

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CENTRAL FALL RIVER, MA


MassSchedule

Saturday, March 9:

4:00 p.m. (Good Shepherd)
5:15 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Brazilian)

Sunday, March 10:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
10:00 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
11:00 a.m. (St. Stanislaus)
11:30 a.m. (Good Shepherd, Portuguese)
12:30 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Spanish)
6:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Monday, March 11:

12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Tuesday, March 12:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Wednesday, March 13:

12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
6:00 p.m. (St. Stanislaus)

Thursday, March 14:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Friday, March 15:

12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
6:00 p.m. (St. Stanislaus)

Saturday, March 16:

4:00 p.m. (Good Shepherd)
5:15 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Brazilian)

Sunday, March 17:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
10:00 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
11:00 a.m. (St. Stanislaus)
11:30 a.m. (Good Shepherd, Portuguese)
12:30 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Spanish)
6:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

The Sanctuary Lamp (St. Mary's Cathedral) burns in loving memory of the Souls in Purgatory

The Sanctuary Lamp (Good Shepherd): Manuel D Medeiros

The Our Lady of Angels (Good Shepherd): José Rocha

The Sanctuary Lamp (St. Stanislaus): Sheila Washburn

The Divine Mercy Lamp (St. Stanislaus): Birthday Intentions of Denis Butler (Valli)

Our Lady of Czestochowa Lamp (Saint Stanislaus): Maria Dalue & Barbara Dubiel

First Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

Loui Pestana 2nd Anniversary (family)
Sheila Washburn
Brazilian Community

First Sunday of Lent

Deborah Eckersley 5th Anniversary
Maria Borges (Birthday remembrance)
Lena Sousa Rodrigues 2nd Anniversary
Bento & Jovina Sousa & Family
Spanish Community
For the Youth of our Parish and their friends.

Monday of the First Week of Lent

For the Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

Angelo Resendes (wife & family)
For all parishioners

Wednesday of the First Week of Lent

Linda Lahey and Judith Mauretti
Sheila Washburn

Thursday of the First Week of Lent

Erneste Andrade (wife & family)
Anthony Pacheco

Friday of the First Week of Lent

Sheila Washburn
In Memory of Julianna & Michael Niewola
(Butler Family)

Second Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

Mary & John Haggerty (Sharon)
Kuras family
Brazilian Community

Second Sunday of Lent

Manuel DeSousa
Barbara O'Neil & William III, Sr. M. Regina Calahan
Gilberto Duarte (wife & children)
Adelino Vaz Fernandes 1yr Anniversary
Spanish Community

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THE SHEPHERD'S CORNER

BE WITH ME LORD. In the weeks of Lent ahead, you will see that Fr. Juan and I are focusing our messages on the great well spring of mercy that God provides us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

One of the surprising things we have noticed since coming to Fall River in November is how few people come to Confession, and that's something we hope we can change. Any renewal of faith for our city, and for each of us individually, begins at the fountain of God's mercy for us. We can rebuild this community of faith so that it will thrive again, and we rebuild it through the mercy, freedom, and forgiveness we find through Reconciliation.

There has been a tremendous shift in the popular understanding of Reconciliation in the last 50 years. How many of you remember the approach to Confession 30, 40, or 50 or more years ago? As an example, in one former parish where I was stationed, an old bulletin from the 1950s showed five hours of confessions every week. And people came. People who talk about lines being out the door on a Saturday for Confession. Back then, a strong majority of Catholics went to Mass every week, and they went to Confession.

The cultural and religious changes of the last 50 years have left our confessionals too quiet in recent years. I think part of that is because we have a negative view of the sacrament. We view it as a sort of divine courtroom where we express our guilt and place ourselves on the mercy of the court.

But, God wants us to know that it is actually a beautiful, tender, healing, and consoling encounter with His Grace. A few years ago, Pope Francis said, "Feeling mercy changes everything. This is the best thing we can feel: it changes the world." I couldn't agree more.

As we enter into our days of Lent, the greatest gift you can give is your sins to God. Come to confession – it doesn't matter how long you've been away. Just say, "Father, it has been a long time. I don't know what to say." We will guide you through it.

If you have the courage to do it, the greatest freedom, joy, liberation, grace, and holiness await you. Feeling God's mercy changes everything.

Peace, love, and prayers,

Fr. Tom

Total of the collections of the weekend of March 3:



Good Shepherd:	Saint Stan's:
Weekly: \$2,140	Weekly: \$2,464.00
Fuel: \$913.00	Second: \$639.00
Etc.: \$487.00	

CATHEDRAL RELIEF SERVICES As we were stocking the shelves this past week, parishioner generosity is amazing & consistent to this outreach ministry to the poor among us. We are most grateful to those new folks who have volunteered to help with sorting & stocking the non perishable items. We can always use extra help. The youth group from Good Shepherd came & offered their services to help too. We are so blessed to have the young and elders working together to make this endeavor possible. We also appreciate the knitting ladies who have provided hats & scarves for our patrons. The supply was so great that we shared these items with needy faith formation students in our collaborative. Then there were more so we passed them onto the Holy Name school community, they prepare lunch bags for the homeless and were looking for knitted items to include with the lunches. Items needed: pasta & sauce, canned pasta products (spaghetti o's, ravioli), beans, hearty soups, tuna, canned meats, macaroni & cheese, jelly, cereal & oatmeal & instant mashed potatoes. We prepared 96 bags and had 34 patrons. It was a damp rainy morning & most of our patrons walk so this is possibly the reason for decrease in number. Please pray for the needy in our community and for all who donate & help this project. Our next distribution will be held on **March 31, 8 to 9:30 am**, we will stock the shelves on **Tuesday March 19 at 6pm** and will prepare the distribution bags on **Thursday March 28 after the 12:05 mass**. Thanks to all who help us in anyway you can.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS OF LENT

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Fridays during Lent.
 12:00 noon - Good Shepherd Church *followed by a simple meal of clam chowder & corn bread (no charge).*
 6:45 p.m. - St. Stanislaus Church
Holy Mass at 6:00 p.m.
 7:00 p.m. - St. Mary's Cathedral (Spanish)
Holy Mass (Spanish) at 6:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Fall River Area Deanery Lenten Mission will take place from Monday, April 8 to Thursday, April 11 each evening at 6:00 p.m. with Confessions followed by Mass and Mission Presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. On Monday we will assemble at St. Joseph's Church, Fall River, on Tuesday at St. Louis de France in Swansea, on Wednesday at St. Bernard's in Assonet and on Thursday at St. Anthony of the Dessert in Fall River. The Mission will also be given each day at the 12:05 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. Father Jose Medeiros, a native of Fall River, will lead this year's Mission. Please mark these dates in your calendar.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Cathedral relief services meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2 at 6pm. **Cathedral Fundraising/ Social activities** will meet at 6:30 on Tuesday, April 2. Both of these meetings will be held in the BISHOPS CHAPEL. This space is located at the back door entrance of the cathedral(behind the rectory). Please note the change in location. New participants are always welcome

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election;
Rite of Calling the Candidates to
Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending;
Daylight Saving Time begins;
Girl Scouting Sunday
Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
Friday: Abstinence

SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY If school is canceled, all Masses and church functions are canceled. Office is closed. If school is delayed, morning Masses (Good Shepherd) are canceled, noon Mass (Cathedral) and evening Masses (St. Stanislaus) will take place as usual. Office opening is delayed. If snow occurs on the weekend, Sunday Masses (and Saturday Vigils), will take place as scheduled, but please use your best judgment and be safe.

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MASS Plan to join us again on March 10 at 6:00 p.m. as we continue our new Youth & Young Adult Sunday Evening Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral. This Mass is youth focused and has excellent contemporary Christian music. It is OPEN TO ALL. Perfect if you didn't have a chance to get to Mass Sunday morning. We're always looking for youth and young adult readers, servers, and Eucharistic Ministers. Contact Fr. Tom (frtomw@gmail.com) if you'd like to help out. If you would like to schedule that Mass for your intentions, please call the rectory at 508-673-2833 Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

“Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me”. During the last years' Lenten Season, we requested that parishioners contribute specific non perishable items and personal care items to our Food Pantry, since this was a successful request we are implementing these requests again . March 9/10, **heartly soups, toothbrushes and toothpaste.** Each week during the Lenten Season we will publish specific items to donate. In keeping with the Lenten practices of. Almsgiving, Prayer(always remember those in need) and Fasting (give up something for those who do not have the basic foods). Thank you for considering these practices as part of your personal Lenten journey. **Another suggested Lenten Practice is to prepare an empty box and on each of the 40 days of Lent you dispose of an item you no longer need to use and at the end of the Lenten Season, you donate these items to a worthy charitable organization.** Another consideration for women is if you have a large purse you no longer use please fill it with women's toiletry items and donate it to a local women's shelter.

WE WANT TO CONNECT WITH YOU

We are using a new service - called Flock Notes - to communicate with parishioners. With this service, we can send out timely notices about important things happening in the parish. All you have to do is text 3CFR to 84576 on your phone to sign up or visit: <https://app.flocknote.com/3cFallRiver>. It only works if you sign up, so please take a moment to do that today.

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Rice Bowls are available at the entrances to the Church for those who wish to use them as a way of sacrificing for the poor of our world during the Lenten season. Thank you for whatever gift you can offer from your heart.

OUR FORMED SUBSCRIPTION

Please visit Formed and explore the wonderful collection of movies, talks, books, and programs sharing the beauty and wonder of our Catholic faith. There's something for everyone — adults, teens and children, those who new to the faith and those seeking to deepen their knowledge. Best of all, it's FREE. Watch or listen on your phone, computer, tablet, or television. Go to 3cfallriver.formed.org to register for your free account today!

SHEPHERDING THE HOMEBOUND

Through home visits, reassuring phone calls and sending cards or letters on a regular basis, our ministers will engage the elderly/homebound through conversation and social support. Volunteers who are Eucharistic Ministers can deliver the Holy Eucharist to those who ask. Our intent is to visit those in Nursing Homes as well as those restricted to their own homes. Homebound includes those parishioners who cannot easily get out of their homes due to temporary or chronic illness. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or Lector please call the parish office. You do not need to have a special need to ask for a visitor.

Please contact the parish office if you would like to be a visitor or you would like to request a visit.

PRAYER LINE

Anyone interested in joining our prayer line to pray for those in need please call the parish office.

To request prayers please call 508-678-7412

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

Tuesday, March 5th 12:00pm-3:00pm in the Good Shepherd hall, bring a lunch.

If you would like to join the prayer blanket ministry or to request a blanket ,please contact Joan Burda 508-679-6186

ST STAN'S SENTIORS

April 4 - Mohegan Sun \$18 includes busfare, gratuity for driver, wheel and \$15 food voucher.

May 2 - Foxwood Casino \$18 includes busfare, gratuity for driver, free play and buffet.

Bus leaves Good Shepherd parking lot at 8:30am

For more information or reservation call

Phyllis 508-676-8378; Adele 508-672-0030;

Ann 508-674-7355

HOLY ROSARY SODALITY

The Holy Rosary Prayer Intention for March: During this Lenten season pray for grace, forgiveness, and love of all our brothers & sisters around the world.

For information in English or Portuguese call

Norma 508-496-0199

The prayer intentions for March for the Holy Rosary Sodality of St. Stanislaus Parish are that our Lenten journey is united to the Passion of Jesus Christ so that we may experience a Glorious Easter, and that through the intercession of Our Lady of Czestochowa the Holy Spirit may enlighten world leaders to work toward world peace.

The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed at 5:20pm followed by the recitation of the Rosary at 5:30pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings prior to Mass at Saint Stanislaus Church. All are Welcome!

FOOD PANTRY AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Donations of non-perishable food items and toiletries are always welcome. The food pantry is available to anyone in need by appointment. Please call the parish office.

BIBLE STUDY AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Tuesdays at 3:30pm

PRAYER GROUP AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Monday and Wednesday nights 7:00-9:00pm in the Conference Room at Good Shepherd



“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” Mt 5:4 The Consolation Committee invites interested parishioners to join them in their pastoral accompaniment of families grieving the loss of a loved one. Team members offer guidance and support throughout the grieving process, from funeral preparation through those first difficult months. If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Donna Carney at 774-322-0355.

STEUBENVILLE EAST SUMMER

YOUTH CONFERENCE



**STEUBENVILLE
CONFERENCES**

July 12-14 The Steubenville East Summer Youth Conference is a great opportunity for high-school aged youth to gather with their peers for an exciting weekend learning more about their faith. It takes place at UMass Lowell July 12-14. We are hoping for a good group of teens and chaperones will attend this amazing conference. If you are interested in attending as a teen or chaperone, please contact Mike Boucher at mboucher@3cfullriver.org. A small deposit is required, but we will fundraise the rest. Join us for a weekend of engaging liturgies, inspiring music, challenging talks and overwhelming joy.

Coffee, Donuts & Conversation at St. Stanislaus School Cafeteria on Sunday March 17! Please join Fr. Thomas Washburn and Sandra Carreiro of United Interfaith Action of Southeastern MA after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass for refreshments and discussion of the good work UIA is doing in our area. This gathering is open to the entire Catholic Community of Central Fall River. UIA has been bringing faith communities together since 1997 to work on issues of social justice in the cities of Fall River and New Bedford. Last year, they engaged in a year of listening, sharing the celebrations and challenges of life in our local community. This past Fall UIA, along with over 100 members from area parishes and congregations, took what they learned from those listening sessions and focused on what was deemed the most important in our community: the issues of education/youth, addiction and immigration. UIA is currently holding community conversations with public officials such as the Superintendent of Schools and Chief of Police to learn more about these issues and will soon make proposals for action. Sandra is looking forward to sharing this information and to learning more from our collaborative. Please join us, as we are called to put our faith into action together.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

The pro-life movement will continue to work and pray for the day when every legislature and court recognizes the brutal injustice of abortion—to women and their children alike—and our society sees abortion as unthinkable. ~Archbishop Naumann, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, Feb. 2019

Respect Life Prayer Intention

For all Christians; may we live out our baptismal call to proclaim the Gospel and be messengers of God’s love for every human life.

LENTEN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE Prayer Campaign begins on **March 6th** and runs through **April 14th**: Please join your prayers with those who are praying, fasting, and standing vigil at clinics around the country and around the world. Go to www.40daysforlife.com for more information.

St. Joseph Adoption Novena, March 10-18

Leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19, join us in praying the St. Joseph Adoption Novena. Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we will pray the Lord blesses all who travel upon the path of adoption. Visit usccb.org/adoption-novena for the novena, which begins Sunday, March 10.

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Meetings are held in the youth group room in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall. Kids 13 and up
3/12 Meeting 6:00-8:00

Year of The Visitation of The Icon of Our Lady of

Czestochowa Icon Visitation dates have been extended through August 2019. Being a host family requires only that you honor Our Lady through prayer during your host week. You can bring her to your home following the 11:00am Mass (Sunday) at Saint Stanislaus. Return must be before the 11:00am Mass the following Sunday. A lighter icon of Our Lady is available in the sacristy. You may choose either one. Any questions contact: Denita Tremblay 401-624-9680

February/March

3/10-3/17 Chekares Family

3/17-3/24 Richard & Ana Bielawski

3/24-3/31 Theresa Malek



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Priscilla Barton, MaryJane W., Alice Gauthier, Crystal Bedal, Ricky Nobrega, Rita Cabral, Rebekah Ponte, Kim & Anne Fischer, Beatrice Moniz, Michael Facchini, Rose Facchini, Patricia O’Brien, Anne Marie Hallisey, Kathleen Correia, Pat Cabral, Barbara Howard, Ann & Bob Zygiel, Penny & Joe Bucko, Donald Vezina, Kim Dias, Fernanda Dias, Floyd Fischer, John Romero Jr., Eddie Gravel, Anne Varley, Patricia O’Brien, Kelly O’Brien, Alyssa Camara, Claire Carreiro, Anne Cournoyer, Teri Stewart, Wyatt Boulais, Julie Sousa, Tom Sousa, Mary Ann Araujo, Margaret Pietraszek, Teri Dias, Abigail Tavaras, Jillian Lowney, Bruno Texeira, and Braydyn Bentley Dias, Christine Barboza RIP, Francisco Silva, Val Monteiro, Bobby Rozycki, Eddie Gravel, John Romero Jr., Jeannie Quinn, Kevin Soares, Marlene Harrington, Patricia O’Brien, Kelly O’Brien, Francis Pacheco, Bob Pereira, Luis Raposo, John T. Haggerty, Barbie Canuel, Paul Canuel, Carter Wheeler, Joyce, Barbara Simcock, Patience Raposa, Colt Raposa, Dan Rego, Pat Wilson, Cookie, Herman Costa, Kevin Cartin, Richard Moniz, Greg Moniz, Pauline Grocott, Pam Almeida, Kenneth Copsetta, Sarah Steen, Paul & Lisa Reed, and Alfred Ferry.

**In Thanksgiving for all graces and blessings received.
To request prayers for a loved one call the parish office**

The Polish Food Kitchen at Saint Stanislaus is requesting volunteers to join together every Sunday from 7am –11am beginning March 17 (excluding 4/13-4/21) in acknowledgment of Holy Week) to prepare Polish food for our annual parish festival. No experience necessary. Coffee & donuts will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex after 11am Mass on March 10. For more information or to add your name to the volunteer list, please contact Matt Viana at 508-878-7116. Thank you!