

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CENTRAL FALL RIVER, MA


Mass Schedule

Saturday, March 30:

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 31:

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, April 1:

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

Tuesday, April 2:

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

Wednesday, April 3:

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

Thursday, April 4:

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

Friday, April 5:

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

Saturday, April 6:

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

Sunday, April 7:

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)
2:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
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)

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

Mary R Faria
Sandra Cardoso Lopes
Brazilian Community

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Antonio Carneiro
Urban and Strojny families
Sheila Washburn
Bento & Jovina Sousa
Spanish Community
Abby Jane Rohrer

Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Sheila Washburn

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Jose F Calouro
Helen Sousa

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Souls in Purgatory
Living & Deceased Members of
The Holy Rosary Sodality

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Marcelino Melo 3rd Anniversary
For all parishioners

Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

St. Mary's Purgatorial Society
Sheila Washburn
Spanish Community

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Vigil)

Angeline Beauchesne, Jeanne & Robert Piette
Logan Moran
Brazilian Community

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Alice B Murray
James W. McCarthy
Manuel Pacheco (Family)
Nascimento Andrade and Maria do Carmo Sousa
Spanish Community
Mass of Atonement (Bishop Edgar daCunha)
George and Edna Boucher

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THE SHEPHERD'S CORNER

PRAYING FOR A KINDER, GENTLER NATION. As you know, last week here in our beloved city we witnessed an act of hate. Almost 60 gravestones were vandalized and desecrated at our city's Jewish cemetery. Symbols of hatred – swastikas and other anti-Semitic graffiti were drawn on these stone memorials of someone's husband, someone's wife, someone's child; the resting place of someone's beloveds. I cannot imagine the pain and anguish that such a hateful sight has created for those whose loved-ones are laid to rest in the cemetery. I can't imagine the grief and anger for the members of our city's Jewish community at the thought that this kind of hate speech and action continue to be proclaimed so boldly, so publicly.

In December, when former President George H.W. Bush passed away, the coverage of his death brought back to memory some of the most well-known quotes of his tenure. When he was nominated by his party to run for president, for example, he said, "This is America...a brilliant diversity spread like stars, like a thousand points of light in a broad and peaceful sky." Regardless of your political agreement, Bush was an honorable man, a peaceful man, a true statesman.

With these vicious attacks on our Jewish community, I thought of another of Bush's most famous quotes, because it is one that our nation needs to hear more desperately now than ever. In his inaugural address Bush said, "America is not wholly herself unless she is engaged in high moral principle. We as a people have such a purpose today. **It is to make kinder the face of the nation and gentler the face of the world.**"

Today, as always, we stand united with the members of our Jewish community here in Fall River – our brothers and our sisters. But today, can we also make these words our own – to make kinder the face of our community here in Fall River, to make gentler the face of our city?

The polarization in our society that we often complain about is the source of so much evil in our world. We no longer see each other as united, connected, stronger in our diversity. Instead we only see "other" where we should see brother and sister. It is this fear and demonization of the other – because of race, creed, orientation, political leaning, and more categories – that opens to the door to greater violence, hatred, and fear in our world.

My friends, the truth is we are stronger together. The truth is we are enriched by our diversity. The truth is that we can make our world a better place if we do that together.

The prayers of this community go out to our brothers and sisters in the Jewish community. We love you, we pray for you, we stand with you. And we pray that the days ahead might find us a kinder and gentler place to live.

Peace, love, and prayers,

Fr. Tom

Total of the collections of the weekend of March 24:

	Good Shepherd:	Saint Stanislaus:
Weekly:	\$2,759.00	\$1,321.00
E. Flowers:	\$1,681.00	\$1,181.00
Main/Repair:	\$1,628.00	
(Portuguese Food Sale \$1,522.00)		
Etc.:	\$801.00	\$1,100.00

Thank you to all those who prepared and purchased the Portuguese Food this past weekend. Next Malassadas is April 13th beginning at 7am.

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.

LENTEN MISSION - FALL RIVER DEANERY (April 8-11)

The Annual Lenten Mission for the parishes of the Fall River Deanery will take place from Monday, April 8-Thursday, April 11. The mission will take place daily at 12:05 p.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, and again each evening at 7:00 p.m.

(Monday: St. Joseph Church, Fall River; Tuesday: St. Louis de France, Swansea; Wednesday: St. Bernard, Assonet; Thursday: St. Anthony of the Desert, Fall River). Confessions will be available before both the noon and evening services. Fr. Jose Medeiros, a Fall River native, will lead the mission. **NOTE: There will be no other Masses on those days at St. Stanislaus or Good Shepherd to encourage everyone to attend the mission.**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny
Monday: April Fool's Day
Tuesday: St. Francis of Paola
Thursday: St. Isidore of Seville
Friday: St. Vincent Ferrer; First Friday; Abstinence
Saturday: First Saturday

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MASS

Plan to join us again on March 31 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 (fritomw@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.

YOUTH MASS WITH BISHOP DA CUNHA - April 14

Bishop da Cunha will join us on Sunday, April 14 as presider for our Sunday evening Youth Mass (St. Mary's Cathedral, 6 p.m.). Join us for this special Mass with our young people and our bishop!

*"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 30-31 **canned tuna, canned meats and toilet paper**. 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 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. **Please turn in your rice bowls as soon as possible. Sincere thanks!**

UPCOMING MEETINGS Cathedral relief services meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 2 at 6pm. **Cathedral Fund-raising/ 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.

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, May 7th 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 April for the Holy Rosary Sodality of St. Stanislaus Parish are that our parish grow in holiness and courage so that we may follow faithfully in Our Savior's footsteps, and that we allow God's Divine Mercy to transform our lives in real and profound ways.

The Holy Rosary Sodality will meet on Saturday, April 6, at 9:20am with the recitation of the rosary followed by refreshments and our meeting. New members are welcome.

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



“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.

**MEDIEVAL CHANT
for MEDITATION and COMTEMPLATION**

Mezzo-soprano Allison Messier, who is lauded for her warm and generous voice, will offer a program of chant for Lent and Holy Week at 3 pm on Sunday March 31 in the main sanctuary of St. Mary’s Cathedral. The presentation, which showcases the rich history of church music from the 6th-13th centuries, will offer attendees an opportunity for prayer and reflection in the journey toward Easter. The brief program is free and open to all.

STEBENVILLE EAST SUMMER YOUTH CONFERENCE



**STEBENVILLE
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@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.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

“God creates every person for eternal union with Himself and continually invites us to embrace a loving relationship with Him. Every person is chosen.”

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2018-19

Respect Life Prayer Intention

For those doubting their own worth; may they find lasting reassurance in the truth of God’s love for them.

You are invited to join the next Respect Life Prayer Service. It will be held on Saturday, **April 6th at 9:00 a.m.** at St. Stanislaus Church. The service is followed by refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome!

LENTEN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE Prayer Campaign continues 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.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - APRIL 5

Join us for a Eucharistic Holy Hour this Friday (April 5) at 11:00am at St. Mary’s Cathedral, and at 5:00pm at St. Stanislaus Church. A celebration of the Holy Mass will follow the holy hour. Confessions will be available during the holy hour.

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

March/April

- 3/24-3/31 Theresa Malek
- 3/31-4/7 Ken & Deni Tremblay
- 4/7-4/14 Joyce Freitas
- 4/14-4/21 John & Mary Lou Cordeiro
- 4/21-4/28 Eileen Hadfield
- 4/28-5/5 Joan Medeiros



May

- 5/5-5/12 Seseske Family
- 5/12-5/19 Tom & Elaine Skibinski
- 5/19-5/26 Tony & Nancy Sousa
- 5/26 -6/2 Joanna Perry

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.

Volunteers are needed Wednesday, April 3rd at 10am at Good Shepherd Parish to help clean and polish the brass in the church.

Thank you

South End Neighborhood Association Meeting: The neighborhood meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4th , at 6:30pm in the Good Shepherd Parish Hell. The guest speaker will be a representative from Southpointe Rehab & Skilled Nursing Facility who will discuss the services available at the facility. A representative from the Police Department will attend to present a monthly report on crime in the neighborhood. Light refreshments will be served. For additional information, please call Alan Silvia at (774)526-1122.