

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CENTRAL FALL RIVER, MA


Mass Schedule

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)

Monday, March 18:

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

Tuesday, March 19:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)

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

Wednesday, March 20:

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

Thursday, March 21:

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

Friday, March 22:

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

Saturday, March 23:

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 24:

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)

Mary & John Haggerty (Sharon)
Kuras family
Brazilian Community

First Sunday of Lent

Manuel DeSousa
Barbara O'Neil & William III, Sr. M. Regina Callahan
Gilberto Duarte (wife & children)
Adelino Vaz Fernandes 1st Anniversary
Spanish Community
Youth and their friends and acquaintances

Monday of the First Week of Lent

Edward Toulan and Mary LeComte

Tuesday of the First Week of Lent

Intentions of Mary Andrade's daughters &
grandsons

Joseph Silvia

Wednesday of the First Week of Lent

John S. Koska (30th ann.)
Sheila Washburn

Thursday of the First Week of Lent

Leonel P Gomes
Anna Grace

Friday of the First Week of Lent

For all parishioners
Sheila Washburn
Spanish Community

Second Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

Manuel & Maria Amaral & Octavio Sousa
Barbara Ward
Brazilian Community

Second Sunday of Lent

William Murray Jr
Jose Carvalho
Karen Coker (family)
Jovina & Bento de Sousa & family
Spanish Community
For the Youth and their friends

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THE SHEPHERD'S CORNER

FAITHFUL IN TIMES OF TRIAL. It can be difficult for faithful Catholics to even open a newspaper today. We see Cardinals at the highest level of the church, U.S. bishops, and even priests closer to home, placed on leave and even accused of crimes. In the midst of a general decline in Church participation, we can be left wondering, "Why am I still here?"

If there is any hopeful news to be found in the midst of these struggles, it is the fact that the very reason we hear about this today is because finally there are structures in place that are not hiding these horrific acts, but rather, calling them out, and holding people responsible for them. But, what does this call forth from each of us, who so desperately want to remain strong and faithful in the Church which we love.

The first thing to do is to remain vigilant. We cannot simply hope that the hierarchy of the Church has got things under control and turn our attention elsewhere. It is important that we continue to demand that our leadership remain ever vigilant until all abuse is eradicated.

The second thing we need to do is to pray. Pray for the Church, pray for its leaders, pray for the clergy, and pray for vocations – pray that God will continue to send good people into the vineyard.

We are also each individually called to lives of personal holiness. This current scandal, as challenging as it is, is not the first time the Church has faced trials. The early 13th century saw its own kind of darkness and struggle. You may not know that today because we don't remember the 13th century for its scandals in the Church. Instead, we remember that time for the great holiness that it inspired in reaction.

People then didn't walk away from the Church because they were disappointed with the failure of holiness in their leaders – no instead, they became the leaders who lives a personal holiness that renewed and reformed the church throughout the world. This is the era that gave birth to saints like St. Francis and St. Clare, like St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Dominic, St. Anthony and St. Elizabeth of Hungary. The list goes on and it is a long one.

St. John Paul II, during World Youth Day in 2002 said, "If you love Jesus, love the Church! The harm done by some priests and religious to the young and vulnerable fills us all with a deep sense of sadness and shame. But think of the vast majority of dedicated and generous priests and religious whose only wish is to serve and do good! At difficult moments in the Church's life, the pursuit of holiness becomes even more urgent."

My friends, the pursuit of holiness has never been more urgent. We are the lucky ones whose holiness will renew this age – if only we embrace Christ, embrace His Cross, pray for the Church and its priests, and work for change. If you love Jesus, love the Church!

Fr. Tom

Total of the collections of the weekend of March 10:

Good Shepherd:	St. Stan's:
Weekly: \$2,394.00	Weekly: \$1,318.50
Maint/Repair: \$665	Cath. University: \$587.00
Etc.: \$2,179.00	Etc.: \$1,132.00

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 Desert 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 and plan to attend.

Hospice Volunteer Training for those who wish to provide support to patients and their families coping with a terminal illness will be held of the Community Nurse Home Care, 41 State Rd., Dartmouth on Saturday, April 6th and Saturday, April 13. Please apply before March 20th. Call 508-993-6278.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Lent; St. Patrick's Day
Monday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Tuesday:	St. Joseph
Wednesday:	Spring begins; Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sundown
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

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 17 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, **heartv 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.

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.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Mt 5:4 The Bereavement Ministry 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

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@3cfallriver.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 human community is God's dream even from before the creation of the world (cf. Eph 1:3-14). In it, the eternal Son begotten of God the Father has taken flesh and blood, heart and emotions. Through the mystery of giving life, the great family of humanity is enabled to discover its true meaning. The ability of the family to initiate its members to human fraternity can be considered a hidden treasure that can aid that general rethinking of social policies and human rights whose need is so urgently felt today... In our time, the Church is called once more to propose the humanism of the life that bursts forth from God's passion for human beings. Our commitment to valuing, supporting and defending the life of every human being is ultimately motivated by God's unconditional love.

~Pope Francis, *Humana Communitas, Letter to the President of the Pontifical Academy for Life, Jan. 2019*

Respect life Prayer Intention For Pope Francis, all bishops, clergy and laity; that everything we say and do will witness to God's merciful love for every human being.

You Are Invited: The next Respect Life Prayer Service will be on Saturday, April 6th at 9:00am at St. Stanislaus Church. Please join us as we pray for a greater respect for all human life. The service is followed by refreshments and fellowship.

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 abortion clinics around the country and around the world. Go to www.40daysforlife.com for more information.

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

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

YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE

Meetings are held in the youth group room in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall. Kids 13 and up

3/26 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

3/17-3/24 Richard & Ana Bielawski

3/24-3/31 Theresa Malek



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Priscilla Barton, MaryJane W., Alice Gauthier, Ricky Nobrega, Rita Cabral, Rebekah Ponte, Kim & Anne Fischer, Beatrice Moniz, Patricia O'Brien, Anne Marie Hallisey, Kathleen Correia, Barbara Howard, Ann & Bob Zygiel, 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, Alfred Ferry, Richard Kozik, and Lenny Viveiros.

In Thanksgiving for all graces and blessings received.

To request prayers for a loved one call the parish office