

Our Lady of Fatima Church



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PARISH STAFF

Rev. John A. Raposo, *Pastor*

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Mrs. Lucy Pinto, *Parish Secretary*

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 ORDINARY TIMES January 21, 2018



Saturday	January	20,	4:00 PM	Hirth Family by Family
Sunday	January	21,	8:00 AM	Joseph Pacheco by Mr. & Mrs. Tavares
			10:00 AM	Lillian Graca & Edward Leal by Family
Monday	January	22,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Tuesday	January	23,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Wednesday	January	24,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Friday	January	26,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Saturday	January	27,	4:00 PM	Antonio Policarpo by Family
Sunday	January	28,	8:00 AM	Joseph Pacheco by Family
			10:00 AM	Dorothy Pregano by Debbie & Family

Sanctuary Lamp: Special intention
 Our Lady of Fatima: Special intention

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection last weekend: \$2,497.07 Thank you!
 Extra Effort: \$885.50 Thank you!
 Expenses both weeks: \$2,840.93 (\$400.00 parish assessment, \$980.00 salaries, \$775.00 snow plowing & sanding, \$685.93 FICA & state taxes)

TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

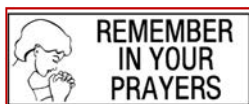
ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF

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.



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 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.



For the Church, there is no distinction between defending human life and promoting the dignity of the human person.

Pope Benedict XVI writes in Caritas in Veritate. .

. that "The Church forcefully maintains this link

between life ethics and social ethics, fully aware that 'a society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized.'" (no. 15).

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As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition. The right to life is the first and most fundamental principle of human rights that leads Catholics to actively work for a world of greater respect for human life and greater commitment to justice and peace.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

If you want to stop worrying, don't try to do it on your own. God is right beside you, and He wants to help.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

The Greater New Bedford Catholic Schools invite parishioners, families of all faiths, community leaders and all members of the Greater New Bedford community to celebrate Catholic Schools Week with us! Visit our schools, conveniently located in our neighborhoods. Come and see our facilities, meet our families and students, and learn about the excellent opportunities available at Catholic schools. Visitors will have the opportunity to tour, meet teachers and staff, and learn about the curriculum and programs that each school offers

The schools will be holding Open House on the following dates and times:

All Saints Catholic School Open House is Sunday, January 28, 2018 11:30 - 2pm and Friday Feb 2 5:30-6:30PM www.ascnb.org

Holy Family-Holy Name Open House is on Saturday January 27, 2018 1pm-3:30pm www.hfhn.org

St Francis Xavier Open House is Sunday, January 28th from 12-2pm www.sfxacushnet.com

St James-St John School Open House is on Thursday February 1, 2018 from 6-8pm www.sjsjschool.com

St Joseph Open House and STEM Expo Sunday, January 28, 11:30 - 2:00 www.saintjosephschool.org

Registration for all grade levels begins at Open House and will continue throughout the year.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses for February have been cancelled due to Fr. Raposo being on medical leave. All scheduled weekday Mass intentions in January have been re-scheduled to February. If you have any questions for the re-scheduled days, please call Lucy.

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.

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.

SOUPER BOWL



SUPER BOWL OR SOUPER BOWL?

Sunday, February 3rd is Super Bowl Sunday, but in our parish we will call it "Souper Bowl".

Students from our Religious Education classes will be at all Masses that weekend to solicit a donation which will be transmitted to the Honduras

Mission. Thanks for your generosity!

2017 Tax Statement

I would like a statement of my contributions for 2017.

2017 Budget Envelope # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code _____

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.