



# 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. Mary's

#### ***Sunday:***

8:00 a.m. — St. Mary's

10:30 a.m. — St. Mary's

7:00 p.m. — St. Mary's

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#### ***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***

Saturday	3:15— 3:45PM	— St. Mary
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

### ***VISION STATEMENT***

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



The Churches are Handicap accessible.

# February 14, 2021

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## MASS INTENTIONS

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	Feb (13)	4:00PM	(SMNB)	Bertha Farias (Adelino & Janet Sousa)
Sunday	Feb (14)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Filomena Santos (Frank & Lucy Resendes)
		10:30AM	(SMNB)	Community Mass: Cecile Silveira, 17th Ann., Manuel, Liduina & Vasco Resendes, M/M Jose Cordeiro & Children, Jose Pimental, Derrick Medeiros & Maria B. Graca
		7:00PM	(SMNB)	People of the Collaborative

### Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday	Feb (15)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Laurie Letourneau (Louis & Louise Trial)
Tuesday	Feb (16)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Roger Savaria (His wife, Theresa)



Wednesday	Feb (17)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Richard Landreville, 16th Ann. (His wife, Annette Landreville)
		12:00PM	(SMNB)	Christopher Gallant
		7:00PM	(SMNB)	People of the Collaborative
Thursday	Feb (18)	12:00PM	(SMNB)	Roger Root (His wife, Pat & family)
Friday	Feb (19)	12:00PM	(SMNB)	Mark Jupin, Birthday Rem. (Family)

### Next Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday	Feb (20)	4:00PM	(SMNB)	People of the Collaborative
Sunday	Feb (21)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Souls in Purgatory
		10:30AM	(SMNB)	John G. & Marie-Ange Levesque (Family)
		7:00PM	(SMNB)	Community Mass: Joao Gaspar & Maria Ferreira

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



Monday, February 15, 2021  
**PRESIDENT'S DAY**  
CENTRAL OFFICE CLOSED

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## STMARY'S

The Hosts for the month of February are offered in memory of the Arabasz Family by the family.

### 14-day Memorial Candles:

In Memory of Joao Gaspar & Maria Ferreira by the 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 Roland Dawson by his wife, Pearl.



## 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](http://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.

## February 6/7, 2021

CHURCH	FIRST	SECOND	ONLINE
OLF	\$700.00	\$157.00	\$15.00
SMNB	\$2643.00	\$459.00	\$652.03
SJST	\$1096.00	\$162.00	\$653.20

2nd Collection this weekend (02/13-14) is for Maintenance Fund.

Ash Wednesday (2/17/2021) if for Evangelization

2nd Collection next weekend (02/20-21) is for Diocesan Assessment Tax.

**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



## Catholic Community of New Bedford North



### 8:00AM—12:00Noon—7:00PM Masses

Ashes will be distributed during the context of the Mass. For those who unable to attend or are uncomfortable attending Mass, ashes will be distributed after the Noon Mass until 1:00PM.

Remember that Ashes are a sacramental. No one is obliged to receive Ashes.

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Church calls for days of abstinence and fasting during Lent:

- Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays during Lent and Good Friday for those aged 14 and older;
- Fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those aged 18 to 59. Fasting is defined as eating only one full meal. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs.

Those who are not obliged to fast or abstain from meat are encouraged to join in those disciplines to the extent that they are able.

Catholics are urged to regard the Lenten season as a serious time for spiritual renewal by intensifying prayer, practicing works of piety, and seeking out opportunities for charity.

### FROM YOUR PASTORS

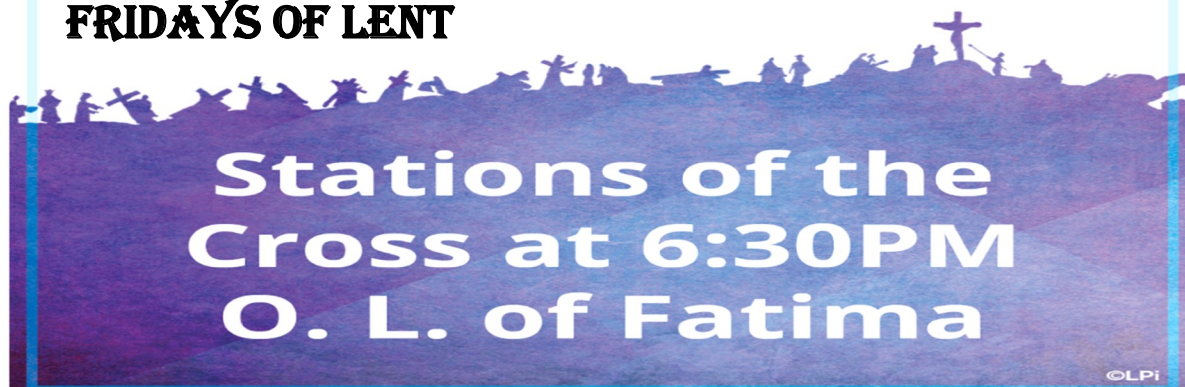
Like everything else, Lent this year will be different. Programs we might have anticipated and celebrations we might have experienced will not be possible or advisable.

However, through the kindness of Joanne Mercier, in her role as Adult Formation director, she will provide a Lenten Series for us. While we associate Lent with Ashes and Palms, we also celebrate in that Season the holiest of weeks - Holy week. And within that week, we celebrate the most sacred of days in the Liturgical Year - the Sacred Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.

Mrs. Mercier will present a CCNBN Lenten series on Facebook live. Information about this series is in her Faith Formation column of this bulletin and on our website - CCNBN.

We are grateful to Joanne for her willingness to undertake this endeavor for us.

### FRIDAYS OF LENT







**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*

Sunday, 2/14 NO CLASS –  
FEBRUARY VACATION!

**Next week's schedule (all online):**

Sunday, 2/21

**9-10am – Eucharist 1 Circle of Grace Lesson**

9-9:40am – Eucharist 2, Grades 3, 4 & 5

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

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

**11:30am to 1pm – Confirmation 1**

**Upcoming Parent Meetings – Tuesday nights @  
6:30pm**

February 16 – Eucharist 1

February 23 – Confirmation 1

March 2 – Confirmation 2

## CCNBN Lenten Series on Facebook Live

“It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the (Church) Year...”  
– Exploring the Liturgies of Holy Week and Triduum

When: Wednesday nights -- February 24, March 3, 10,  
17 & 24

Time : 7-8pm

Where: [www.facebook.com/ccnbn](http://www.facebook.com/ccnbn)

Every year the Church presumes that its followers will come together and celebrate the holiest days of the year using the ancient rituals and stories. Unfortunately most folks only attend the Masses on Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday - which are the beginning and the end of the Paschal Mystery - while never hearing and experiencing the richness of the "rest of the story." These five 1 hour sessions will lay out the basics of these most holiest of days with an eye towards how they will be adapted during the COVID pandemic and presented to an online community. A time for questions through the Facebook comment section will be included.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God’s image and has Divine

DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother’s womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today’s Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn’t have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father’s compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God’s vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It’s time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world’s dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God’s vision.

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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## LITURGICAL LIFE

# RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Unfailing Goodness of God

I have always wondered why Jesus told the cleansed leper not to publicize how he had been healed by the Son of God. It's not that I can't understand why Jesus would want to keep the matter quiet — after all, he knew that as soon as people heard, he would be mobbed with requests for healings, and his movements restricted.

What gets me is the fact that Jesus simply must have realized the leper would not listen to him. Why give someone a command you know they will ignore? It's a complicated question, and when I reflect on it, I can't help but connect it to another equally complicated question: why does God, all-good and all-knowing, allow bad things to happen?

Yes, God is all-good and all-knowing. So when He gives us free will, He knows what we will do with it. However, He is also all-powerful. He can and will bring good from any situation, any tragedy, or even any instance where someone ignores Him.

Was it a sin for this leper to do other than what Jesus had said? That's a heavy question for a Sunday morning! But it's plain to see that, even though this man ignored Jesus' command, God still used his actions. How many were brought to Christ because of the news spread by this leper!

As someone trying to live out a stewardship way of life, what is God requesting of you right now?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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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.

## COLLABORATIVE STAFF

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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

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information or to schedule a tour.

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*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.*

### READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

#### SHARING THE GOSPEL

It is not fun to be sick. You miss your friends at school. You can't go outside to play. On top of being bored and lonely, you don't feel well at all. The man with leprosy in today's Gospel was sick a long, long time. He was really bored, lonely, and feeling awful. There was no medicine for leprosy. Jesus was the only one who could help him.

#### PRAYER

God, you have the power to heal. Help me to trust you, even when I'm sick.

#### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Visit the sick. Make a card.  
Take a treat to share.  
Give them something to read.  
Pray for them before you leave.  
You will brighten their day.

### KIDS CORNER

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

LEPROSY  
JESUS  
POWER

WELL  
WARNED  
SHOW

GIFT  
HEALED  
WALKED

M O S Y T E D A G U R  
A L E P R O S Y E W A  
N I U O A L I U D O M  
S H O W F O E G I F T  
E Y I E I J A O U H I  
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021 | 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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