

Our Lady of Fatima Church



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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.

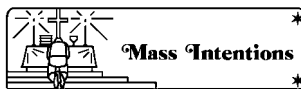
St. Vincent De Paul Society: For assistance contact us at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

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: _____

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—March 12, 2017



Saturday	March	11,	4:00 PM	Jeanne Labelle by Mr. & Mrs. Claudette LeBlanc
Sunday	March	12,	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
Monday	March	13,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Tuesday	March	14,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Wednesday	March	15,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Friday	March	17,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Saturday	March	18,	4:00 PM	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday	March	19,	8:00 AM	Paulino & Ana Vieira by Family
			9:30 AM	Missa Pro Populo
			11:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> For the intentions of the prayer line

Sanctuary Lamp: Special intention for the Moura and Cruz Family
 Our Lady of Fatima: Special intention for the Moura and Cruz Family

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection last weekend: \$2,795.65 Thank you!
 Catholic University: \$692.77 Thank you!
 Ash Wednesday: \$666.14 Thank you!
 Expenses for week: \$1,380.00
 (\$980.00 salaries, \$400.00 parish assessment)

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.

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.



TALKING TO THE DEVIL

Temptation is part of the human story, as unavoidable as original sin. Each of us regularly spends a few moments chatting with the devil about the weaknesses that haunt us the most. Should we have another piece of cake or another drink? Why not leave work early (no one's watching) or say that unkind remark (it will never get back to her) or tell that lie (it will make you look better)? To fortify yourself against those little chats so potentially destructive to integrity, why not spend a few minutes each day in conversation with the Lord? Prayer is the best-known antidote to temptation.



MONDAY HOLY HOUR FOR EVANGELIZATION:

One hour of prayer and reflection in the Church in the presence of Christ, seeking his guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit to respond to the call for a New Evangelization *Where: St. John Neumann Church, every Monday Evening, 7-8 pm.*



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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*How others see you is not important. How others
 See God in you is!*



Dispensation Granted for St. Patrick's Day

This year, the celebration of St. Patrick's feast day on March 17th falls on a Friday during Lent.

In consideration of the culinary traditions of this feast and in response to a number of requests, Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., has granted to Catholics in the Fall River Diocese a dispensation from the Lenten rule of abstaining from meat on that day. Catholics are asked to fast and practice abstinence in Lent as means of penance to unite in the suffering and death of Christ, and to prepare for His resurrection on Easter.

In granting the dispensation, Bishop da Cunha encourages those who choose to make use of it to carry out some other sacrificial act or work of charity in keeping with the spirit of the Lenten season.



Baptism

WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!

Aurora Fuschia Brooks, daughter of Thomas and Christina Brooks was baptized last Sunday, March 5th. The parish family welcomes her warmly to our family of faith.

ROMARIAS QUAREMAIS: The Lenten Pilgrimage is a Portuguese tradition of prayer, penance and personal sacrifice. **Starting Saturday, March 25th and ending Saturday, April 1st.** This eight day Pilgrimage to many of the parishes in the diocese will include Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, March 25th at approximately 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Please join and welcome them to our parish during this time of prayer and sacrifice.

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

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).

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.

Moving? Please let us know your new address. 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 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

ROCK FUNERAL HOME: Join them for a **free**

BINGO EVENT on Saturday, March 25th at 2:00 P.M.

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