

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: _____

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 24, 2017



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	Benefactors of the Christmas Flower Memorial
			10:00 AM	Jose Torres & Family by Family
Tuesday	December	26,	8:00 AM	Mariana Raposo
Wednesday	December	27,	8:00 AM	Joseph Pacheco by Family
Friday	December	29,	8:00 AM	Eric Johnson by Parents
Saturday	December	30,	4:00 PM	Diane Pereira by Mark & Tony
Sunday	December	31,	8:00 AM	Antonio DaPonte, Cecelia Pereira, Maria Mello, Artur Freitas by Family
			10:00 AM	Jose Torres & Family by Family

Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Jose Torres & Family
 Our Lady of Fatima: In memory of Caldwell, Cabral & Gray Families

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection last weekend: \$2,497.25.00 Thank you!
 Expenses last week: \$\$2,827.61 (\$400.00 parish assessment, \$1,003.83 clergy medical, \$300.00 property insurance, \$703.42 FICA & state taxes, \$420.36 liturgical supplies)

The Rectory Office will be closed this week.

TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF

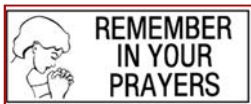
DIVINE MERCY



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 December 26th.



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.

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.



Once we meet Christ and come to have faith in Him, He Himself will begin to take over our life of faith and prayer. Jesus' own direct testimony He offers is far deeper and more convincing than any experience we will initially have of Him. As our faith grows, Jesus begins to speak to us in a more powerful and direct way and He Himself testifies to His own divine presence and power.

Reflect, today, where you are on your journey of faith. Perhaps you need the good inspiration of another who gives witness to Christ. This is good in that this person may be John the Baptist to you. But reflect, also, upon how Jesus wants to minister to your soul on a much deeper level. Let His divine presence be what ultimately testifies to you of His love and care.

Lord, deepen my life of faith. As I follow You every day help me to never be satisfied with where I am. Help me to allow You to speak to me on an ever-deepening level. Jesus, I trust in You.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Hope is all around us. It is never still. Yes, this may be an age of challenge, but it is truly a time of beautiful hope.

CHRISTMAS GREETING



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

A Christmas Message

We often associate the joy of Christmas with the joy on the faces of children as they unwrap their Christmas presents, or the joy of families gathered to share a well-prepared meal. We believe we experience the joy of Christmas when we offer our heartfelt wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to our family and friends. All of these are wonderful expressions of the joy we feel at Christmas and can only come to us unless we feel the true joy of Christmas in our hearts. The source of that true joy comes in the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I invite you once again to gaze upon the figure of the Child Jesus in your manger at home or here in our church and open your hearts to the grace of God being poured out in abundance for all mankind. God's generous gift of His Son, Jesus is a gift of hope and salvation freely given. "Glory to God in the highest."

You and your loved ones will be remembered in my Christmas Masses. Please pray for me.

Fr. John A. 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

