

**MASS INTENTIONS –2018**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

4:00pm **Michael & Ellen Galvin**  
by Rita Galvin

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

7:30am **Paul Kroll**  
by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Favreau

10:00am **Norman Gallagher**  
by the Majikas family

**MONDAY, APRIL 23**

9:00am **Communion Service & Quiet Time**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24**

9:00am **Daily Mass**  
**Paul Kroll** by Ronald LeBlanc family

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**

9:00am **Daily Mass**  
**Sisters of St. Joseph**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28**

4:00pm **Marcelle Windward**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29**

7:30am **Paulita Santos** by Meg Chase,  
Lucy Reale & Kathy Codianna

10:00am **Donald “Doc” Mitchell**  
by Marcelle Windward

10:00am **George Garney Jr. - 21st Anniversary**  
by family

**WOMEN’S DAY RETREAT– SWEET LIFE CAFE**  
**ST. RICHARD CHURCH - APRIL 29TH**



Join us for our Women’s Day Retreat on April 29th from 11:00am-5:00pm at St. Richard’s Church! All women are welcome! Registration Forms are available at

all Church entrances. \$40 Fee includes all materials and lunch. For more information or to have a Registration Form emailed to you contact: [cheryl-roy@me.com](mailto:cheryl-roy@me.com) or phone 978-422-6026

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21**

**NO CCD Assigned Classes.....Spring Break**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22**

**Sister Village Coffee.....7:30-9:30am**  
**PreK-K Assigned Classes .....9:50am-11:00am**  
**CCD Gr. 9.....10:00am Mass-Noon**

**MONDAY, APRIL 23**

**Food Pantry.....10:00am-Noon**  
**CCD Assigned Classes.....4:30pm-5:45pm**  
**6:00pm-7:15pm**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24**

**CCD Assigned Classes.....4:30pm-5:45pm**  
**6:00pm-7:15pm**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26**

**Food Pantry.....10:00am-Noon**  
**Nar-Anon.....7:15pm**  
**AA Meeting.....8:00pm**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28**

**CCD Assigned Classes.....9:30am-10:45am**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29**

**No Sister Village Coffee**  
**PreK-K Assigned Classes .....9:50am-11:00am**  
**CCD Gr. 9.....10:00am Mass-Noon**  
**Sweet Life Café Retreat..... 11:00am-5:00pm**

**SAVE THE DATE FOR “TRIVIA KNIGHT”**

The St. Richard Knights of Columbus will be holding their famous “Trivia Knight” on Saturday, May 26th from 6:00pm-10:00pm at the Leominster Eagles Club at 456 Litchfield St. Leominster, MA. There will be a Silent Auction, raffle prizes and lots of fun. More information will be coming soon, so save the date on your calendar.

**ST. RICHARD SCHOLARSHIP FORMS FOR 2018 GRADUATING SENIORS ARE AVAILABLE**

If you are a graduating senior this year, forms are now available at the rectory office for the St. Richard Scholarship. Applications must be returned by the deadline date of May 1, 2018.

Dear Parishioners,  
Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, one of the most beloved images of the Lord. It reminds us of the personal love that God has for each and every one of us.



I think we have this celebration of the Good Shepherd during the Easter Season because it speaks louder than any theology or homily. It speaks about the “presence” of God.

This holy presence comes through creation, people, sacraments, and history. It is the power of the Catholic imagination, the way we see the world. The world is filled with the presence of God, we are so used to it, we take it for granted.

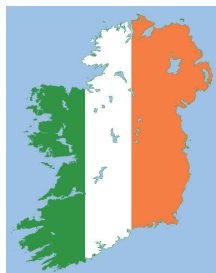
This imagination is captured in poetry and literature and film. It is not by accident that “The Force”, in the Star Wars movies, is similar to our God. Both are in the great cosmic battle between good and evil. “May the Force be with you”, is almost verbatim in the greeting we hear at Mass, “The Lord be with you.”

Listen and observe: God is everywhere. This is why we are Easter People. Look at nature, especially the budding of Spring (if it ever comes)! Someone once said that G.O.D. stands for: Go Out Doors. May the Good Shepherd bless you, may the “Force be with you.”

Keep the Faith,  
Father S.

### **ST. RICHARD’S TOUR OF IRELAND**

Reservations are still available for the Tour of Ireland Trip scheduled for September 7-15, 2018. The \$2,895 per person fee includes flights, transfers, luxury coach tour, local guides, 7 nights in Great Hotels, breakfasts, dinners and a wonderful agenda. If you are interested and want more information go to [www.TheWorldTour.org](http://www.TheWorldTour.org) or call 888-828-0096 .



## **CCD NEWS AND INFORMATION**

**Director of Religious Education – Susan Gallivan**  
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### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- **First Communion: Thursday, May 3rd – practice 4:30pm-5:30pm for parents & students**
- **First Communion Mass: Saturday, May 5th at 10am; please arrive by 9:30am**

### **YOGA WILL BE STARTING AGAIN AT ST. RICHARD**

Good news for all who participated in the Yoga program. Classes will be starting up again in May. If interested, contact Jennifer Davidson at: [j.davidson@comcast.net](mailto:j.davidson@comcast.net) for dates and times.

### **CCD REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2018**

Our CCD Registration is going well. Thank you to all who remembered to sign their children up for the Fall classes. If parents still need to sign up, registration forms are on our website at: [www.strichardsterling.org](http://www.strichardsterling.org) under the heading of Religious Education. Please get your forms in as soon as possible.

### **CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

St. Richard’s will be starting a new program in the Fall for PreK and 3&4 year olds who are “potty” trained. This program is called the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. It will be held on Wednesday mornings from 10:30am-Noon. God and children have a unique relationship with one another particularly before the age of six. The growth of this relationship will be nurtured by specially trained adults, but ultimately it is directed by the Spirit of God within the child. Any child signed up for our PreK/K program is also welcome to attend. Children will learn a hands on approach to reverence and respect of the Mass.

### **FREE LIGHT BULBS TODAY ONLY**

The packages of light bulbs that you see in the sanctuary were given to the church and we are passing them on to you. They are energy efficient bulbs, of course! Make your home a brighter place. Help yourself after Mass.

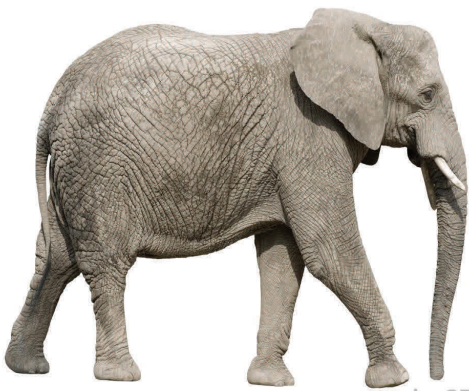


# ***“Feed My Sheep!”***

***“Since the beginning of the Food Pantry (5 years) here at St. Richard, it is estimated that around 65,000 lbs. or 32.5 tons of food has been donated by Parishioners and Friends!”***

## **HOW AMAZING IS THAT!!!!!!!**

***That weight is equivalent to:***



**5.4**

**Male African  
Elephants**



**2.5**

**Large  
Dump Trucks**



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**Humpback  
Whale**

# **THANK YOU**

**FOR YOUR GENEROSITY AND KINDNESS  
IN FOLLOWING IN JESUS' FOOTSTEPS !**