



Catholic Community of Central Fall River

**GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH | SAINT STANISLAUS CHURCH
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION**



Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil:

4:00 p.m. (Good Shepherd Church)

4:00 p.m. (Saint Mary's Cathedral)

7:00 p.m. (Brazilian-Saint Mary's Cathedral)

Sunday:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd Church)

10:00 a.m. (Saint Mary's Cathedral)

11:00 a.m. (Saint Stanislaus Church)

11:30 a.m. (Good Shepherd - Portuguese)

12:30 p.m. (Spanish/Español - Saint Mary's Cathedral)

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

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday: 12:05 p.m. (Saint Mary's Cathedral)

Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd Church)

Wednesday, Friday: 6:00 p.m. (Saint Stanislaus Church)

Friday: 6:00 p.m. (Spanish-Saint Mary's Cathedral)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday: 11:30 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. (Good Shepherd Church)

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. | Bishop of Fall River

Very Reverend Thomas Washburn, Rector & Pastor

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Reverend Juan Carlos Muñoz, Parochial Vicar, Spanish Ministry

Reverend Leonard Kayondo, Hospital Chaplain, In Residence

Deacon Alan Thadeu, Director of Collaborative Operations

Deacon Peter Cote (Saint Mary's Cathedral)

Deacon Iremar Costa (Brazilian Community)

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"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13.35)



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CENTRAL FALL RIVER, MA

Saturday, November 30:

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

Sunday, December 1:

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

Monday, December 2:

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

Tuesday, December 3:

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

Wednesday, December 4:

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

Thursday, December 5:

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

Friday, December 6:

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

Saturday, December 8:

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

Sunday, December 9:

9:00 a.m. (Good Shepherd)
10:00 a.m. (St. Mary's Cathedral)
10:30 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)

First Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

Frank Hrycin Sr.
Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Aguiar and family
Brazilian Community

First Sunday of Advent

Alvaro Rego
Anne Pietruska
St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Prayer Cards
Manuel e Deotada e familia Moniz
Spanish Community
Sheila Washburn

Monday of the First Week of Advent

People of the Parish

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Frances Shea
Natalie Sousa

Wednesday of the First Week of Advent

Jose Lopes Gervasio
Living and deceased Felician Sisters: requested by Butler family

Thursday of the First Week of Advent

Bernadino Mesquita DaSilva
Frank and Sophie Stefanik
Adult Confirmation

Friday of the First Week of Advent

St. Mary's Purgatorial Society
Living and deceased members of the Holy Rosary Sodality
Spanish Community

Second Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

Christine Barboza: requested by her mother
Antone Arruda
Brazilian Community

Second Sunday of Advent

Antonio Carneiro
Joseph Cabral, wife and son
Vincenza Perrotti
Manuel deSousa
Spanish Community
Sheila Washburn

The Sanctuary Lamp (St. Mary's Cathedral) burns in loving memory of Charles & Amy Rebello and Maria Fonseca Oliveira

The Sanctuary Lamp (Good Shepherd): Manuel M. and Alma C. Medeiros

The Our Lady of Angels (Good Shepherd): John M. Silva

The Sanctuary Lamp (St. Stanislaus): Deceased members of the Niewola and Butler families: requested by the Butler family

The Divine Mercy Lamp (St. Stanislaus): Orzechowski and Perry families: requested by Joanna Perry

Our Lady of Czestochowa Lamp (Saint Stanislaus): Living and deceased Felician Sisters: requested by the Butler family

Pope Saint John Paul Lamp (Saint Stanislaus): Orzechowski and Perry families: requested by Joanna Perry

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THE SHEPHERD'S CORNER

THE SHEPHERD'S CORNER HAPPY NEW YEAR! I know that greeting might seem to be premature. After all, January 1st is still about a month away. But, of course, I am making a reference not to our calendar year, but to our church year, which begins today with this First Sunday of Advent.

So today, as we enter into this Advent season, the church invites us to begin again. Each year we walk through the most remarkable story ever told – the story of a God who loves us so deeply that He came to us, to be one of us. A God who constantly showed that love as He preached His Good News, as He healed wherever He went, as He forgave the sins of His people – and ultimately, as He even offered His life for us on the Cross.

But, even though we've already jumped to the last chapter and we know how this story ends, we are called to keep our focus back on its beginning. These weeks of Advent invite us to enter into this time of preparation for the birth of our Savior. To remember what a gift the birth of Jesus is to each of us. How Christ's presence has shaped us and made us the people we are.

This is the time of year that you begin to hear about the so-called war on Christmas, or the calls to keep Christ in Christmas. As for me, I've never seen any evidence of this war beyond the things that people post online. In fact, this time of year above all others – Christ and Christmas are everywhere you turn. But, if there is something missing from this season, it is the reality that we often skip right from Thanksgiving to Christmas and forget about the prayerful waiting that Advent calls forth from us.

So, let Christmas wait. It will get here on time, as always. In these weeks of Advent, allow yourself to be in a space of prayerful anticipation, to imagine what life would be without Jesus so that we might once again truly appreciate this greatest gift ever given – the gift of God's Son to the world.

Come, Lord Jesus!

Peace, love, and prayers,

Fr. Tom



PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY - November 2020



Join us for a spectacular 10-day journey to Italy from November 3-12, 2020. We will visit Rome, Assisi, Siena, Pisa, Florence, and more to experience the beauty, history, culture (food and wine!), and holiness of this beautiful country. We will have daily Mass in some of the most beautiful churches, and our trip will

include an audience with Pope Francis at the Vatican. All inclusive price is \$3,799 per person. Contact Fr. Tom at 508-673-2833 or at (frtom@3cfallriver.org) for more information.

OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

This weekend, the Bethlehem Christian Families will be here to sell their hand carved religious articles made of olive wood before and after all Masses at St. Mary's Cathedral, Good Shepherd and St. Stanislaus. The sale of these precious articles supports their Church Mission, which is to maintain the roots and the existence of the Christian Families who are struggling to remain in Bethlehem. The proceeds will create more work which will help them to survive and stay in the Holy Land since they have no other source of income and are dependent on the olive wood industry. Thank you for your support and generosity!



MARIAN MEDAL CEREMONY

You are cordially invited to St. Mary's Cathedral next Sunday, December 1st at 3:00 p.m. to witness the awarding of the Marian Medal to deserving parishioners of our Diocese by Bishop Edgar daCunha. We are proud of the three women who will receive the Medal from our parishes: Ms. Norma Brandt — Good Shepherd Parish, Mrs. Donna Carney — St. Mary's Cathedral, Mrs. Cecilia Wrobel — St. Stanislaus Parish.



Congratulations, Norma, Donna and Cindy. thank you and God bless you!

We ♥ love
having you as part of our flock



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TOTAL of COLLECTIONS—weekend of November 17:



The total of the last weekend's collection will be reported next week due to the early filing of this bulletin. Thank you.

Thank you and God bless you all!

The [Prayer Blanket ministry](#) will meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 12 noon. Bring your own lunch.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS "Every life is a good and perfect gift. Many know this on an intellectual level, but those who love someone with a disability see it in their loved one's face in a particular way. Our love for our children has nothing to do with their abilities. We love them simply because of who they are, and understanding this teaches us how to truly love everyone." ~USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,



"A Perfect Gift, For all unborn children; that their families will prepare to welcome them with joy and awareness of the many gifts children bring into the world.

Please Note There is no Respect Life Prayer Service on Saturday, December 7th. We invite you to offer a prayer, the Rosary, or the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at home for the intention of a greater respect for human life from conception to natural death. Thank you.

CATHEDRAL RELIEF SERVICES: To all of our faithful parishioners who support our food pantry on a continual basis, thanks for your generosity. To those who help stock the shelves and pack & distribute bags, we are most grateful for your time commitment.



WE DESPERATELY NEED MORE HELP! , PLEASE.

We worked in cooperation with the St. Vincent de Paul at Good Shepherd to provide some Thanksgiving meal foods to the needy in our parish community. We also made some seasonal bags for a small group of our regular patrons & provided a supermarket gift card for them to purchase a meat item to accompany the bag. Thanks to all who support our outreach to the needy.

Advent Lessons and Carols An Advent Lessons and Carols in honor of the Immaculate Conception will be presented at the Cathedral next Sunday, December 8 at 3:00. Lectors and the combined choirs of our collaborative will present readings and hymns, some for all to sing that reflect the joyful expectation of the Advent season leading us to Christmas. Plan to attend with family and friends in preparation for the celebration of the coming of Emmanuel.



Bishop Connolly High School will hold the HSPT placement exam for prospective students on Saturday, December 7 and 14, 2019, at 8 a.m. at BCHS. Pre-registration is not required; exam fee is \$20, payable at check-in. For more information, please call BCHS Admissions at 508.676.1071 x333.

PIEROGI MAKING AT ST. STAN'S

We have started making pierogi for our annual Christmas Polish Food Sale in December. We start at 8AM in the kitchen at St. Stanislaus School and will continue each week. Breakfast pastries and coffee are served. All are welcome, no experience necessary. It is a fun time to meet new people and reconnect with old. See you there!



ADVENT GIVING TREE at the CATHEDRAL



Please take a tag or tags from the tree at the Church entrance beginning on November 30 / December 1. Please purchase the item requested and place the item in a Christmas gift bag. Please return all items by December 21/22. We will share these items with our Food pantry patrons and with a local veterans group. Thank you for your support of this project!

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please join us for a Eucharistic Holy Hour this Friday (December 6) at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Cathedral, and at 5:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church. A celebration of Holy Mass will follow the Holy Hour. Confessions will be available during the Holy Hour.



12 Days of Christmas Raffle (St. Mary's Cathedral)



The 12 Days Christmas Raffle will take place again this year from Christmas Day to Epiphany (January 5) with twelve wonderful cash prizes and gifts, one to be drawn each day after Mass at the Cathedral. Proceeds will be used to assist funding of the Faith Formation Program. At this time we are looking for donations of cash or gift certificates, and volunteers to help with the project. Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of December. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please speak to Madeleine Grace 508-678-1054.

DINNER AT THE RECTORY

Fr. Tom would love to cook a meal for you so that we can all get to know each other better. Dinners at the rectory will take place once a month. The first dinner is Saturday, December 7 at 6 p.m. You must be signed up with Fr. Tom to attend. Limited to 10 people per dinner. Anyone can attend. January dinner will be on January 18th. Come, let Fr. Tom cook for you!



ADVENT CONFESSIONS IN PORTUGUESE

Portuguese-speaking priests will be available to hear confessions during Advent at the following dates and places:



Monday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.

- St. Michael's Church

Tuesday, December 10, 11:00 a.m.

- Santo Christo Church

Tuesday, December 10, 5:00-6:30 p.m.

- Good Shepherd Church

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are in need of volunteers for our parish bereavement ministry. This ministry works with families as they prepare for the funeral of a loved one. Bereavement ministers also assist at wake and graveside services. Full training and support is provided. Ministers always work in pairs, never alone. We need ministers from each

of our member parishes. Contact Debbie Zane, Pastoral Associate at 508-673-2833 or at dzane@3cfallriver.org if you are interested in being part of this important ministry.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study is held at Good Shepherd Church on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.



Good Shepherd Food Pantry Call 508-496-0199

RCIA INFORMATION



Classes for RCIA (non-baptized adults who want to enter the full sacramental life of the Church) and Adult Confirmation will commence within the collaborative on **Sunday, December 1st** and the classes will begin at 11:00 a.m. (following the 10:00 a.m. Mass!) For those who already signed up please meet at St. Mary's and we could sit together

for Mass. We will be meeting in the Bishop's Chapel for the sessions.

JOB OPENING: Groundskeeper (St. Mary's Cathedral)

We are looking for an individual to join our maintenance staff at the Cathedral primarily as a groundskeeper. Duties include maintaining the grounds year round, snow removal of sidewalks and stairways in the wintertime, general assistance with maintenance. Position is approximately 15 hours per week. Contact Fr. Tom Washburn if you're interested at (frtom@3cfallriver.org or 508-673-2833).



Sacred Heart Senior Group call Nancy at 508-672-4162
For Prayer Line call Norma at 508-496-0199

DIOCESAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Diocese of Fall River is currently seeking a dynamic individual to join our team in Fall River as the Executive Assistant to the Bishop. This opportunity to work closely with Bishop da Cunha should prove to be exciting, challenging and very rewarding. For

more information, please access our website at www.fallriverdiocese.org, and click on "Employment Opportunities".

MEMORIALS: If you would like to schedule a Mass for a special intention, forms are located in the back of the Church. In addition to the Sanctuary Lamp which is \$15.00, other items for the celebration of the Eucharist may be given as memorials.

These are published each week in the bulletin. Sacramental Elements (bread and wine) are \$25 each week, flowers are \$150 each week. To reserve these on a particular weekend,



BAPTISM PREPARATION

Please contact Pastoral Associate Deborah Zane, to register for baptisms by phone (508) 673-2833 or e-mail dzane@3cfallriver.org. During an initial meeting, we will go over the Rite itself and answer any questions you might have. Godparents are welcome, but do not have to attend. Baptisms are celebrated within the Mass.

- Good Shepherd Parish, 1st Sunday of the month,
- St. Mary's Cathedral, 2nd Sunday of the month, ,
- St. Stanislaus Church, 4th Sunday of the month.



A Note About Godparents:



There will be many wonderful people in your children's lives who will help guide and support them as they grow. The role of godparent is designed to serve a very specific function. Godparents are models of Catholic Christian living, and

as such they need to be:

- ☐ 16 years or older,
- ☐ baptized and confirmed in the Catholic faith,
- ☐ if married, in a valid Catholic marriage,
- ☐ active Catholics who attend Mass regularly and are registered parishioners in a Catholic Church, able to provide a sponsor certificate from their parish.

MASS BOOKS for 2020

You are now allowed to schedule 2 masses on the weekend and 4 masses during the week at either St. Mary's Cathedral, Good Shepherd or St. Stan's—a total of 6 masses from January-June, 2020. All the Mass books are at St. Mary's Cathedral. If at the beginning of the year we find that we have openings, you can schedule more at that time. The office is open from 9a.m. to 2 p.m. for you to schedule masses. Thanks.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 14 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon



Join us for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14, from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the Good Shepherd Parish Hall. Come for a delicious breakfast and Santa will be present to take photos with your children! Tickets are \$5 per person or \$10 per family. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses or you can contact the office (508) 673-2833

OUR LADY of GUADALUPE QUILT Tickets for Our Lady of Guadalupe Quilt (throw size 52" X 56") made by the Holy Ghost Sewing Bee of Holy Ghost Church and valued at \$475 will be sold at the parish office (401-624-8131) Tickets are 1 for \$5 and 5 for \$20 and will be drawn on December 8th.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE - ST. STANISLAUS

Beginning Sunday, December 1, the Sunday morning Mass at St. Stanislaus Church will now be at 10:30am Please share this information.



Saturday, December 7—5:00-11:00pm
Bus trip to LaSalette leaving Good Shepherd-5:00p.m.

Sunday, December 8—4:30-7:00pm
Life Night “Minute to Win it”
(St. Mary’ Cathedral School)

Friday, December 9—6:00-8:30pm
Movie Night “The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind”
(Good Shepherd Parish)

Tuesday, December 10—5:00-8:00pm
Advent Evening of Reflection (Good Shepherd Parish)

Monday, December 16—6:00-8:00pm
Dinner with the Bishop (Potluck everyone bring a dish)
(Good Shepherd Parish)

Sunday, December 22—4:30-7:00pm
Life Night “Las Posadas” (St. Mary School)

Team Leadership Group—Ages 14-18

Saturday, December 7-5:00-11:00pm
Bus Trip to LaSalette leaving Good Shepherd-5:00pm

Sunday, December 8—4:30-7:00pm
Life Night “Minute to Win it”
(Saint Mary’ Cathedral School)

Monday, December 9—6:00-8:30pm
Movie Night “The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind”
(Good Shepherd Parish)

Tuesday, December 10-5:00-8:00pm
Advent Evening of Reflection
(Good Shepherd Parish)

Monday, December 16—6:00-8:00pm
Dinner with the Bishop (Potluck everyone bring a dish)
(Good Shepherd Parish)

Friday, December 20-6:00-8:30pm
Whole Community Catechesis
(Saint Stanislaus School)

Sunday, December 22—4:30-7:00pm
Life Night—”Las Posadas”
(Saint Mary’s Cathedral School)

Monday, December 23—6:00-8:00pm
Meeting (Good Shepherd Parish)

Burning Hearts Confirmation Program 2019-2020

St. Mary’s Cathedral School
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation 1 (Grade 8)

Sunday, February 2

Sunday, March 1

Sunday, April 5

Sunday, May 3

Plus attendance at the Sunday 6p.m. Youth Mass each week, at least one Youth Group evening each month and serving at three youth Masses.

St. Mary’s Cathedral School
4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Confirmation 2 (Grade 9)

Sunday, December 15 (Candidates & Sponsors)

Sunday, February 16

Sunday, March 15

Sunday, April 19

Saturday, May 16 [All Day] Confirmation Retreat
Sacrament of Confirmation – TBD

Plus attendance at the Sunday 6p.m. Youth Mass each week, at least one Youth Group evening each month and serving at three youth Masses.

Young Adult Group—Ages 18-23

Good Shepherd Parish

Tuesday, December 16—6:00-8:00pm
Advent Evening of Reflection

Monday, December 16—6:00-8:00pm
Dinner with the Bishop (Potluck everyone bring a dish)

YOUTH GROUP SOCK DRIVE
providing socks for those in need
Collecting new socks from November-February
All socks will be donated to the
Warm Feet Program
which are distributed to Food Kitchens
throughout winter months
Drop Off bins are at the back of each Church