

Catholic Community

Of New Bedford North

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

"PARTNERING IN MISSION"



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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!



The Churches are Handicap accessible

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

Saturday 3:15-3:45 PM Our Lady of Fatima

Sunday 6:15-6:45 PM St. Mary

Adoration & Benediction

1st Wednesday of the Month 8:30AM-1PM
at Our Lady of Fatima

Prayer Group

7 PM Tuesdays at Our Lady of Fatima



ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Thinking about pre-school for your child?

All Saints Catholic School has separate pre-school programs for 3 and 4 year old's! Safe, affordable, faith-filled play based learning and social development - available three, four or five days per week. Together with ASCS Summer Program, we provide quality education and child care nearly year round for children age 3 through Grade 8! Limited seats available in grades 1 - 8. If you or someone you know is interested in excellent educational opportunity in a faith based environment, please contact Sue Massoud at 508-995-3696 or email smassoud@ascs.dfrcs.org for more information.

OLOF Parish Financials

THANK YOU to all who share their talent, time, presence, and support with our Parishes

Weekend Collection: \$2136.65

Second Collection: \$415.55

Christmas Flowers: \$403.00

INCLEMENT WEATHER: The Obligation to Attend Sunday (Saturday afternoon) Mass Cardinal Dolan of New York has good advice for us all: "Catholics take Sunday mass very seriously, but the Church never asks us to risk our health or safety to get to church on the Lord's Day. Please be careful! Do not take any chance with your safety and health if things get dangerous." I add that prudence and "common sense" should guide your decision to get to church. You are asked to "do your best" but no more.

Pray for no Sunday snowstorms!

☺ **In the event that school is cancelled or delayed in New Bedford due to inclement weather or in a state of emergency, the usual practice is that there will be no daily weekday Mass.**

REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for Jason Leonardo whose Funeral was celebrated on Saturday, December 7.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

PASTORAL STAFF

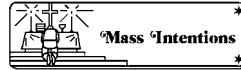
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TUESDAY EVENING **PRAYER GROUP**

All are welcomed to join us for Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. There is so much to pray for.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 15, 2019



Saturday	December 14,	4:00 PM	People of the Collaborative
Sunday	December 15,	9:00 AM	Antonio & Steven daPonte, Arthur Freitas & Cecilia Pereira, Luis Ferreira & Maria Melo, Hildeberto Oliveira, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel & Liduina Furtado
Wednesday	December 18,	8:00 AM	Adelino Pinto



Sanctuary Lamp: Intentions of the Prayer Line
Our Lady of Fatima: Our Lady of Fatima Parish

St. Francis of Assisi Choir Presents :

Love was Born at Christmas

On Saturday, December 21, 2019 the St. Francis of Assisi Choir will present *Love was Born at Christmas* at 2:00pm. The concert will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 283 Mill St., New Bedford. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken. A reception will begin immediately following in the Church Hall. For more information please contact Kara 508-951-2370 or email kemceascherm@gmail.com

"How are our Churches?"

Content:

Coming in the new year the Collaborative Council will be conducting a survey to see how we're doing and what we can do to improve.

We'll be asking about what you like best about our Churches, if our staff is friendly and responds quickly, what your experience at Mass is like, and if you'd like some changes about how homilies address real-life, world issues,

RCIA

"I have called you by name" Isaiah 43:1

"Jesus offers a relationship with us so that we can be the most joy-filled, purpose driven human person he created us to be!" (Chris Padgett) The question then becomes are you ready to enter into a relationship with Him. If so, consider becoming a fully initiated Catholic Christian through participation in the RCIA Program offered through the Catholic Community of New Bedford North. Please contact 508-995-3593 for further info.

Bishop da Cunha's Blog

Bishop ds Cunha has launched a blog called, "**Building Faith**". With the intent of sharing regularly with the faithful of the Diocese in an easy and increasingly popular way, Bishop da Cunha hopes to post each week on a variety of topics of interest to our community of faith.

Read Bishop da Cunha's blog at fallriverdiocese.org.

FAITH FORMATION

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the changes to our new Faith Formation Program and/or schedule, please contact Mrs. Joanne Mercier at faithformation@ccnbn.org or by calling the office at 508-995-3593.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Ten minutes a day can make all the difference in the world. The more time you spend in the classroom of silence the more clearly you will hear the voice of God in your life.



Lord Jesus, draw souls in despair to trust in You and not to doubt Your goodness.

Share with them all the treasures of Your Heart