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**December**  
**26**  
**2021**

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**Kevin Partridge, Plant Manager/Sacristan**

**ADORATION: Mondays 9:30am-6:30pm**

Benediction follows (except on Civil  
Holidays)

**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**

4:00pm

**SUNDAY MASSES**

8:30am & 10:30am

**Mass on Holy Days of Obligation**

7pm Vigil Mass

9am Mass on the Holy day

**DAILY MASS**

Monday-Thursday 9:00am

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

1st Sunday of the month @ 10:30am Mass

And 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:45am

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Please contact the Pastor in person at least 8  
months prior to the wedding.

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturdays 3:00-3:45pm or anytime by  
Appointment

Our facility is wheelchair accessible



*The Nativity of the Lord*

Sat 12/25	12:00am	<b>Midnight Mass</b>
Sat 12/25	10:00am	<b>Christmas Day Mass</b>
Sun 12/126	8:30am	<b>Arthur Perry Joe Paiva</b>
Sun 12/26	10:30am	<b>Irene Evans</b>
Mon 12/27	9:00am	<b>For the Souls in Purgatory</b>
Tues 12/28	9:00am	<b>Edmund Martin</b>
Wed 12/29	9:00am	<b>Deceased Members of our Parish</b>
Thurs 12/30	9:00am	<b>Jeanne Sullivan</b>
Sat 1/1	4:00pm	<b>Philip Joncas</b>
Sun 1/2	8:30am	<b>Osmar &amp; Maria Edith Fernandes</b>
Sun 1/2	10:30am	<b>Natalie DaCosta Manuel &amp; Dolores Pavao</b>

**Financial report for weekend of December 12th**

<b>1st Collection</b>	<b>\$2,629</b>	<b>Payroll</b>	<b>\$1,877</b>
<b>WeShare</b>	<b>\$1,491</b>	<b>Payroll Taxes</b>	<b>\$1,330</b>
<b>Ops/Maint</b>	<b>\$235</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>\$649</b>
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>\$150</b>
		<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$749</b>
		<b>Pension</b>	<b>\$158</b>
		<b>Liturgical Supplies</b>	<b>\$378</b>
		<b>Utilities</b>	<b>\$1,085</b>
		<b>Maint of Bldg</b>	<b>\$52</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$4,390</b>	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$6,428</b>

**Net Loss: (\$2,038)**

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**



**December 24th, Christmas Eve**  
4pm (Children's Mass) & 6pm

**December 25th, Christmas Day**  
Midnight & 10am (No 4pm Mass)

**December 31st, New Year's Eve**  
No Mass

**January 1st, New Year's Day**  
4pm

The parish office will be closed on Friday, Dec 24th, Monday, Dec 27th and Friday, Dec 31st.

***Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year Full of God's Goodness!!***

**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

Altar Servers:

Kevin Partridge, Sacristan (Grade 3 & up)

Eucharistic Minister & Lector Coordinator:  
Sandra Seviney

Men of St. Joseph:

Meet the 1st Monday of the month 7:00pm (church hall)

Bernie's Bucks:

Linda DeMarco, Chairperson  
(774) 504-0832

Religious Education:

Brian & Marlene Correia

Harvest Festival Committee

"Fun" Raisers Group

Meet the 2nd Monday of the month 7:00pm (church hall)

RCIA: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)  
Margie Copeland

St. Bernard Church Choir:  
Dennis Robinson

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Eucharistic Adoration:

Every Monday from 9:30am -6:00pm. Followed by Evening Prayer & Benediction

Novena to Our Lady of Fatima:  
Monday Evenings 6:00pm

CORI Coordinator:  
Brian Correia

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**Faith Formation** classes will end for the holidays on December 8 and resume again on Sunday, January 2nd.

We wish all our families a peaceful advent season and a Merry Christmas.



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

The Diocese continues to offer online support groups and hopes to begin offering live sessions in the Fall. These online virtual programs are being offered through Catholic Social Services on Tuesdays. The links to register for either of the one-hour sessions are as follows:

4:30pm <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup4>  
or 7pm <https://bit.ly/SupportGroup2>

In addition to the online sessions, one-on-one sessions are also offered via phone. For more information, contact Rose Mary Saraiva at 508-674-4681 ext: 1111 or 774-253-4097 or by email: [rsaraiva@cssdioc.org](mailto:rsaraiva@cssdioc.org)

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

In Memory/Honor of

The Felix Family	Lee Chamberland
José DaSilva	Anna Megna
Edward & Joseph Bernier	Mario & Gabrielle Megna
Vezina & Canuel Families	Manuel Cabral
Maria E Silva	Agnes & Sylvester Ferreira
Isabel & John Negreiro	Joyce Gagne
Honorina Dias & sons	Adrien Pelletier
Goulart & Stevens Extended Families	Paulette Couture
Arthur & Lena Rebello	Marjorie Mattos
Jodi Fiola	Richard & Robert Families
Cliff & Dot Fiola	St. Onge & Sevigny Families
Mary Cabral	Normand Laurianno
Nellie Oneil	Claire Leddy
Myra Rebello	Julia Leddy
Mike Viveiros	Mr & Mrs John E Howarth
Raymond Rose	The Gregoire Family
Arthur & Lucille Perry	The Donovan Family
The Trudeau Family	Shane Rebello
Dennis Read	DeMarco Family
Roland & Evelyn Cote	Thibault Family
Louis & Olive Read	William J Simmons, Sr
Martin Family	Mabel & Alfred Rose
Smith Family	The Simmons Family
The Rose Family	Mr & Mrs Armando Pereira
Pelletier Family	Lucy Ortiz
Markland Family	Joe Paiva
Ray Arsenault	John Pires
Jemenia Rodrigues	
John Midura	João Tavares Couto
Octavio & Thelma Viveiros	Maria Lucilia Couto
John & Angelina Lemos	Lourdes Ferreira
José Maciel	Guilherme Ferreira
Deborah Maciel	Laurie Tavares
José & Luisa Maciel	Olimpio Tavares
Henry Furtado	Madeleine & Roland St. Pierre
Francisco & Gloria Furtado	Mary & Fred Demetrius
Antonio & Etelvina Martins	Maryellen & Clare Grace
Arthur & Maria de Jesus Martins	Dennis Raposa
Maria Rita Coelho	Allen Stringer
Ferguson Family	Leopold & Beatrice Blanchard
Gonsalves Family	Deschenes & Poisson Families
Dennis Read	Pearl McKane
Alda Tavares	Arthur Perry
Theresa & Charles Dubuque	Mr & Mrs Aime Durette
Maria Lucillia Couto	Antoinette Varieur
João Tavares Couto	Laura & Joseph Andrews
Lourdes Ferreira	Emalie Cudworth
Guilherme Ferreira	Loretta Cloutier
Mary Devereaux	Regina Depina & Family
Helen & Arthur Darcy	Manuel Sena & Family
Eleanor & Walter Johnson	Paul St Pierre
Zadrozny & Andrade Families	L.T. Dickinson
Rose Medeiros	Phenix & Thebert Families
Ernest & Alice Guinen	Kathleen Morse
Humberto Eleuterio	Alice Nunes
My Grandmothers, mother and mother-in-law	
Antonio Furtado	Paul Sardinha
Ana & Donna Furtado	Patricio & Furtado Families
The Rego Family	Luis & Maria Tavares
The August Family	

## CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM



During the last few months, we welcomed into the family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism the following children:

<i>Luna Rae DeTerra</i>	<i>Brantley Jason Amaral</i>
<i>Maia Rose Benevides</i>	<i>Magnolia Eveline Smith</i>
<i>Jiovanni Young</i>	<i>Eleanor Alexandra Moniz</i>
<i>Eden Mae Lopes</i>	<i>Leon David Medeiros</i>

We congratulate the new little Christians and their parents and godparents. May their faith in God always sustain them along the journey of life!

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS-SUNDAY, FEB 13, 2022

The celebration to commemorate significant wedding anniversaries will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday, Feb 13, 2022 at 3:00pm**. The deadline for submitting the names of anniversary participants has been extended to **Friday, January 14, 2022**.

**DEADLINE  
EXTENDED**

If you would like to participate, please contact the parish office at 508-644-5585 by Friday, January 14, 2022



## "CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS FOR VETERANS" DRIVE

The Tuesday Club of Assonet is collecting items for our local Veterans at the Veteran's Hospital in Brockton and for the Veteran's Transition House in New Bedford. We will be collecting items until shortly before Christmas. For your convenience, there will be collection bins at four locations

### Town of Freetown Town Hall

3 North Main St. Assonet, MA  
Mon-Thurs 8am-4pm  
Friday 8am-Noon

### United Church of Assonet

9 North Main St. Assonet, MA  
Sunday 9:30am during service to 11:15am after services.  
Please drop off at the front door

### Earth's Hidden Treasures

63 South Main St. Assonet, MA  
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Tues-Fri 10am-6pm  
Saturdays 10am-5pm

### American Legion Hall Post 121

80 Myricks Road Berkley, MA  
Open Daily 11am-10pm

For a complete list of supplies and projects, visit our website at:  
[www.tuesdayclubofassonet.org](http://www.tuesdayclubofassonet.org)

**NEIGHBOR ASKING FOR HELP**

A woman called asking for help with her mom to get her on the bus for Adult Day Care. Her mom lives on Simpson Lane in Assonet. It would be three days a week for approximately 1/2 hour to an hour. Bus pick-up time is 8:15-8:30am. If you can help, please contact the parish office and we will provide the contact information.

Thank you!

**UPCOMING CHURCH EVENTS**

January 23, 2022 Casino Trip (BUS IS FULL)  
February 12, 2022...Valentine Dinner  
February 20, 2022...Malassada Sunday  
March 2, 2022 (Ash Wed) Fish N' Chips



**\*LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER MEETINGS\***



**Lector Meeting**

Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 6:30pm, church hall

**Eucharistic Minister Meeting**

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at 6:30pm, church hall

**A LITTLE CHRISTMAS HUMOR...**

Mason says to his mother: You can delete the train set from my Christmas wish list.  
Mother: Why is that?  
Mason: Yesterday, I found one in the closet.



\*What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?  
It's Christmas, Eve!

\*What's the best thing to put into Christmas dinner?  
Your teeth!

**THE MONTHLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR PRIESTS**

WOULD YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

PRAYER SUGGESTION from the Diocese of Fall River: "Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and Guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen"

**AND / OR**

Mass, Rosary, Fasting, Day Offering, Eucharistic Adoration, Offering of Sufferings, Divine Mercy Chaplet or whatever the Lord inspires you to offer Him.

- Dec 26 **Rev. Msgr. Ronald Tosti**
- Dec 27 **Rev. Horace Travassos**
- Dec 28 **Rev. Marc Tremblay**
- Dec 29 **Rev. Raymond Vaillancourt, MS**
- Dec 30 **Rev. Bernard Vanesse**
- Dec 31 **Rev. Carlos Villa**
- Jan 1 **Pope Francis**

**CHRISTMAS ALTAR CANDLES**

donated by Cynthia Nunes & family  
In Memory of...

**The Dias Family**

Joseph & Elvira Dias  
Edwina Machado & spouse  
Herbert, Manuel, Americo & spouses  
Ronald Dias

**The Nunes Family**

Manuel & Celeste Nunes  
Louis & Aaron Nunes  
Louis Fernandes

**The Rodrigues Family**

Bento Sr & Mary Rodrigues  
Alice, Dorothy, Margaret, Bento Jr., James, Robert, George & Spouses  
Robbie & Stevie Rodrigues  
Mr. & Mrs. Gerald & Frances Sullivan



***"God grant you the light in Christmas, which***

***is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is love; the radiance of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ."***

-Wilda English

**THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**



On behalf of our St. Vincent De Paul conference we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and wish you good health and peace in the New Year. We thank you for your continued support helping those in need all year long. May God bless you richly in the New Year!

**CHICKEN EVERYWHERE!!!**

On Wednesday, December 15, 2021, Saint Bernard Parish received a call from the Stop & Shop warehouse that they had 36 cases of fresh, whole chickens that were unable to be delivered to their original destination.

Total weight: 2,000 lbs!! We gladly accepted the chickens. (Blocked South Main Street for a bit so the 18-wheeler could pull in the church parking lot. YIKES!) We are happy to report that we donated those cases of chicken to a local food pantry and St. Vincent's Home.

Everyone was so appreciative.  
**Neighbors helping neighbors**

***"...And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself"***  
**Mark 12:31**

Thanks to all who helped!

**SAINT BERNARD CHURCH CHOIR**

If anyone is interested in singing in the choir at the 8:30am Mass or for the holidays, we will begin rehearsals next week. Rehearsals will be held at 9:30am on Sundays, in between the 8:30 & 10:30am Masses. Please join us in the choir loft. Practice will be approximately 40 minutes. No experience required, just a love of singing.

**2021 LA SALETTE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

November 25, 2021 thru January 2, 2022

Lights are turned on at 5:00pm nightly

The National Shrine of Our Lady of La Salette  
947 Park St.  
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DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 12/25 Midnight	TONY BRANCO	DENISE BRANCO
Sat 12/25 10:00am	MARGIE COPELAND	DIANE CORDEIRO
Sun 12/26 8:30am	LINDA RODRIGUES	BOB ADAMS
Sun 12/26 10:30am	ANDY DIGIAMMO	ELLEN DEMETIRUS
Sat 1/1 4:00pm	MICHELE HOUGHTON	DAWN ANDRADE
Sun 1/2 8:30am	LINDA RODRIGUES	DOUG MICHAUD
Sun 1/2 10:30am	ANN MARIE SARDINHA	MAURICE MICHAUD

**TRIP TO ENCORE RESORT & CASINO**



To support our Scholarship Fund  
**Sunday, January 23, 2022**  
Leaving from church parking lot at  
12 noon

\$35 per person which includes:

Round Trip Transportation  
\$25 Gambling Credit  
Light Snacks  
Beverages



After gambling credit...  
\*\*\*Actual Cost \$10\*\*\*

SEAT CAPACITY: 50  
**\*\*\*BUS IS FULL\*\*\***

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 508-644-5585 TO  
RESERVE YOUR SEAT  
*payment due January 8, 2022*

**Memorial Candles for the month of December**

**St. Mary Candle burns for**  
**Adrien Pelletier & Paulette Couture**

**St. Joseph Candle burns for**  
**Joe Paiva**

**St. Mother Teresa Candle burns for**  
**Tisdelle & Branco Families**

**St. Bernard Candle (Inside the Church)**

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**Joseph, Anna, Thomas & Daniel Sarmir**

**The Sanctuary Candle**

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Christine L. Hatfield, Director

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