Saint Nicholas of Myra Catholic Church

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The offices of St. Nicholas of Myra Church are located in the Pastoral Life Center (499 Spring Street, behind the Church)

The Parish Office is open

Monday-Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays
4:00 p.m.

Sundays
8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass
Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.
Holidays, 8:00 AM

First Friday, 8:00 a.m., Benediction, 4:00 p.m.
Rosary, 7:30 a.m.

Adoration every Wednesday,
Following 8:00 a.m. Mass, conclude our day of Prayer with benediction at 4:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Sundays, 11:30 AM by appointment

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:15 - 3:45 p.m. and by Appointment

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least eight months before the proposed date of your wedding.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Parish prayer request line: 508-822-1425
The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick can take place in the church or at home. Holy Communion is brought to the sick and homebound upon request. In an emergency, please telephone the Parish Office at any time.

WELCOME!

We open wide our doors to you. Our wish is that you will find your time among us prayerful and inspiring. We hope you feel at home and among friends. If you are visiting, we are glad you have joined us for worship today. Enjoy your stay and come back soon. If you plan to make this your spiritual home, we ask that you formally register. Just speak to the priest after Mass and he will welcome you personally. If you have no church family to call your own and are interested in ours, we will help you make that important decision. If there is any way we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number. When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:10, 12

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JULY 24—25, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday	7/24	4:00 p.m.	Debra Brasil and Francisco & Maria Silva
Sunday	7/25	8:00 a.m.	Marcia Sherman Francis Cutner
		10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday	7/26	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention
Tuesday	7/27	8:00 a.m.	Vera Bindon
Wednesday	7/28	8:00 a.m.	Joseph Boyd, Sr.
Thursday	7/29	8:00 a.m.	The Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	7/31	4:00 p.m.	William "Okie" O'Connell
Sunday	8/01	8:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
		10:30 a.m.	Barbara Graca 1st Anniversary

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

JULY 17—18, 2021

OFFERTORY: $2,741.00

PARISH DEBT: $ 813.00

If you are unable to attend Mass we ask you to mail your budget envelopes to the Parish Office at P.O. Box 564 North Dighton, MA 02764 or drop them off in the black mail box located outside the Parish Office Building. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

No Adoration on Wednesdays; The Church will be open until 4:00 p.m.

Confessions: are available Saturdays in the Church Sacristy from 3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays before each Mass.

Stay up to date on COVID-19.
Please visit the Diocesan Website:
www.fallriverdiocese.org

The Parish Office is opened Monday—Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..

You may make a visit to the church which is opened Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and on Wednesday until 4:00 p.m.

CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

On **Saturday, August 14** the Diocese is sponsoring a day-long event for young people with Bishop da Cunha on Martha's Vineyard. The day is free for participants and will include transportation, ferry ride to the Oak Bluff, lunch, opportunity to visit shops, activities, talks, music, adoration, and Mass with the Bishop.
Bus pick-up begins at 9:30 a.m., with attendees returning by 10 p.m. to their respective parishes. To register, please contact the parish.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Augustine Institute, partnering with Ignatius Press, launched **FORMED** as a revolutionary online service offering unprecedented access to a vast array of high end digital Catholic content!

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We highly recommend going on our parish website and click the link http://www.saintnicholas.formed.org/ as you begin to explore the rich truth and beauty of the Catholic Faith.

80th ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** has ended. Our parish contributed a total of **$49,652.00.** Our parish is truly fortunate to have members who continue to provide for the needs of those less fortunate. Sincere thanks and appreciation for your support.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

July 25, 2021
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that. ©LPi

Faith Formation Teachers

There is a need for teachers for our Religious Education Program this year. Please consider giving 1 hour per week to help our youth. Call Sandy at **508-824-6581**.

The Book Discussion Group has been postponed to Aug. 4.

Thursday, July 29—Join us to pray the Rosary for peace, in the world—at the church at 6:00 p.m.

This year the **Annual Flee Market** at **St. Nicholas of Myra Parish** will be held **Saturday, August 7, 2021** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rent space with an 8'table provided for $10 in the air conditioned Parish Center Hall or same space with table outdoors in the parking lot.

Welcome to the newest member who was recently baptized at St. Nicholas of Myra Church.

Wesley Manuel Rego

We extend congratulations to his parents, and Godparents.

We pray for the soul of Barbara Caramanisa. Her funeral was July 17 at St. Nicholas of Myra. May she rest in peace. We extend our sincere prayers and sympathy to her family and friends. May they be strengthened by the Lord.

SAVE THE DATE—AUGUST 15, 2021

Please plan on joining, with all parishioners, to bid a fond farewell to our pastor and shepherd, ***Father Paul Fedak.*** As you know, Father Fedak will be moving to Martha's Vineyard to accept his new assignment with the Diocese of Fall River. We will all miss him very much and want to show our appreciation and gratitude at this coffee social hour. Please mark your calendars.

When—-Sunday, August 15th
Where—St. Nicholas of Myra Parish Center
Time—Immediately following the Sunday 10:30 Mass.
Thank you & God Bless you all!

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