

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CENTRAL FALL RIVER, MA


MassSchedule

Saturday, April 27:

7:30 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Sunday, April 28:

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 29:

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

Tuesday, April 30:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)

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

Wednesday, May 1:

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

6:00 p.m. (St. Stanislaus)

Thursday, May 2:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)

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

Friday, May 3:

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

6:00 p.m. (St. Stanislaus)

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

Saturday, May 4:

4:00 p.m. (Good Shepherd)

5:15 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral, Brazilian)

Sunday, May 5:

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)

Vigil of the Second Sunday of Easter

Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Camara and family

Second Sunday of Easter (Mercy Sunday)

Joyce Labecki

Sheila Washburn

In Thanksgiving for Graces & Blessings

(Valerie A Butler)

Mr & Mrs Angelo Rezendes

Spanish Community

Youth, family and friends

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

William Soares

Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter

Rezendes, Furtado, and Rodrigues families

Barbara O'Neil, William O'Neil III & Sr. Marie

Regina Callahan, S.C.M.C.

Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter

For the Souls in Purgatory

Living & Deceased Members of

The Holy Rosary Sodality

Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Genoveva e Jose Rego e familia

For all parishioners

Saints Philip and James, Apostles

St. Mary's Purgatorial Society

Nicholas Barbato 1st Anniversary

Spanish Community

Vigil of the Third Sunday of Easter

Del Reagan

Don Desmarais

Brazilian Community

Third Sunday of Easter

Gilda C Barbosa

Manuel Ferreira

For all children receiving First Communion

Jose & Maria Faria 30th Anniversary

Spanish Community

Marilyn MacFarlane.

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

The Sanctuary Lamp (Good Shepherd): José F Calouro

The Our Lady of Angels (Good Shepherd): Marcelino Melo

The Sanctuary Lamp (St. Stanislaus): Val Polka (Senior Choir)

The Divine Mercy Lamp (St. Stanislaus): In Thanksgiving for all Graces and Blessings received

Our Lady of Czestochowa Lamp (Saint Stanislaus): For the people of the parish

Pope Saint John Paul Lamp (Saint Stanislaus): In Memory of Mark Butler (Denis & Valli)

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THE SHEPHERD'S CORNER

A MORE COMPLETE FORM: THE BLOOD OF JESUS. Since my arrival here in Fall River last October, I have received many questions and request about receiving the Blood of Christ at Mass. I am happy to let you know today that beginning next weekend, you will have the opportunity to receive both the Body and Blood of Jesus at all of our Masses.

I had not instituted this earlier because, in every parish I have been assigned, we usually stop offering the Precious Blood during the flu season, but now that it has passed we will begin this beautiful tradition.

Of course, Jesus is completely present in either the Body or the Blood. Receiving from both does not give you an "extra dose" of Jesus or more of Jesus, but it is a practice encouraged by the Church because it is a more complete sign of what we gather to do.

The liturgical norms for our Mass say this, "Holy Communion has a more complete form as a sign when it is received under both kinds. For in this manner of reception, a fuller sign of the Eucharistic banquet shines forth. Moreover, there is a clearer expression of that by which the new and everlasting covenant is ratified in the blood of the Lord." (GIRM, #281)

HOW DO I RECEIVE? Beginning next weekend, after you have received the Lord's Body, there will be a special minister of holy Communion with a Communion cup containing the Precious Blood. You approach that minister the same way you would for the Body, stopping, making a simple bow in reverence. The minister will say, "The Blood of Christ," and you will respond "Amen." The minister will then hand you the cup, you will take it firmly in hand and take a small sip, then returning the cup to the minister. Make sure to do these actions slowly and reverently.

Also, as should be common sense, if you are not feeling well or have a cold or other ailment, do not approach to receive from the cup. But, I also want you to know that in the long history of the Centers for Disease Control, they have never had a single reported case of any disease being transmitted through Holy Communion.

At Good Shepherd and St. Stan's, ministers with the Precious Blood will be stationed in between the ministers offering the Body in the middle and on the sides. At the Cathedral, everyone will now process down the main aisle to the front to receive the Body, and the ministers with the Blood will be in the far corners. There will be no ministers at the half-way point.

Of course, no one is required to receive from the Cup, but it is a beautiful and fuller expression of our faith that we want to make available to you.

"Whoever eats my body, and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them." (John 6.56)

EASTER THANK-YOU'S! Finally, a few Easter thank yous. It is impossible to thank everyone who had a part in making our Holy Week so special. I want to thank our parochial vicar, Fr. Juan, for his devotion to all of our parishes and the Spanish community, and to our Deacons, Peter and Tim, who serve faithfully and excellently always. To Fr. Mike, who is always so generous in helping out on weekends. To Fr. Leonard, Fr. Messias, and all of the other clergy who give so generously to us. There were countless people who came out into each Church and decorated, then redecorated during the Triduum. Our Collaborative Choir under the shared direction of Madeleine Grace, Carlo DeMedeiros, and Valerie Polka was absolutely heavenly! To all of our lectors who truly proclaimed God's holy Word. To our legion of altar servers who served with such great reverence and devotion under the direction of Tom Wrobel. To the maintenance staff at each of our churches (Richard Hallisey, Abel Roies, Jason Cambra and Michael Camara), who not just this week, but every week, work quietly, diligently, behind-the-scenes, always keeping our Churches so beautiful; and our parish secretaries, Leanne Nelson and Sister Lorraine, who also work last-minute wonders behind-the-scenes. Of course, a thank you to Eileen Hadfield and Alizabeth Orellano for their great work with our faith formation youth, especially at the Holy Thursday Mass. And to all of you who filled each of our churches to standing-room-only for the Triduum! These were indeed days of great glory, days of great mercy!

Happy Easter to everyone!!

Peace, love, and prayers,

Fr Tom

**Total of the collections of the weekend of April 21:
Good Shepherd St Stanislaus**

ST. STAN'S FAMILY FESTIVAL NEWS

Our annual Festival is Friday May 31st, 5-9pm and Saturday June 1st, 5-9pm. The next distribution of raffle tickets will be April 28th. Please pick up your ticket envelopes if you haven't yet at the 11am mass. Thank you to all who continue to take the time to make our polish food. Many hands make less work! "In Memory Of" envelopes as well as the festival flyer will be in the bulletin after Easter. We are still asking for volunteers to help us set up and break down the chairs, tables, freezers, refrigerators etc. Thanks to everyone who has continued to help and support our festival! If anyone is interested in getting involved please contact me.

Maryanne
508-493-0759

Volunteer sign-up for St. Stan's Festival is now open! This year we will be using an online sign-up form for all festival volunteers. Please click on the following web link to go to the sign-up sheet: volunteersignup.org/TLF78 Scroll down the sheet to find the booth, day, and time that you wish to work. Click on the green arrow at the end of that row and enter your information. If there is a 'full' symbol, all volunteer slots for that time have been filled. If this is the case, choose another booth. Thank you.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy);
Julian Calendar Easter
Monday: St. Catherine of Siena
Tuesday: St. Pius V
Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker
Thursday: St. Athanasius; National Day of Prayer;
Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Friday: Ss. Philip and James; First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MASS

Plan to join us again on **April 28** 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.



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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Cathedral Relief services will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 6 pm. The Central Catholic Fall River collaborative social activities / fundraising will meet on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm. Both of these meetings will be held in the Bishop's chapel. New members are always welcome!

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

Thank you to those who contributed to the Easter Flower Fund. The church is beautifully decorated in loving memory of your departed loved ones and for those you want to remember at this time. Thank you also to those who helped clean and decorate this beautiful Church for the most important celebration of our faith! Also, a sincere thank you to all of you for your generosity to the Holy Week and Easter collections, and to those who brought home made goodies for the priests and the parish staff to enjoy. God bless you!!



CATHEDRAL RELIEF SERVICES

Sincere thanks to all of our parishioners & visitors who contribute to our parish food pantry with care and compassion especially during this Lenten season when you fill our baskets & shelves to feed the needy in our community. Please remember that monetary donations are graciously accepted too. Please place your donation in an envelope marked Food Pantry & drop it in the collection basket. As always please pray for those in need and for our generous donors who allow us to provide this much needed ministry. Thanks to St Stan's school community for their generosity in donating several boxes of non perishable food items. Our next distribution will be held on **APRIL 28, 8 to 9:30 am**. We will stock the shelves on Tuesday, April 23 after the 12:05 mass and prepare the distribution bags on Thursday, April 25 at 6pm (both of these dates are scheduled in the same week due to Holy Week) Volunteers are always welcome to assist with stocking the shelves, preparing bags & distribution. If anyone expresses a need for food items at anytime we have distribution bags available at the rectory or in the Church building to fulfill those requests. We also have some monetary resources to assist people's requests in other ways, please do not hesitate to ask and if we cannot help we have information available to refer people to other agencies. **ITEMS NEEDED:** pasta & sauce, hearty soups, cereal, oatmeal, non refrigerated milk, pancake mix & maple syrup, Mac & cheese. We had 65 bags leftover and we prepared an additional 30 bags. Our patrons can be anywhere from 15 to 80 so we always want to be ready for the greater amount. This month we had. 52 patrons.

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

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

Malassadas

**May 18th beginning at 7:00am
At Good Shepherd Parish**

**DO YOU LIKE TO SING?
GOOD SHEPHERD IS
LOOKING FOR NEW
MEMBERS TO JOIN THE
CHOIR! PLEASE JUST GO
TO THE CHOIR LOFT BEFORE ANY
MASS!**



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.



RESPECT LIFE NEWS

Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life.

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"

Respect Life Prayer Intention

For all who have died, and that their families and loved ones rejoice anew in the hope of the Resurrection and the promise of eternal life.

You are invited to join the next Respect Life Prayer Service to be held on Saturday, **May 4th at 9:00 a.m.** at St. Stanislaus Church. The service is followed by refreshments and fellowship. All are welcome.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Jesus is the Resurrection and the Light for our Church and within our Marriages. Gift your relationship with a bright light by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jun 8-9, 2019 in Medway, MA and Sep 14-15, 2019 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on May 2nd at 6:30pm in the Good Shepherd Parish Hall. The guest speaker will be Shelly Pereira who will give a presentation on Rank Choice Voting. A representative from the Police Department will be present to give a monthly report on crime in the neighborhood. Light refreshments will be served. For further information, please call Alan Silvia (774)526-1122

THE LAMB'S SUPPER: UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY MASS

Thursdays, May 16,23,30, June 6 at 6:30pm

Have you ever wondered why we do the things we do at Mass? Where did our prayers come from? What does it mean to say that Jesus is present in the Eucharist? Why do we sit, stand, kneel? Join Fr. Tom for a four-week workshop on the history and spirituality of the Holy Mass. All your questions will be answered and you will find a deeper experience of the Sacrament. Call the parish office to register (508-673-2833 or 508-678-7412). There is a \$14 charge for the book we will use. "The Lamb's Supper" by Scott Hahn

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

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 May:

For information in English or Portuguese call

Norma 508-496-0199

The prayer intentions for May for the Holy Rosary Sodality of St. Stanislaus Parish are that through the intercession of Our Lady of Czestochowa all mothers will be blessed for the precious work they do, and that through the Divine Mercy we love, know and serve God with our whole beings.

The Sodality will meet at St. Stanislaus Church on Saturday, May 4. The rosary will be prayed at 9:20am followed by refreshments and the meeting. New members are welcome to attend.

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.

PRAYER GROUP AT GOOD SHEPHERD

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY HOLY HOUR, 3:00PM

There will be a Holy Hour of Divine Mercy this Sunday, April 28 at 3:00pm at St. Stanislaus Church. Prayer will include the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join us.