

## **Catholic Community**

## Of New Bedford North

St. Joseph-St. Therese—St. Mary—Our Lady of Fatima



## "PARTNERING IN MISSION"





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#### VISION STATEMENT

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



The Churches are Handicap accessible.

## **Weekend Masses**

## Saturday Vigil:

4:00 p.m. - St. Mary's

## Sunday:

8:00 a.m. - St. Mary's

10:30 a.m. - St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. - St. Mary's

#### **WEEKDAYS:**

Monday	8AM	St. Mary's
Tuesday	8AM	St. Mary's
Wednesday	8AM	St. Mary's
Thursday	8AM	St. Mary's
Friday	8AM	St. Mary's

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

3:15— 3:45PM — St. Mary Saturday Sunday 6:15— 6:45PM — St. Mary

#### **Adoration & Holy Hour** Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

7PM Tuesdays at Our Lady of Fatima Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available

## January 31, 2021

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

<u>Your prayers</u> 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	Jan (30)	4:00PM	(SMNB)	Community Mass: Manuel, Liduina & Vasco Resendes,	
				& Joseph Pimental	
Sunday	Jan (31)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	People of the Collaborative	
		10:30AM	(SMNB)	James Fonseca (Gomes Family)	
		7:00PM	(SMNB)	James Sylvia (Joseph Correia)	

#### Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday	Feb (01)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Adelino De Sousa (Maria Alves)
Tuesday	Feb (02)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Pauline Gregoire, Birthday Rem. (Family)
Wednesday	Feb (03)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Rev. Kevin Harrington
Thursday	Feb (04)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Mary Ellen Heed, Birthday Rem.
				(Her grandson, Benjamin Heed)
Friday	Feb (05)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Florence Texeira (Friends)

#### **Next Weekend Mass Intentions**

Saturday	Feb (06)	4:00PM	(SMNB)	Vasco Resendes (Belmira Pimentel)	
Sunday	Feb (07)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Community Mass: Manuel, Liduina & Vasco Resendes,	
				Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cordeiro & Children, Joe Pimental	
10:30AM <b>(SMNB</b> )		(SMNB)	People of the Collaborative		
7:00PM <b>(SMNB)</b>		(SMNB)	Family & Friends (Lucille Allain)		

It is important that you note which Mass you attend. Should anyone test positive for Covid-19 you may need to be notified.

#### Almighty and Eternal God,

Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides. May he encourage due respect for virtue and religion. May he execute the laws with justice and mercy. May he seek to restrain crime, vice, and immorality.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### STMARY'S

The Hosts for the month of February are offered in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

#### 14-day Memorial Candles:

In Memory of Lazaro Rosa by his wife & family.

In Memory of Mark & Bill Arabasz by the Family.

**Icon Candle:** In memory of

The Mass Book for the months of April, May & June of 2021 is now open.

Anyone wishing to dedicate candles or hosts in memory of a loved one, please call the Catholic Community of New Bedford North central office at 508-995-3593.

Hosts, Memorial Candles & Icon Candles still available for all churches.

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

#### ST JOSEPH-ST THERESE



#### 14-day Memorial Candles:

In Memory of family & friends of the Bernardo Family.

#### **OUR LADY OF FATIMA**



#### 14-day Memorial Candles:

In memory of

Icon Candle in memory of

Each parish in the collaborative can now accept



donations online through the collaborative website at www.ccnbn.org please click on online giving and choose your parish. I realize many people are struggling financially during this crisis, however, I hope that many will find a way to support their parish

with whatever they can afford at this time. God bless you and keep you safe.

## January 24, 2021

CHURCH	FIRST	SECOND	ONLINE
OLF	\$601.00	\$202.00	\$10.00
SMNB	\$3353.00	\$482.00	\$751.59
SJST	\$1612.00	\$442.00	\$533.20

2nd Collection this weekend (01-30/31) is for Diocesan Tax Assessment.

2nd Collection next weekend (02-06/07) is for Home Missions.

**Please note:** Even though we are a collaborative we are separate entities. Therefore, when making your donation using a check, please make the check payable to the church you want to receive your donation and **not to CCNBN**. Thank You

## **WEEKLY PRAYER**

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021**

SUN 1/31 Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

MON **2/01** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

TUE 2/02 Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

WED **2/03** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

THR **2/04** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/

Mk 6:7-13

FRI **2/05** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

SAT 2/06 Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

SUN 2/07 |b 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19,

22-23/Mk 1:29-39

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31, 2021**

**Sunday:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

**Tuesday:** The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life

Wednesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Friday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

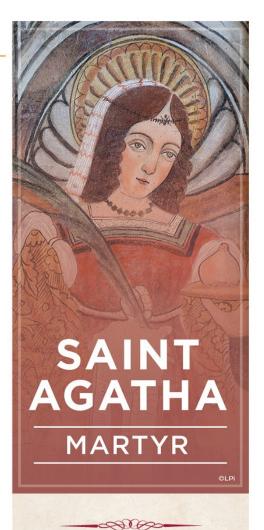
Saturday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

**Sunday:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

#### Inspiration for the week

Most of us are not trail blazers. Throughout history though, there have been many folks who tirelessly and persistently pursued the promptings of their hearts without giving any care to what others thought or trends dictated. Jesus is one of them. St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis of Assisi are examples of others. The rest of us are people who take a more measured look at things, want to test the waters, and take our time choosing what path or person to follow. We need credible witnesses of faith. We need the Moses people in our lives to show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose-driven life looks like. They are the pointers to truth, who even though they struggle themselves, seem to embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and caught the attention of the greatest of skeptics. They were astonished. Even though we need our human prophets we can also be somewhat prophetic ourselves by putting integrity and conviction behind our embrace of the Gospel. Perhaps much to our surprise, we all have the power to be a credible witness. Are you willing to give it a try?



Everything and everyone is won by the sweetness of our words and works.

-ST. JOHN BOSCO

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## Catholic Community of New Bedford North

## LITURGICAL LIFE

# RESPONDING Call

#### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

#### **Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments**

**Embracing Change in Christ** 

It's officially one month since we popped the champagne, toasted 2021 and wrote down a list of resolutions. This is usually the time when we start to take a good, hard look in the mirror to assess what we have done — or have not done — with the first month of this brand-new year.

New years can be scary, can't they? Full of promise, sure, but also full of room for failure. Full of space for our old baggage, old fears and the continuation of old mistakes.

The same can be said of Christ, and the new life he offers us, if we are brave enough to accept it. Opportunities like that can be intimidating. In that moment, we might find ourselves like the man with the unclean spirit crying out: "What have you to do with me, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us?"

Jesus is a comforter of the afflicted; he is a consoling figure, but he is also a challenging one. Sometimes we have grown attached to our afflictions. The idea of correcting bad habits or forming new ones is frankly terrifying to us. We have a voice deep inside who sees Christ and his invitation to repentance, and it cries out in fear: "I know who you are!"

When we live in the present, disavowing the baggage of the past or fear of the future, we submit ourselves to the promise of redemption. Let us be brave everyday stewards and invite Christ's healing power into our lives. We won't regret it — I'm sure the demoniac never did.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

Our parish is grateful for your continued support. Thank you!





## WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

#### Question:

I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

#### Answer:

The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us "no!" This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life-dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just "re-collect" ourselves. If some worry or concern just won't leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won't come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds.



PLEASE NOTE: All classes will be online - even if your schedule says otherwise - for the foreseeable future. The bold ones below have added time for that week.

This week's schedule (all online): Sunday, 1/31

9-9:40am - Eucharist 1 & 2, Grade 5

9-10am - Grades 3 & 4 Circle of Grace Lesson

11:30am to 12:20pm - Grades 6 & 7

11:30am to 12:30pm - Confirmation 1 & 2

Next week's schedule (all online):

Sunday, 2/7

9-10am - Eucharist 2 Circle of Grace Lesson

9-9:40am – Eucharist 1, Grades 3, 4 & 5

11:30am to 12:20pm - Grades 6 & 7

11:30am to 12:30pm - Confirmation 1

11:30am to 1pm - Confirmation 2

Parents – please be sure you watched the **Faith in 5** videos from the last three weeks for important information on the Circle of Grace Safe Environment program we are using this year. If you have any concerns or questions, contact Joanne Mercier at <a href="mailto:faithformation@ccnbn.org">faithformation@ccnbn.org</a>. Thanks!

#### **Upcoming Parent Meetings**

February 9 – Eucharist 2 February 16 – Eucharist 1 February 23 – Confirmation 1 March 2 – Confirmation 2

All meetings will be on Zoom beginning at 6:30pm.

More information to come.

#### 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.

#### **COLLABORATIVE STAFF**

Rev. John A. Raposo Co-Pastor & Moderator

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Mr. Mike White ......Custodian SM

"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

## ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL PRESCHOOL—GRADE 8



SAFE, NURTURING, TECHNOLOGY RICH,
CATHOLIC ENVIRONMENT
SOLID CURRICULUM - FOCUS ON 21ST
CENTURY SKILLS & GOSPEL VALUES STRONG PARENT-SCHOOL
COMMUNICATION ~ AFFORDABLE &
ACCESSIBLE

## EXTENDED CARE AVAILABLE 6:30AM—5:30PM FULL DAY PRESCHOOL FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

COME & SEE THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR YOUR CHILD TO GROW & SUCCEED IN AN ACTIVE, FAITH-FILLED COMMUNITY OF LEARNERS!

Contact Principal Sue Massoud at smassoud@ascs.dfrcs.org or 508-995-3696 for more information or to schedule a tour.

www.ascsnb.org



**Open Enrollment - February 8th** 

#### READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Grass stains. Tomato sauce. Brightly colored fruit drinks. When these nasty stains stick to your clothes, it is tough to get them out. Regular soap won't work. You need something stronger, Jesus is really strong, too. In today's Gospel, a nasty evil spirit screamed when it saw Jesus. Jesus was so powerful, he cleaned that evil spirit right out.

#### PRAYER

God, you are much stronger than evil. Nothing is too hard for you to clean.

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Make a new label for your family's stain pre-treatment bottle. Trace around the bottle, write Mark 1:21-28 in big letters, and decorate your label with a picture of Jesus. Tape your new label to the bottle so you and your parents remember how strong Jesus is.

#### **KIDS CORNER**

Unscramble words from today's Gospel.

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sunday, January 31, 2021  $\,\mid\,$  4th sunday in ordinary time

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