



Saturday, February 20

5:15 p.m. Manuel Sousa - 56th Ann. (Daughter, Maria)

Sunday, February 21

10:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to my Mother (Paula King)

Monday, February 22

7:00 a.m. Frederick & Jean Vitullo

Tuesday, February 23

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

Wednesday, February 24

7:00 a.m. John & Doris Minior - 54th Wedding Anniversary Blessings (Jan Torres)

Thursday, February 25

No Holy Mass celebrated today

Friday, February 26

7:00 a.m. Special Intention - Denita Tremblay

Saturday, February 27

5:15 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Cichon & Piszcz Families (Family)

Sunday, February 28

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

Feb. 29 and Mar. 2, 4, 7, 16 & 18 @ 7am

AVAILABLE CANDLE INTENTIONS

St. Pope John Paul II - March

HOLY ROSARY SODALITY

Prayer Intention: For all who are in the service professions, especially our Armed Forces and first responders.

An important meeting of the Holy Rosary Sodality will be held on Saturday, March 6, following the Stations of the Cross. All members are encouraged to attend. There will not be a meeting on Sunday,

RICE BOWLS

are available in the narthex. Your sacrifice can change lives!

MEMORIAL CANDLES

Sanctuary: Denis Butler - Birthday Intentions (Teri & Val); **Divine Mercy:** Seph & Fern Nobrega - 55th Wedding Anniversary; **O.L.C.:** Nora Torres (Jan Torres) **St. Pope John Paul II:** Rev. Robert S. Kaszynski (Pereira Family)

Sunday Vespers

Sunday, February 28, 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 CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

The sixth corporal work of mercy is to ransom the captive or, in modern terms, to visit those in prison. Jesus himself said, "I was in prison and you visited me." Every prisoner, though he may be guilty, is still among the living and so, no matter the crime, can still open his heart to God's forgiveness. Prison chaplains tell moving stories of such conversions. The Catholic writer Heather King tells the story of one visit she made to a maximum security prison: "I once attended a prison orientation in order to be able to share the story of my alcoholism with the inmates and how my Catholic faith had saved me. For three hours, the warden went on to us about the hardened criminals, the crafty criminals, the ninety-nine out of a hundred criminals who would come for the coffee and donuts but not for the message. But to have broken through the prison walls yourself is to know that someone else can, too. At the end, I raised my hand and said, 'Ninety-nine won't hear, but one will. That one person is why I came.' That is how our faith spreads, then, as now." This is the story of the Church through the ages: one lost sheep out of a hundred will hear and be converted, and that is enough.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

22 February ~ Saint Margaret of Cortona. Born in 1247 near Chiusi in Tuscany, little Margaret lost her mother when she was only seven. Her father married again, but his new wife was mean to Margaret. When a rich nobleman seduced her at the age of fourteen, she left her home and went to live with him in his manor. For the next nine years, she lived with him in public sin. They soon had a son. Then one day Margaret saw her lover's dog come back to the house without his master. She followed him back into the woods, and there found a shallow grave containing her murdered lover. At that moment, Margaret felt the weight of all her sins. She soon gave away all her fine possessions, took her little son, and returned to her childhood home in Laviano. When her stepmother refused to let her come in, she went to the Franciscan friary in Cortona and placed herself and her son under the protection of the friars. After three years of doing penance, Margaret joined the Franciscan Third Order. At around this time, she was kneeling at prayer when she heard the voice of the Lord: the beginning of a rich mystical life. She was harsh with her own penances, yet kind and very gentle with the sick poor she cared for with her own hands, in the hospital that she had founded in Cortona. Margaret died in 1297. She is the patron saint of midwives, single mothers, reformed prostitutes, and stepchildren. Saint Margaret of Cortona, pray for us!

THIS WEEK'S RESPECT LIFE PRAYER INTENTION

For the elderly who doubt the value of their lives; that through our care and compassion they may see themselves as the irreplaceable gift to the world that they are.

CHOCOLATE BARS!

St. Stan's School is selling Hilliard's chocolate bars in five varieties. The bars are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and are available in the school office.

Respect Life Ministry

God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbor and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them. On such things will we be judged. ~ *Excerpt from Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2016*

The 40 Days For Life Prayer Campaign runs through March 20th. Please join your prayers with those who are praying, fasting, and standing vigil at clinics around the country and around the world. Visit www.40daysforlife.com for more information.

Planning meeting for Respect Life Ministry:

Monday, March 7, at 6:30 p.m. New members welcome.

Next Prayer Service for Life: Saturday, Mar. 5, at 8:45 a.m.
Deacon Tim will lead us in praying the Pro-Life Stations of the Cross. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 12:00 p.m.
Good Shepherd

Saturdays, 8:45 a.m.
Saint Stanislaus

Please come to one or the other or both. Let us renew our devotion to the life-giving Passion of Christ!

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Saturday

8:30-9:30 a.m. at SS
3:00-3:45 p.m. at GS

Wednesday

February 24, March 16 & March 23
6:30-7:30pm at BOTH SS & GS

NEW WOMEN'S GROUP

Women of Grace is an opportunity for women to explore their dignity as daughters of God and their gift of authentic femininity. It is also a chance for them to experience God's love for them more profoundly, and to "dig deeply" into the wellspring of the spiritual life and the wisdom of Holy Mother Church. Through the study series, women will become equipped to be "lights" in the culture of the day, leading others to the Truth Who is Jesus Christ. The Blessed Virgin Mary is their exemplar and model. Her strength, courage, and maternal love are their inspiration and hope. The Group will meet on the second Sunday of each month at Good Shepherd from 3:00-5:00pm, beginning March 13. Sign up in the narthex, or contact Leanne Nelson at 508-989-5868 or lnelsonyg@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY

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. Everyone welcome. Please join us as we study the Sunday readings.

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!

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.

LENTEN REGULATIONS:

Those who are 14 years of age or older are obliged to abstain from meat on the Fridays of Lent.

ST. STAN'S SENIORS

Bus trip to Foxwoods Casino: Thursday, March 3. \$16.00 includes bus fare, gratuity for the driver, free play, and buffet. Open to the public. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Good Shepherd. Adele at (508) 672-0030, Phyllis (508) 676-8378 or Ann at (508) 674-7355.

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CCD & CONFIRMATION II
Classes resume this Sunday, 2/21

YOUTH GROUP

Sun., 2/21 10am-3pm: Mass, CCD, Tutoring & Meeting at GS
Mon, 2/22 4:45-6:30pm: Soup Kitchen
Sun., 2/28 10am-3pm: Mass, CCD, Tutoring & Meeting at GS
Providence Bruins Hockey @ 3:00 - \$20/p.p.
Mon., 2/29 Parish Lenten Retreat (2/29-3/3)

Contact Leanne Nelson: lnelsonyg@gmail.com or 508-989-5868

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH SUPPER

Sat., Mar. 5. Take-out from 4-5pm. Dine-in at 5:30pm. Choice of shrimp, rice and vegetable or steak with peppers, egg and fries. Both include homemade soup and desserts. \$20/pp. Call the Parish Office for tickets.

WE NEED YOUR RECIPES!

The Youth Group is putting together a cookbook of favorite recipes from families, friends, and parishioners. Please share your favorite recipe. Have a picture or story that goes along with the dish? Send them along! Recipes can be emailed to lnelsonyg@gmail.com or sent to the school addressed to Leanne Nelson. Deadline: March 15. Thanks for your help!

SAVE THE DATES!

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 2016

Monday 29 February: Saint Stanislaus
Tuesday 1 March: Good Shepherd
Wednesday 2 March: Saint Stanislaus
Thursday 3 March: Good Shepherd
7:00 each evening

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

with *CONFERENCES* by *FATHER THOMAS KOCIK* on

THE FOUR LAST THINGS
in the light of **THE YEAR OF MERCY:**
DEATH, JUDGMENT, HEAVEN, HELL

Ending with
BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Confessions each night from 6:15 to 7pm