

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.

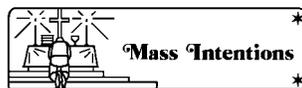
St. Vincent De Paul Society: For assistance contact us at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

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: _____

EASTER SUNDAY-APRIL 16, 2017



Holy Saturday	April	15,	7:00 PM	Missa Pro Populo
Easter Sunday	April	16,	8:00 AM	Estelle & Kimball Baker Jr. by Lucille Pepin
			9:30 AM	Lisa & Maria Paiva by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Daffinee
			11:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> Missa Pro Populo
Monday	April	17,	8:00 AM	Gloria DeJesus DaMoura & Family by Family
Tuesday	April	18,	8:00 AM	Manuel Martinez & Son by Dorothy Martinez
Wednesday	April	19,	8:00 AM	John Pregana & Family by Olivia Pregana
Friday	April	21,	8:00 AM	Agnes & Antonio Ferreira, Vi Martins & Elaine Motta
Saturday	April	22,	4:00 PM	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday	April	23,	8:00 AM	Thomas Clark (3rd Ann.) by Family
			9:30 AM	John & Mary Gordon by Joyce Gordon
			11:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> Missa Pro Populo

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection last weekend: \$3,059.00 Thank you!
 Extra Effort: \$1,393.45 Thank you!
 Expenses for week: \$3,278.45 (\$1,110.00 salaries, \$400.00 parish assessment, \$968.45 clergy medical, \$500.00 clergy pension, \$300.00 property insurance)



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 JUNE & JULY 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:

To pray is to let go and let God take over.



Jesus Christ lives! And this crowns us with happiness. This is the great truth which fills our faith with meaning. Jesus, who died on the cross, has risen. He has triumphed over death; he has overcome sorrow, anguish, and the power of darkness. In him we find everything! Outside of him our life is empty. True joy does not depend on physical or material well-being, it's not diminished by the presence of difficulties, by the absence of health. Deep joy originates in Christ, in the love that God has had for us and in our correspondence with this love. The Lord's promise is fulfilled today! I will give you a joy which no one will take from you. Nobody can. Nor can pain take it away, nor calumny, nor abandonment, nor even weaknesses and falls, if we turn promptly to the Lord. This is the sole condition of our remaining in it: not to separate ourselves from God, not to allow things to divide us from him; to know at all time that we are his children.



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.*

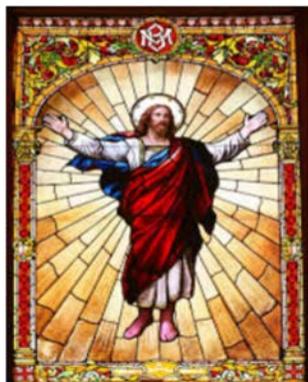
FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Mary, the mother of Jesus, Mary Magdalene and the other women came to the tomb with their oils and spices to complete the preparation of the body of Jesus for burial. Fear fills their heart when they see the empty tomb – despite the assurance of the angel's message that Jesus is risen. When they return to the upper room and tell the Apostles what they witnessed at the empty tomb, their story seems incredulous to the apostles. However, Simon Peter gets up and he runs to the tomb to see for himself. He chooses not to sit around moping, lost in disbelief and doubt. When he arrives he is amazed to see the empty tomb and is reminded by an angel that Jesus would rise on the third day. Peter did not let doubt, remorse or fear paralyze him. He was looking for Jesus not himself. As Pope Francis said in his Easter homily of 2016, "This marked the beginning of Peter's resurrection, the resurrection of his heart. Without giving in to sadness or darkness, he made room for hope: he allowed the light of God to enter into his heart, without smothering it."

Pope Francis continued, "We, like Peter and the women, cannot discover life by being sad, bereft of hope. Let us not stay imprisoned within ourselves, but let us break open our sealed tombs to the Lord – each of us knows what they are – so that he may enter and grant us life. Let us give him the stones of our rancor and the boulders of our past, those heavy burdens of our weaknesses and falls. Christ wants to come and take us by the hand to bring us out of our anguish. This is the first stone to be moved aside this night: the lack of hope which imprisons us within ourselves. May the Lord free us from this trap, from being Christians without hope, who live as if the Lord were not risen, as if our problems were the center of our lives."

May the Risen Lord fill you and your loved ones with His abundant blessings in this Easter Season. You will be remembered in my prayers at Mass this Easter.

Fr. John Raposo



HAPPY EASTER!

Rejoice for He is Risen!!!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY:

SUNDAY, April 23rd at 3:00 PM.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. “ *Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy.*”

Our church should be filled!

Come and join us for the celebration of Divine Mercy. Refreshments and pastry following in the parish center.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S WEEKLY BULLETIN

DOWNLOAD: To access our weekly bulletin, visit pilot-bulletins.net/sign-up and subscribe to our weekly bulletin email download.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA WEBSITE is up and running visit: www.olofnb.org.

LIVING THE FATIMA MESSAGE invites you to: Say Yes to Mary: Fatima's 100th Anniversary, Saturday, May 6, 8:30am - 12pm, sponsored by Bishop Connolly High School, 373 Elsbree St., Fall River, MA. Discover how you can live Our Lady's "peace plan" through a Living Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Confession. Learn to make your own rosary. Glimpse into Our Lady's life through art and performance. Listen to reflections on answering her call from Rwandan genocide survivor Fr. Leonard Kayondo, and learn from keynote speaker, Fr. Thaddeus Lancton, MIC of the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge. Join us May 6 for any part, or for the entire program. No admission fee. Full schedule at facebook.com/livingfatima - click events - or email livingfatima@gmail.com or call 781-521-3677.

ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: Wednesday, May 3rd for five consecutive weeks from 6:00 PM –7:00 Pm at Hathaway Manor, Conference Room, New Bedford.

Thursdays beginning May 4th for 5 consecutive weeks from 2:30 PM—4:00 PM at the Acushnet Public Library. Please register for either one by Friday, April 28th.

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

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