



# 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

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### ***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

### ***VISION STATEMENT***

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



The Churches are Handicap accessible.

# APRIL 5, 2020



## ***STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT***

On this awesome and holy night, we must reflect as grateful stewards how much Jesus loves us. He loves us so much that He instituted the Holy Eucharist to continue His life with us in forgiving our sins, healing our brokenness, and strengthening our faith in Him. The very word, Eucharist, means “thanksgiving” and, for His sacrifice, we stand in awe and total gratitude.

## **Prayer for Vocations**

Almighty Father,  
You have created us for some definite purpose.  
Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous “Yes”.  
Make our diocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.  
May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal.  
Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests.  
Bless us with consecrated religious and those call to chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ’s love for His Church.  
We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Even though we are unable to attend Mass and receive Communion during this difficult time in our lives, we can still receive Spiritual Communion. Please say the prayer below during communion when watching Mass on TV.

## **Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul.**

**Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**As though thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee. Amen**

**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.

# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## ST MARY'S



The Hosts for the month of APRIL are offered in memory of Mark Richard, 8th Ann. by his parents

### 14-day Memorial Candles:

In Memory of Danny Nadeau by his wife Rosalie & Children.

In Memory of Homidas Trial by Louis & Louise Trial.

Icon Candle: In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

## ST JOSEPH-ST THERESE

The Hosts for the month of APRIL are offered in memory of Lucien "Lou" Beaulieu & Edward Beaulieu by their Family.

### 14-day Memorial Candles:

(Church) In memory of Wayne Tremblay, Birthday Rem. By his Mom & Dad.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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

**Sanctuary Candle** in memory of Leo Lapre, 9th Ann. by his wife Rita & Family.

**Our Lady of Fatima** is for 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.

## REMEMBRANCE BOOK

Is located near the tabernacle of St. Mary's Church. This prayer book has been compiled to provide people with the opportunity to entrust their loved ones to God's all embracing love.

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



I pray that all are doing well as we continue to persevere through the present crisis. As you can imagine the cancellation of public Masses here in our Diocese and in many Dioceses throughout the United States is a hard pill to swallow. We all look forward to the day when we can once again assemble as a community of faith and celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

In the meantime, I must point out that our parishes face a significant deficit in income during this time. I ask you to continue to donate to your church by sending a check through the mail (*no cash, please*) or by donating online through

**Donate Online**



this collaborative website at [www.ccnbn.org](http://www.ccnbn.org)

Each parish in the collaborative can now accept donations through the online giving portals below.

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.

March 29, 2020

CHURCH	FIRST	SECOND	ONLINE
OLF	\$	\$	\$_____
SMNB	\$	\$	\$522.55
SJST	\$	\$	\$437.78

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 church you attend.

**Second Collection (next weekend 04-11-12)** is for Retired & Infirm Priests.



# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

While the Sacrament of Reconciliation is not available at this time because of the restrictions placed on us by the coronavirus pandemic, I offer the following substitute which I hope will bring you some comfort. This is taken from an instruction given by Pope Francis.

How to receive forgiveness of sins when, in this time of crisis, you can't go to Church.

For those who are physically unable to attend individual Confession, our Holy Father, Pope Francis reminds us of the Church's teaching on perfect contrition. Such contrition arises when the penitent expresses a love of God above all else, the sincere desire for forgiveness, and firm resolve to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as possible when available. Perfect contrition obtains the forgiveness of sins both venial and mortal (cfr. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1452)



**VOCATION CHALICE** Your personal, prayerful and financial support as part of our Collaborative's Vocation support Association (VSA) is a great blessing for us as a collaborative and in the lives of our men in formation for the Priesthood! Consider joining the VSA. Our seminarian we are sponsoring is Chris Hughes who is nearly half way through his second year of Pre-Theology. Will YOU promote vocations by hosting the Parish "Vocations Chalice" in your home? If you are interested in hosting and praying for vocations for one week, please sign up by calling 508-995-3593. The chalice case contains an educational DVD and prayers to say each day for one week.

## **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.

## FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY



Our Lady of Fatima  
New Bedford  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020**  
**AT 3:00 P.M.**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Chaplet based on the Sorrowful Mysteries, concluding with Benediction.

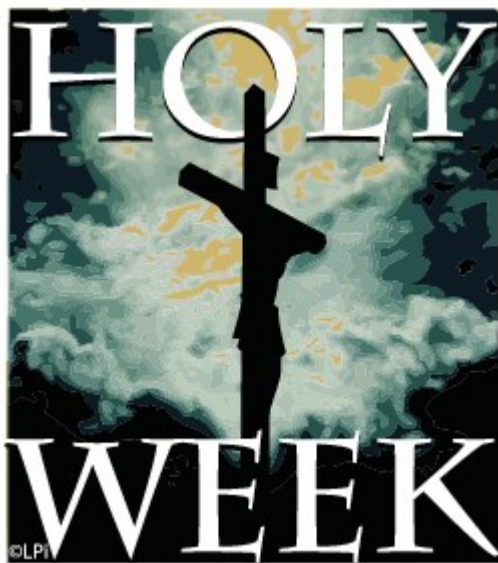
**"Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy"**

Come and join us for the celebration of Divine Mercy.

Refreshments and pastry following in the parish center.







Dear Parishioners,

We are entering a different Holy Week. For you and for us as priests, it is a strange time. Yet we are in a situation that God wants us to experience at this moment. While some things can be delayed, Easter cannot be delayed or transferred.

Let us all together make this a Holy Week, despite the many concerns and fears we may have. Likewise we hope you will share the beauty of these days with your children and grandchildren.

All masses will be private at the directions from the Vatican and our Diocese. Know however that all of you will be in our prayers and ask that you keep us in your prayers.

Holy Week ceremonies will be televised from the Vatican and from our Diocese. You can find information regarding scheduling at our collaborative website - [ccnbn.org](http://ccnbn.org) or the diocesan website - [fallriverdiocese.org](http://fallriverdiocese.org). As always ETWN and Boston Catholic TV continually schedule religious programming.

The palms will arrive this week and will be available when the celebration of public mass begins again. With the restrictions imposed by the Governor to stay at home and the danger of the spread of Covid-19 from those who come to receive the palms, we feel this is the safest route to employ at this time.

As we share in the sacred mysteries of this week let us recall that the way of the Cross led to the victory of Easter. The Lord, who call us to a different journey this year for Holy Week, we pray will lead us quickly to the end of this pandemic so we can experience the joys of Easter.

God bless you all.

Fr. John Raposo.  
Msgr. John Oliveira  
Co-Pastors

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 is 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!

**The Collaborative Central Office is closed to public traffic per directive of our Bishop. Phone calls will continue to be monitored, emails will be answered and you can drop off any correspondence or offerings in our mailbox.**

**Thank you for understanding.**

## 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](mailto:smassoud@ascs.dfrcs.org) or 508-995-3696 for more information or to schedule a tour.  
[www.ascsnb.org](http://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

**Will resume as soon as restrictions are lifted.**

## COLLABORATIVE STAFF

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Help Jesus get to Jerusalem.



### **Sharing the Gospel**

Many years earlier, God's prophets had written about the Savior. He would heal the blind, he would raise the dead, and he would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey as a gentle king. The people knew Jesus was the Savior they had been waiting for. They treated him like a king.

### **Prayer**

Jesus, help me to treat you like my king.

### **Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of yourself waving a branch for Jesus.

### **Mission for the Week**

Make your own palm branch to wave for Jesus at home. Cut an oval out of green construction paper. Then make cuts toward the middle (but not all the way through) for leaves

