

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: _____

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 10, 2017



Saturday	December	9,	4:00 PM	Mary & Antone Da Silva by Armand & Irene Sylvia
Sunday	December	10,	8:00 AM	Gilbert & Irene Soares by Family
			10:00 AM	Maria & Lisa Paiva & Calden Cunha by Lee & Brian Daffinee
Monday	December	11,	8:00 AM	For the Souls in purgatory
Tuesday	December	12,	8:00 AM	Etelinda Chaves by Family
Wednesday	December	13,	8:00 AM	Donald Gaudette by Gloria & Armand
Friday	December	15,	8:00 AM	Donald Gaudette by Family
Saturday	December	16,	4:00 PM	Antonio Vasconcelos & Family
Sunday	December	17,	8:00 AM	Manuel & Maria da Conceicao Tavares by Mr. & Mrs. Anibal Tavares
			10:00 AM	Hildeberto Oliviera, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel & Luduina Furtado 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: \$2,370.00 Thank you!

Extra Effort: \$1,053.75 Thank you!

Expenses last week: \$3,596.24 (\$400.00 parish assessment, \$1,003.83 clergy medical, \$500.00 clergy pension, \$300.00 property insurance, \$992.41 salaries, \$400.00 landscaping)

Schedule Second Collections for December:

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. Evening prayer is cancelled if it snows.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 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:

Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, but is able to see a tomorrow. Pope Francis



HOLY HOUR FOR FAMILIES

Please join us here at Our Lady of Fatima 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.



There is much we can give this Christmas: faith, joy, a little word of praise, of affection. We should never expect anything in return. Love doesn't insist on having its own way. If we do not seek anything for ourselves we will discover that we have found Jesus

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Church once again calls us to prepare for the coming of our Lord. We are reminded that the season of Advent prepares us 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.

As part of our preparation during Advent we can continue to enjoy the mercy of God and the many blessings associated with it through the practice of the Sacrament of Reconciliation



(Confession). As usual I will be available on Saturday from 3:15 to 3:45 pm and on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. on December 5th and 19th. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Fr. John Raposo

2018 CALENDARS

Calendars are available at the doors of the church this weekend. Please feel free to take one per family. They are being provided to you through the generosity and the sponsorship of **The Rock Funeral Home**. We are very grateful to Rock Funeral Home for sponsoring our Church Calendars. Please thank them for their generosity to us.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Christmas flower memorial envelopes may be placed in any collection basket as your offering to assist in the purchase of flowers for our church during the Christmas Season. The names of your loved ones will be placed beside the tabernacle as we remember them at Holy Mass. Thank you for your help!

GIVING TREE 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.



Come home to...

Our Lady of Fatima Church,

*Mary's House in Sassaquin,
this Christmas, to celebrate the birth
of her Son, Jesus*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday, December 24th
Christmas Vigil Mass: 4:00 P.M.**

**Monday, December 25th
Christmas Day: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM**

RING IN THE NEW YEAR...

Mass Schedule for Mary, Mother of God and World Day of Prayer for Peace

Monday, January 1, 2017

New Year's Day: 8:00 AM & 6:30 PM



WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!

Emma Amanda Ramos, daughter of Tiago Ramos and Kathryn Mitchell was baptized last Sunday, December 3rd. The parish family welcomes her warmly to our family of faith.

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

With Christmas coming we again ask our Parishioners if they can donate non-perishable foods so that we can help those who are in need. Containers are in the front entrance way. Once again we ask if there is known of any individual residing alone or a needy family who would like a Christmas dinner please let us know. Contact Ron Cabral, 508-717-2688, OLOFSVdPS@aol.com.