

# 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](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: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH December 31, 2017**



Saturday	December	30,	4:00 PM	Diane Pereira by Mark & Tony
Sunday	December	31,	8:00 AM	Antonio DaPonte, Maria Mello, Artur Freitas, Cecelia Pereira by Family
			10:00 AM	Jose Torres & Family by Family
Monday	<b>January</b>	<b>1,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	Joseph Pacheco by Family
			<b>6:30 PM</b>	Normand & Alice Hebert by daughters
Tuesday	January	2,	8:00 AM	Raymond Lemieux & Family by Mr. & Mrs. Normand Savoie
Wednesday	January	3	8:00 AM	Normand Pepin by Family
Friday	January	5,	8:00 AM	Bernie Roseman by Mark Pepin
Saturday	January	6,	4:00 PM	Hermano & Manny Tavares by Family
Sunday	January	7,	8:00 AM	Antonio DaPonte, Maria Mello, Artur Freitas, Cecelia Pereira by Family
			10:00 AM	Hildeberto Oliveira, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel, Luduina Furatado by Family

Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Jose Torres & Family  
 Our Lady of Fatima: Special intention for Our Lady of Fatima parish and church

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT** will be reported next weekend.

**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](mailto:olofnb@comcast.net). Evening prayer is cancelled if it snows.

**There will be no evening prayer on January 9th.**



**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 MARCH WILL OPEN ON  
 JANUARY 3RD.**

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.



*Free up some space for God  
 It's easy to get caught up in the rush of life. There are so many places to be and things to do. Sometimes you just need to pause and reevaluate what's most important. In some cases, this means giving up the worries and anxieties that add to the frenetic pace of life, making space so you can cherish all that you've been given. Faith flourishes when you make room for it. How are you being invited to make space for God in your life today? There's no end to the goodness God offers, you simply need to be free to receive it. We need to be on constant watch, to examine ourselves frequently, so as not to allow everything to stand in the way of our union with God, but rather to become loving and serving Him. Seek first the kingdom of God and righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. We will discover the more we struggle to detach ourselves from things, the great will be our capacity to love others and to appreciate the goodness and beauty of creation.*

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

Heavenly Father, into Your hands I place my worries, cares and troubles. Into Your Wisdom, I place my path, my direction and my goal. Into Your Love I place my life.

**The Diocese of Fall River** is standing on the threshold of a life-changing chapter in its 113-year history, and **is currently seeking to fill its newly created full-time position of Executive Director for The Catholic Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts.** This fundraising leader will broaden, deepen and expand the relationships with current and future donors, and will work closely with Bishop da Cunha and the Board of Directors to ensure the appropriate strategies are developed and implemented. This once in a lifetime opportunity will be both challenging and rewarding. For a full description of the position, please go to [www.fallriverdiocese.org](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org) and click on "Employment Opportunities", or contact Peter Powers, Executive Director of Human Resources and Administration, at (508)985-6507, or by e-mail at [ppowers@dioc-fr.org](mailto:ppowers@dioc-fr.org).

### **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 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**The Fall River Diocese 2018 Women and Men's Conference** will take place on Saturday, March 10, at Stonehill College. Building on last year's first-ever such Conference in the Diocese, the one-day Lenten program will include keynote talks by noted speakers, prayer, music, fellowship, Mass and a separate track for young adults, ages 18 to 30. Please mark your calendar now and look for details on the 2018 Women and Men's Conference in the coming months.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER: The Obligation to Attend Sunday (Saturday afternoon) Mass** Cardinal Dolan of New York has good advice for us all: "Catholics take Sunday mass very seriously, but the Church never asks us to risk our health or safety to get to church on the Lord's Day. Please be careful! Do not take any chance with your safety and health if things get dangerous." I add that prudence and "common sense" should guide your decision to get to church. You are asked to "do your best" but no more.

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### **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**



### **JANUARY 2ND**

### **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS TUESDAY,**

Our parish will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. concluding with Benediction at 1:00 p.m. Please consider signing up for an hour in prayer and reflection before the Lord. To schedule an hour, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the rear north wall of the church.

### **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.

### **BUDGET ENVELOPES**

Initial offering envelopes can be sent in anytime. This is to help defray the costs of the envelope printing. **THANK YOU!**

**PLEASE DO NOT USE PREVIOUS YEAR'S UNUSED ENVELOPES; ASSIGNED NUMBERS MAY HAVE BEEN CHANGED!**

***HAPPY AND BLESSED  
NEW YEAR!***