

Our Lady of Fatima Church



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Rev. John A. Raposo, *Pastor*

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SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 8:00 AM

The Rosary is prayed in common after each daily Mass.

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

PENANCE

Saturday: 3:15 to 3:45 PM

Marriage: Arrangements should be made with the Church at least eight months prior to the anticipated wedding date.

Initiation of Adults: Non-Catholic Adults who wish to join the Catholic Church may inquire about the formation and education process which lead to Baptism or Full Communion. Please call the Parish Office for details.

Home-Bound: Individuals confined to their home may receive the Holy Eucharist on a regular basis at home. Contact the Parish Office to arrange an initial visit by a priest and pastoral care.

Infant Baptism: Parents should call the Parish Office to arrange an interview and schedule the Baptism.

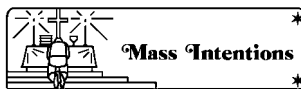
St. Vincent De Paul Society: For assistance contact us at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

Welcome to New Parishioners

It is a joy for us to welcome new members to our parish! If you worship with us regularly here, but are not registered, please use this form to request registration information. Drop it in the basket or mail it to us. We look forward to your participation in our faith community. Name _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—March 5, 2017



Saturday	March	4,	4:00 PM	Mary & Joseph Tavares by Family
Sunday	March	5,	8:00 AM	Laurette Hudon by Family
			9:30 AM	Reinaldo Medeiros & Parents by Family
			11:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> Keven Beauregard
Monday	March	6,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Tuesday	March	7,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Wednesday	March	8,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Friday	March	11,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Saturday	March	11,	4:00 PM	Jeanne Labelle by Mr. & Mrs. Claudette LeBlanc
Sunday	March	5,	8:00 AM	Antonio daPonte, Artur Freitas, Maria Melo, Cecelia Pereira by Family
			9:30 AM	Hildeberto Oliveira, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel & Luduina Furtado by Family
			11:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> Robert Krouzek

Sanctuary Lamp: For Our Lady of Fatima Parish
 Our Lady of Fatima: For the intentions of the prayer line

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection last weekend: \$2,656.00 Thank you!
 Expenses for week: \$3,792.67
 (\$1,055.00 salaries, \$400.00 parish assessment, \$325.00 snowplowing & sanding, \$180.00 alarm annual contract, \$1,832.67 gas & electric)

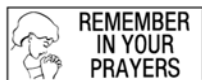


ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Please join us for Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. There is so much to pray for. Please email any prayer requests to olofnb@comcast.net. **In case of snow, evening prayer is cancelled.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY ARE AVAILABLE.

Mass intentions can be scheduled during office hours on Wednesdays 9-3 and Fridays 9-12. The Sanctuary Lamp for Our Lady of Fatima Lamp, is also available.



OUR MILITARY that God may watch over our loved ones, protect them and bring them home safely. **THE SICK**

who have asked for our prayers. May they be strengthened by God in health, mind, body and spirit and be comforted by our prayer.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK Our parish healthcare professionals will be on-duty the second weekend of the month to check your blood pressure after all Masses.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

It's only by placing God at the center of everything that we can make sense of life.



It's easy to love our neighbors when they are friends or family. It gets a little dicier, however, when our neighbor is particularly unpleasant or has wronged us. Jesus invites us to sidestep the temptation of repaying violence or unpleasantness with more of the same and instead to do the unexpected. He calls us to be creative and take a fresh look at the situation and respond with our best selves. Does this mean we become doormats for another's aggression or irrationality? No, but it does mean being willing to love, trusting that love can make a difference even if it is not returned in kind.

ST. MARY'S PARISH LENTEN MISSION, NEW BEDFORD:

Father Tom Washburn OFM is giving a Parish Mission at St. Mary's in New Bedford on **March 6th, 7th, and 8th**. There will be Mass and homily at Noon and at 7 PM. All are invited to attend.

HOLY HOUR every Monday evening from 7-8 pm at **St. John Neumann Parish, Freetown.**



ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH WEL-COMES

Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Director of Education and Ethics at The National Catholic Bioethics Center. March 26, 2017 from 1pm to 4:30pm. Fr. Tad will be speaking on Physician Assisted Suicide and the challenging issues in bioethics today. **FREE WILL OFFERING**

THE IMMIGRANTS' ASSISTANCE CENTER is hosting a Spring Fundraiser, Friday, March 31st from 6 –10 PM at the Harbor View room at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford. Proceeds will help IAC address a growing need for services in these uncertain times for our immigrant neighbors. Tickets can be purchased or donations made at [www. Immigrantassistancecenter.org](http://www.Immigrantassistancecenter.org).

ATTIC TREASURES SALE

Saturday, March 11th

9 A.M. to 3 P.M.

St. John Neumann Church Hall

Continental Breakfast and Nice Lunch, Church Tables and Guest Vendors. Wheelchair accessible ~ FREE Admission.



LENTEN TAIZE'

SERVICE:

Render your hearts, not your garments and return to the Lord, your God (Joel 2:12). **Sunday, March 5th, at 7:00 p.m.** St. John Neumann Parish. Freetown.

CALLED BY NAME TO SERVE: A day of Reflection for girls ages 14-18. Saturday, April 1st from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM. At Dominican Sisters Convent, 3012 Elm Street, Dighton. Cost is \$7.00. RSVP by March 24th. Please call (508) 675-1311 or email Sr.Pauline@dioc-fr.org.

LECTORS NEEDED! Please speak with Fr. John if you are interested.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHES BIN: This is located in the parking lot behind the church. It is for **CLOTHES and SHOES ONLY!** Please do not put any household items in it. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE OAKS: Please contact Sally in Activities at (508) 998-7807.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30 PM on the following Friday dates: March 3rd & 31st and April 7th.

RICE BOWLS: You're invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl! Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of the church. Please be sure to take one home. We ask that all Rice Bowls be returned on **Sunday, April 2nd.**

ST. LUKES HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARE TEAM

ministers to the Catholic patients in our community daily. They are in need of new Eucharistic Ministers, commissioned by our parish, to offer Communion at the hospital one day a week. If you are interested in volunteering, please call (508) 997-1515 ext. 25493. If you are not commissioned yet and are interested, please speak with Fr. Raposo.

DON'T GIVE UP chocolate FOR LENT
Heads up! Starting Ash Wednesday (March 1), Daily Reflections will be replaced by our Best Lent Ever program. **Check it out!**

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT do something different~ Be Bold ~ Be Catholic ~ sign up at BestLentEver.com.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR

NEIGHBORING PARISHES DURING LENT:

St. John Neumann Parish Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 7:30 AM

St. Mary's, New Bedford: Monday—Friday at Noon

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9:00 AM

Moving? Please let us know your new address. Thank you!