



Saturday, May 7

5:15 p.m. John Deveney & Family (In Thanksgiving)

Sunday, May 8

10:00 a.m. All Mothers of the Parish

Monday, May 9

7:00 a.m. Nancy Gustin (Cunningham Family)

Tuesday, May 10

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

Wednesday, May 11

7:00 a.m. Richard Sousa & Anna Krezel (Sousa Family)

Thursday, May 12

No Holy Mass celebrated today

Friday, May 13

7:00 a.m. Veronica Seseske - Birthday Blessings
(Mom & Dad)

Saturday, May 14

5:15 p.m. Leonel & Stella Autote

Sunday, May 15

10:00 a.m. Intentions of Eileen Hadfield (Nancy Beard)

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers, Grandmothers and Godmothers!

HOLY ROSARY SODALITY

Prayer Intention: For all mothers and women, that they embrace the loving example of Mary, the Mother of God, and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. **Communion Breakfast:** Sunday, May 15, at 8:30 a.m.

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

Priscilla Barton, MaryJane W., Bill Larson, Mary B., Edward Couto, Alice Gauthier, Crystal Bedal, Debbie Reid, Ricky Nobrega, Steve Marchand. Gino & Amber Cabral, Beatrice Moniz, Michael Facchini, Rose Facchini. To request prayers for a loved one or friend, contact Father Johnson or Eileen Hadfield at 401-662-7694.

Sunday Vespers

Sunday, May 22, 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 HOLY OILS

Throughout the Bible, various references indicate the importance of olive oil in daily life. Oil was used in cooking, particularly in the making of bread, as a fuel for lamps, and as a healing agent in medicine. Moreover, the Israelites anointed the head of a guest with olive oil as a sign of welcome. They also used it as a cosmetic, and with it prepared dead bodies for burial. In religious practice, they also used olive oil to dedicate memorial stones in honor of God (as Jacob did at Bethel), to consecrate the meeting tent, the Ark of the Covenant, the lampstands, the lavers, the altar of incense and the altar of holocausts. The use of olive oil was clearly a part of the daily life of the people of the Old Testament. Thus, the fact that the Catholic Church uses olive oil in several of her sacraments springs from ancient Mediterranean culture. Sacred Scripture also attests to the spiritual symbolism of oil. For instance, in Psalm 23 we read, "You anoint my head with oil," signifying favor and strength from the Lord; and Psalm 45 has this, "You love justice and hate wickedness; therefore, God your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellow kings," signifying God's special favor and the joy of being his servant. The most common title given to Jesus, "Christ," is from a Greek word meaning "anointed with oil."

SAINT OF THE WEEK

12 May ~ Saint Leopold Mandic. He was born in 1866 in Croatia. From his earliest days, he wanted to be a missionary, but he was very short, just over 4 feet tall, had delicate health, and suffered from a severe speech defect. When he entered the Capuchin Order in Italy, his superiors told him that he would never be allowed to preach, and his poor health would keep him from any rough mission assignments. So until the end of his life, Leopold remained in Italy, spending most of his time hearing confessions. He was a beloved confessor. The other priests thought Leopold was too kind to sinners, but he explained that he gave small penances to his penitents and did the rest himself. In heat or cold, he sat in his little box, up to sixteen hours a day. Though his health worsened, his routines remained the same. "A priest must die from apostolic hard work," Leopold once said. "There is no other death worthy of a priest." He died in just this way, in 1942. Saint Leopold, pray for us!

RESPECT LIFE PRAYER INTENTION

Please pray for all mothers, living and deceased, and especially for mothers who are mourning the death of a child.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

Sanctuary: Intentions of Father Andrew (Butler Family); **Divine Mercy:** Gerard & Bernadette Skibinski Tom & Elaine Skibinski); **O.L.C.:** Sousa & Miranda Families (Maria D'Alu); **St. Pope John Paul II:** In memory of Mrs. Valerie Butler (Children).

PARISHIONER SURVEY

Please complete the Parishioner Survey for the Office of Pastoral Planning & the Parish Pastoral Taskforce. <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/2682037/Diocese-of-Fall-River-Parishioner-Survey>



Respect Life Ministry

In many ways, the battle between the culture of life and the culture of death is a battle over mothers, and how we understand their role in God's plan. As we pray this prayer, then, let us renew our resolve to strengthen, bless, and thank all mothers as they embrace the awesome vocation of accepting and nurturing new life. ~ Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life

*A Prayer for Mothers
(Priests for Life)*

God of tender love and life, You compared your love for humanity to the love a mother has for her own child.

You are the Lord and Giver of Life, and you knit each of us together in our mother's womb.

You provide for the world The example of Mary, your own mother, who said yes to life amid her confusion and surprise.

We thank you, then, for our mothers. Though human, they are also a reflection of you, Lord God. They are your gift to us.

We pray for all mothers today. May they realize the greatness of their vocation and have the strength to live it without fear. Forgive their sins, and keep their eyes raised up to you.

*To those who still make this earthly journey with us,
Give us the grace to love them as we should;
And to those whom you have called from this life,
Give a special place of honor in your Kingdom of endless life.*

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EXPERIENCE LOURDES!

Join us for a Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes on Monday, May 23, at 6:00 p.m., at Good Shepherd Church. Follow in the footsteps of Saint Bernadette. Visit Lourdes on spiritual "pilgrimage" that includes Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, a Candlelight Rosary, and Grotto rocks and water from Lourdes. Pope Francis has granted by Apostolic Decree a Plenary Indulgence to the faithful who make this Virtual Pilgrimage, under the usual conditions.

SOUTH COAST COMMUNITY CHORALE

Presents "Durufle Requiem" on Sat., May 14, at 7:30pm, featuring the traditional pairing of the classical and the contemporary. On Sun., May 15, the Chorale will perform "Be Our Guest," presenting only the second half of this concert featuring Disney favorites. Sat./\$18 (students/seniors \$3 off) and Sun./\$10 adults & \$5 children (children in character free!). The Parish Office has a limited number of complimentary tickets.



CCD & CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION for 2016-17 will take place after Masses on the weekend of May 14-15.

YOUTH GROUP

Sun., 5/8 10:00am ~ Holy Mass & May Crowning @ GS
Mon., 5/9 6:30-8:30p ~ Meeting @ GS
Sat., 5/14 10:00-11:30pm ~ Southpointe
Fri., 5/20 6:00-9:00pm ~ Movie Night @ GS
Sat., 5/21 5:00p.m. ~ Parish Clam Boil @ GS
Mon., 5/23 5:30-8:30pm ~ Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes @ GS
Sat., 5/28 7:30 game: New England Revolution
Mon., 5/30 4:45-6:30pm ~ Soup Kitchen



MOTHER'S DAY ROSE DRIVE

Our parish will be participating in the Massachusetts Citizens for Life Rose Drive to show our support for the dignity of all life. As we celebrate Mother's Day, we take this opportunity to purchase a rose to thank our mothers and Almighty God for the gift of life. Roses are available before and after all Masses this Mother's Day weekend, May 7-8. This is a free will offering. If you prefer, you may offer your rose to the Blessed Mother. Those roses will be placed before the icon of Our Lady and remain there for the entire month of May.

BIBLE STUDY

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! No Bible Study next Saturday, May 14.

WOMEN OF GRACE

Next Meeting: **Sunday, May 15**, from 3-5 p.m. at Saint Stan's.

SOLEMN HIGH LATIN MASS IN THE EXTRAORDINARY RITE

26 May 2016 - 10am

Solemnity of Corpus Christi

Good Shepherd Parish

Following Holy Mass, please join the Eucharistic Procession to Saint Stanislaus Church for Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.



2016 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

For so many, the Catholic Charities Appeal has served as a foundation of hope for 75 years. It bridges lives and brings hope by feeding the hungry, mending the broken hearts of children, aiding the elderly, providing counseling and forming many support groups. This weekend you will be asked to donate to the Catholic Charities Appeal. Please keep in mind that your contribution is on behalf of those not able to ask for your help themselves. 93 cents out of every dollar you give goes directly to assisting those who have fallen on difficult times. Through your generosity in this campaign, we all can offer a bridge to a better life and hope for the future to so many.

CAN YOU HELP?

The Fall River Historical Society is looking for a book written by a local Fall River historian named Stanislaw Kania. It is a history of the Polish community in Fall River. If anyone has a copy of the book that they are willing to lend to the society for a current research project, please contact Miss Willis at the school.

POLISH FOOD MAKING

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

OUR PARISH FESTIVAL IS COMING SOON!

JUNE 3, 4 & 5

Please return your raffle tickets as soon as possible to the school office or in the collection basket. You might be a lucky winner!

GOOD SHEPHERD CLAM BOIL

Saturday, May 21, with take-out meals from 4-5 p.m. and dine-in service at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and limited to 150 meals. Includes chowder and watermelon. Call the Parish Office for tickets.

SAINT STAN'S SENIORS

Bus trip to Captain Jack's Lobster Bake and Foxwoods Casino on Wed., June 22, featuring Captain Jack's famous full course lobster bake or prime rib. Then on to Foxwoods Casino with a bonus of a free buffet or \$10.00 food voucher and \$10.00 free play. Bus leaves Good Shepherd at 9:45 a.m. and returns at approximately 7:30 p.m. \$70.00 per person, including gratuity for the driver. Open to the public. Call Phyllis at (508) 676-8378.