

Our Lady of Fatima Church



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PARISH STAFF

Rev. John A. Raposo, *Pastor*

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Patrick & Denise Morency Gannon, *Music Ministry*

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: _____

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 17, 2017



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
Monday	December	18,	8:00 AM	Etelinda Chaves by Family
Tuesday	December	19,	8:00 AM	Diane Pereira by Tony & Mark
Wednesday	December	21,	8:00 AM	Joseph Pacheco by Family
Friday	December	22,	8:00 AM	Eric Johnson by Parents
Saturday	December	23,	4:00 PM	Natalie Moore by Armand & Irene Sylvia
Sunday	December	24,	8:00 AM	Marcelino, Emilia, Maggie & Joseph Pacheco by Mr. & Mrs. Anibal Tavares
			10:00 AM	Lubelia Oliveira by Family
	Christmas Vigil:		4:00 PM	Missa Pro Populo
Monday	Christmas Day,		8:00 AM	Christmas Flower Memorial Names
			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: \$2,343.00 Thank you!

Holy Day: \$399.00 Thank you!

Retired Religious: \$628.75 Thank you!

Expenses last week: \$1,703.83 (\$400.00 parish assessment, \$1,003.83, \$300.00 Catholic School subsidy)

[RECTORY OFFICE will be closed Christmas week.](#)

TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF

DIVINE MERCY



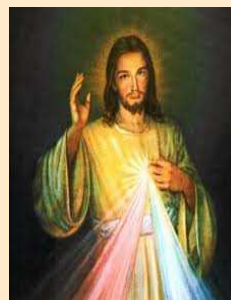
All are welcomed to join us for Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. There is so much to pray for.

Please email any prayer requests to Lucy at olofnb@comcast.net. Evening prayer is cancelled if it snows. [There will be no evening prayer on Tuesday, December 26th.](#)

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.



Christian hope—is the desire for the Kingdom of Heaven in the here and now. It inspires us to act with kindness, gentleness, and generosity so we might know and experience peace and joy today. Hope is trusting in Christ's promise of intimacy with God instead of fearing loneliness and isolation. Hope is relying on God's grace instead of our own strength or abilities.

Lord, help me to hear Your divine voice every day. Help me to recognize You everywhere I go. And as I seek You out, help me to rejoice in finding You and react with complete confidence in all You say. Jesus, I trust in You.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The coming of Jesus at Bethlehem brought joy to the world and to every human heart. May His coming this Christmas bring to each one of us that peace and joy that He desires to give.

Mother Teresa

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 Tuesday from 7:00 to 7:30 pm. on December 19th. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Fr. John Raposo



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

YOUR IMMEDIATE HELP IS NEEDED!

Due to the large amount of families who arrived from Puerto Rico due to Hurricane Maria. Pope Francis Place, Our Lady of Guadalupe/St James Parish are looking for donations of clothing, shoes, diapers, pots, pans, sheets, blankets, etc. In the front foyer of the Church, there are 4 containers where items can be dropped off as well as non-perishable foods, these items are free to these families. For donated furniture items, please contact Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688 for arrangements. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society greatly appreciates all your help.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at the Shelter at Sister Rose House. Volunteers are needed to: Prepare and cook dinner and serve shelter guests, assembling cots with blankets, check in Guests, collecting belongings, monitoring bathrooms and sleeping hall. Volunteers can sign up alone or sign up as a team of co-workers, church group, families and friends. Many hands are needed for the hours between 4pm—10pm. Please contact Robin Muise to volunteer at 774-553- 5490 or at muiserobin@comcast.net

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.” Let us learn to comfort each other better by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963.

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

GIVING TREE Please return the gift unwrapped with the Angel Tag no later than this 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.

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.