Catholic Community
Of New Bedford North
St. Joseph-St. Therese—St. Mary—Our Lady of Fatima

“PARTNERING IN MISSION”

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil:
4:00 p.m. – St. Joseph-St. Therese
4:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Fatima

Sunday:
7:30 a.m. – St. Joseph-St. Therese
9:00 a.m. – Our Lady of Fatima
10:30 a.m. – St. Mary’s
7:00 p.m. – St. Mary’s

WEEKDAYS:
Monday 8AM    St. Mary’s
Tuesday 8AM    St. Joseph-St. Therese
Wednesday 8AM  Our Lady of Fatima
Thursday 8AM   St. Joseph-St. Therese
Friday 8AM     St. Mary’s

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 3-3:45 PM. — St. Joseph-St. Therese
3:15-3:45PM. — Our Lady of Fatima
Sunday 6:15-6:45PM — St. Mary

Adoration
Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet
7PM Tuesdays at Our Lady of Fatima

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VISION STATEMENT
To renew the presence of Christ in our Community by being disciples and stewards of Jesus Christ.

The Churches are Handicap accessible.
Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls in this week's Mass intention; for the souls in Purgatory; and for the deceased of our parish.

This Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday  Mar 21
4:00PM  (SJST)  Beatrice Lyonnais (Daughter, Diane)
4:00PM  (OLOF)  People of the Collaborative

Sunday  Mar 22
7:30AM  (SJST)  Marie-Ange Levesque (Elizabeth Resendes)
9:00AM  (OLOF)  Lucia da Costa, Antonio & Steven da Ponte, Arthur Freitas, Cecilia Pereira, Luis Ferreira, & Maria Mello (Family)
10:30AM  (SMNB)  Hugh Murray (His wife, Hazel)
7:00PM  (SMNB)  Community Mass: Joao Gaspar

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday  Mar 23
12:00PM  (SMNB)  Walter Kuczewski, 23rd Ann (His sister)

Tuesday  Mar 24
12:00PM  (SMNB)  Sally Aguiar (Her mother)

Wednesday  Mar 25
12:00PM  (SMNB)  Paulette Dumas (Her friend, June)

Thursday  Mar 26
12:00PM  (SMNB)  Eleanor Gauthier (Her husband Joe & son Walter)

Friday  Mar 27
12:00PM  (SMNB)  Norma J. Dupre (Carole Cieto)

Next Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday  Mar 28
4:00PM  (SJST)  Community Mass:
  Manuel V. DeBarros, Matthew D. Edward-Camara,
  Alfred McDonald, Dennis Arsenault, 25th Ann.,
  Carreau, Gonet & Marcotte Families
  Claire Methot, 1st Ann., Pauline Renaud, Birthday Rem.

        4:00PM  (OLOF)  Rachel Jussaume, 1st Ann. (Her husband & family)

Sunday  Mar 29
7:30AM  (SJST)  People of the Collaborative
9:00AM  (OLOF)  Jacinto Cordeiro, Maria J. Medeiros, Jose Pimentel,
              M/M Manuel Resendes, M/M Jose Cordeiro (Family)
10:30AM  (SMNB)  David Britton (Family)
7:00PM  (SMNB)  Jean Ciminello & Dr. Vito Ciminello (Family)

EASTER (Paschal) CANDLE is still available for Our Lady of Fatima.
If anyone wishes to donate it in memory of a loved one, please call the Central Office at 508-995-3593 if interested.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**ST MARYS**
The Hosts for the month of March are offered in memory of ___________

14-day Memorial Candles:
In Memory of Hazel Correia, 8th Ann. By her husband and family.
In Memory of Lorraine Trial by Louis & Louise Trial.

Icon Candle: In Memory of Francisco Pereira by Celeste Dos Santos by Family.

**ST JOSEPH-ST THERESE**
The Hosts for the month of March are offered in memory of ___________.

14-day Memorial Candles:
(Church) In memory of Oscar Freitas & Family at the request of his family.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**
The Hosts for the month of March are offered in memory of _____________.

14-day Memorial Candles:
In memory of _____________.

Our Lady of Fatima Icon Candle is in memory of the Jacob Fabian by Normand & Diane Savoie.

**Mass Book:** The Mass Book is now open for Mass intentions, Hosts, Sanctuary Lamp & Icon Candles for the months of July, August & September.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Congratulations on the birth of your child! The church celebrates with you and is ready to prepare you if this is your FIRST child being baptized at our Parishes. A welcoming instruction for parents and god-parents is required. Please call the Administrative office to schedule the preparatory meeting and sacramental celebration.

**INITIATION OF ADULTS:** Adults expressing an interest in becoming Catholic are invited to search through our RCIA formation process. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

**FAITH FORMATION:** Grades 1-9. First Eucharist is a two year program, grades 1 and 2. Confirmation is a two year program, grades 8 & 9.

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:** Congratulations on your engagement! Please speak to Fr. Raposo at least one year in advance of the intended date to allow adequate time for Parish and Diocesan Marriage preparation.

**FOR OUR HOME-BOUND:** Contact the Parish Office to receive Holy Communion at home if you are confined.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** May be received after any weekday Mass or by appointment.

**MASS ATTENDANCE**

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During these challenging times when there are concerns about exposure or spread of a virus, consider Online Giving as a convenient option to financially support your parish since we are unable to attend church in person.

With Online Giving, you can continue to support your church and its mission from any location. Please go to participating churches’ website and follow directions for online giving.

Second Collection (next weekend 3/28-29) is for Education Assistance.

**March 15, 2020**

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Attending one of our Collaborative churches? When making your donation please make sure to put it in an envelope marked with the church you are registered at so that your parish gets the donation. Remember loose cash goes to whatever
**Faith Formation**

As you are all aware of by now, all Masses and other gatherings in our Collaborative have been cancelled until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. This also means that our scheduled 1st Eucharist and Confirmation celebrations are on hold until life returns to normal. I realize that this is disappointing news but once our lives begin to emerge from this “extended Lent” we will on rescheduling these liturgies which I’m sure will be a welcomed sign of new birth in our community. Until then, please take advantage of information and links to live streaming Masses, prayer experiences, activities and other faith building media that we will be posting on our collaborative website (www.ccnbn.org), our Facebook page and/or our newly created YouTube channel (please give us a little time with that one!). If I can be of any assistance during this time please do not hesitate to contact me at faithformation@ccnbn.org. Stay safe - God is Good! Joanne Mercier

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**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all that Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees? (Our Sunday Visitor, ibid., page 8).

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**HOW DOES A PERSON BECOME A CATHOLIC**

“I have called you by name” Isaiah 43:1

“What is a holy moment? It is a moment when you do exactly what you sense God is calling you to do.

(Matthew Kelly)

Is this the moment that you know God is calling you to become fully initiated in the Catholic Faith. Are you ready to make yourself completely available to God at this moment? Take some time this week to seek information regarding the RCIA Program offered through the Catholic Community of New Bedford North by calling the office at 508-995-3593.

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**Jesus Christ Superstar**

Jesus Christ Superstar will NOT be performed as originally scheduled, however we have now confirmed that this show WILL be performed this fall. We will email you information on the new dates as soon as we have.

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**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT**

If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly.

If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives and loves you unconditionally, and so do we.

If you have been hurt by the church, we are truly sorry.

If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace.

If life becomes burdensome, we are happy to support you.

We are happy you are here and want you to stay.

Come visit us each week and worship God with us!
News Release

Statement of Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., Suspending the Celebration of Masses in the Fall River Diocese March 16, 2020

Out of concern for the health and well-being of all who reside in Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands and in response to the direction of public officials, I am suspending all public Masses and other liturgical services in the Diocese of Fall River effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 and continuing until further notice. This includes Masses of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

At the same time, I am issuing a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass during this time to all Catholics of the Diocese.

Exceptions are granted for the celebration of weddings and funerals, but attendance must be limited to immediate family members only, not to exceed 10 persons. Every effort must be made to follow precautions already announced in previous communications from the Diocese along with recommendations of public health officials.

I am asking that churches be open for a limited time during the day to the extent possible and at the discretion of the pastor to provide the faithful who still wish with an opportunity to visit for private prayer. Parishes should provide this information on their websites.

I strongly encourage our Catholics to pray at home and to seek out opportunities to participate in Masses available on television or online instead. Information is available on our website, www.fallriverdiocese.org.

The Mass is our central act of worship, the source and summit of our Catholic faith, and it goes without saying that this difficult decision was not made lightly. It was done after prayerful consideration of the critical health threat that now confronts us. The gravity of it demands that we take whatever action is needed, despite the hardship, for the good of the protection of all especially those who are most vulnerable at this time.

Please join me in prayer in these challenging days for all who are impacted by COVID-19 and in a special way for those who are sick and for those who work to combat the disease. I wish to entrust all of our people especially our sick and elderly to the protection of our Blessed Mother, Our Lady of the Assumption the patroness of our Diocese, so that under her motherly care we all may persevere in faith to support one another. Let us all pray that this may come to a quick end and normalcy may be restored.
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Solid Curriculum - Focus on 21st Century
Skills & Gospel Values - Strong Parent-School Communication - Affordable & Accessible

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Full Day Preschool for 3 & 4 Year olds
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Contact Principal Sue Massoud at smassoud@asc.dfrcs.org or 508-995-3696 for more information or to schedule a tour.

www.ascsnb.org

We invite you to visit All Saints Catholic School
and experience our intimate environment where students feel safe, welcomed and loved — and form friendships that last a lifetime.

Prayer to St. Thérèse, the Little Flower

O Glorious St. Thérèse, whom Almighty God has raised up to aid and inspire the human family, I implore your miraculous intercession. I fervently beseech you to answer my petition... (here state your request)... and to carry out your promises of spending Heaven doing good upon earth.

Little Flower of Jesus, give me your childlike faith, to see the face of God in all people and experiences of my life, and to love God with full confidence. Help me to always believe, as you did, in God's great love for me, so that I might imitate your “little way” each day. Amen.

“SERVICE IS THE PRICE WE PAY FOR BEARING THE NAME CHRISTIAN”

Women’s A.A.
Women’s Closed Meeting
Alcoholics Anonymous:
St. Joseph-St. Therese on
Saturdays in the parish hall from 9:00-10:15AM

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PLEASE PRAY FOR all of our parishioners who may be ill and for all of our family members or friends who are ill.

**O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of all people, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen**

**Knights of Columbus Damien Council #4190**
The Knights of Columbus Damien Council #4190 will be awarding Book Awards to deserving local students to assist with costs associated with attending public or private universities.
If you are or know a young man or woman worthy to receive such an award, applications are available in the Central Office if you are interested in fill one out. Applications may be submitted by mail or email to kofcdamiencouncil@gmail.com
Please note that the program is limited and available only to high school seniors who reside in towns of Acushnet, Fairhaven, New Bedford, Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester and who regularly attend their local Catholic Church.
**The deadline for submission is April 30, 2020.**

**St. Mary’s Church**
Open for private Prayer
From 9:00AM—3:00PM
Please use the Central Office Entrance