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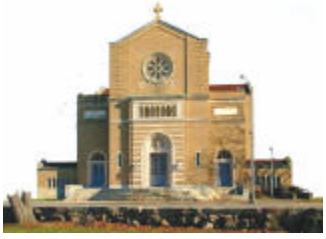

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Weekend Masses

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

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

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VISION STATEMENT

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

The Churches are Handicap accessible.

January 3, 2021

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 especially William A. Hall whose funeral was celebrated here.

This Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday	Jan (02)	4:00PM	(SMNB)	Community Mass: Maria P. Barros, 4th Ann. Cecile Silveira, Birthday Rem. Carreau, Gonet & Marcotte Families
Sunday	Jan (03)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	People of the Collaborative
		10:30AM	(SMNB)	Lucia da Costa, Maria Melo, Steven da Ponte, Antonio da Ponte, Cecilia Pereira, Artur Freitas (Family)
		7:00PM	(SMNB)	Souls in Purgatory

Weekday Mass Intentions

Monday	Jan (04)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Maria Dolores Sousa (Maria Alves)
Tuesday	Jan (05)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Maria G. Cardoso, 1st Ann. (Daughters, Fatima & Isabel)
Wednesday	Jan (06)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Marc Letendre (Family)
Thursday	Jan (07)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Barbara McDonald (The Dion Girls)
Friday	Jan (08)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Phyllis Protin (Marty & Mary Ellen Flinn)

Next Weekend Mass Intentions

Saturday	Jan (09)	4:00PM	(SMNB)	Noel Charron, 2nd Ann. (His wife, Rhea)
Sunday	Jan (10)	8:00AM	(SMNB)	Community Mass: M/M Manuel Resendes & son Vasco, M/M Jose Cordeiro & Children
		10:30AM	(SMNB)	People of the Collaborative
		7:00PM	(SMNB)	Matthew D. Edward-Camara (Parents)

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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ST MARY'S

The Hosts for the month of January are offered in memory of Noel Charron, 2nd Ann. by his wife, Rhea.

14-day Memorial Candles:
In Memory of Lazaro Rosa by his wife & family.

In Memory of Bill Arabasz by his family.

Icon Candle: For a Special Intention.

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.**

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 the deBarros, Barros, Cerqueira, Bernardo & Avelar families.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

14-day Memorial Candles:

In memory of Donat & Olive Ledoux by Yvonne & Rene Saulnier.

Icon Candle For a Special Intention

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.

December 19-20, 2020

CHURCH	FIRST	SECOND	ONLINE
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2nd Collection this weekend (01/02-03/2021) is for the Maintenance Fund.

2nd Collection this weekend (01/09-10/2021) is for Education Fund.

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 3, 2021

SUN **1/03**	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/ Mt 2:1-12
MON **1/04**	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
TUE **1/05**	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44
WED **1/06**	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52
THR **1/07**	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a
FRI **1/08**	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16
SAT **1/09**	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
SUN **1/10**	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

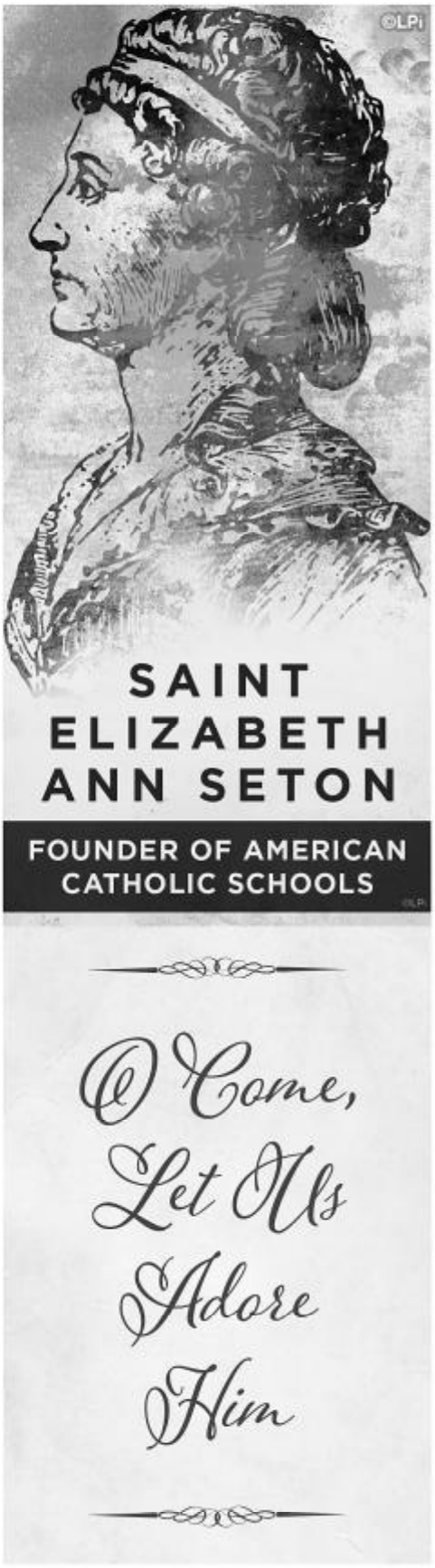
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3, 2021

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
Monday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Tuesday:	St. John Neumann, Bishop
Wednesday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Thursday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Even the slightest flicker of a light helps to properly orient us when we find ourselves in total darkness. Being in darkness can be unsettling and even a bit unnerving. We lose our focus and struggle to find our bearings and achieve balance. On life's journey we may think we are walking in the light but are really lingering in darkness. We do not see the full picture, either because we are distracted, disinterested, or even apprehensive. Sometimes, we even choose to close our eyes when the light is readily available to illuminate our path. Do we really desire to know the truth of who we are? In Jesus Christ, a light has been given to those who dwell in darkness. God's revelation gives us the light to see where we come from, who we are and where we are going. It also tells us that this Good News is not meant for just a privileged few but is intended to go out to all the world. Is this something we want to see?



Catholic Community of New Bedford North

Your Pastors want to take this opportunity to wish you a happy, safe, healthy and holy New Year. Be assured of our prayers and remembrance at Mass and humbly ask that you remember us in your prayers.

May the New Year bring many blessings to all of us. May 2021 be a year filled with much good health and a COVID virus free world.

God Bless.

Fr. Raposo and Msgr. Oliveira.

On the New Year's First Day

Dear Lord,

This day is the first day of a new year.

I felt this day in a special way, this year, because it was only with You.

The only time I got out was to go to the church and to express my gratitude to You and say:

Thank You, Lord, for the past year.

Thank You for the day, the night, the space and the time.

Thank You for the health, the job and the opportunities.

Thank You for the friends, known and still unknown,

And thank You especially for You Are and You are with me

But let me feel Your presence more openly in this coming year.

Let me feel Your presence more deeply in my family, my friends, in the world, and mainly in myself.

Let me feel Your caring hands more concerningly in everyone and in every little thing.

Let me feel Your loving heart more intimately in every heart I meet.

Let me feel Your growth more intensely in every good will.

Let me feel more unity in my Church community, in this earth and in the entire universe.

Let me be vulnerable enough to You, more transparent, so that others can see You more clearly in my life.

Let me be closer to You in whatever I do.

Lord, let this year be a holy year!

Thank You, Lord. Amen

__ Jean Maalouf, "Bold Prayers from the Heart"

FAITH FORMATION *News*

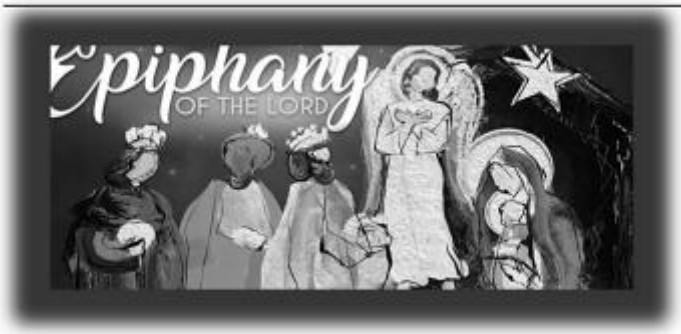
1-3-2021
Faith Formation News
PLEASE NOTE: All classes will be online - even if your
schedule says otherwise - for the foreseeable future. The bold
ones below have added time for that week.

This week's schedule:
Sunday, 1/3 NO CLASS - Happy New Year!
Next week's schedule (all online):
Sunday, 1/10
9-9:40am - Eucharist 1, Grades 3-5
9-10am - Eucharist 2 w/parent
11:30am to 12:20pm - Grades 6 & 7
11:30am to 12:30pm - Confirmation 1
11:30am to 1pm - Confirmation 2

Pope Francis said this about the international emergency of migrants: "A change of attitude towards migrants and refugees is needed on the part of everyone, moving away from attitudes of defensiveness and fear, indifference and marginalization, all typical of a throwaway culture, towards attitudes based on a culture of encounter, the only culture capable of building a better, more just and fraternal world."

The plight of migrants is not just a national concern but also an international concern. As we mark National Migration Week here in the US, let us begin to realize that we all need to open our hearts and doors to those who leave their homes in search of a better life. Let us pray this prayer of the Holy Father from his Message for the 101st World Day of Migrants and Refugees:

Dear migrants and refugees! You have a special place in the heart of the Church, and you help her to enlarge her heart and to manifest her motherhood towards the entire human family. Do not lose your faith and hope! Let us think of the Holy Family during the flight in Egypt: Just as the maternal heart of the Blessed Virgin and the kind heart of Saint Joseph kept alive the confidence that God would never abandon them, so in you may the same hope in the Lord never be wanting.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you're on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: "God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace."

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God's and Herod's. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn't entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn't say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I'll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod's charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it's enough to remember this: God's plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let's have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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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.

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Kids Corner

READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR

Jigsaw puzzles are fun. Solve a puzzle with your whole family, and it comes together even faster. God helped the wise men solve a puzzle. They wanted to find the newborn king. Together the wise men read God's promises, did their homework, and followed the star. When all of their answers fit, they found baby Jesus.

PRAYER
God, thank you for all the people who helped me find Jesus.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK
Solve a puzzle together with your family. Work together like the wise men did.

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