

# Our Lady of Fatima Church



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## PARISH STAFF

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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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY-APRIL 23, 2017



Holy Saturday	April	22,	4:00 PM	Missa Pro Populo
Easter 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> Joe Gonsalves, Gloria Barinian, Jose Flores
Monday	April	24,	8:00 AM	For the intentions of the Blessed Mother
Tuesday	April	25,	8:00 AM	For the Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	April	26,	8:00 AM	Jose, Joe & Brian Pregana by Olivia Pregana
Friday	April	28,	8:00 AM	Jeanne Labelle by Anita & Leonard Poyant
Saturday	April	29,	4:00 PM	George Dupuis by Lucille Pepin
Sunday	April	30,	8:00 AM	Domingos & Gloria Moura & Family by Family
			9:30 AM	Hildeberto Oliveira, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel & Luduina Furtado by Family
			11:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> Bob Dullea

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

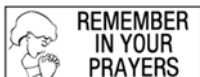
### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection last weekend: \$2,953.00 Thank you!  
 Holy Thursday: \$507.00 Thank you!  
 Good Friday: \$ 310.22 Thank you!  
 Retired Priests: \$1,584.50 Thank you!  
 Expenses for week: \$6,394.32 (\$2,330.00 salaries, \$400.00 parish assessment, \$645.16 FICA & state tax withholding, \$300.00 snow removal, \$60.50 Frades Disposal, \$1,875.00 landscaping & cleanup, \$783.66 Easter Church supplies)



### 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](mailto: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.



Today is Divine Mercy Sunday, but mercy is not to be confused with presumption or permission to sin. In fact, it is precisely in giving us commandments that, as the second reading tells us, “are not burdensome,” that God shows his mercy. It is not simply our weakness that “God understands.” He understands, first of all, our need of him, and the fact that we flourish only by living a life in union with his will. Therefore, his mercy provides us with every ounce of strength we need to actually fulfill the commandments, which is the same as to fulfill the demands of love. Love has concrete demands, beginning with a reverence and absolute respect for one another’s lives, and the lives of the weakest and most vulnerable in our midst. Actions that deliberately take innocent human life are always contrary to love. Yet “his commandments are not burdensome,” because by our faith in his Resurrection, we have the power to love as he loves, even to the point of sacrificing ourselves as he sacrificed himself. Jesus tells St. Faustina, “I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**  
 Seek the Lord with **JOY** and simplicity of Heart!



**CELEBRATING 100 YEAR  
ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY OF  
FATIMA APPARITIONS**

Please join us here at Our Lady of Fatima Parish on Saturday, May 13th at 1:00 PM. For a Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary.

## Fatima: Hope for the World

**FINANCE and PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MEETING:**  
**Will be held Wednesday, April 26th  
7:00 PM at the Rectory.**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA'S WEEKLY BULLETIN  
DOWNLOAD:** To access our weekly bulletin, visit [pilotbulletins.net /sign-up](http://pilotbulletins.net/sign-up) and subscribe to our weekly bulletin email download.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA WEBSITE** is up and running visit: [www.olofnb.org](http://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](https://facebook.com/livingfatima) - click events - or email [livingfatima@gmail.com](mailto: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!**



**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.

**The Chaplet**

Today's observance of Divine Mercy Sunday is a good time to renew our devotion to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There is a close link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: "On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276). "On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion." ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13). In 2003, Pope John Paul II issued an Apostolic Blessing to all who pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet "for mothers, that they not abort their offspring; for infants in danger of being put to death in the womb; for a change of heart of providers of abortions and of their collaborators; for human victims of stem cell research, genetic manipulation, cloning and euthanasia; and for all entrusted with the government of peoples, that they may promote the Culture of Life, so as to put an end to the culture of death."

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