

Saturday, April 9

5:15 p.m. Valerie Polka - Birthday Blessings (Paula King)

Sunday, April 10

10:00 a.m. Valerie Polka - Birthday Blessings (Sr. Choir)

Monday, April 11

7:00 a.m. Antone Alvarnas & Antone Alvarnas, Jr.
(Sandy & Teddy Karcz)

Tuesday, April 12

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

Wednesday, April 13

7:00 a.m. George (Jack) Moura - 15th Anniversary
(Tom & Elaine Skibinski)

Thursday, April 14

No Holy Mass celebrated today

Friday, April 15

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

Saturday, April 16

5:15 p.m. Joseph Minior (Wife, Esther)

Sunday, April 17

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

HOLY ROSARY SODALITY

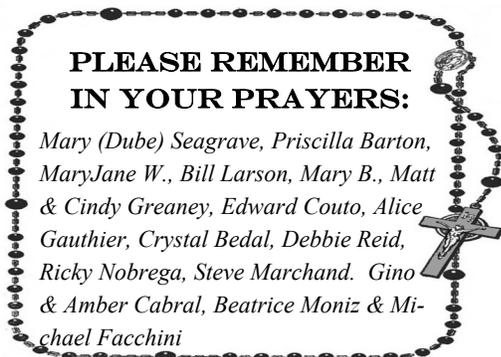
Prayer Intention: For the safety of all who perform corporal works of mercy; for our diocesan priests, seminarians and religious; and for an increase in vocations.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

Sanctuary: Joyce Freitas (Birthday Intention); **Divine Mercy:** George & Olivia Moura (Tom & Elaine Skibinski); **O.L.C.:** Carole Boruch; **St. Pope John Paul II:** In Thanksgiving for all graces and blessings (Valerie A. Butler)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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



**PLEASE REMEMBER
IN YOUR PRAYERS:**
Mary (Dube) Seagrave, Priscilla Barton,
MaryJane W., Bill Larson, Mary B., Matt
& Cindy Greaney, Edward Couto, Alice
Gauthier, Crystal Bedal, Debbie Reid,
Ricky Nobrega, Steve Marchand. Gino
& Amber Cabral, Beatrice Moniz & Mi-
chael Facchini

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

From Father Johnson

THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

The fifth spiritual work of mercy is to forgive offenses. Easier said than done, but also the most obvious and compelling. During this Great Jubilee of Mercy, in the recent observance of Divine Mercy Sunday, we are constantly reminded that God's mercy is infinite and freely given to us. Individually, personally. So then, how can I not let that mercy flow through me to others by forgiving every offense, every injury? If I do not, the Lord tells me, I risk my own soul. Jesus himself says in Mark 11:26, "But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your transgressions." The message is clear and simple: "Have you, imperfect sinner, received mercy from God, who is perfect and could demand perfect justice? Then pass it on!"

SAINT OF THE WEEK

14 April ~ Saint Benezet. In the Middle Ages, one of the great works of charity was the building of bridges. After the fall of the Roman Empire, the bridges built by the Roman engineers were abandoned and collapsing; new bridges were also needed for the routes to pilgrimage sites like Santiago de Compostela in Spain. To make such large projects possible, wealthy donors, artisans and religious orders would come together to do the work. These associations would also collect alms for the poor and provide for the housing of pilgrims. The oldest of these associations was called the Bridge-Building Brotherhood (Fratres Pontifices), founded by a young shepherd called Benezet. When he arrived in Avignon, France, around 1178, he saw the dangers facing pilgrims trying to cross the River Rhone. The tradition tells us that Benezet heard a voice from heaven commanding him to build a bridge, and he immediately began to haul stones for the structure. At first annoyed, the local bishop eventually began to give his financial help and helped find the tradesmen and artisans to finish the work. This is the bridge of the famous French song, *Sur le Pont d'Avignon*. When Benezet died in 1184 at the age of only 22, many miracles were reported at his grave. His remains were finally interred in a chapel on the bridge that was washed away in a flood in 1669, though four of its original arches can still be seen in the river. His relics were rescued and are now kept in the nearby church of Saint Didier. He is the patron saint of all manual laborers. Saint Benezet, pray for us!

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER INTENTION

For all people; that inspired by our merciful Lord we might contribute to building up a culture that cherishes each person's life.

AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

May 13 & 23, and June 24, 27 & 29 at 7:00am.

Facebook.com/stanislausfallriver
Twitter and Instagram: Search for @saintstans

Respect Life Ministry

Above all, let us listen to the words of Jesus, who made mercy an ideal of life and a criterion for the credibility of our faith: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Mt 5:7): the beatitude to which we should particularly aspire in this Holy Year. As we can see in Sacred Scripture, mercy is a key word that indicates God's action towards us. He does not limit himself merely to affirming his love, but makes it visible and tangible. Love, after all, can never be just an abstraction. By its very nature, it indicates something concrete: intentions, attitudes, and behaviors that are shown in daily living. The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. He feels responsible; that is, he desires our well-being and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. This is the path which the merciful love of Christians must also travel. As the Father loves, so do his children. Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other. ~ *Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus, no. 9*



Please join us
for the next Respect Life Prayer Service
Saturday, May 7, at 8:45 a.m.

Come **Study the Bible** **with us**

Come and be refreshed by the Word! Join Father Johnson as we study the Sunday readings on Saturdays at 6:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Hall. Everyone is welcome!

WOMEN OF GRACE

Our monthly meeting is this Sunday, April 10, from 3-5 p.m. at Good Shepherd Hall.

OUR FESTIVAL IS QUICKLY APPROACHING!

June 3, 4 & 5

Our raffle tickets will soon be available! Stay tuned.

POLISH FOOD MAKING

takes place on Wednesday mornings following the 7:00 a.m. Holy Mass. Many hands are needed, and no experience is necessary.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR BOOK NOOK

in the narthex for some spiritual reading. Many thanks to the Holy Rosary Sodality for maintaining this great parish resource.



CCD CLASSES FOR APRIL:

April 10 & 24
No class on April 17.

YOUTH GROUP

Mon., 4/11 5:00-7:30pm ~ "Learn Your Options" pro-life clinic
Tues., 4/12 Int'l Pilgrimage Statue of Our Lady of Fatima & relics of Bl. Francisco & Bl. Jacinta Marto (St. Bernard, Assonet)
Fri., 4/15 6-8pm ~ Teamworks (\$10pp)
Mon., 4/18 Shrine of Divine Mercy day trip. Leave & return to GS (food \$)
Fri., 4/22 6-9pm ~ "Minute to Win it" Game Night @ GS
Sat., 4/23 Relics of St. Sharbel @ St. Anthony of the Desert, FR
Mon, 4/25 5:30-8:30pm ~ Adoration and meeting
Contact Leanne Nelson: lnelsonyg@gmail.com or 508-989-5868

DINE TO DONATE NIGHT

Help raise funds for the school! Saint Stanislaus School: Thursday, April 14, at the Taphouse Grille, 159 South Main Street, Fall River. Taphouse Grille will donate 35% of both eat-in and take-out purchases from 5-7pm. Please bring the flyer inserted in the bulletin with you. For information, visit www.taphousegrille.com.

MISS A BULLETIN?

Find it online at www.saintstanislausfr.com

THE 7 GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Fall River Diocesan Council of Catholic Nurses everyone to presentation on the "7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit," at St. Anne's Hospital on **Saturday, April 23**, from 8:30am to 11:15am. Presented by Rev. Patrick Magee, a Franciscan Hermit and a hospital Chaplain. Registration deadline: April 15. Fee: \$25.00. Contact Betty at (508) 678-2373.

PRO-LIFE LICENSE PLATES IN MASSACHUSETTS

They have a beautiful image of a mother and a child and the message choose life. The plates cost \$40 every two years, part of which will go to fund pregnancy help centers throughout Massachusetts. This is a very effective way promote the pro-life message wherever you drive. For more information, please visit www.machooselife.org.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

will be celebrated 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 1. Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Sacraments for the first time!

THE VIDEO & PHOTOS OF CONFIRMATION 2016

for Saint Stanislaus and Good Shepherd Parishes are available on our website. Many thanks to Shawn Mills, who so generously provided these resources. Go to: <http://saintstanislausfr.com/confirmation/>

DO YOU KNOW A FAMILY WITH CHILDREN?

Have them take a look at our school website:
www.saintstanislaus.com