



Saturday, 5:15 p.m.	February 25 Katherine Proulx 40th Anniversary (Evelyn)
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.	February 26 All students and teachers in the Parishes and School; Living & Deceased members of the Hadfield & Minahan Families; Manuel Sousa 57th Anniversary; Birthday Blessings Maria D'Alu; Birthday Blessings Barbara Dubiel
Monday, 7:00 a.m.	February 27 Kevin Joerres Birthday Blessings
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m.	February 28 Holy Mass at Good Shepherd
Ash Wednesday, March 1 10:15 a.m.	School Mass; William & Olga Joerres
Thursday, March 2	No Holy Mass
Friday, March 3 7:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Saturday, March 4 5:15 p.m.	Living & Deceased members of The Holy Rosary Sodality
Sunday, March 5 10:00 a.m.	Blessings Douglas & Elaine Ottenlips

Holy Rosary Sodality

Intention:

That Christian refugees will find the assistance and acceptance they need, and for the return of lapsed Catholics.

Meeting on Saturday morning, March 4th, following the Stations of the Cross. We welcome everyone interested in learning about the Sodality to attend. Coffee and pastries, of course.

Memorial Candles

Sanctuary: Birthday Blessings Maria D'alu;
Divine Mercy: Birthday Intentions of Denis Butler (Teri & Val); **O.L.C:** Fern & Seff Anniversary Blessings -56 years; **St. Pope John Paul II:** Father Kaszynski

Financial Blessings

2/12
First Collection: \$1,504.00
School Asst.: \$798.00
Etc.: \$60
2/19
First Collection: \$2,032.00
Dioc. Assessment: \$1,136.00
Etc.: \$666.00

From Father Johnson

HOLY MASS

What happened in the Upper Room: The Consecration begins: "On the day before he was to suffer." Thus we are reminded at the very start of this most holy part of the Mass, its very heart and center, of the intimate connection between the Last Supper and the Crucifixion. They happened so close together to impress on us their unity as a saving act of God. The Mass that we celebrate as a memorial of the Last Supper is also a memorial of what happened on Good Friday, the unbloody sacrifice which makes present the bloody sacrifice of Calvary. The account here is quite simple: "Jesus "took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven," he gave thanks, said the blessing, and broke the bread. Up until this point, it is a Jewish Passover meal. Now everything changes. Jesus then says, "Take this, all of you and eat of it, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU." Imagine what the disciples were thinking when Jesus said these incredible words! Reverence, awe, holy fear. They, like us, could not completely understand what had just been done. For them, like us, faith takes over when our reason can go no further. We cry out in love and joy: "Hail, True Body!". *Next week: The Chalice of the New and Eternal Covenant.*

Saint of the Week

3 March Saint Katharine Drexel

Born in 1858, she was the daughter of a wealthy Philadelphia banker. The family were very devout; the sacraments and prayer were the anchor of their life. Her saintly stepmother Emma fed the poor from their country home three days a week: it was Katharine's own school of charity, which formed her soul. As a young woman, she travelled to Europe on the Grand Tour. Praying at Saint Mark's in Venice before a statue of Our Lady, she heard a voice saying, "Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give." At first, Katharine did not know what that meant, but on her next trip to the American West, she saw the squalor of the Indians who had been exiled from their ancestral homes. She immediately pledged some of her great wealth to create missions for them. When she went to Rome to ask Pope Leo XIII to send missionaries, he asked her why she didn't become one herself. So she did. In 1891, she founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to serve the Indians and the recently freed black slaves. Katharine caused many schools and missions to spring up, and she founded Xavier University in New Orleans in 1925. She then suffered a severe heart attack in 1935. For the last twenty years of her life, Katharine supported the work of her Order not by any outward actions, but by ardent prayer. She is patron saint of American missionaries. *Saint Katharine Drexel, pray for us!*

Progress Report:

We are still falling short on the monthly assessment collection by about \$1,000 a month. This means the other \$\$\$ are taken from other sources. Just sayin'.



Respect Life Ministry

“Life is a gift from God and so is his mercy. May we cherish and promote both!”

~ Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing, 2016-2017 Respect Life Program

40 Days For Life Prayer Campaign

March 1-April 9

Please join your prayers with those who are praying, fasting, and standing vigil at clinics around the country and around the world. Please see the insert for more information.

Save the Date:

March 25th 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil

You are invited to join us in the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil at the abortion clinic in Attleboro. This is the last abortion clinic in the Fall River Diocese. This quiet but powerful witness saves lives. Stay for as long of short a time as you like. We will leave from the Good Shepherd parking lot at 10:00am (after Stations of the Cross). Carpooling is available. For more information, please call Donna Lapointe (401-624-3796)

The next Respect Life Prayer Service will be on Saturday, March 4th at 8:45am at Saint Stan’s. Deacon Tim will lead us in praying the Pro-Life Stations of the Cross.

Respect Life Prayer Intention:

That those who are tempted to have their children aborted may find in the Christian community the wisdom and resources to protect the new lives that have been entrusted to them.

Seniors’ News

Mohegan Sun Casino, Thursday March 2nd. \$16 per person 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.

ON MARCH 4, WE WILL BEGIN A YEAR OF THE VISITATION OF THE ICON OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA to the homes of families in our parish and school community. Our traveling icon was written (yes, that is the term that is used when referring to an icon) in Czestochowa in 1983 in commemoration of the consecration of St. Stanislaus Parish to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title Our Lady of Czestochowa. It was touched to the original icon at Jasna Gora in Czestochowa, Poland on June 16 and blessed by Pope St. John Paul II on June 21 of that same year.

School News

Bag to School Clothing Drive: Saturday April 8th 9:00am-4:00pm.

A no-cost fundraiser! Clean out your closets and help keep tuition costs down! Bag to School will pay us for every pound of used clothing we collect. These items can include adults’ and children’s clothes, shoes, boots (tied together if possible), hats, belts, purses, backpacks and blankets, sheets, and towels. Spread the word! Please note: We do not have space to accept bags ahead of time.

FAMILIES WHO HOST THE ICON FOR A WEEK are encouraged to pray before it daily, using this as a time of renewal and dedication. You might wish to invite extended family and friends for prayer once during the week.

Prayer resources will be provided to you when you receive the icon. SIGN-UP SHEETS will be in Narthex A beginning this weekend. Host families may pick up the icon after Mass on the weekend and are asked to return it the following weekend before the 5:15pm Saturday Mass.

Family Night Skating Party: Thursday March 2nd 6:00pm-8:30pm.

Where: United Skates of America 75 New Rd. Rumford, RI. (20 minutes form school). There are lots of things to do in addition to roller skating. Check out their web site: <http://www.unitedskatesri.com> Cost: \$2 per person, Non-skating parent are admitted free. Pay at the door that night. Skate rental is additional. \$4 for regular skates; \$4.50 for roller blades. Concession stand will be open for purchases. Free ice cream! There will be no homework assignments on Thursday, March 2.

Pierogi Production will begin on Wednesday 15 March immediately following the 7:00am Mass. This schedule will continue every Wednesday through 5 April after which work will resume on Wednesday 26 April.

Contracts for the 2017-2018 school year were sent home during Catholic Schools Week. They are due back on March 1,2017

Parish Prayer Intentions

Priscilla Barton, MaryJane W., Bill Larson, Mary B., Matt & Cindy Greaney, Alice Gauthier, Crystal Bedal, Ricky Nobrega, 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, Kim Dias, Fernanda Dias, Floyd Fischer. 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.

2016-2017 SAINT STANISLAUS

COUNCIL MEETINGS

All at 6:30 p.m.

5/16/17 Parish Council 2/28/17 Finance Council
6/6/17 Finance Council