

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 11, 2018



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|------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|---|
| Saturday         | March        | 10,        | 4:00 PM        | William 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                                   |
| Monday           | March        | 12,        | 8:00 AM        | Roger Gautreau by Mr. & Mrs. Louis LeBlanc                    |
| Tuesday          | March        | 13,        | 8:00 AM        | Lubelia Oliveira by Family                                    |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>March</b> | <b>14,</b> | <b>8:00 AM</b> | <b>NO MORNING MASS (Intention re-scheduled to April 11th)</b> |
| Friday           | March        | 16,        | 8:00 AM        | Joe Goncalves by Family                                       |
| Saturday         | March        | 17,        | 4:00 PM        | Lorette Hudon (2nd Ann.) by Family                            |
| Sunday           | March        | 18,        | 8:00 AM        | James Lolly by David & Joan Pepin                             |
|                  |              |            | 10:00 AM       | Virginio, Etelvina, Gilbert & Eduardo Arruda by Family        |

Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Kimberly Gray  
 Our Lady of Fatima: For the intentions of the parish prayer line

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection last weekend: \$2,180.00 Thank you!  
 Catholic University: \$572.55 Thank you!  
 Expenses last weeks: \$2,988.37 (\$1,050.00 salaries,  
 \$1,938.37 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](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 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.

### THIS FOURTH WEEK OF LENT



Be the change!

Having facts on hand is not equivalent to “getting it”: that is, really perceiving the ramifications of what we know. We all suffer from a rash of too much information. What are we supposed to do about famine, stranded refugees, all the humanitarian crises of our era? What’s to be done about natural disasters, gun violence, global warming, and children neglected and abused in our own cities? Jesus comes to heal our blindness, and to bring us into the light. Once we see, we are called to do.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

**Less is More!**

**With less, we become more peaceful, more caring, more Christ-like.**

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

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**NEW BEDFORD DEANERY LENTEN MISSION**



**THE LONG RETREAT...30 DAYS IN 3!** 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.**

**Fr. Jack Butler, S.J.**, Vice President of Boston College Division of University Mission and Ministry will help us discover the Spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and apply them in our everyday lives. Confessions: 30 minutes before each mass Monday-Wednesday.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** In your packet of envelopes, there is an envelope for Easter Flowers. You may drop it in the collection basket at any Mass in the next few weeks. We ask you to list the names of your loved ones you would like your donation to be in memory of. Like at Christmas time, the names will be placed beside the Tabernacle and remembered at Masses during the Easter Season. You may use plain envelopes with the names listed on the front.



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**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.

**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.

**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**

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:**



It's hard to believe that it's been eight weeks since I fractured my right arm. This past week, x-rays showed that the fracture was healing normally with new bone forming around the break.

I no longer have to wear the arm sling, unless I need it, and I should be ready for physical therapy in the next two weeks. I know that it will take a few weeks of PT for the muscles to strengthen.

I may never achieve 100% movement in my right shoulder, but I am confident that I will be 100% ready, mentally and spiritually.

Thanks for your continued prayers and good wishes. I am truly blessed to have so many friends.

A special thank you to Fr. Correia, Fr. Rita, Fr. Harrington and Fr. Butler for covering the parish in my absence.

With God's help I hope to be back soon.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**



Your prayers are requested for the soul of Helen Ducharme whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, March 5th and for Jorge Correia whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Thursday, March 8th. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.