

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CENTRAL FALL RIVER, MA


MassSchedule

Saturday, May 4:

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

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)

Monday, May 6:

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

Tuesday, May 7:

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

Wednesday, May 8:

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

Thursday, May 9:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
12:05 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
7:00 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Friday, May 10:

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

Saturday, May 11:

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 12:

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 Third Sunday of Easter

Don Desmarais

Third Sunday of Easter

Gilda C Barbosa
Manuel Ferreira
For all parishioners
Dinis e Maria Furtado;
Joseph B Faria and Maria Faria 50th wedding Anniversary
Spanish Community
Marilyn MacFarlane

Monday of the Third Week of Easter

Fr. William Costello

Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter

Manuel e Deotada e familia Moniz
.Henrietta Domurad

Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter

Almerinda Carvalho

Thursday of the Third Week of Easter

Birthday Remembrance Timothy Kelly
8th Grade Mass
Adult Confirmation

Friday of the Third Week of Easter

For all parishioners
Peter Asquino
Spanish Community

Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Intentions of Karen Duponte
William and Barbara Ward
Brazilian Community

Fourth Sunday of Easter

John S Mitchell
Maria Fonseca Oliveira
Connie Miranda 25th Anniversary
Manuel DeSousa
Spanish Community

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

COLLABORATIVE UPDATE. You may have heard through the grapevine this past week about changes announced throughout the diocese. Here in Central Fall River, we have been the forerunner for this new collaborative model, and Bishop da Cunha this week announced several other collaboratives that will emerge in the diocese – in Attleboro, New Bedford, Falmouth, and Somerset/Swansea. While we are already underway in the work of creating our collaborative here in Central Fall River, some of this announcement does impact our community and what we are doing. There are three main changes that will have an impact on our work - all of them positive.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA. St. Anthony of Padua will now become a full participant of our collaborative. Effective June 26, Bishop da Cunha has named me pastor of St. Anthony of Padua and with that St. Anthony's will join in what we are doing as a collaborative community. Fr. Albino will be moving to one of the Somerset/Swansea collaboratives where he will assist with Portuguese language ministry there. I will be scheduling a meeting in the next few weeks to meet with the parishioners at St. Anthony's and talk about what this news means for their community.

FR. JASON BRILHANTE. The second change that will positively impact us will be the addition of Fr. Jason Brilhante to our pastoral team. Fr. Jason will come on board in June as a parochial vicar for the whole collaborative and as Director of Portuguese Ministry. Members of the Cathedral parish already know Fr. Jason well, and I know the rest of the collaborative will join me in welcoming him to our community.

PASTOR OF GOOD SHEPHERD/ST. STAN'S. Finally, Bishop da Cunha has also named me as pastor of both Good Shepherd and St. Stanislaus churches. As you know up until now, my title in those communities has been Administrator. There is no real functional difference between the two, but Bishop da Cunha felt that bestowing the title of pastor in relation to these communities is a sign of his commitment to the success of each of these parishes in our collaborative endeavor. No longer will any of our parishes have the feeling that they are a parish without a pastor.

Finally, please keep the parishioners, clergy, and staff of all of the newly emerging collaboratives in your prayers, as well as everyone at St. Anthony's.

We are six months ahead of them, but I'm sure that everyone remembers the anxiety that is a natural part of receiving this kind of news. We pray that they will experience the same grace that we have as we build these new relationships.

Peace, love, and prayers,

Fr. Tom



Total of the collection—weekend of April 28:

St. Mary's Cathedral:	\$ 2,681.00
St. Stanislaus:	\$ 2,522.00
Good Shepherd:	\$ 6,614.00

(Portuguese Food \$1,208 for Maintenance and

Repair at Good Shepherd)

Thank You!

CATHEDRAL RELIEF SERVICES

The generosity of our contributors is **ASTONISHING**. We are continually grateful for your generosity! We would also like to thank our volunteers who stock the shelves, prepare the distribution bags and share their time in distributing the items to our patrons. May God bless all that make this ministry to the poor & needy possible. Please pray for our patrons who express how blessed they are to receive this assistance. Please remember that monetary donations are most welcome too. Please put your donation in an envelope labeled. **FOOD PANTRY**, these donations help us to assist people in other ways. We have 48 bags left from last month and prepared 40 bags. **Items needed: Pasta and sauce, canned tuna, meats and chicken, cereal and oatmeal, pancake mix and syrup.** At our distribution on Sunday, April 28, we had 58 patrons. Our next distribution will be held on **SUNDAY, MAY 26 from 8 to 9:30 a.m.** We will stock the shelves on **Tuesday, May 21 at 6 p.m.** and prepare the distribution bags on **Thursday, May 23** immediately following the 12:05 daily mass. **ALL ARE WELCOME** to stock, prepare and distribute. Thank you!!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

The Theme for 2019 is "**See All the People.**" Since 1942, the Appeal has helped people in all phases of life – from children, to youth, to parents, to the elderly. Your support sustains the numerous agencies, programs, and ministries providing food and shelter, educating children and adults, and meeting the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of thousands. We encourage you to support the Appeal as generously as you can. You can make a one-time gift, or, a pledge with convenient payments throughout the year. You can give by mail, use a contribution card located in church, or make your gift or pledge securely online .

MEMORIALS If you would like to schedule a Mass for a deceased loved one or for a special intention, forms are located in the back of the Church. You can write down your intention with your name and phone number and either drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory. The stipend for a Mass is \$10. In addition to the Sanctuary Lamp which is \$15, other items needed for the celebration of the Eucharist may be given as memorials. These are published each week in the bulletin. Sacramental Elements (host and wine) are \$25 each week. To reserve these on any particular weekend please contact the Rectory. Thank You!

UNITED INTERFAITH ACTION of Southeastern MA

United Interfaith Action (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, we were engaged in listening and prioritizing issues in our city. Over 100 members from area congregations selected the issues of education/youth, addiction and immigration. After conducting research with public officials in our City to learn more about these issues, we are now ready to make proposals for action. Because **YOUR ACTIONS MATTER**, we want to invite you to our Local Action Meeting with our State Representatives, School Superintendent, Mayor, and Chief of Police. This public action meeting will take place on May 22, 7PM at Santo Christo Church Hall (entrance to parking lot on Columbia St). Translation will be available in Portuguese and Spanish. **ALL ARE WELCOME**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter; Cinco de Mayo;
Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins
Friday: St. Damien de Veuster

YOUTH and YOUNG ADULT MASS



Plan to join us again on **May 5** 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!

OUR LADY OF FALL RIVER

Artist Feodor Zakharov of New York, a native of Russia, painted a number of religious subjects which Bishop Cassidy used for his annual Christmas cards. In 1943, Bishop Cassidy used Zakharov's delicate image of our Blessed Mother holding the Christ child for his Christmas card and he later gave this image the title of Our Lady of Fall River. Please take a prayer card and offer the prayer on the back of the card for the members of our various commissions working on our Diocesan Strategic plan.

QUO VADIS DAYS

Once again the Diocese of Fall River Vocation Office is running Quo Vadis Days from July 8-12, 2019 at Betania II Retreat Center in Medway, MA. This retreat /camp is a great time for boys 14-19 to seek to grow in their faith and fraternity, learning how to discern what is one of the most important things in their life: their vocation. There will be times of prayer & sports, talks on living the faith and understanding the different vocations, Mass and adoration, mountain hiking, and fraternity. It is a great chance for them to build friendships with others their age who are living the faith as well as to get to know the seminarians of our diocese. It is a wonderful time and the cost is only \$100. If any young man is interested, please fill out the Quo Vadis brochure found at the doors of the church or you can email Fr. Kevin Cook, Director of Vocations at frcook@fallrivervocations.org for a brochure.

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!**

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL OF GOOD SHEPHERD WILL HAVE ITS NEXT MEETING ON THURSDAY, MAY 30TH AT 6PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM. NEW MEMBERS ALWAYS WELCOME.

HOLY ROSARY SODALITY

The Holy Rosary Prayer Intention for May: We ask for guidance of our heavenly mother and graciously thank her for her interceding for us to her beloved son Jesus.

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.

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**



“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

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.



STEUBENVILLE
CONFERENCES

RESPECT LIFE NEWS

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, but that is not the end of the story. This bill, rooted in our most fundamental human values, is worth fighting for. It would prohibit infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age.

Please join us in praying the **Prayer for an End to Infanticide**.
“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

*Note: You can learn how your senators voted online.

Respect Life Prayer Intention

For an end to infanticide; that the laws of our nation may reflect the law of God, and protect the dignity of every human life.

COMMUNION to the HOMEBOUND

If you are presently a Eucharistic Minister and would be willing to bring communion to the sick and homebound, please call the rectory at 508-673-2833 or 508-678-7412 and leave your name, address and phone # so you may be contacted when necessary. We would like to help those who want so much to receive Jesus. This is a beautiful ministry and I’m sure God will bless you in a special way.

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://wwmema.org/>.

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

June 6 - Mohegan Sun Casino \$18 includes busfare, gratuity for driver, wheel, and \$15 food voucher.

June 11– Foxwoods Casino \$18 includes busfare, gratuity for driver, free play and buffet.

August 1 - Mohegan Sun Casino \$18 includes busfare, gratuity for driver, wheel and \$15 food voucher.

September 5 - Foxwoods Casino \$18 includes busfare, gratuity for driver, free play and buffet.

ST STAN’S SENTIORS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 7 - Senior Banquet Venus de Milo 12:00 Noon

August 12 - Gloucester Lobster, Barbeque Cruise call Barbara Piteira 508-673-2508. Open to the public \$105.00

August 19 - Annual Picnic Colt State Park 12:00 Noon

September 12 - Ogunquitt Playhouse - Jonathans Lunch. Call Phyllis Fortier 508-676-8378 “Menopause, the Musical” \$142.00. Open to the public

October 9 - Annual Memorial Service 9:30am at Saint Stanislaus - Lunch Diman H.S. 11:00am

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