

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: _____

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 18, 2018



Saturday	February	17, 4:00 PM	Bonnie Caldwell by Ron & Rose Cabral
Sunday	February	18, 8:00 AM	Deolinda Magalhaes by Family
		10:00 AM	David Berche by Mr. & Mrs. Lois LeBlanc
Monday	February	19, 8:00 AM	Eva Maria Balbosa by Family
Tuesday	February	20, 8:00 AM	Manuel Pacheco Mello & Czaltina Branco by Eduarda Oliveira
Wednesday	February	21, 8:00 AM	Elaine Motta by Family
Friday	February	23, 8:00 AM	Jennifer & Carolyn Lawrence by Frank
Saturday	February	24, 4:00 PM	Edna Cabral by Ron & Rose Cabral
Sunday	February	25, 8:00 AM	Irene Soares by family
		10:00 AM	Hildeberto Oliveira, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel & Luduina Furtado by Family

Sanctuary Lamp: Special intention for Ann Costa
 Our Lady of Fatima: For the intentions of the parish prayer line

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection last weekend: \$2,206.25 Thank you!
 Extra Effort: \$1,041.51 Thank you!
 Expenses last weeks: \$1,875.00 (\$400.00 parish assessment, \$1,050.00 salaries, \$425.00 snow removal & sanding)



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 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.

WATCH AND PRAY!



The Lord is always beside us. Whenever we are confronted with a temptation He says, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." And we place all our trust in Him because we know we would achieve very little by

ourselves.

The devil exists. Holy Scripture speaks of him from the first to the last of the revealed books. Some people are inclined towards a superficial optimism and think evil is merely an incidental imperfection in a world which is continually evolving towards better days. Nevertheless, the history of mankind has been adversely affected by the devil's influence. We find in our day all the features of an intense evil which cannot be explained in terms of human behavior alone. The devil, in all sorts of ways, wreaks havoc on mankind. The devil works in such a way that he provokes incalculable harm of a spiritual nature and indirectly even of a physical nature, to individuals and to society. The devil is the first cause of evil and of the disorders and ruptures which are produced in families, in society and causes of division among nations. God has given us means to overcome all temptations. Let us consider in depth, during this Lent what that means: the Sacrament of Penance, prayer, fasting and the Holy Eucharist.

Our Lady, Comforter of the Afflicted and Refuge of Sinners, pray for us.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Be sober! be watchful! The devil is prowling around you like a roaring lion seeking to devour you.
 He works subtly and deceivably.



MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the soul of John DeMello whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, February 9th and Anthony Pereira whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, February 15th. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC *DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT* do something different~ Be Bold ~ Be Catholic ~ sign up at BestLentEver.com.

Take a 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself. All it takes is 10 minutes a day.

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

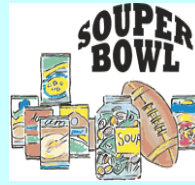
The Fall River Diocese 2018 Women and Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, March 10, at Stonehill College. Building on last year's first-ever such Conference in the Diocese, the one-day Lenten program will include keynote talks by noted speakers, prayer, music, fellowship, Mass and a separate 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.



"Attic Treasures Sale"
Sponsored by
St. John Neumann Women's Guild
will be held at St. John Neumann
Parish Hall
On Saturday, March 10th
From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
~Free Admission~
~Wheelchair accessible~
Continental Breakfast



Lenten Taize' service: Journey with God into the desert this Lent: Therefore, I will now allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. Hosea 2:14. Sunday, February 25th., 7:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Parish.



SOUPER BOWL

The religious education students sent to our Diocesan Honduras Mission \$420.00. Thank you for your generosity and support.

RICE BOWLS: You're invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl! Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of the church. Please be sure to take one home. We ask that all Rice Bowls be returned on **Sunday, March 18TH**

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses for February have been covered by visiting priests due to Fr. Raposo being on medical leave.

If it snows, weekday Mass for that day will be cancelled.

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 _____