



Saturday,	December 10
5:15 p.m.	Leo & Stella Autote & Son (Family)
Sunday,	December 11
10:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Felician Sisters (Butler Family)
Monday,	December 12
7:00 a.m.	
Tuesday,	December 13
8:00 a.m.	Holy Mass at Good Shepherd
Wednesday,	December 14
7:00 a.m.	Walter Dawicki (cousins)
Thursday,	December 15
	No Holy Mass
Friday,	December 16
7:00 a.m.	Frederick & Jean Vitullo
Saturday,	December 17
5:15 p.m.	Kocon & Kosinski Families (Dolores Iwanski)
Sunday,	December 18
10:00 a.m.	Hannah & Matt, Andrew & Gabriel, Joey & Chloe, Andi & Jack. Birthday Blessings. (Paula King)

Holy Rosary Sodality

Intention:

That all people come to know the peace of Christ and for the return to the Church of lapsed Catholics.

The Holy Rosary Sodality Christmas Breakfast is on Sunday, 12-11-16 at 8:30am in the school hall. There is no other gathering of the Sodality for December. We will not meet again until March, so we

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

12/4
Weekly Collection \$ 2,398.50
Polish Assistance \$ 813.00
Maintenance and Repairs \$ 1,000.00
Etc. \$ 353.00
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

Offering the Gifts: The priest raises the bread slightly off the altar and says the prayer, "Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation..." and the people respond, "Blessed be God for ever." Then, if the Deacon has not already done so, he pours wine and a little water into the chalice, saying quietly, "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." This prayer invites us to see the wine as a symbol of Christ's divinity, and the drops of water as signifying the humanity that he took to himself at his Incarnation. Like some of the other prayers at this part of the Mass, it is spoken, but only inaudibly, because it is one of the priest's private prayers. The priest then offers the wine with a formula similar to the offering of the bread: "Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation... It will become our spiritual drink," and places the chalice on the altar. The priest then offers another prayer inaudibly as he bows profoundly: "With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by you, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to you, Lord God." He asks in all humility that God accept us and the sacrifice we are about to offer. If the Mass is a solemn one, the priest then makes this prayer, as it were, visible by the clouds of incense that surround the gifts, the altar, and all those present, both ministers and people. What a perfect symbol of our Christian worship: the smoke of the incense fills the sacred space, as God does, and rises to heaven, his home. *Next Week: Lavabo!*

Saint of the Week

12 December Saint Jane Frances de Chantal

She was born in 1572 into the highest level of French nobility at the height of French power, yet she longed all her life for the things of heaven. Married as a young girl to Christophe, Baron de Chantal, she rescued his estates from bankruptcy by her brilliant management. They were deeply in love and built a Christian home for their four children, taking special joy in caring for the needs of the poor. When Christophe was killed in a hunting accident, Jane was forced truly to turn to God in her trials. First she completely forgave the man who had accidentally killed her husband, eventually becoming godmother to one of his children. Hated and persecuted by her father-in-law, she sought a spiritual director to help her in her trials. She found Saint Francis de Sales, the Bishop of Geneva. He began to guide her soul, teaching her how to pursue holiness in the midst of her active life. But he also began to see that this lively, intelligent, intensely devout woman had been given to him as a companion in a great work. In 1610, they co-founded the Order of the Visitation, a community of women devoted to works of mercy in imitation of the Virgin Mary. For the rest of her life, Jane worked to further the growth of the Order, traveling, teaching, guiding, and consoling. By the time of her death in 1641, she had founded eighty-six houses. Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, pray for us!

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

For all migrant and refugee families, especially those who lives are in danger or whose families have been torn apart by violence and injustice.



Respect Life Ministry



From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

A Day of Prayer with a focus on the plight of refugees and migrants will take place across the United States on December 12, 2016, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. It will be a time to place before a merciful God the hopes, fears, and needs of all those families who have come to the U.S. seeking a better life.

(For more information please visit usccb.org or the resource table in the narthex.)

“As Christmas approaches and especially on this feast of Our Lady, we are reminded of how our savior Jesus Christ was not born in the comfort of his own home, but rather in an unfamiliar manger. To all those families separated and far from home in uncertain times, we join with you in a prayer for comfort and joy this Advent season.”

~Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, Archbishop of Galveston-Houston and President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)

Christmas Carols at Southpointe is next weekend! Please see the insert for details.

Seniors' News

Foxwoods Casino, Thursday January 5th. \$16 includes bus fare, gratuity for driver, free play, and buffet. This trip is open to the public. Bus leaves at 8:30am from Good Shepherd Parish parking lot on South Main St. For more information or reservations call Phyllis 508-676-8378, Adele 508-672-0030, or 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

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, Pat Cabral, Barbara Howard, Ann & Paul Zygiel, Denny & Joe Bucko, Donald Vezina, Marie Gsgnon, Rita Littlefield & Family.
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.

Citizens For Citizens Fuel Assistance Program

Are you having trouble paying your fuel bill?

In the Fall River area call: 508-676-7397 or 508-679-0041

In the Taunton area call: 508-823-6346

School News

Thank you to the St. Stanislaus School Development Committee and to the Parent Group for the gift of their time and talent in organizing the Festival of Trees. Thank you also to all those who donated trees and wreaths and those who attended the event. The event was a great success, raising about \$4,000, which is double what was raised last year.

Members of Saint Stanislaus Parish Councils 2016-17

Pastoral

Deacon Tim Flaherty
Jean Willis
Eileen Hadfield
Dan Seseske
Leanne Nelson
Andrew Giovannini
Matt Viana
Peter Homen
Denita Tremblay
Nancy Sousa
Deb Tanguay

Finance

Deacon Tim Flaherty
Darren Botelho
Lou Mazurek
Dave Saucier
Sean Portley
Jen Teves
Lisa Tanguay
Julie Mills

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!

BIBLE STUDY

December 10th at 6:30pm in Good Shepherd Hall. Join us as we pray and study the Sunday Mass readings. It will be The Third Sunday of Advent: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11(7)

2016-2017 SAINT STANISLAUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

All at 6:30 p.m.

2/14/17 Parish Council

5/16/17 Parish Council

2/28/17 Finance Council

5/30/17 Finance Council