



Saturday, November 27

5:15 p.m. Intentions of Father Andrew J. (Butler Family)

Sunday, November 28

10:00 a.m. Maria Sousa 7th Anniversary (daughter Maria D'Alu)
Doris Mattos (Love, Donna, Diane, Jerry, Michael, and Jesse)

Monday, November 29

7:00 a.m. Dennis Cunningham (Family)

Tuesday, November 30

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

Wednesday, December 1

7:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving 50 years in United States (Maria D'Alu)

Thursday, December 2

No Holy Mass

Friday, December 3

7:00 a.m. Special Intention

Saturday, December 4

5:15 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Rosary Sodality

Sunday, December 5

10:00 a.m. Pro Populo

Holy Rosary Sodality

Intention:

That all elected officials in our country be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and for the return of lapsed Catholics.

Memorial Candles

Sanctuary: Thaddeus Pietraszek (Helen & Joan);

Divine Mercy: Deceased members of the Mazurek Family (Sean & Maryann Portley); **O.L.C.:** In Thanksgiving for all the Graces and Blessings received (Valerie A Butler); **St. Pope John Paul II:** Adam Polak 40th Anniversary

Financial Blessings

11/20
Weekly Collection \$2,333.00
Second Collection \$1,456.00
Etc. \$871.50
Thank You!

Any time anyone wants to give a gift that will not be subject to the diocesan assessment, please just put your donation in an envelope and mark it "Maintenance and Repairs." It will be used entirely by the parish.

From Father Johnson

HOLY MASS

Sacrifice and Sacrament: At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice of the Cross throughout the centuries until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and rising: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, and, as Saint Thomas Aquinas said, "a paschal banquet in which Christ is eaten, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given us." The Liturgy of the Eucharist has three main parts: the Offertory or Preparation of Gifts, the Consecration or Eucharistic Prayer, and the Communion. After the prayer of the faithful, we sit for the preparation, and the gifts are brought up. *Next Week: Procession and Presentation!*

Saint of the Week

28 November Saint Stephen the Younger

Stephen spent his youth as a student in a monastery near Constantinople. After his father's death he transferred to another monastery where, at age thirty, he was named abbot. Twelve years later, wearied of the burden of being a superior, he resigned and made for a remote place where he built a cell so small he could barely lie down in it. When the iconoclastic (destroyer and hater of religious icons) Emperor Constantine V initiated a persecution of orthodox monks in 762, he brought Stephen in for questioning. Stephen refused to renounce praying before icons and was exiled. Two years on a remote island, however, did not "cure" him of his devotion, and he was brought once again before the emperor. Constantine asked Stephen whether treading on an image of Christ was the same as treading on Christ. Stephen drew from his pocket a coin with the emperor's likeness on it and asked him what would happen were someone to tread on this image. The emperor was indignant that anyone would consider such a thing. In that case, Stephen asked, should not more respect be shown to icons of Jesus Christ and his Blessed Mother? Irrate at Stephen's logic, the emperor sent him to be scourged. When the monk survived this brutal treatment, Constantine had him dragged through the streets until he died. It was 28 November, 764. Saint Stephen the Younger, pray for us!

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

For those who forget the needs of their brothers and sisters; that the Lord would give them a spirit of generosity.

Parish Prayer Intentions

Priscilla Barton, MaryJane W., Bill Larson, Mary B., Matt & Cindy Greaney, Alice Gauthier, Crystal Bedal, Debbie Reid, Ricky Nobrega, Steve Marchand, Rita Cabral, Rebekah Ponte, Kim & Anne Fischer, Beatrice Moniz, Michael Facchini, Rose Facchini, Lois K, Marc, Patricia O'Brien, Anne Marie Hallisey, Kathleen Correia. In thanksgiving for all graces and blessings received. To request prayers for a loved one or friend, contact Father Johnson or Leanne Nelson at 508-678-7412.



Respect Life Ministry

Advent invites us once again, in the midst of so many difficulties, to renew the certainty that God is present: he entered the world, making himself man, a man like us, to fulfill his plan of love. And God asks that we too become a sign of his action in the world. Through our faith, our hope and our charity, he wants to enter the world ever anew and wants ever anew to make his light shine out in our dark night.

~Pope Benedict, General Audience, Dec. 5, 2012

The next Respect Life Prayer Service will be Saturday, December 3rd at 8:45am. All are invited.

There will be a Respect Life Ministry planning meeting on Monday, December 5th at 6:30pm. New members are most welcome to attend!

Save the Date Christmas Carols at Southpointe Sunday, December 18th, 2:00pm

The Catholic high schools in the Diocese will conduct an Entrance/Placement Examination on Saturday, December 3rd with the make-up exam on Saturday, December 10th. There will be a \$20 fee, payable at the time of application. The application and examination procedure will last until approximately 11:30am.

Seniors' News

Mohegan Sun Casino Bus Trip, Thursday, December 1st. \$16 per person includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, wheel, and \$15 food voucher. This trip is open to the public. Bus leaves at 8:30am from Good Shepherd Church parking lot South Main Street. For more information or reservations call Phyllis (508) 676-8378; Adele (508)672-0030; Ann (508)674-7355

St Stan's Seniors Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 13, at Venus de Milo Restaurant. Members will be contacted by phone for meal choice. Members are reminded to bring a gift worth \$5 or more for the raffle.

Social 12-12:30pm

Dinner served at 12:30pm

**Annual Christmas Concert and dinner
December 4th at 3:00pm at Good Shepherd**

**South Coast Community Chorale Concert
December 11th at 3:00pm at Good Shepherd**

**Minute to Win It Supper with Santa Friday
December 9th at Good Shepherd for Religious Education students. Please RSVP to Eileen Hadfield**

2016-2017 SAINT STANISLAUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

All at 6:30 p.m.

11/22/16 Parish Council	12/6/16 Finance Council
2/14/17 Parish Council	2/28/17 Finance Council
5/16/17 Parish Council	5/30/17 Finance Council

MASS INTENTIONS

On Thursday, December 1, the Mass Book will be open for both Mass and candle intentions from January-June 2017. Please remember out of fairness to all parishioners, each parishioner may reserve up to three Saturday and three Sunday Mass intentions in a six-month period. Multiple intentions are always taken for the monthly Community Masses. To schedule intentions, you may call or visit the Parish Office Monday-Thursday 8:30-2:30 or email them to gfallriver@gmail.com

Sunday Vespers

Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 p.m. at Saint Stan's

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!



*Sunday, December 11th
1:00 p.m. @ Good Shepherd Hall*

BIBLE STUDY

November 26th at 6:30pm in Good Shepherd Hall. Join us as we pray and study the Sunday Mass readings. It will be The First Sunday of Advent: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44 (1)