival of Trees: 11 a.m.-3:00p.m. @ SS
Sun., 12/6 Christmas Pageant/Dinner @ GS
Mon., 12/7 Vigil Mass: 6:00 @ SS, then Meeting at GS, 7-8 p.m.
Fri., 12/11 Supper with Santa/Polar Express: 6:00 @ GS
Sat., 12/12 LaSalette: Bus departs GS at 5:00 p.m.
Sun., 12/13 Breakfast with Holy Rosary Sodality: 8:15 a.m. @ SS
Sun., 12/13 Caroling at Southpointe: 2:00 p.m.
Mon., 12/14 Soup Kitchen: 4:40-6:30 p.m.
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

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

*The Patronal Feast of the United States
A Holy Day of Obligation*

Monday, Dec. 7	6:00 p.m.	St. Stanislaus
Tuesday, Dec. 8	7:00 a.m.	St. Stanislaus
	8:00 a.m.	Good Shepherd
	10:15 a.m.	St. Stanislaus
	12:00 p.m.	Good Shepherd

MASS INTENTION BOOK

The books for Mass and candle intentions from January through June 2016 will open on Monday, December 7. Out of fairness to all, each parishioner may reserve up to three Saturday and three Sunday Mass intentions in a six-month period. Intentions always may be taken for the Community Masses held on the last Sundays of January, March and May. To schedule intentions, please call or visit the Parish Office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or email gsfallriver@gmail.com.

ADVENT OUTREACH FOR THE NEEDY

Drive for used children's clothing

Boxes are in the Narthex.

Drive for new toys (unwrapped)

Boxes are in the school lobby.

Thank you for your support!

GRIEF EDUCATION & BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM

The loss of a loved one in death is the greatest loss one faces and the most piercing pain one will ever experience. Most people are physically, emotionally and spiritually affected by the death of a loved one. St. Anne's Hospital has programs to learn ways to accept and cope with the death of a loved one in a confidential, compassionate and safe setting. December 16: "The Meaning of Christmas after Loss." December 30: "Meaningful Conversations about the Dead." No reservations required. Free of charge. All programs are held in the Stoico/FIRSTFED Center for Breast Care Lobby at St. Anne's Hospital. For information, call (508) 674-5600 x 2920.

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.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT LASALETTE

Join Saint Stan's and Good Shepherd Parishes on Sat., Dec. 12, as we travel by bus for a wonderful night at LaSalette. Bus departs Good Shepherd at 5:00 p.m. and returns at approximately 10:00 p.m. Cost is only \$7.00 per person. To reserve your seat today, contact Leanne Nelson at lnelsonyg@gmail.com or (508) 989-5868.