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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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January 9 2022



THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16c

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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



Sat 1/8	4:00pm	Dorothy Dias & Joseph Dias Jr.
Sun 1/9	8:30am	Raymond Mello
Sun 1/9	10:30am	Kristen Romero
Mon 1/10	9:00am	Daniel Sarmir
Tues 1/11	9:00am	For Our Parishioners
Wed 1/12	9:00am	For the Souls in Purgatory
Thurs 1/13	9:00am	A Special Intention
Sat 1/15	4:00pm	Philip Joncas
Sun 1/16	8:30am	Robert Deschenes Raymond Mello Luis & Maria Tavares
Sun 1/16	10:30am	Dolores & Manuel Pavao

Financial report for weekend of December 26th

1st Collection	\$2,103	Payroll	\$1,877
WeShare	\$931	Assessment	\$649
Ops/Maint	\$15	Food	\$150
Assessment	\$370	Insurance	\$749
Loose cash	\$1,138	Pension	\$158
		Supplies	\$23
		Utilities	\$398
		Liturgical Supplies	\$511
		Maint of Bldg	\$425
		Technology	\$125
		Food Establishment License	\$175
Total Income	\$4,557	Total Expenditures	\$5,240

Net Loss: (\$683)

Financial report for weekend of January 2, 2022

1st Collection	\$2,498	Payroll	\$1,877
WeShare	\$1,073	Assessment	\$649
Ops/Maint	\$344	Food	\$150
Assessment	\$595	Insurance	\$749
Loose cash	\$481	Pension	\$158
		Supplies	\$1,150
		Utilities	\$682
		Waltz Envelopes	\$288
		Maint of Bldg	\$16
Total Income	\$4,991	Total Expenditures	\$5,719

Net Loss: (\$728)

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

~ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS~

**Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
Official Invitation**

The event will be held **Sunday, January 30, 2022** in the parish hall from 8:30am-Noon.

This event is for our parishioners that have been active helping our Church this year volunteering their time and talent.

(Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Harvest Festival Help, Collectors at Mass, Help with Decorations, Parish Dinners, Malassada Team, Altar Servers, etc.)

Call the parish office if you would like to join us
508-644-5585

Please respond by January 23, 2022

Thanks for all you do for Saint Bernard Parish!

We couldn't do it without you!

TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS



We are looking for volunteers to take down the Christmas decorations on **Sunday, January 9, 2022** after the 10:30am Mass. (seems like we just put them up!!!)

UPDATE: Patriots game has been moved to 4:25pm. Plenty time to catch the game!!

Thanks for all you do for St. Bernard Parish

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**.



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

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 7pm in the church rectory. Thank you



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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT



The Diocese of Fall River continues to offer online support groups and hopes to begin offering live sessions in the Spring. 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 - [//bit.ly/SupportGroup4](https://bit.ly/SupportGroup4)
OR
7pm - [//bit.ly/SupportGroup7](https://bit.ly/SupportGroup7)

Sessions will resume on January 4, 2022. 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 at: rsaraiva@cssdioc.org

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.

Jan 9 **Rev. Joseph Viveiros**
Jan 10 **Rev. Msgr. Barry Wall**
Jan 11 **Rev. Thomas Washburn, OFM**
Jan 12 **Very Rev. Richard Wilson**
Jan 13 **Rev. Arthur Wingate**
Jan 14 **All Carmelite Priests**
Jan 15 **Rev. German Agudelo**



Where in the Scriptures can we find the concept of synodality?

The story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus is a good Scriptural example of how Jesus sought to listen to others as he walked with them. In the story, Jesus asks them to tell him their story which reveals some misunderstandings about him. Then, Jesus accompanies them to dinner, breaking open the Word of God with them and revealing himself in the breaking of the bread. This is how these disciples understood that Jesus was accompanying them on "their way." (Lk 24:13-35)



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 1/8 4:00pm	MARGIE COPELAND	MIKE ANDRADE
Sun 1/9 8:30am	LINDA DEMARCO	STEVE MELLO
Sun 1/9 10:30am	LUCILLE ROSA	SHIRLEY CARVALHO
Sat 1/15 4:00pm	PAT WICKENHEISER	CLAUDETTE LAFFAN
Sun 1/16 8:30am	LINDA DEMARCO	RITA CANUEL
Sun 1/16 10:30am	ANN MARIE SARDINHA	LINDA FEIJO

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

*Invite your family & friends!

*****FIRST BUS IS FULL*****
WE ARE TAKING NAMES FOR 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

UPDATE: *payment needed with reservation*

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)

St. Bernard Candle (Outside the Church) burns for

The Sanctuary Candle

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