

## MASS INTENTIONS – 2019

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

4:00pm **Bernard Gaughan**  
by Kathy & Mike Chiavaras

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

7:30am Parishioners of St. Richard  
10:00am **Francis Labusky** by family  
10:00am **William Olson** – 2nd Anniversary  
By family  
10:00am **Alice J. McCarthy** by family

### MONDAY, JANUARY 14

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

9:00am **Daily Mass**

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00am **Daily Mass**

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

4:00pm **James Richards** by the Alpha Team

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

7:30am Parishioners of St. Richard  
10:00am **Paul Kroll** by friends of Alpha

### BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” (Luke 3:16)*

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

CCD Assigned Classes Gr. 1.....9:30am-10:45am

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Sister Village Coffee.....7:30am-9:00am  
PreK-K Assigned Classes.....9:45am-11:00am  
CCD. Gr.9 (includes Mass).....10:00am-Noon  
Travel Presentation for Italy Trip (church hall).....  
1:00pm

### MONDAY, JANUARY 14

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

Yoga.....9:30am-10:30am  
Catechesis of Good Shepherd.....10:30am-Noon  
Knights of Columbus.....7:30pm  
Grief Support Group (pre-registration required)  
in downstairs chapel.....6:00pm-7:30pm

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

NO CCD Assigned Classes Gr. 1.....MLK Holiday

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Sister Village Coffee.....7:30am-9:00am  
No PreK-K Assigned Classes.....MLK Holiday  
No CCD. Gr.9 (includes Mass).....MLK Holiday

### PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY SHRINES OF ITALY

Fr. Richard Lewandowski will host a pilgrimage to Italy from October 29, 2019 through November 8, 2019. Highlights include: Rome, Assisi, Tomb of Padre Pio, San Giovanni Rotondo, Vatican City, and a Papal Audience. A presentation detailing the pilgrimage will take place on Sunday, Jan. 13th at 1:00pm at St. Richard’s Church Hall, 4 Bridge Street, Sterling, MA. For more information, call Fr. Lewandowski at 978-833-3354.

Dear Parishioners,

At Mass today, you will be given a flyer describing something new! Once a month, on the First Wednesday at Noon, we will hold the Daily Mass upstairs in the church. It will be called a "Mass of Healing: We will begin on Wednesday, February 6, 2019.

Prayer is good...no arguments there! This will create a special time and place for all of us — those who can attend and everyone else!

Sometimes, we pray better and more often if we have some special prayers to use. Here is one:

***Gracious God, loving parent, you watch over us like a mother with her children. You have created a world for us with a richness, a beauty beyond description.***

***Provider of peace, we pray for peace.***

***We pray for peace in our world. Not just the peace of no warfare, but the peace, the shalom, the salaam, that is peace with justice for all people.***

***We pray for a world where children get the food and health care they need.***

***We pray for a world where resources are shared equitably with all.***

***We pray for a world where our swords are beaten into plowshares, a world where people smile often.***

***Spirit of Life, we bring our prayer to you. AMEN.***

Keep the faith,  
Father S.

### **THEOLOGY ON TAP COMES TO GARDNER**

Young adults (college age through their 30s) are invited to join us for a Theology on Tap gathering on **Friday, January 25 at 7:00 pm** at Williams Restaurant, 184 Pearson Blvd in Gardner (Just off of Rt. 2). Join us for a lively conversation facilitated by Fr. Stephen Lundrigan on ***Faith and Science: Can they Coexist?*** Free Appetizers will be provided, and a Cash Bar will be available.



## **CCD NEWS AND INFORMATION**

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### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- **February 9, 2019 - Valentine Dinner Fundraiser to defer costs for students participating in the Catholic Heart Workcamp. 5:00pm-8:00pm**

### **GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP AT ST. RICHARD**



The 10 -week Grief Support Program will begin on January 16, 2019 from 6:00-7:30pm. The Program facilitator is Peggye Arcouette, MSW, LCSW, BC. If you are interested in participating, contact her at: 508-735-6634 or email: arcopeg4@gmail.com

### **CATHOLIC GIRLS CLUB**

The Catholic Girls Club meets on the **third Saturday of the month from 2-3 pm** between October and May. At this club, we discuss a female saint or Marian feast day and then do a corresponding craft or activity. Our location is at the Emmaus Center across from Sacred Heart Church in Webster, (please use Day Street entrance). The club is open to girls ages 6 and up. There are no fees or long-term commitments. On **January 19** we will meet to discuss the life of St. Agnes. You can sign up online and ask any questions to Melissa McDonald at kyleandmelissa2004@gmail.com. Please join us and meet some wonderful ladies!



### **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

Did you know that in Dioceses throughout the United States, **January 22** is designated as a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Human Life? As individuals, we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms, in a way similar to our Lenten practices. Learn more about how you can participate at <https://www.worcesterdiocese.org/jan-22-day-of-prayer>.



# VALENTINE DINNER FUNDRAISER

to benefit St. Richard Youth participating in the  
Catholic Heart Workcamp Mission Trip in July.

**Date: *Saturday, February 9, 2019***

**Time: *5:00pm-8:00pm***

**Cocktail hour: *5:00pm-6:00pm***

**Place: *St. Richard Church Hall***

**Tickets: *\$45 per adult***

***Tickets must be purchased in advance & are available at the  
rectory office. Seating Limited to 48 Adults. Checks should be  
made out to: St. Richard's Youth Ministry.***

***Raffle tickets for unique specialty items will be available for purchase.  
(\$1 per ticket; \$5 for 6 tickets)***

## MENU

### APPETIZERS:

Shrimp Cocktail;  
Fruit; cheese & Crackers

### MAIN COURSE CHOICE:

*(choose one)*

Scallops *(pan-seared with lemon  
herb beurre blanc and gremolotta)*

Chicken Picatta

Roast Tenderloin *(with red wine  
demi glaze)*

### SIDES:

Roasted medley of root  
vegetables;  
Roasted garlic & parmesan  
Yukon Gold mashed potatoes;  
Garden salad

### DESSERT:

Chocolate Mousse

Tea/Coffee/Soft Drinks  
Red & White Wine