

Our Lady of Fatima Church



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PARISH STAFF

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 & 10:00 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: _____

CHRIST THE KING November 26, 2017



Saturday	November	25, 4:00 PM	Terry Gray by Ron & Rose Cabral
Sunday	November	26, 8:00 AM	Donald Gaudette by Lucille Pepin
		10:00 AM	Jose Torres & Family by Family
Monday	November	27, 8:00 AM	Donald Gaudette by Gloria & Armand
Tuesday	November	28, 8:00 AM	Arthur C. Pregana by Pat & Denise Gannon
Wednesday	December	29, 8:00 AM	Antonio A. Luizinho Jr. by Pat & Denise Gannon
Friday	December	1, 8:00 AM	Paulino & Ana Vieira by Family
Saturday	December	2, 4:00 PM	Michael & Lucille Thirston by Armand & Irene Sylvia
Sunday	December	3, 8:00 AM	Gilbert & Irene Soares by Family
		10:00 AM	Jose Torres & Family by Family

Sanctuary Lamp: Special intention
Our Lady of Fatima: For Our Lady of Fatima Parish and the Church

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection last weekend: \$2,292.92 Thank you!
Catholic Campaign: \$842.94 Thank you!
Expenses last week: \$1,535.84 (\$400.00 parish assessment, \$1,042.41 salaries, \$93.43 Cannon copier lease)

Schedule Second Collections for December:

Christmas Flower Memorial: anytime during month
December 3rd- Extra Effort

December 9th- Retirement for Religious

December 24th- Christmas Offering



TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF

DIVINE MERCY

All are welcomed to 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 Lucy at olofnb@comcast.net.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY

ARE AVAILABLE.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

If we approach prayer in hopes of growing in virtue and genuinely seeking God's will, we will never be disappointed.

HOLY HOUR FOR FAMILIES



Please join us here on the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 PM Let us pray for unity and peace in all families.

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Meditation, concluding with Benediction

Refreshments and pastry following in the parish center.



Obligations can often feel like thankless drudgery: going to work, cleaning the house, feeding your kids. A lot of the time it seems like no one notices, much less gives you a pat on the back. While it's important to be grateful for the ordinary things others do, be careful not to expect kudos yourself. We're called to be servants if we follow Christ and treat others as the brothers and sisters they are. Remember that the things you are responsible for—your job, your house, your kids, and even your fellow men and women—are all gifts, and good work is always its own best reward.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Sunday, December 3, 2017 marks the beginning of the Advent Season. This time of preparation and anticipation for the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ is often at odds with a mounting secular influence which tempts us to avert our attention from the sacred to the profane. Yes, we endeavor to prepare our homes with eye catching decorations, festive lights and, of course, a variety of food and drink to satisfy every visitor. We concern ourselves with purchasing just the right gift for everyone on our list and don't forget about those Christmas cards that have to be mailed out ASAP. For many it is a labor of love that requires planning and hours of work to accomplish.

The season of Advent reminds us that we are to prepare for a dual celebration – the coming of Our Lord Jesus at the end of time when God's plan of salvation for all mankind comes to its fulfillment and the celebration of the birth of our lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at Christmas. Can we say that we put as much effort in preparing our mind, heart and soul for this most sacred celebration? Where do we place our manger scene depicting the birth of Jesus? -hidden under a tree or in a well-lit place where it becomes the centerpiece of our celebrations? Do we spend enough time in prayer - either personal or family – so that we may be open to God's grace? Are we in need of God's mercy and forgiveness, generously offered to us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? This Advent Season let us truly prepare ourselves both externally and internally to celebrate with great joy the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Fr. John A. Raposo

MOVING? PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE AND NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF YOUR NEW ADDRESS. THANK YOU!

GIVING TREE Our parish annual Angel Giving Tree is up and the Angels are ready for the picking to make this season of giving a bit brighter for the residents of Saint Vincent's Home in Fall River. **Please return the gift unwrapped with the Angel Tag no later than Sunday, December 17th. Please remember to bring in your gift by this date. We wouldn't want any**



child to be without a gift for Christmas. In case you are unable to find the gift, a gift certificate to Walmart can be purchased for \$20.00. Thank you for your charitable participation.



WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!

Sierra Caroline Lopes, daughter of Jonathan Lopes and Ashley Moura was baptized last Sunday, November 19th. The parish family welcomes her warmly to our family of faith.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 24 will be selling wreaths outside of Our Lady of Fatima the weekend of November 26th and December 3rd. Thank you again for supporting Scouting.

ADVENT RETREAT: "AN INCREDIBLE LOVE STORY," a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00am -12:30pm. (Coffee at 9:30) Cost is \$25. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.timeoutretreats.com.



**St. John Neumann Women's Guild
Sponsoring their
"One Day Only Barn Sale"
To be held
Rain or Shine**

at

**St. John Neumann Parish Barn
Located next to Cathedral Camp
On Rt. 18 – 157 Middleboro Road in
East Freetown, Mass.**

On Saturday, December 2nd, 2017

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Take Chace Road Exit off Route 140

It's a Bargain Hunters Paradi\$e!

ladies
guild

**Will meet on Tuesday, December 5th
at 1:15 in the parish hall for an Ad-
vent Prayer Service.**

BUDGET ENVELOPES: Parishioners who have used their budget envelopes this past year should receive their 2018 budget envelope box within a couple of weeks. If you don't receive your envelopes by the end of December, please contact Lucy at (508) 995-7351. Thank you.