

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.

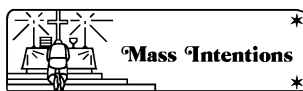
St. Vincent De Paul Society: For assistance contact us at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

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: _____

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 7, 2018



Saturday	January	6,	4:00 PM	Hermano & Manny Tavares by Family
Sunday	January	7,	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Antonio DaPonte, Maria Mello, Artur Freitas, Cecelia Pereira by Family Hildeberto Oliveira, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel, Luduina Furtado by Family
Monday	January	8,	8:00 AM	Marcelino, Emilia, Maggie & Joseph Pacheco by Mr. & Mrs. Tavares
Tuesday	January	9,	8:00 AM	For the intentions of the Blessed Mother
Wednesday	January	10,	8:00 AM	Bernie Roseman by Mark & Ann Pepin
Friday	January	12,	8:00 AM	For the Souls in Purgatory by Jesse & Olivia Pregana
Saturday	January	13,	4:00 PM	Jo-Ann Santos by Family
Sunday	January	14,	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Joseph Pacheco by Mr. & Mrs. Tavares Lubelia Oliveira by Family

Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Joe Montour
Our Lady of Fatima: Special intention

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection weekend of 12/24: \$2,518.77 Thank you!
Christmas Offering: \$2,533.00 Thank you!
Collection weekend of 12/31: \$2,542.00 Thank you!
Expenses both weeks: \$4,752.30 (\$400.00 parish assessment, \$500.00 clergy pension, \$1,830.00 salaries, \$1,1621.84 gas & electric, \$302.61 utilities, \$450.00 snow plowing & sanding, church supplies \$106.85)

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.



**REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS**

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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK Our parish healthcare professionals will be on-duty the second weekend of the month to check your blood pressure after all Masses.



If we focus only on our own well-being and interests, we are likely to end up with a head full of confused and scattered thoughts. There is a remedy, however, to the trap of becoming self-absorbed. This is the time of year to get outside of our own circular thoughts and extend a hand to another. An act of charity or kindness, no matter how minor it may appear to be, is likely to warm our hearts and melt away our troubled thoughts.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The greatest obstacle to holiness are discouragement and anxiety.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH ARE OPEN.

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.

At The Advertisers
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Church Bulletin

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 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.

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!

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.

Bulletin Ads~ Please consider Advertising your business in our colored Bulletins. If you are interested, please contact Al Shea at Pilot Bulletins at (781) 690-0057 or email him at ashea@pilotbulletins.net. Thank you!

2018 INITIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES: The first envelope in the Budget Envelope box is called "Initial Offering" and serves the purpose of defraying the substantial costs associated with the printing and mailing of these envelopes. We thank all supportive parishioners who do utilize the Budget Envelope system and ask for this help as we await the invoice from the company. You may deposit the donation in the envelope during any church collection.



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the soul of Albert Audet whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, December 27th, Maria Pereira whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, December 29th and Doreen Magalhaes whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, January 6th. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.



If you would like a letter stating your **parish contributions for 2017**, please fill out the clip-off below and place in the collection basket. Your statement will be

mailed to you. **Note:** If you want your statement from Our Lady of Fatima to reflect your donations, please be sure to use budget envelopes. Unfortunately loose checks and cash will **not** be reflected on your statement.

2017 Tax Statement

I would like a statement of my contributions for 2017.

2017 Budget Envelope # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code _____