

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: _____

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - FEBRUARY 25, 2018



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
Monday	February	26, 8:00 AM	David Hager Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Gannon
Tuesday	February	27, 8:00 AM	Carol Paiva by Mark
Wednesday	February	28, 8:00 AM	Deolinda Magalhaes by Family
Friday	March	2, 8:00 AM	Jennifer & Carolyn Lawrence by Frank
Saturday	March	3, 4:00 PM	Henry Silveira by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Gannon
Sunday	March	4, 8:00 AM	Leo Roseman by David & Joan Pepin
		10:00 AM	Hildeberto Oliveira, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel & Luduina Furtado by Family

Sanctuary Lamp: In thanksgiving for Fr. Ed Correia, Fr. Tom Rita, Fr. Brian Harrington and Fr. Jim Butler for assisting with Mass at our parish

Our Lady of Fatima: For the intentions of the parish prayer line

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection last weekend: \$1,652.40 Thank you!

Ash Wednesday: \$554.00 Thank you!

Expenses last weeks: \$2,927.63 (\$400.00 parish assessment, \$1,050.00 salaries, \$900.00 snow removal & sanding, \$577.63 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 MAY AND JUNE WILL OPEN ON MARCH 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.



Our conscience can be deformed through our not having used the means to get to know the Faith, or through an ill will dominated by pride, sensuality, and laziness. When Our Lord complains that the Jews were not receiving his message, He particularly notes the deliberate nature of their decision – they did not want to believe and He in no way accepted that the cause lay in a difficulty outside the will: this is a conscience of their refusal, freely chosen. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. Passions and lack of sincerity with oneself can come to force the intellect to think in a way more easily adapted to one's way of life, or to some defects or bad habits one does not want to give up. In such case there is not good will; the heart is hardened, and conscience begins to drowse, for it no longer points in the right direction, which would lead it to God. It is now like a broken compass, which not only disorients its owner but can also affect others. The light which is in us does not spring up from within ourselves, from our subjectivity, but from Jesus Christ. I am the light of the world, He has told us, he who follows me will not walk in darkness. His light brightens our consciences; but even more, it can turn us into a light that will illuminate the lives of others. The Lord puts Christians in the world so that, with the light of Christ, we can point the way to others. We will do so by word, but especially through our behavior as regards professional, family and social obligations. Lent is a good time to ask our Lord to help us form our consciences really well, and for us to examine ourselves to see whether we are being radically sincere with ourselves, with God and with those people who in his name have the mission of advising us.



MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the soul of Ida Cleveland whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, February 19th. May her 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.

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**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Your eye is the lamp of your body, says the Lord. Conscience is the lamp of the soul, and if it is well formed it lights up the way, a way which leads to God, and man can make progress because of it.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses 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 _____