

# Our Lady of Fatima Church



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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. John A. Raposo, *Pastor*

Mrs. Pearl Enos, *Director of Religious Education*

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](mailto: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 LENT - MARCH 4, 2018



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
Monday	March	5,	8:00 AM	Maria Pereira by Mark
Tuesday	March	6,	8:00 AM	Maggie Pacheco by Mr. & Mrs. Tavares
Wednesday	March	7,	8:00 AM	<b>NO MORNING MASS (Intention re-scheduled to April 10th)</b>
Friday	March	9,	8:00 AM	Tony Pereira by Mark
Saturday	March	10,	4:00 PM	Willaim Moran by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Gannon
Sunday	March	11,	8:00 AM	James Tansey by David & Joan Pepin
			10:00 AM	Reinaldo Medeiros by Family

Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Bonnie Caldwell  
 Our Lady of Fatima: For the intentions of the parish prayer line

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection last weekend: \$2,228.82 Thank you!  
 Expenses last weeks: \$2,680.83 (\$400.00 parish assessment, \$300.00 property insurance, \$500.00 clergy pension, \$1,050.00 salaries, \$305.83 utilities, \$125.00 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](mailto: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.



### THIS THIRD WEEK OF LENT

#### Let us try to see good in others:

*Charity changes the heart so that there is room in it for all people, even those who don't understand us or who fail to respond to our love. With the Lord beside us we will not feel that anyone is our enemy. Beside him we will learn not to judge the covert personal intention of others. We see only a few external signs which as often as not reflect the true motives for their actions. Although you might see something bad, do not instantly judge others, but rather, excuse them interiorly. Excuse the intention if you are unable to excuse the action. Consider it as if done in ignorance, or unawareness, or through weakness. How many mistakes we make in the small clashes of each day. Many of these errors are made because our reactions are prompted by fear or suspicion. How many family arguments would resolve themselves in the recognition of responsibilities and duties if we were to concede that this ugly detail, that untimely event, has been due to the tiredness of the person concerned after a long and difficult day? While you continue to interpret in bad faith the intentions of others, you have no right to demand that people should be understanding with you. Tolerance leads us to live a loving openness toward others, to look on them with constant kindness. It reaches the depths of the heart and knows how to look forward and find out that goodness which is in every person. Only he who is humble is capable of maintaining an understanding attitude. Otherwise, the tiniest faults of others are magnified, and one tends to justify and minimize one's own greater faults and errors.*

**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**

**ST JAMES-ST JOHN SCHOOL**, 180 Orchard St New Bedford, (508)996-0534 or [sjsjschool.com](http://sjsjschool.com) is now accepting registrations for the 2018-2019 school year for grades Preschool 3 through Grade 8. We offer a rigorous academic program rooted in gospel values. Our program also offers weekly classes in art, music, foreign language, technology, Physical education. In addition we offer before and after school extended care, a full-time nurse, peer tutoring, hot lunch program in a welcoming family atmosphere. We are an accredited institution by NEASC. Need based scholarship funds can be applied for through the FACE Scholarship Fund. Please contact the principal Cristina Raposo at [principal@sjsjschool.com](mailto:principal@sjsjschool.com) for more information.

**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**



**LADIES' GUILD MEETING!**

The meeting will be on  
**Tuesday, March 6th at 1:00 PM**  
in the parish center.

**NEW BEDFORD DEANERY LENTEN MISSION**

will be at St. Mary's Parish, New Bedford on March  
**19th, 20th and 21st at 12:00 P.M. and at 7:00 P.M.**

Preacher will be Fr. Jack Butler, S.J.



**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH**

With joy, we welcome Mr. & Mrs. Jose Farias and Manuela Cormier as newly registered members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish! We hope that our parish family will be another channel of God's grace in their lives and we look forward to their participation in parish life among us. Welcome!

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

*Pride is like a curved mirror that distorts the reality of things. He who is humble is objective, and thus can be respectful and tolerant toward others and forgiveness of others' faults comes easily.*

Join St. Julie Billiart Parish on a **Pilgrimage through Poland ~ September 16-24, 2018**. Supported by Collette tours, the trip is nine days, and includes twelve meals. Led by Pastoral Associate, Paula Raposo we will explore Poland's deep Catholic faith. **An information meeting will be held on Monday January 22, 6pm at the St. Julie's Rectory, located at 494 Slocum Rd, Dartmouth (just past Bishop Stang High School)**. We will travel through the homeland of Saint Pope John Paul II with a visit to Wadowice, where he was born and raised. At Jasna Góra Monastery, get up-close to the famous Black Madonna (Our Lady of Czestochowa). Celebrate Mass where Saint Faustina entered the convent. In Krakow, spend time at the Shrine of Divine Mercy where the tomb of Saint Faustina is located. Explore Niepokalanow, one of the largest Franciscan monasteries in the world. Reflect when a local expert guides you through the former concentration camp of Auschwitz. <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/862042> & via [www.saintjulies.org](http://www.saintjulies.org) Contact Paula at [paula@saintjulies.org](mailto:paula@saintjulies.org) or 508 993 2351 x 109