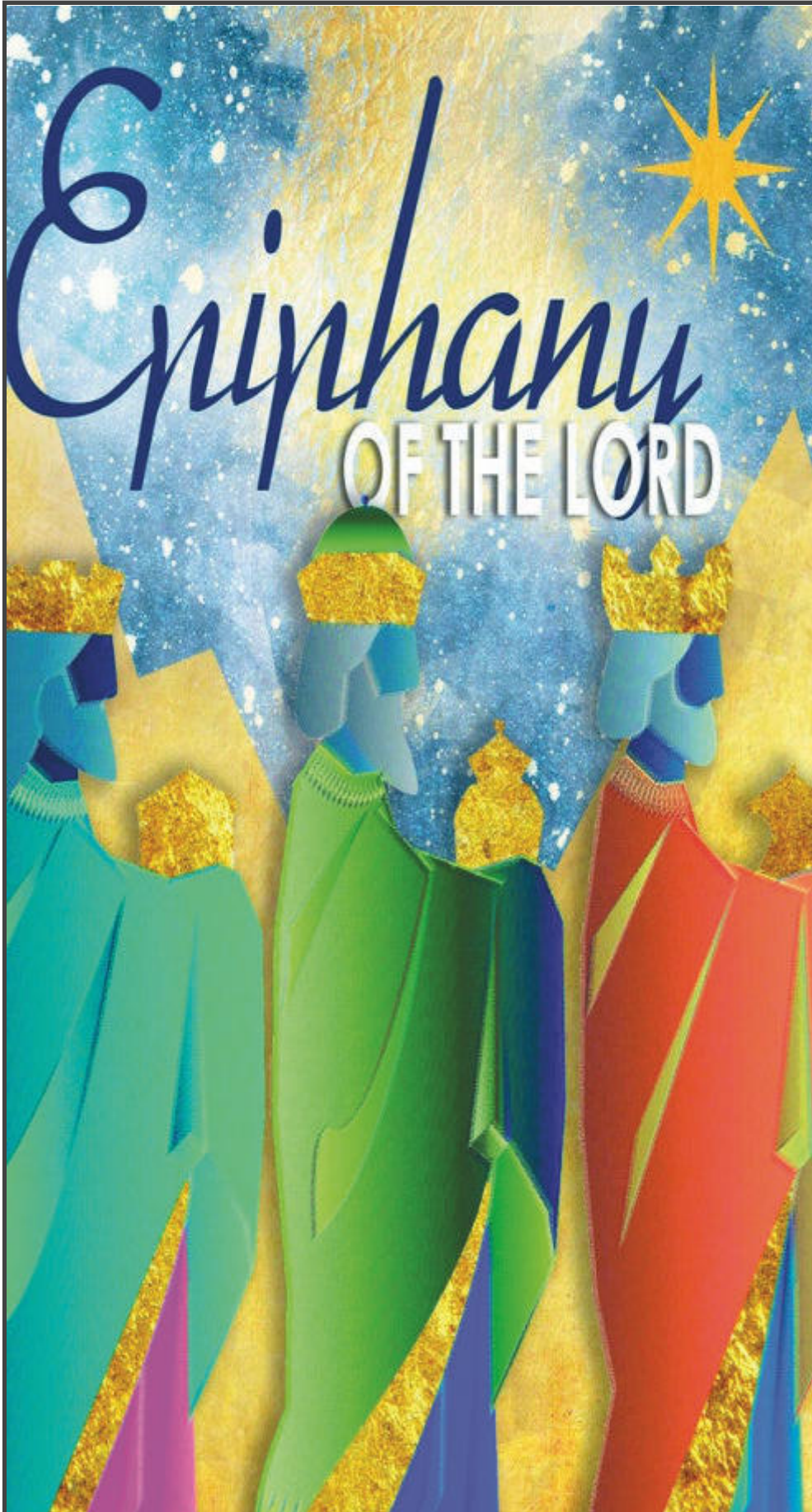


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Benediction follows (except on Civil
Holidays)

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



Sat 1/1	4:00pm	Philip Joncas
Sun 1/2	8:30am	Osmar & Maria Edith Fernandes
Sun 1/2	10:30am	Natalie DaCosta Manuel & Dolores Pavao
Mon 1/3	9:00am	For Our Parishioners
Tues 1/4	9:00am	Fr. John Andrews
Wed 1/5	9:00am	For the Souls in Purgatory
Thurs 1/6	9:00am	A Special Intention
Sat 1/8	4:00pm	For Our Parishioners
Sun 1/9	8:30am	Raymond Mello
Sun 1/9	10:30am	Kristen Romero

Financial report for weekend of December 19th

1st Collection	\$4,336	Payroll	\$1,877
WeShare	\$921	Payroll Taxes	\$1,330
Ops/Maint	\$113	Assessment	\$649
		Food	\$150
		Insurance	\$749
		Pension	\$158
		Supplies	\$129
		Utilities	\$804
		Maint of Equipment	\$153
		Maint of Bldg	\$178
Total Income	\$5,370	Total Expenditures	\$6,177

Net Loss: (\$807)

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

January 1st, New Year's Day
4pm

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

I would like to Thank everyone who decorated the church for Christmas. It was beautiful. Also to all those who sent cards and goodies. It is very much appreciated.



Gratefully Yours,
Father Hebert

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Altar Servers:

Kevin Partridge, Sacristan (Grade 3 & up)

Eucharistic Minister & Lector Coordinator:

Sandra Sevigney

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

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	Mr & Mrs Joseph Barboza
Ana & Donna Furtado	Patricio & Furtado Families
The Rego Family	Luis & Maria Tavares
The August Family	The Sarro Family
Paul Sardinha	The Chretien Family
Mr & Mrs Manuel Sardinha	Louis Almeida
Mr & Mrs Gerard L Tremblay Sr	Nellie & Frank Gajewski
Gerard Tremblay Jr	

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**

A COUPLE OF THANK YOU NOTES



Dear St. Bernard Parishioners,

Thank you so very much for once again supporting the most needy families here at Freetown-Lakeville Middle School. You have again helped make the Christmas season one of joy and cheer by providing personalized gifts to children. The smiles and heartfelt thanks voiced by the families as they receive these gifts show such gratitude and appreciation. It is through your efforts that our community is strengthened and brought together in bonds of connection and generosity.

Your choice to give even though the recipient never knows who did this wonderful deed for them is reminiscent of the powerful quote which we would love to reference now.

"But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." **Matthew 6:3-4**

May you all have a Blessed Holiday and a Merry Christmas as you celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

Thank you,
Freetown-Lakeville Middle School

Dear St. Bernard Parishioners

Thank you so much for your beautiful and generous donation. The clothes, diapers, wipes, blankets, towels and other baby items are so appreciated. They will help many families.

God Bless you all

Sincerely,
Birthright of Greater Taunton



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
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

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.

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 Maçado & 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



DIocese OF FALL RIVER

GUIDELINES REGARDING COVID-19



The Diocese of Fall River released a statement that due to the increased number of COVID cases, they **STRONGLY ENCOURAGE** all parishioners to wear a mask while attending Mass or any other liturgical celebration unless unable because of a medical condition or under the age of 2. We will continue to keep you updated.

EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE BULLETIN

During the holidays, our publishing company, LPI, requires early transmission of the bulletin to ensure on time delivery when many are on vacation. For example, the bulletin for Christmas, December 26th had to be submitted by December 16th. If you sent in a Christmas Flower donation (or any other announcement after that date) and didn't see your loved ones name in time for Christmas, this is the reason. Just wanted to provide a little explanation.

(And...if we don't submit on time, we get a "gentle reminder" email...HAHA!!!)

Thank You for understanding
~Wishing you a Blessed New Year~

BISHOP Da CUNHA'S 2021 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Friends in Christ,

Opportunity is defined as a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something. The last two years have presented us with various circumstances, some extremely difficult, with which we can do something beautiful. We can come together and use these moments to breathe fresh hope into our homes, parishes, and world. While the Covid-19 pandemic continues to concern us, and require our caution, I look toward the celebration of Christmas and the New Year that is nearly upon us with expectant hope and faith. This year, Pope Francis invited the whole Church to join on a two-year journey (2021-2023) to focus on synodality: a decisive theme for the life and mission of the Church. The Holy Spirit is undoubtedly moving in our Diocese. As the theme of my pastoral letter, I chose *Journeying Together: With Jesus on the Path of Faith and Hope*, shortly after Pope Francis announced the synod theme, *For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission*. Synodality asks us to consider: how can the Church better function as the Body of Christ? The central hope for us embracing this synodal process is for all of us to become part of a caring and listening Church. Journeying together requires a great commitment to listen to the voices of all who make up the People of God. Individually and as a parish, we have an opportunity to embrace the process as a means for growth and creating meaningful connections. First, during this joyous time of holiday gatherings, either in person or virtual, open your heart to truly listen to your friends and family—pay attention to their cares and concerns; what a magnificent way to experience the synodal process in your life. Second, the synod will create opportunities for parishes in their revitalization efforts. What remarkable potential the formal and informal coming together of the People of God presents. I also look forward with faith and hope to the nationwide Eucharistic Revival set to launch next summer and conclude with a Eucharistic Congress in 2024. I am truly excited as plans are taking shape for this initiative. I can already envision the many blessings these will bring to the Church at large as well as to the Diocese of Fall River. The three years working together to better understand and communicate the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist will bring innumerable graces. I have no doubt hearts will be set aflame, people's faith will be reignited, and souls will grow ever closer to Christ. During this Christmas season, I pray that we all experience a renewal of faith and hope as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. May our celebrations strengthen us to remain steadfast in our desire to share this Good News with the world. May we see all the good things put into motion this year come to fruition in our lives, our Diocese, and the world. May all answer God's call to be a part of the revitalization and renewal of the Church, through our love, dedication, and perseverance as disciples and witnesses of our Eucharistic Lord. May God bless you and your loved ones, and may you enjoy a very happy, joyful, blessed and Merry Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. Bishop of Fall River

DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
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
Sat 1/8 4:00pm	MARGIE COPELAND	MIKE ANDRADE
Sun 1/9 8:30am	LINDA DEMARCO	STEVE MELLO
Sun 1/9 10:30am	LUCILLE ROSA	SHIRLEY CARVALHO

TRIP TO ENCORE RESORT & CASINO



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Sunday, January 23, 2022
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 12 noon

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- \$25 Gambling Credit
- Light Snacks
- Beverages



After gambling credit...
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*Invite your family & friends!

*****FIRST BUS IS FULL*****

WE ARE TAKING NAMES FOR A POTENTIAL 2ND BUS
 (If you would like to put your name on the list, please contact the parish office)

CORRECTION: BUFFET IS NOT INCLUDED DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS

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

Memorial Candles for the month of January

**St. Mary Candle burns for
 Andre & Rita LaCroix**

St. Joseph Candle burns for

**St. Mother Teresa Candle burns
 In Thanksgiving**

St. Bernard Candle (Inside the Church)

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