## **Catholic Community**



### Of New Bedford North

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

#### "PARTNERING IN MISSION"



# St. Mary's Church

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#### Vision Statement

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

#### **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:**

#### **LENTEN SHCEDULE**

Mass at 12 noon Monday thru Friday at 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



The Churches are Handicap accessible

#### **OLOF Parish Financials**

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

In this time of crisis you are encouraged to continue to donate either by mail (check only) or by <u>online giving</u> through the Collaborative website: <u>ccnbn.org</u>.

#### Remember in Your Prayers

ALL THOSE AFFESTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Compassionate and Loving Father, in the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence.

In You allow us to find hope and healing. Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands.

Be with those who lead and give them Your spirit of Wisdom. Be with those who have fallen ill and give them your comforting heart.

Wrap Your arms around our world and hold us in Your love.

Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet.

We ask this in Your Name. Amen.

#### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every TUESDAY, during a Holy Hour from 7:00pm—8:00pm ending with Benediction at Our Lady of Fatima Church.

Adoration and Benediction will be incorporated into the Tuesday evening prayer Group. The Holy Hour will include the Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. This will continue throughout the season of Lent. During the Holy Hour Fr. Raposo will be available for confessions.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament enables us to visually meditate on the Lord's presence to us by making ourselves present to the Lord. Please consider spending an hour in prayer and reflection before the Lord.

Suspended until further notice.

#### PASTORAL STAFF

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**Divine Mercy Holy Hour** which is usually scheduled for the Second Sunday of Easter is cancelled this year as we continue to observe the directives of our Bishop and State which prohibit gatherings of 10 people or more. If possible the Holy Hour will be rescheduled at a later date.

#### EASTER SUNDAY —APRIL 12, 2020



If you have had or will have a Mass intention cancelled, you may request another date for the intention or request a refund of the stipend you paid. You may also ask the office of the Propagation of the Faith to honor that intention. Please contact the Central Office (508) 995-3593 or email secretary@ccnbn.org.

**Reminder:** Weekday Masses during Lent are at 12 noon at St. Mary's Church. For Weekday Intentions please consult the Collaborative Bulletin.



Sanctuary Lamp: Catholic Community of New Bedford North

Our Lady of Fatima: Jacob Fabian

#### **EASTER MESSAGE 2020**

"This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad."

These words, taken from the Easter Sunday Liturgy, reflect the meaning of this great feast of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. God's promise of salvation is fulfilled in the dying and rising of the Son of God. The resurrection of Jesus ushers in a new age of hope and joy for mankind. The loving sacrifice of our Messiah, Jesus Christ, reconciles us to our loving Father and opens the way for sinners like us to enter the kingdom of heaven. This indeed is the day the Lord has made, and He has made it for all of us. Alleluia.

This message of joy and hope comes to us while our nation and the world is still coping with the coronavirus pandemic. Our Lenten season took on greater meaning and challenges as we were asked to sacrifice in very unexpected ways. Many of our health care professionals and first responders selflessly put in long hours as they cared for the many persons infected with the virus. Countless people were laid off or lost their jobs; schools were closed, and children adjusted to learning at home as their teachers scrambled to set up online classrooms. Throughout our country people were asked to shelter in place in order to stop the spread of this contagious disease. In an extraordinary decision, bishops across the nation cancelled public Masses and we were asked to watch Mass on TV, without the benefit and grace of receiving our Lord in Holy Communion. It's as if our nation endured its own "way of the cross" during this Lenten season.

We can take courage in the knowledge that as disciples of the Savior, Jesus Christ our suffering and sacrifice leads us to the joy of the Resurrection. Our God has not abandoned us but has journeyed with us in our time of trouble. In faith we are confident that Our Lord Jesus Christ will lead us out of the darkness of this crisis into the light of His grace and mercy.

May the joy and peace of the Easter Season enter your hearts and reside there. You and your loved ones will be remembered in the celebration of the Easter Masses.

Yours In Christ,

Msgr. John J. Oliveira Fr. John Raposo

**Co-Pastors**