



Saturday, 5:15 p.m.	December 17 Koon & Kosinski Families (Dolores Iwanski)
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	December 18 Hannah & Matt, Andrew & Gabriel, Joey & Chloe, Andi & Jack. Birthday Blessings. (Paula King)
Monday, 7:00 a.m.	December 19 Joseph Minior Birthday Remembrance (John&Doris Minior)
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.	December 20 Holy Mass at Good Shepherd
Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.	December 21 Orzechowski & Perry Families (Joanna Perry)
Thursday,	December 22 No Holy Mass
Friday, 7:00 a.m.	December 23 Special Intention
Saturday, 5:15 p.m.	December 24 Christmas Flower Intentions
Sunday, 12:00 a.m.	December 25 At Good Shepherd
7:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Winiarski Family
8:15 a.m.	At Good Shepherd
10:00 a.m.	Pro Populo
10:00 a.m.	At Good Shepherd

Holy Rosary Sodality

Intention:

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

12/11
Weekly Collection \$ 2,629.50
Immac. Concept. \$ 739.00
Retired Religious \$ 670.00
Etc. \$ 255.25
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

Lavabo: The next action of the Mass takes its name, the lavabo, from the Latin, "Lavabo manus meas in innocentia," meaning, "I will wash my hands in innocence." The priest's hands are already physically clean (although there may be some dust or ash from the incense), but this is a request for an inner cleansing. Morally, of course only God can make us clean. So as the water is poured over his fingers by the server, he prays quietly, "Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin." Again, as with the incense, the liturgy gives us an outward action to signify an inner one: the pouring of water and drying with a finger towel is a sign of our need for interior cleansing by God. This is the genius of Catholic worship, appealing to every level of the human person. What our senses experience we pray may be given us inwardly as well. The priest then returns to the center of the altar and prepares to end the Offertory portion of the Mass. *Next Week: Orate, fratres! Pray, brethren!*

Saint of the Week

23 December Saint John Cantius

John was born into a well-off family in 1390 in Kanty, Poland, a town not far from Auschwitz. He was very bright and studied at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, in those days the capital city of the Kingdom of Poland. After studies, he was ordained and immediately became rector of a house of Canons Regular in Miechow. For a time he was forced to leave the university (the reason why is unclear) and he served as a parish priest in Olkusz. After only a few years, however, he was reinstated at the university as head of the theology faculty. Brilliant and deeply honest, he adopted an austere lifestyle, giving much to the poor, always sleeping on the floor, and never eating meat. He made more than one pilgrimage to Rome entirely on foot, a distance of 670 miles. Students who were struggling for any reason found in John a certain advocate. In time, the wealthy and powerful also sought him out for his wise counsel. John died in Krakow in 1473. The years after his death saw many miracles at his tomb. For many years, each new doctoral graduate at the university was ceremonially vested in John's academic gown, including the young Pope John Paul II. John Cantius, is one of the many patron saints of teachers. Saint John Cantius, pray for us!

FROM THE PASTOR In order to save money, we have changed our contract with the Waltz Company, the budget envelope people. Along with other changes, they will no longer be sending out a yearly record of your donations for tax purposes. If you wish to receive an official letter from the parish that will serve as an official document for the IRS, please call the parish office and make a request soon after the New Year. Only if you ask for this will you receive it. To repeat, Waltz will no longer be sending out your record of yearly contributions. The parish will issue such a document, but only if you request it.



Despite the challenges facing the Holy Family as they are traveling on the road with no place to stay, the coming of Jesus reveals to them the great gift in their midst. The fears and anxieties of Mary and Joseph are overcome by the immense joy of the birth of the Expectant parents are often consumed with very real hardships as they prepare for the arrival of the new child. No matter the circumstances, the birth of a child is always a gift. Let us pray for all parents to lovingly receive their children with joy and be strengthened and supported as they embrace the journey of parenthood.

~USCCB, "9 Days for Life: Praying for Life: Praying for Life Year Round, Dec. 2016"

The next Respect Life Prayer Service will be Saturday, January 7th at 8:45am. All are invited.

It's here! Christmas Carols at Southpointe Sunday, December 18th at 2:00pm

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

For expectant mothers and fathers who are afraid; may God provide for their every need and bless them with peace.

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.

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.

Christmas Confessions

Good Shepherd (English) Tuesday 20 December 6:30-7:30pm
Good Shepherd (Portuguese and English) Wednesday 21 December 3:00-4:00pm
Saint Stan's Wednesday 21 December 6:30-7:30pm

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

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00pm Vigil Mass at Saint Stan's

4:00pm Vigil Mass at Good Shepherd

Midnight Mass at Good Shepherd (bilingual)

Christmas Day

7:00am at Saint Stan's

8:15am at Good Shepherd

10:00am at Saint Stan's

10:00am at Good Shepherd

11:30am at Good Shepherd (Portuguese)

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 2/28/17 Finance Council
5/16/17 Parish Council 5/30/17 Finance Council