



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)

10:30 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, December 7:

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 8:

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 9:

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

Tuesday, December 10:

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

Wednesday, December 11:

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

Thursday, December 12:

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

Friday, December 13:

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

Saturday, December 14:

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 15:

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)

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

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 sons
Vincenza Perrotti
Manuel deSousa
Spanish Community
Sheila Washburn

Monday of the Second Week of Advent

People of the Parish

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

Bento Sousa and Jovena Sousa
John J. Polak Sr.

Advent Evening of Reflection

Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent

Sheila Washburn
Antonetta Santoro
family

Thursday of the Second Week of Advent

Genoveva e Jose Rego e familia
People of the Parish
Adult Confirmation

Friday of the Second Week of Advent

Souls in Purgatory
Celestyna Czerwotka requested by the Bielawski family
Spanish Community

Third Sunday of Advent (Vigil)

Danny Robillard Sr. (22nd anniversary)
Jose Lopes Gervasio
Brazilian Community

Third Sunday of Advent

Claire Berube
Nancy Correia and son Lance
Celestyna Czerwotka
Merces Martins e familia
Spanish Community
For the Youth of the Parish

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CELEBRATE ADVENT! I know how busy this time of year can be. It is as though the starting gun went off on Thanksgiving Day and now we are all in a mad dash to get everything done in time for Christmas. But Advent gives us this special opportunity to step away from all of that and take in the sights, the sounds, the words, the message of Advent. It is a message that invites us to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus just as much as we prepare our homes. We have several events here in our Collaborative this Advent that I want to highlight as opportunities to step back and let Jesus in. I hope you can join us for these special events:

Lessons & Carols, Dec. 8, 3:00 p.m. (St. Mary's). This is a wonderful event that is full of beautiful music of the season. Interspersed with these songs are some reading of the season that help focus our hearts on Jesus. Since this day is also Mary's feast day, our hymns will have a focus on the Blessed Mother as well. Choirs from all three of our parishes are participating in this beautiful concert.

Christmas Festival, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (St. Stanislaus). An event for the whole family featuring arts & crafts, Christmas pictures, cookie decorating, food & bake sale, festival of trees, tons of Great Raffle Items including Patriots Tickets, Christmas Decor, Gift Certificates a beautiful home rug worth \$4000 and tons more.

Advent Evening of Reflection, Dec. 10, 5-8 p.m. (Good Shepherd). We are blessed to have Fr. Michael MacInnis join us for an evening of reflection in the midst of our Advent Season. We will begin at 5 p.m. with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (priests will be available to hear confessions in English, Spanish, and Portuguese). At 7 p.m. we will celebrate Holy Mass and Fr. Mike will offer his reflection. We'll conclude with fellowship in the hall. Come for part or all of this evening.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12, 6-8 p.m. (St. Mary's). This celebration of Mary will begin with the Rosary of the Americas at 6 p.m. followed by Holy Mass in Mary's honor. We will gather in the school hall after Mass.

Breakfast with Santa, Dec. 14, 9 a.m.-noon (Good Shepherd). Come and join for a wonderful breakfast together as a community. Santa Claus will be present and available for pictures. Cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Holiday Polish Food Sale, Dec. 21, (St. Stan's). St. Stan's holds its annual holiday Polish Food Sale. Members of the parish have been working hard for a month making pierogi, and golumpki and other polish treats. Order forms must be returned by Dec. 15 and food pickup is Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Blue Christmas Mass, Dec. 23, 6 p.m. (St. Mary's). The holidays are a particularly difficult time for anyone who has lost a loved one – especially if it was recent. This beautiful Mass acknowledges that grief in the midst of this season. We will pray for all our loved ones who have gone home to Heaven.

Join us and make this a truly holy Advent season!

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.

"Angels of Love" Once again Good Shepherd will be encircling the Church during the time of Advent and Christmas with the names of those people closest to our hearts on our "Angels of Love". Each "Angel" can be purchased for \$3.00 and can be used to remember anyone either living or deceased. Forms can be found at the back of all parishes. Just fill out the form, place it in an envelope with payment and either drop it into the collection basket or drop it off at the rectory

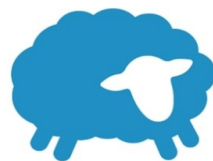


12 Days of Christmas Raffle (St. Mary's Cathedral)



Tickets for the Cathedral 12 Days of Christmas Raffle were distributed in the bulletins and can be obtained at the entrance of each of our collaborative churches. Prizes will be drawn each day after Mass at the Cathedral from Christmas Day to Epiphany. Cash prizes total \$740 and other prizes and certificates have a total value of \$525. Raffle tickets are \$12 with 12 chances to win. Please place your ticket stub and donation in the collection basket or return to the rectory no later than Dec. 22. Proceeds will benefit our Faith Formation Program. We are still seeking donations to fund the cash prizes and volunteers to help- call Madeleine Grace 508-678-1054 for information.

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having you as part of our flock



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TOTAL of COLLECTIONS—weekend of November 24:



St. Mary's Cathedral:	\$ 1979.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 586.00
Good Shepherd:	\$ 1895.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 821.00
St. Stanislaus:	\$ 1364.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 1035.05

Thank you and God bless you all!

PLEASE NOTE: The collections for December 1 will appear in the December 15th bulletin—again because of early transmittal. Thank you.

The **Bake Sale** held last weekend at the Cathedral brought in a grand total of \$660.45 for the Cathedral Relief Services for which they are most grateful. Thank you to Madeleine Grace for organizing this fundraising event and for all those who baked, helped to set up and work, bought baked goods or supported us in any way. God bless you!

The **Prayer Blanket ministry** will meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 12 noon. Bring your own lunch.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS: O Mary, our Immaculate Mother... We need your immaculate gaze, to rediscover the ability to look upon persons and things with respect and awareness... We need your immaculate heart, to love freely, without secondary aims but seeking the good of the other... We need your immaculate hands, to caress with tenderness, to touch the flesh of Jesus in our poor, sick, or despised brethren, to raise up those who have fallen and support those who waver... We need your immaculate feet, to go toward those who know not how to make the first step, to walk on the paths of those who are lost, to find those who feel alone. ~Excerpt from Pope Francis' *Prayer for the Immaculate Conception, 2016*

Respect Life Prayer Intention May our Blessed Mother help us trust in God, that we may peacefully care for those whose lives are entrusted to us.

CATHEDRAL RELIEF SERVICES: We prepared 65 distribution bags and distributed 42 bags on November 24th. Please continue to support this most needed outreach project. We thank our scouts for their generous donation of non perishable items. To restock our shelves we need the following items: pasta & sauce, hearty soups & stews, canned fish, meats & vegetables, cereal & oatmeal, non refrigerated milk. Thanks!

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.

SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY

If school is **canceled**, all Masses and church functions are cancelled and the office is closed. If school is **delayed** morning Masses are canceled (St. Stanislaus, Good Shepherd), noon Mass (Cathedral) will take place as usual. Office opening is delayed.

ADVENT GIVING TREE at the CATHEDRAL



Please take a tag or tags from the tree at the Church entrance and 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!

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. You must be signed up with Fr. Tom to attend. Limited to 10 people per dinner. Anyone can attend. The dinners for December and January are now filled. February dinner will be February 15. Sign up today. Come and 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

Good Shepherd St Vincent de Paul We would like to extend our sincere and deepest gratitude to our parishioners and the students of St Stanislaus for making our Thanksgiving Basket distribution so successful. We were able to distribute over 30 baskets and we have a good start for our Christmas distribution. Please let us know if you know of anyone who is need of a Christmas Basket. We are also gathering needs for our Christmas Giving Tree let us know if you know anyone who is in need. Again thank you for helping us to serve those in need.

Bishop Connolly High School will hold the HSPT placement exam for prospective students on Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 8 a.m. at BCHS. Pre-Registration is not required. Exam fee is \$20. Please call BCHS at 508.676.1071 x333 for more information

UNITED INTERFAITH ACTION OPEN HOUSE, Jan. 9

United Interfaith Action will hold an open house on Thursday, January 9th from 5:30-7:30pm (doors open at 5pm, dinner served at 5:30pm, program begins at 6pm) at the Frederick Douglass Unity House at UMass, Dartmouth. We will gather to learn about UIA and its mission and also to share in conversation about how we can put our faith in action together in the year ahead. All are welcome!

BLUE CHRISTMAS MASS On Monday, December 23 rd at 6:00 p.m. we will celebrate a Blue Christmas Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption. Our Blue Christmas Mass offers special recognition of the struggles that many people face during this season. Its somber tone also testifies to the struggles of Mary, Joseph and Jesus that are often overlooked. For those experiencing any loss (of a loved one, a marriage, a job, etc.) let us pray together



as we acknowledge the struggles that we all face, while providing a safe place of rest, comfort and healing. acknowledge the struggles that we all face, while providing a safe place of rest, comfort and healing.

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 are held 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, general assistance with maintenance. Position is approximately 15-20 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

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, please contact the Rectory. Anticipated thanks.

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.



NOVEMBER MASS COUNTS

Each year every parish in the diocese conducts the November Mass counts. This helps the diocese, and us, have a sense of how things are progressing in the various parishes. Here are the results of this year's Mass count:

For our Collaborative: On average, 1,259 people attend Mass every weekend in the parishes of the Catholic Community of Fall River.

Parish by parish, here's how it looks. These numbers are averages for each Mass time and then the over all average for the weekend:

St. Mary's Cathedral Parish:

Saturday:

4:00 p.m. Mass: 140

7:00 p.m. Mass (Brazilian): 95

Sunday:

10:00 a.m. Mass: 184

12:30 p.m. Mass (Spanish): 175

6:00 p.m. Mass (Youth): 108

Total average weekly Mass attendance: 702

Good Shepherd Parish:

4:00 p.m. Mass: 154

9:00 a.m. Mass: 206

11:30 a.m. Mass (Portuguese): 89

Total average weekly Mass attendance: 449

St. Stanislaus Parish:

11:00 a.m. Mass: 108

Total average weekly Mass attendance: 108

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, Dec. 12

Join us at St. Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, December 12 to celebrate the beautiful Feast of Our Lady Of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. Our celebration will include 6:00 p.m. Rosary of the Americas followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 p.m. and social gathering after Mass. The celebration will be multi-lingual.



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



MSGR Jean A. Prevost Council 12380

are hosting a blood drive in conjunction with the Red Cross Saturday, Dec 14 from 9 am-2 pm at Our Lady of Grace Church in Westport. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code:FALLRIVERKOC to schedule appointment.

COFFEE and PASTRY at GOOD SHEPHERD

Coffee and Pastry will be served in the hall at Good Shepherd on Sunday, December 22 after the 9:00 Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend.



Sunday, December 8—4:30-7:00pm
Life Night “Minute to Win it”
(St. Mary’s 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 after 9:00 Mass
Coffee and Pastry will be served in
(Good Shepherd Hall)

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

Team Leadership Group—Ages 14-18

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

Sunday, December 22 after 9:00 Mass
Coffee and Pastry will be served in
(Good Shepherd Hall)

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