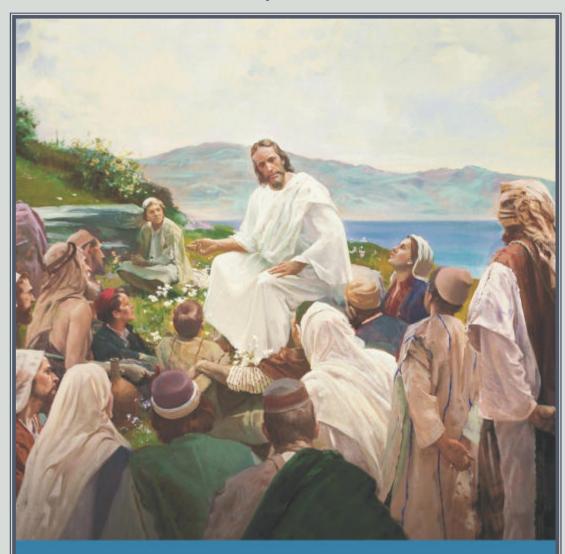
## OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH And IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH February 21, 2021



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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#### **PARISH MISSION:**

Our Lady of Fatima and Immaculate Conception Parish is a Catholic faith community called by God to holiness. Our calling is realized in a spirit of love, unity and hospitality. As a faith community, we will deepen our knowledge and love of God in Christ. We will seek to contribute our time, talent and other resources in a spirit of service, based on our Baptismal commitment, founded on the Word of God and celebrated in sacramental life, especially Eucharist.

Our Lady of Fatima New London



### **GUIDELINES FOR LENT**

Fasting, almsgiving and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent that should be taken seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Baptism and renewal of Baptismal vows at Easter

FASTING Observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

**<u>ABSTINENCE</u>** Observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed.

**DAYS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE** Ash Wednesday (February 17th) and Good Friday (April 2nd)

### **DAYS OF ABSTINENCE** All Fridays of Lent.

Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the pastor should be consulted.



Saturday, February 20, 5 PM Jonathan O'Donnell (liv)

Scott Pierce by His Mother, Pat Moyer

Sunday, February 21, 10:30 AM
Patrick Sweeney by Lee & Bill Ostrom & Family

Monday, February 22, 9 AM Howard Kingsley by Nancy Kingsley

Tuesday, February 23, 9 AM
John McGurn by Sue Reel

Wednesday, February 24, 9 AM
Danielle & Jesse Dow (liv)

Saturday, February 27, 5 PM Tom Doran by His Family

Sunday, February 28, 8:30 AM

Sunday, February 28, 10:30 AM Marilu Morse by The Women's Society

## RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST OUTSIDE OF MASS

Distribution of the Eucharist for those who are unable to or who should not attend Mass is:

> Immaculate Conception - 9:30 to 10 a.m. Our Lady of Fatima - 11:30 to Noon

#### POSITION AVAILABLE

We are now looking for a Religious Education Director. It is a part-time position (15 hours per week) involving the coordination of our religious education program. If you are interested or want further details about the position please contact Fr. Biron at parishoffice@olfic.org or 603-526-4484.

### **PARISH WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sun Feb 21, 5 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom

Mon Feb 22, 9:30 St Joseph Study - Hall

3:15 p.m. Rosary - IC

4:30 Intercessory Prayer Grp - IC

Tue Feb 23, 7:45 Men's Prayer Grp - Hall

9:30 Rosary after Mass

**Thu Feb 25,** 8:30 Rosary

Fri Feb 26, 5:30 p.m. Stations

Followed by Adoration until 9.p.m.

**Sun Feb 28,** 9:30 Rel Ed Gr 7 - Adult - LMR

5 p.m. Evening Prayer on Zoom

"Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God." Is He prompting you to suffer with Him, bringing others to God as a priest or in the consecrated life?

Call Father Matthew Mason (603) 663-0132, or write: mmason@rcbm.org.



### SPAGHETTI SUPPER ALTERNATIVE

**D**ue to COVID 19, we are unable to have our famous Spaghetti Supper, BUT we have decided to prepare our Famous Sauce containing meatballs, sausage & pepperoni and offer it for sale (\$10 and \$12) on **Saturday, February 27**<sup>th</sup> from **10AM to 2PM** at Immaculate Conception.

We need to enlist at least 6 volunteers to help prepare the sauce at IC on Friday at 10AM. In addition, 1 volunteer is needed to help sell the sauce the day of the sale. Please call Loretta at 735-5790 to let her know you're willing to help.

Can't make it to the sale? Call Loretta to reserve your containers!



If you received a packet of envelopes either with the wrong address or envelope number, please let us know. It is important that we unite the parishioner with the correct envelope! Once corrected, you will be notified to pick up your envelopes at OLF on the window sill. The church is generally unlocked Monday -Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you haven't received your envelopes, call the rectory at 526-4484.

### Readings for the week of February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]

1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]

Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19

[18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19

[19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab

2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-

8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]

Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10

15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10

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PICK OF THE WEEK

February 21, 2021

LOVE, SACRIFICE, TRUST:
HE SHOWED US THE WAY
BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ
In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz:

In this talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares with us the need to pick up our crosses and embrace Christ in our own suffering. He reminds us that love often means sacrifice!



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#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Joey DeVito

Please help us keep this list current by contacting 526-4484 or parishoffice@olfic.org

## TAKE 5 Doing the rite thing

Today, some of our neighbors are going to make a countercultural choice. They're going to sign the Book of the Elect, signaling their decision to be baptized, confirmed, and to receive First Eucharist at this year's Easter Vigil. These Elect have been studying for months or years to embrace the life of the church. Why would anyone make this choice in the 21st century? For some, it may have begun as intellectual curiosity. For others, it's a journey of the heart. For all, it's what they've seen in folks like us that make Catholic Christianity an inspiring choice. Let's help keep the inspiration going!



The next **BLOOD DRIVE** will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 1 - 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima parish hall. Please register on line and bring a valid photo ID or your Red Cross Blood Donor Card.

#### RECTORY AND CHURCH OFFICES

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### SACRAMENTAL AND PRAYER LIFE

### **Our Lady of Fatima**

Mass Schedule

9:00 a.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Saturday

10:30 a.m. Sunday

Eucharistic Adoration: Suspended

**Reconciliation/Confession:** 4:15 p.m. Saturday

## **Immaculate Conception**

Mass Schedule:

8:30 a.m. Sunday

**Anointing the Sick & Baptism:** 

Please contact the Rectory to make arrangements.

Please contact the Rectory at least 6 months prior.

**Homebound / Hospitalized:** 

Bringing Communion to anyone unable to attend

Mass has been suspended.

### February 21, 2021



Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday. It's a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. During Lent, we seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by *giving alms*; and we practice self-control through *fasting*. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. We recall the waters of baptism in which we were also baptized into Christ's death, died to sin and evil, and began new life in Christ.

Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. Contemplate the meaning and origins of the Lenten fasting tradition in this *reflection*. In addition, the giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2446).

In Lent, the baptized are called to renew their baptismal commitment as others prepare to be baptized through the <u>Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults</u>, a period of learning and discernment for individuals who have declared their desire to become Catholics.

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### **LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION**

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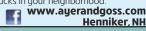
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