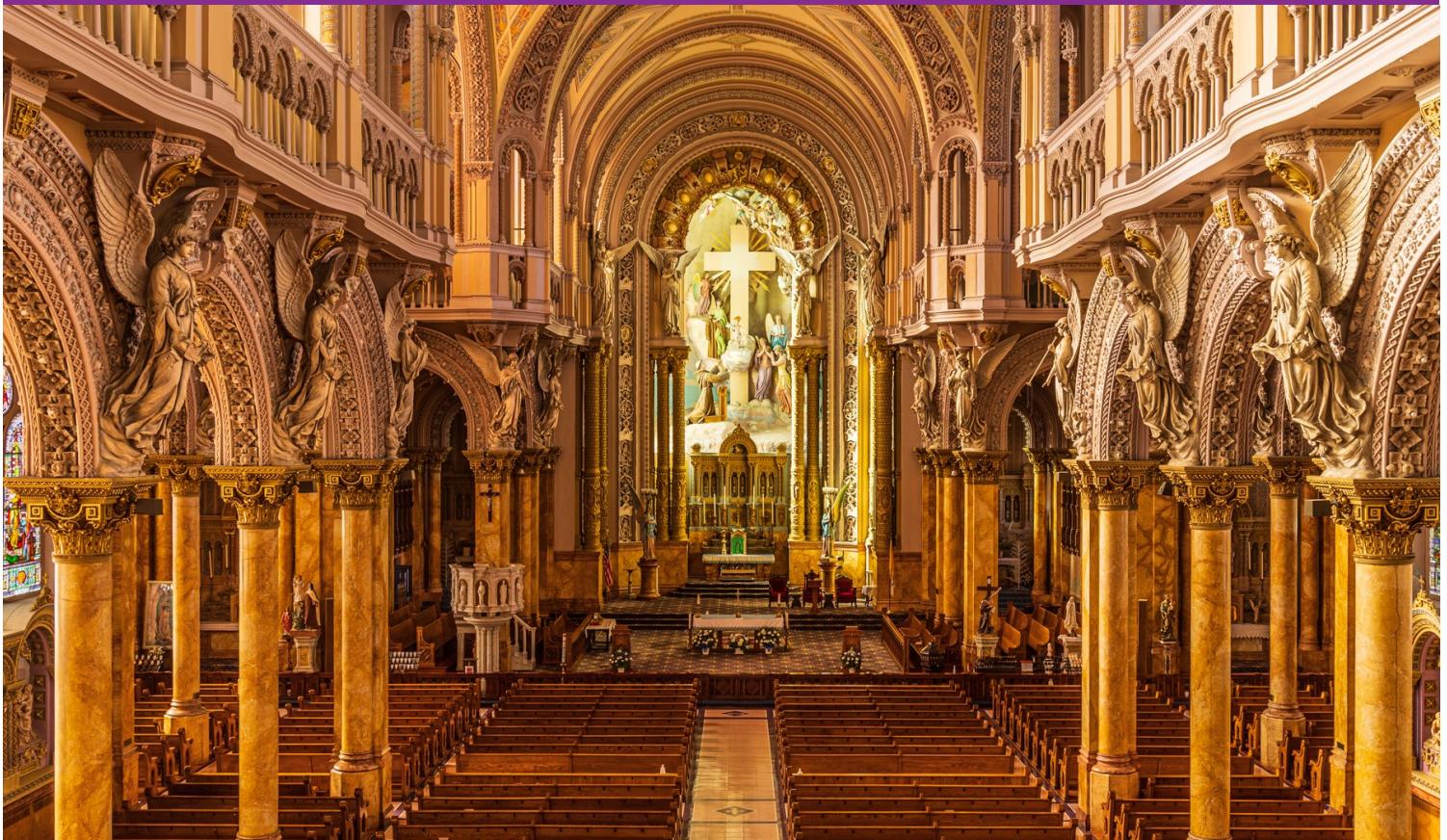




Saint Anthony of Padua Church

1359 Acushnet Ave | New Bedford | MA 02746

Tel: 508-993-1691 | Fax: 508 -999-4775 | www.saintanthonynb.org



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

6:30 am English

8:00 am Spanish

9:30 am English

11:00 am Spanish

Monday - Thursday

7:00 am English

Thursday

7:30 pm Spanish

Friday

5:15 pm English

Saturday

4:00 pm English (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

CONFESIONS

Tuesday

6:30 pm – 7:15 pm Chapel

Thursday

6:30 pm – 7:15 pm Church

Friday

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm Chapel

Saturday

11:00 am – 11:45 am Church

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm Church

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

BAPTISM

Saturday at 12:00 pm | Every third in English | Every fourth in Spanish

MARRIAGE

Diocesan rules require registered parishioners to contact the Pastor at least 8 months in advance. *Classes are required.*

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the Parish Office at 508-993-1691 for a Minister of Care to bring communion to those who are in nursing homes, hospitals or confined to their homes. This can be arranged on a regular basis. Anointing of the Sick (performed by a priest) can be received at any time during a serious illness.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm Chapel; Thursday 6:30 pm – 7:15 pm Church
Friday 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm Chapel; Saturday 9:30 am – 3:30 pm Chapel

FAITH FORMATION (*For youth and children*)

Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm at Immaculate Conception School - 136 Earl Street New Bedford, MA.

RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*)

If you or anyone is interested in the Catholic Faith or in becoming a Catholic, please call the parish Office at 508-993-1691.

Welcome to Saint Anthony's

If you are new to St. Anthony of Padua Parish, please know how welcome you are to worship God with us. The motto of our parish is written in Latin over the front entrance: "The hardworking people of St. Anthony have built this Temple to the Lord." We know that we have been blessed with one of the most beautiful church most people have ever seen and that the Lord demands more of those who have been given more. Our goal is to allow the Lord to build with us a parish community of "living Stones" even more beautiful than the physical edifice in which we have the awesome privilege to worship Him. We would love you to become part of that building project!



Parish Staff

PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER, MA

Staffed by the priests of the "Institute of the Incarnate Word" (IVE)

Pastor

Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE - Ext. 102

Associate Pastor

Fr. Marcelo Da Silva, IVE

Fr. Thomas Steinke, IVE - Ext. 108

Deacon

Deacon Eduardo Borges

Secretary

Reina McCarty (508) 993-1691 Ext. 101
office@saintanthonynb.org

Organist & Music Director

Daniel Marshall (401) 288-7172
music@saintanthonynb.org

Maintenance

Luis Sicajau - Ext. 113

Religious Education Director

Mother Mater Consecrata, SSVM Ext. 114
ccd@saintanthonynb.org

Sacristan

Sr. Annette Brassard - Ext. 112

Remember them in your prayers!

Eternal Rest

We pray for those called home to the Lord



We are asked to pray for the sick, especially for
Grace Gonsalves, Henrique Trindade, Theresa Quintin, Nancy Paiva, Lucille Connolly, Diane Barksdale, Hunt Barksdale, Rob Jardin, Adrien Aube, Jose Soares, Loretta Hevey, Thomas Sargent, Robert Keegan, Sandra & Family, Antonio Manuel, Alan Edwards, Marcelino De La Cruz
 that the Lord may give them health and strength.

Mass Intentions

MONDAY

7:00am

FEBRUARY 26

†Mario Gomez

TUESDAY

7:00am

FEBRUARY 27

Gillian Vansluytman *birthday's blessing*

WEDNESDAY

7:00am

FEBRUARY 28

†Al & Jen Rosanski

THURSDAY

7:00am

7:30pm

FEBRUARY 29

†David Pence
Salud de Marcelino De la Cruz

FRIDAY

5:15 pm

MARCH 1

†Alice Rocheleau
†Adriano Almeida

SATURDAY

4:00pm

MARCH 2

†Abdilio Medina &
Laurina Medina

SUNDAY

6:30am English

8:00am Español
9:30 am English
11:00am Español

MARCH 3

†Emilio & Maria Da silva
†Manuel Couto
†Antonio Varela
†Oscar Nieva
†Juan de la Cruz Leiva



2ND SUNDAY

OF LENT

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS

Then a cloud came,
casting a shadow over
them; from the cloud
came a voice,
"This is my beloved Son.
Listen to him."

Mark 9:7

READINGS & OBSERVANCES 2024 YEAR B

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT Feb 25 Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

MONDAY Feb 26 Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

TUESDAY Feb 27 Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21+23/Mt 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY Feb 28 Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

THURSDAY Feb 29 Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

FRIDAY Mar 1 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

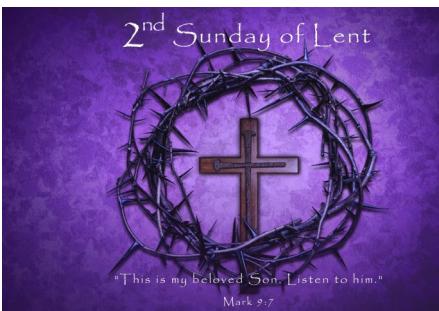
SATURDAY Mar 2 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT Mar 3 Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

Pilot Bulletins

Pastor's Message

Dear brothers and sisters,
As we continue with our Lenten journey, I hope that this Sunday, as we contemplate the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor, will bring us an increase of faith and strength as we continue with our works of penance, prayer and charity in union with our blessed Lord.



Continuing with our Lenten journey in this Second Sunday of Lent, our Blessed Lord revealed the splendor of his countenance to Peter, James, and John. Peter responded with great joy and delight, "Lord it is good for us to be here" – we want to stay here; the sight of your beauty consoles us more than all the delights

of the earth. In that revelation, Jesus gave them a glimpse of Heaven. great." (Gen 15:1). Let us raise our eyes to Heaven, and console ourselves with the hope of God's eternal joy. In Heaven the saints expect us, Mary expects us, Jesus expects us and holds in his hand a crown to make each of us a king/queen in his eternal kingdom.

Heaven is the Great Good which God intends for us, but due to sin, had been closed off. Jesus reopened it for us by sacrificing his life on the cross and rising from the dead. The greatest torments of those in Hell arise from the thought of having lost heaven through their own fault; but the blessings, the glory and the sheer delight of Heaven consist in seeing and loving God face-to-face. That is why Peter exclaimed, it is good for us to be here. Nothing else on earth could compare with the joy he had when he saw the glory of Jesus revealed in that moment of the Transfiguration.

The reward which God promises us consists in the beauty, the harmony, the peace, and the love of God himself. The saints are allowed to see and possess this Great Good, which God promised to Abraham, "I am your reward exceedingly

RCIA: Last Sunday in the Cathedral of Fall River, the enrollment rite took place of those who will be receiving the sacraments of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Let us pray for these catechumens and candidates who will be received into full communion in the Catholic Church, that they may remain firm in their commitment to be Jesus' disciples.

Have a blessed Sunday and a fruitful Lent.

*Christus Vincit! Christus Regnat!
Christus Imperat!
Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE*

"From the Choir Loft "

This weekend, our spotlight shines on the Entrance and Communion Antiphons, a focal point since the inception of our rendition during the past Advent, following the transition to the Source & Summit Hymnal. While previously, I offered a brief introduction to the antiphons, today, I yearn to delve deeper into their historical significance and their more profound integration into our worship.

The Introit (entrance antiphon), Offertory, and Communion Antiphons serve as the propers of the Mass, resonating with the Gospel or Feast being commemorated. These texts, altering daily, lend a distinctive voice to each liturgical celebration. Alongside the Antiphons, the Responsorial Psalm and the prayers uttered by the priest after he invokes, "Let us pray," compose part of these proper texts. Set apart from the unvarying ordinary texts of the Mass, such as the Gloria and Kyrie, these propers offer a dynamic reflection of the day's theme.

In numerous parishes throughout the United States, the tradition of employing Proper Antiphons during weekday Masses endures, often spoken rather than sung. Before Vatican II, these antiphons, sung in Latin by the choir, supplanted the customary opening, offertory, and communion hymns. Nevertheless, congregants remained actively engaged by participating in the singing of the Creed, Gloria, and responding to the chanted Mass responses, a tradition that persists to this day.

So, why the transition towards hymns over Antiphons in recent times?

Following Vatican II, the translation of Antiphons into English failed to garner immediate attention from the higher ecclesiastical echelons. Consequently, church musicians sought English alternatives, finding solace in Protestant hymn tunes, which they adapted to align with Catholic theology. This divergence from Antiphons in favor of hymns in the vernacular has endured into the present era.

As I articulated in my inaugural article about these antiphons back in November of 2023, these chants have remained an integral part of our liturgical tradition for nearly two millennia. As we traverse through this Lenten season, I implore all of you not only to join us in singing these antiphons but to allow them to center your thoughts on the profound themes of the readings for each Mass.

Prayerfully Yours,

*Daniel B. Marshall
Director of Sacred Music & Organist*



Community & Diocesan News



Have you Lived Cursillo?

Cursillo is a three-day learning experience in Christianity featuring practical insights

into an everyday life of faith and service. It is a truly unique experience to deepen your personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Cursillo weekends are held at the Holy Cross Retreat House in Easton. For more information, please visit www.RetreatHouse.org/Cursillo. Have you already lived Cursillo? Please reach out and introduce yourself, we are always looking for volunteers to help bring cursillo to our parishes. www.RetreatHouse.org/cursillo-parishvolunteer

Circle of Grace - Faith Formation



Circle of Grace is the children's safety curriculum used by the Diocese of Fall River. It serves the dual purpose of prevention/safety education and informing children and youth about the value of positive relationships with God and others.

Through Circle of Grace, adults assist children and youth in recognizing that each of us lives within a Circle of Grace that holds our very essence in body, mind, heart, soul and sexuality. Children and youth are taught to identify and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual and sexual boundaries; recognize when boundary violations are about to occur; and demonstrate how to take action when boundaries are threatened or violated.

The Circle of Grace Classes will be given to children in the Faith Formation Program on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 (grades 5 – 8) and Wednesday, February 28, 2024 (grades K – 4) during the normal faith formation class time.

For questions or concerns, please message or call Mother Consecrata through WhatsApp.

Operation Rice Bowl

Through CRS Rice Bowl, you help reach more than 250 MILLIN PEOPLE with lifesaving support.

THANK YOU for changing lives this Lent!

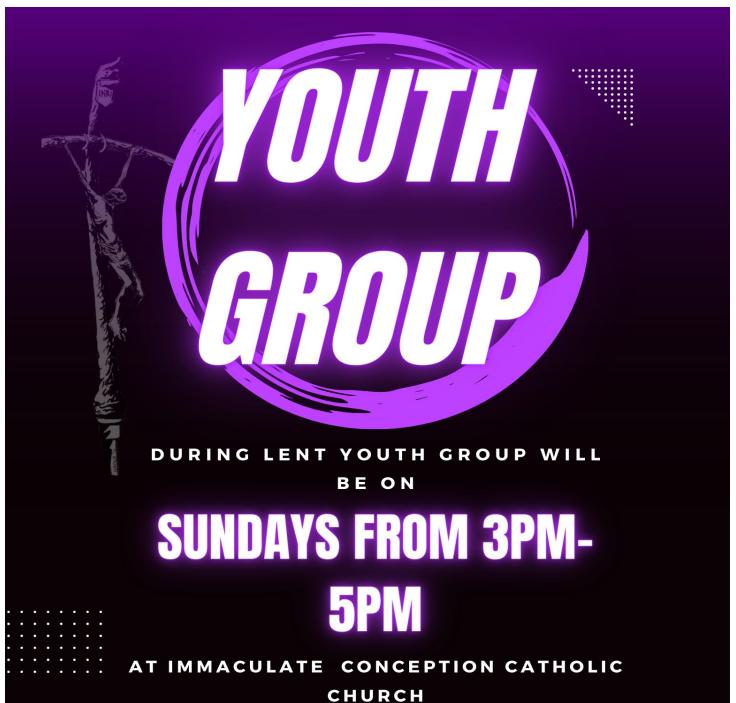
- Place your CRS Rice Bowl on your Family's dinner table.
- Follow the calendar's daily reflections.
- Put your Lenten sacrifices into your CRS Rice Bowl.
- Bring the bowl at the end of the Lenten season to share with people in most need.



Parish News



Rite of Election and call to Continuing Conversion celebrated at the cathedral in Fall River on Sunday, February 18 with the bishop. Congratulations to the elect (Nuria Pires, Sophia Cisneros, Juliana Ixcuna Tum, and Melina Garcia), who will receive the sacraments of initiation at Easter, and to Mark Bifulco, who will be received into the Church at Easter.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH 136 EARLE ST. NEW BEDFORD, MA JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Portuguese Parish of the Immaculate Conception in New Bedford, Massachusetts is searching for either Full-Time or part time Music Director/Organist to lead the music program forward for the glory of God and the edification of the faithful. Chief responsibilities include playing for Saturday evening, and Sunday masses, choir rehearsal, and special mass and liturgies during the year. Interested applicants should email to i.conception@comcast.net or call to 508-992-9892 for further inquiries. Pastor Fr. Mariano Varela.

Hymns for the 2nd Sunday of Lent "B"

Entrance: S&S Missal– pg. 191

Processional: #251 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Offertory: #290 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair!

Communion Antiphon: S&S Missal pg. 193

Communion: #127 Attende Domine

Meditation: Now Christ, O Sun of Righteousness

Recessional: #351 The Glory of These Forty Days



Following the 5:15pm mass and stations of the cross:

MARCH 1, 2024 - SALT Ladies

MARCH 8, 2024 - Charismatic group of Saint Kilian

MARCH 15, 2024 - Holy Spirit Society

MARCH 22, 2024 - Puerta del Cielo

Thank you to all the groups for their generosity in preparing the social meal.

GOOD FRIDAY - MARCH 29, 2024

Easter Lilies Donations



Help our parish as we prepare for the Easter season! Support us with donations to purchase the Easter lilies. Checks and cash donations should be made out to St. Anthony's and placed in the collection baskets. They may include the names of loved ones that will be placed on the Altar during the Easter Season.



Deanery Communal Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday March 12, 2024 at 6:30pm

at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

The New Bedford Deanery priests are hosting a Lenten Penance Service at 6:30PM at Holy Name of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford. Various priests from the area will be available for Confession, a sure way to prepare our heart for the Lord in this Lenten Season.

There will be no Adoration and Confessions at Saint Anthony's on that day.

Sacrificial Giving and Stewardship

Weekly Collections

FEBRUARY 18 2024

Weekly Collection \$ 5,638.43

Ash Wednesday \$ 2,563.75

Candles/Shrines \$ 150.75

Thank you for your sacrifice and generosity.

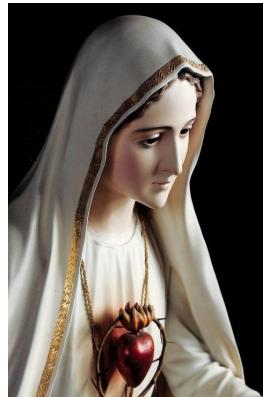
Upcoming Second Collection

February 25 - Fuel in aid of the Parish.

March 29 - Good Friday Collection for Holy Land



"Transfiguration" By: Raphael
(Retrieved from Wiki Commons)



A DAY WITH MARY

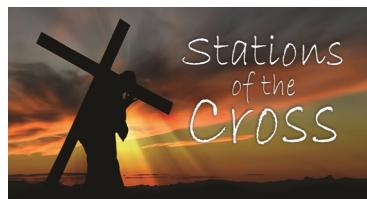
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
230 Bonney St. New Bedford, MA

Saturday, March 2, 2024
508-678-5513

Schedule 8:00am to 2:50pm

Retreat lead by the
Franciscans of the Immaculate

ATTENTION!



The 5:15pm Mass on Fridays during the Lenten Season, will be celebrated in the Main Church followed by the Stations of the Cross.

Mensaje del Párroco

Queridos hermanos, al continuar con nuestro camino cuaresmal, espero que este domingo, al contemplar la Transfiguración de Jesús en el monte Tabor, nos traiga un aumento de fe y fortaleza al continuar con nuestras obras de penitencia, oración y caridad en unión con nuestro Señor. Continuando con nuestro camino cuaresmal en este segundo domingo de Cuaresma, nuestro Señor reveló el esplendor de su rostro a Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Pedro respondió con gran gozo y alegría: Señor, es bueno que estemos aquí, queremos quedarnos aquí; la vista de tu belleza nos consuela más que todas las delicias de la tierra. En aquella revelación, Jesús les hizo vislumbrar el Cielo.

El Cielo es la Gran Felicidad que Dios quiere para nosotros, pero que, debido al pecado, había quedado cerrado. Jesús lo reabrió para nosotros, sacrificando su vida en la cruz y resucitando de entre los muertos.

Los mayores tormentos de los que están en el Infierno surgen de la idea de haber perdido el Cielo por su propia culpa; pero las bendiciones, la gloria y el puro deleite del Cielo consisten en ver y amar a Dios cara a cara. Por eso San Pedro exclamó: es bueno que estemos aquí. Nada en la tierra podía compararse con la alegría que sintió al ver la gloria de Jesús revelada en aquel momento de la transfiguración.

La recompensa que Dios nos promete consiste en la belleza, la armonía, la paz y el amor de Dios mismo. A los santos se les permite ver y poseer este Gran Bien, que Dios prometió a Abraham: "Yo soy tu recompensa sobremanera grande". (Gn 15, 1). Levantemos los ojos al Cielo y consolémonos con la esperanza de la alegría eterna de Dios. En el Cielo nos esperan los santos, nos espera María, nos espera Jesús y tiene en su mano una corona para hacer de cada uno de nosotros un rey/reina en su reino eterno.

Trabajemos con valentía y piedad para que todas las obras que hagamos en este tiempo santo de cuaresma nos ayude purificar nuestros corazones y así, ser parte del reino aquí en la tierra y miembros de la futura gloria en el cielo. Que tengan un bonito y bendecido Domingo.

*Christus Vincit! Christus Regnat! Christus Imperat!
Fr. Mariano Varela, IVE*

Atención

REGISTRACION PARROQUIAL

¿Es usted un feligrés registrado?

Si usted es mayor de 18 años y asiste a misa aquí regularmente, lo invitamos a registrarse como miembro de la parroquia de San Antonio de Padua.

Hay tres razones por las que registrarse es importante:

1. Facilita la preparación para los Sacramentos cuando llegue el momento. Bautizos de niños, registro de para la catequesis, ser padrino/padrino de bautizos o confirmaciones, y especialmente casarse (ya sea que usted se case en esta parroquia, en otra parroquia, o celebrando la boda en otro país) implican un registro de participación parroquial.

2. Cartas de recomendación. A veces hay ocasiones en las que se necesitan cartas de recomendaciones de su párroco (por ejemplo, inscripción en una escuela católica, becas, elegibilidad de padrinos, etc.). Si no está registrado, no podemos proporcionarle esta carta a usted o a su familia.

3. Si nosotros como parroquia no sabemos quién está afuera, ¿cómo podemos servir las necesidades de todos? Esto incluye a personas solteras o familias jóvenes que tal vez no vean la necesidad de registrarse.

¡Registrarse es fácil! Visite la oficina parroquial, llame a la oficina o envíe un correo electrónico a office@saintanthonynb.org para solicitar un formulario de inscripción.

Los sacerdotes del Decanato de New Bedford están organizando una *liturgia penitencial cuaresmal* a las 6:30 p. m. en la Parroquia del Santo Nombre del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, 121 Mt. Pleasant St., New Bedford. Varios sacerdotes de la zona estarán disponibles para la Confesión, una forma segura de preparar nuestro corazón para el Señor en esta temporada de Cuaresma.



Martes 12 de Marzo 2024

6:30pm

Ese día no habrá adoración con Confesión en San Antonio.

PRÓXIMAS CHARLAS DE BAUTISMO Y FECHA DE LOS MISMOS

MARZO 2024

Charlas: Viernes 1 de Marzo 7:30pm en el salón parroquial

Bautismo: sábado 6 de Abril a las 12pm

NO HAY BAUTISMOS EN MARZO SOLAMENTE
LAS CHARLAS. LOS BAUTISMO SERAN EN ABRIL

Anuncios

- ♦ Primera Comunión de Adultos
El Domingo 28 de Abril 2024 en la misa de las 11am.
- ♦ Primeras Comuniones: Domingo 5 de Mayo en la Misa de las 11:00 am
- ♦ Confirmaciones: Miércoles 8 de Mayo 2024 a las 7pm con la presencia del Señor obispo. En la Iglesia de los Portugueses.
- ♦ El Padre Mariano dará una serie de charlas sobre el catecismo de la Iglesia Católica desde las 9 a las 10:30am los sábados durante la cuaresma.



ESTACIONES DE LA CRUZ

Todos los viernes en la iglesia principal después de la Misa de 5:15pm.

Después del Vía Crucis uno de los grupos estará a cargo de la cena en el Salón Parroquial



Señoras SALT - VIERNES 1 DE MARZO
San Kilian - VIERNES 8 DE MARZO
Espíritu Santo (*Portugueses*) VIERNES 15 DE MARZO



Rito de Elección y llamada a la Conversión Continua celebrado en la catedral de Fall River el domingo 18 de febrero con el obispo. Felicitaciones a las elegidas (Nuria Pires, Sophia Cisneros, Julianna Ixcuna Tum y Melina García), que recibirán los sacramentos de iniciación en Pascua, y a Mark Bifulco, que será recibido en la Iglesia en Pascua.



Cada Cuaresma, las familias católicas de todo el país se unen para poner su fe en acción a través de la oración, el

ayuno y la limosna. Con Plato de Arroz de CRS, las familias aprenden cómo nuestros hermanos en todo el mundo superan dificultades como el hambre y la desnutrición, y cómo gracias a nuestras limosnas de Cuaresma, tenemos el poder de hacer del mundo un lugar mejor para todos. **POR FAVOR RECOJA SU CAJA PARA COMPARTIR.**

El Círculo de Gracia - Formación de Fé



El Círculo de Gracia es el currículo de seguridad para niños utilizado por la Diócesis de Fall River. Tiene el doble propósito de educar en prevención y seguridad e informar a los niños y jóvenes sobre el valor de las relaciones positivas con Dios y con los demás.

A través del Círculo de Gracia, los adultos ayudan a los niños y jóvenes a reconocer que cada uno de nosotros vive dentro de un Círculo de Gracia que contiene nuestra propia esencia en cuerpo, mente, corazón, alma y sexualidad. A los niños y jóvenes se les enseña a identificar y mantener límites físicos, emocionales, espirituales y sexuales apropiados; a reconocer cuándo están a punto de producirse violaciones de los límites; y a demostrar cómo actuar cuando los límites se ven amenazados o violados. Las clases del Círculo de Gracia serán dadas a los niños en el Programa de Formación de Fe el Martes, 27 de Febrero, 2024 (grados 5 - 8) y el Miércoles, 28 de Febrero, 2024 (grados K - 4) durante el tiempo normal de la clase de formación de fe.

Para preguntas o inquietudes, por favor envíe un mensaje o llame a la Madre Consagrada a través de WhatsApp.



Junta con las Nuevas Directivas

El Domingo 25 de Febrero a las 7 pm el P. Mariano se reunirá con las nuevas comitivas de los grupos de oración para conocerse y planificar algunos asuntos. (Lugar: Salón de las reuniones en San Antonio)



PLANIFICACIÓN

Rosario de los Jueves

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 2/15/2024
Comunidad San Kilian: 2/22/2024
Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 2/29/2024
Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 3/7/2024
Comunidad San Kilian: 3/14/2024
Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 3/21/2024

Grupos de Limpieza

Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 2/24/2024
Comunidad San Kilian: 3/2/2024
Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 3/9/2024
Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 2/24/2024
Comunidad San Kilian: 3/2/2024
Comunidad María Sede de la Sabiduría: 3/9/2024
Comunidad María Puerta del Cielo: 3/16/2024
LIMPIEZA GENERAL TODAS LOS GRUPOS: 3/23/2024
Comunidad San Kilian: 3/30/2024