



Mass Intentions

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

Monday, February 29

7:00 a.m. Scott Szczupak (Festival Committee)

Tuesday, March 1

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

Wednesday, March 2

7:00 a.m. Holy Mass

Thursday, March 3

No Holy Mass celebrated today

Friday, March 4

7:00 a.m. Judith Harris (Joyce Freitas)

Saturday, March 5

5:15 p.m. Blessings for Douglas & Elaine Ottenlips (Paula King)

Sunday, March 6

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

HOLY ROSARY SODALITY

Prayer Intention: In thanksgiving for the Sacraments of Initiation and for all who received these sacraments in our Parish this past year.

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.

CRS RICE BOWL

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

Sanctuary: Deceased Members of the Mazurek Family (Mary Ann & Sean Portley); **Divine Mercy:** George Pereira; **O.L.C.:** Kathryn Proulx; **St. Pope John Paul II:** In Thanksgiving (John & Mary Lou)

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 seventh corporal work of mercy is to bury the dead. Going to wakes and funerals and burials is not literally burying the dead, but we all know how great a consolation it is, when we have lost a loved one, to be surrounded by family and friends at that time. We are so grateful that people turn out to honor our beloved dead and to support us in our grief. I will never forget a funeral at a parish I was stationed at. An old man had died and was survived by one old friend. No family at all! The funeral director knew that the funeral would be crushing for that old friend. He told the pastor, who announced it at Mass that weekend: "Could anyone who was free that day come and give the support of their presence?" I have never forgotten the moment when I walked in and saw that the church was absolutely full, about 450 people. They had come to bury the dead, and what a work of love and mercy it was! Jesus, who himself had known death and burial, was very pleased.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

4 March ~ Saint Casimir. Born in 1459, Casimir was the third of thirteen children born to Casimir IV of Poland and Elizabeth of Austria. At the young age of thirteen, Prince Casimir was ordered by his father to lead an army into Hungary to accept the crown from rebellious nobles. On the way, Casimir learned that the nobles' support had evaporated, and he withdrew with his forces. When the king heard of the retreat, he refused to let his son return home, exiling him to a family castle for three months. Afterwards, Casimir refused to take up arms. Already a devout child, he threw himself into prayer and penance. When pressed to marry, he refused, insisting that his purity was sealed in his love for the Mother of God. In his early twenties, Casimir ruled for two years in his father's stead. He earnestly sought justice for the poor of the kingdom, displaying a wisdom beyond his years. Casimir died of tuberculosis in 1484, when he was not yet twenty-six. Among Lithuanians, he is known as "the Peacemaker" and "Father of the Poor." Saint Casimir, pray for

FROM THE YOUTH GROUP

Why We Love Our Catholic Faith: We love our Catholic Faith because as a group of teens growing up with the same faith, we are pushed to grow and work as a team; it teaches us how to be good people and guides us on a path to heaven, our true home. Our faith shapes who we are and how we treat other people, and it keeps us strong during the temptations that we face every day, whether it be in the school hallways or at home. It also gives us hope in a world where there seems to be less and less of it.

THIS WEEK'S RESPECT LIFE PRAYER INTENTION

For those who are grieving; may they find refuge in our loving God and comfort in the prayers for their loved ones, trusting in the hope of eternal life.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please use the school entrance.

Respect Life Ministry

Let us treat others with the same passion and compassion with which we want to be treated. Let us seek for others the same possibilities which we seek for ourselves. Let us help others to grow, as we would like to be helped ourselves. In a word, if we want security, let us give security; if we want life, let us give life; if we want opportunities, let us provide opportunities. The yardstick we use for others will be the yardstick which time will use for us. The Golden Rule also reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development. ~ Pope Francis, *Visit to the Joint Session of the United States Congress, Sep. 24, 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

Friday, 12:00 p.m.: Good Shepherd
Saturday, 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!

CARD NIGHT FOR THE TROOPS!

Save the Date: Friday, Mar. 18, 6-8pm

As part of our Lenten outreach, we will be making greeting cards and writing notes which will be sent to Operation Gratitude for inclusion in the care packages they send to active duty troops as well as to first responders, veterans, and wounded warriors. No special artistic talent is necessary. All materials will be provided, and refreshments will be available.

Come Study the Bible with us

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.

LENTEEN CONFESSIONS

Saturday

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

Wednesday

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

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



CCD & CONFIRMATION II

Classes this Sunday, Feb. 28

CONFIRMATION: Wednesday, Mar. 9, at 7:00 p.m. at GS

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL for all candidates and sponsors:
Sunday, Mar. 6, at 2:00 p.m. at GS

YOUTH GROUP

- 2/29-3/3** Lenten Retreat - 7pm each night (location in bulletin)
Tues., 3/1 Deadline for Harlem Globetrotters tickets
Fri., 3/4 Holy Relics of the Passion, Hartford - leaving 4pm
Sat., 3/5 8:45am - Respect Life Prayer Service @ SS
10am-12pm: Visit Southpointe Nursing Home
2pm: Altar Server Training @ GS
5-9pm: Serve Portuguese Night Dinner @ GS
Sun., 3/6 10am-3pm: Mass/CCD/Tutoring/Meeting @ GS
2pm: Confirmation Rehearsal @ GS
Mon., 3/7 4:45-6:00pm: Soup Kitchen at St. Bernadette
6pm: 8th grade to Youth Rally at Stang
Wed., 3/9 7pm: Confirmation Mass at Good Shepherd
Fri., 3/11 Movie Night: "For Greater Glory" @ GS
Sat., 3/12 2pm: Altar Server Training @ GS
Sun., 3/13 10am-3pm: Mass/CCD/Tutoring/Meeting @ GS
3-5pm: Women of Grace @ GS (girls 15+)
Mon., 3/14 5:30-8:30pm: Adoration and meeting @ GS
Fri., 3/18 6-8pm: Card Night @ SS
Sun., 3/20 10am-3pm: Palm Sunday Mass/CCD/Tutoring
3pm: Harlem Globetrotters (\$20.50)
Mon., 3/21 4:45-6:00pm: Soup Kitchen @ St. Bernadette
Thurs., 3/24 7pm: Holy Thursday @ SS
Fri., 3/25 7pm: Good Friday @ GS
Sat., 3/26 7pm: Holy Saturday @ GS
Sun., 3/27 10am: Easter Sunday Mass @ GS

WOMEN OF GRACE

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

GOOD SHEPHERD PORTUGUESE NIGHT

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. Dancing and music with DJ after dinner. \$20/pp. Call the Parish Office for tickets.

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.

WE NEED YOUR RECIPES!

The Youth Group is putting together a cookbook of favorite recipes. Please share your favorite recipe. Include any photo or story for the dish. Recipes can be emailed to lnelsonyg@gmail.com or sent to the school addressed to Leanne Nelson. Deadline: March 15. Thanks for your help!

HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

Join us on Sun., April 20, in Providence. \$20.50/pp. Contact Leanne Nelson at lnelsonyg@gmail.com or 508-989-5868. Deadline: March 1.

COLLECTION REPORT

Weekend of February 13-14: Weekly, \$2,385.25; Ash Wed., \$756; Cath. Ed., \$565; Dioc. Assmt., \$148; Etc., \$554. **Weekend of February 20-21:** Weekly, \$2,150; Assmt., \$1,013, Etc., \$148. Thank you!