

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.

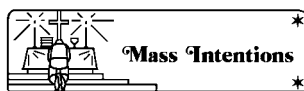
St. Vincent De Paul Society: For assistance contact us at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

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: _____

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES FEBRUARY 4, 2018



Saturday	February	3,	4:00 PM	George DaCosta by Sheldon & Debbie Smith
Sunday	February	4,	8:00 AM	Bernie Roseman by Lucille Pepin
			10:00 AM	Jose Leonardo by Family
Monday	February	5,	8:00 AM	Lubelia Oliveira by Family
Tuesday	February	6,	8:00 AM	Bernie Roseman by Mark & Anne Pepin
Wednesday	February	7,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Friday	February	9,	8:00 AM	Souls in purgatory by Mrs. Pregana
Saturday	February	10,	4:00 PM	John Rybka by Family
Sunday	February	11,	8:00 AM	Antonio daPonte, Maria Mello, Cecelia Pereira, Artur Freitas by Family
			10:00 AM	Confirmation Class of 2018

Sanctuary Lamp: Special intention for Maria Policarpo
 Our Lady of Fatima: Special intention for Olivia & Jesse Pregana

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection last weekend: \$1,830.05 Thank you!
 Winter Fuel: \$926.10 Thank you!
 Expenses last weeks: \$5,412.57 (\$400.00 parish assessment, \$1,005.00 salaries, \$1,001.83 clergy medical, \$239.82 utilities, \$2,765.92 gas & electric)

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.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH.

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.



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the soul of Edward Correia whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, January 27th. And Anthony Pereira whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, February 2nd. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in

February Scheduled Extra Collections:

Weekend of 2/4 - Home Missions
 2/11 - Extra Effort
 2/14 - Evangelization
 2/16 - Easter Flowers

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES:

If you are 18 years old or older and still need the Sacrament of Confirmation, the following is the schedule for the classes beginning February 24th thru April 14th. They will take place on Saturday mornings from 10:00AM to 12 Noon at Holy Family Parish Center in Taunton or Tuesday evenings, March 6th thru April 10th from 7:00PM to 9:00PM at Bishop Connolly High School, Fall River. Please call the rectory office as soon as possible. Remember, to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation, you must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation yourself. Adults will be confirmed on Saturday, May 12th at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

It is one thing to pray, it is another to live what you discover in prayer.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Earlier this month I slipped and fell on a patch of ice and landed on my right shoulder. The X-Rays revealed a clean break of my upper arm just below the ball and two smaller pieces of bone that had broken off as well. After a visit to the urgent care unit at Hawthorne Medical, my sister insisted I stay with her, and after a couple of days of ice packs and medication (including a generous dose of TLC) I met with a physician's assistant for an orthopedic doctor and was told that the injury would not require surgery. Since the shoulder was not dislocated it should heal naturally. However, it will need 4 to 6 weeks of rest and immobilization for it to heal. Then I will need several weeks of therapy to strengthen and regain movement in my arm. As a result, I am officially on medical leave. This means I will not be able to celebrate Mass until I regain use of my right arm. Despite my condition I am grateful that: 1. I did not hit my head; 2. I am left-handed; 3. I am blessed with a very caring family (including my Parish family).

Over the next few weeks Fr. Ed Correia and other available priests will cover the weekend Masses, until I am able to return. Please extend to them every courtesy and cooperation. Please pray for them and for me.

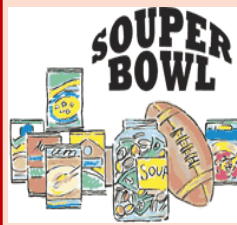
Fr. John Raposo

LENT: On Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Masses will be at 8 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. Ashes will be distributed at both masses after the homily.

PREPARING FOR LENT: The Church once prescribed very rigorous rules for the Lenten fast. The current rules, however, are much more relaxed. Catholics are only required to fast on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, and Good Friday, the day that Jesus was crucified. Anyone over the age of 18, but under the age of 60, should eat only one full meal on those days, this meal is meatless although they can also have small amounts of food in the morning and the evening. All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. There are many approaches, but I recommend that you try the one that best fits your responsibilities of life and your physical condition. During Lent we are also called to take our prayer-life to a highest level. Please consider joining us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM for prayer.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Some weekday Masses for February have been cancelled due to Fr. Raposo being on medical leave. **Please check the bulletin for scheduled weekday Masses that have been covered by a visiting priest.** **If it snows, scheduled weekday Masses will be cancelled.**



SUPER BOWL OR SOUPER BOWL?

Sunday, February 4th 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!

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

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. Please send in your request by March 1st.

2017 Tax Statement

I would like a statement of my contributions for 2017.

2017 Budget Envelope # _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Zip Code _____