



<b>Saturday,</b> 5:15 p.m.	<b>December 3</b> Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Rosary Sodality
<b>Sunday,</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>December 4</b> Pro Populo
<b>Monday,</b> 7:00 a.m.	<b>December 5</b> Vincenza Perrotti (Paula King)
<b>Tuesday,</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 6</b> Holy Mass at Good Shepherd
<b>Wednesday,</b> 7:00 a.m.	<b>December 7</b> St Vincent de Paul
	6:00 p.m. People of the Parish
<b>Thursday,</b> 10:15 a.m.	<b>December 8</b> School Mass
<b>Friday,</b> 7:00 a.m.	<b>December 9</b> Antonetta Santoro (Paula King)
<b>Saturday,</b> 5:15 p.m.	<b>December 10</b> Leo & Stella Autote & Son (Family)
<b>Sunday,</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>December 11</b> Living & Deceased Felician Sitsters (Butler Family)

### 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 hope all members can attend the breakfast.

### 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

11/27  
 Weekly Collection \$ 2,316.00  
 Second Collection \$ 1,124.00  
 Etc. \$ 496.00  
 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

**Procession and Offering:** The altar is then prepared with the Missal (the Mass book), corporal (the square or rectangular cloth on which the gifts to be consecrated are placed), purificator (a kind of liturgical napkin the priest uses at Mass), and chalice. On weekdays, when the congregation is small, the altar server alone may bring the gifts to the altar. On Sundays, however, there is usually a procession with the gifts, in which some of the faithful (usually two), bring forward offerings of bread and wine and present them to the priest, usually accompanied by a chant or song. This offering has a profound meaning, for at this moment the faithful are giving not just bread and wine, but the spiritual sacrifices of their lives, all their joys and sorrows, to be joined to the Eucharistic Sacrifice the Priest is about to offer, the unbloody memorial of Christ on Calvary. As Msgr. Moroney says, "at this moment, the faithful are like the Magi bringing gifts the Christ Child; but these gifts are of an even greater value than gold, frankincense and myrrh, for these are the gifts of our lives." The deacon or priest receives the gifts and then places them upon the altar in the same way that Christ placed his body on the Cross, in a perfect sacrifice for the expiation of our sins. The hosts for Mass must be of unleavened wheat bread and the wine (either red, white, or rose) must be undiluted and made from grapes. In most parishes, the Offertory is also the moment when the faithful offer monetary gifts for support of the parish. *Next Week: the Prayer over the Gifts!*

### Saint of the Week

#### 7 December Saint Maria Giuseppe Rossello

The fourth of nine children born to a poor family in Savona, Italy in 1811, Benedetta was both devout and resourceful as a girl. At the tender age of nine, she organized her playmates for a pilgrimage to the nearby shrine of Our Lady Mercy. At nineteen, she went to care for an invalid in a nearby household. When her charge died seven years later, she attempted to enter a convent but was turned away because she had no dowry. Not long after, she happened to overhear the local bishop bemoaning the fate of the uneducated and unsupervised girls he had met on the city streets. She immediately offered her services. In 1837, the bishop gave her a house for herself and three other young women. They dedicated themselves to Our Lady of Mercy and began founding schools and hospices. Benedetta took the name of Maria Giuseppe in religion and was elected the second superior, a post she held for 40 years. At the age of sixty-four, Maria Giuseppe who had always had boundless energy, began to have heart trouble and slowly lost the use of her legs. The sufferings of her body were joined to spiritual trials: darkness and attacks of scruples. She told her sister, "Cling to Jesus. In our lives, there are only God, the soul, and eternity. The rest is nothing." She died in 1880 at the age of forty-nine. Pope Pius XII canonized her in 1949. Saint Maria Giuseppe Rossello, pray for us!

### Respect Life Prayer Intention:

For all expectant mothers, especially those facing challenges; that they may look to Our Lady's example of faith in God's care.



# 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

## 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.*



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

**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 Decem-**  
**ber 9th at Good Shepherd for Religious Education**  
**students. Please RSVP to Eileen Hadfield**

## OFFICE FOR CHILD PROTECTION:

**Parenting:** Want to keep your child extra safe? Create a code word for you and your child to be used in a variety of ways. It can be a signal that your child needs to talk to you immediately; it can be the password a trusted adult needs to pick up your child in an emergency; or it can be a code to signal to you that your child is in danger. Practice handling these situations just as you would have family fire drills. Safety is too important to leave to chance!

## 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!*

## 2016-2017 SAINT STANISLAUS COUNCIL MEETINGS

All at 6:30 p.m.

	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

## BIBLE STUDY

December 3rd at 6:30pm in Good Shepherd Hall. Join us as we pray and study the Sunday Mass readings. It will be The Second Sunday of Advent: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12(4)