

Our Lady of Fatima Church



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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: _____

EASTER SUNDAY - April 1, 2018



Saturday	March	31,	7:00 PM	Easter Flower Memorial
Sunday	April	1,	8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Resendes, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cordeiro
			10:00 AM	For the Easter Flower Memorial and Deceased of our Parish
Monday	April	2,	8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Avila by Family
Tuesday	April	3,	8:00 AM	Pregana Family by Family
Wednesday	April	4,	8:00 AM	In thanksgiving for prayers answered
Friday	April	6,	8:00 AM	In thanksgiving for prayers answered
Saturday	April	7,	4:00 PM	Louise Caldwell by Ron & Rose Cabral
Sunday	April	8,	8:00 AM	John P. Giza (5th Ann.), Russell & Lillian Studley by Wife & Daughter
			10:00 AM	Hildeberto Oliveira, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel & Luduina Furtado by Family

Sanctuary Lamp: Special intention

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Weekend Collection: \$2,280.14 Thank you!

Snow Plowing Collection: \$586.47 Thank you!

Expenses this week: \$2,255.00 (\$400.00 parish assessment, \$300.00 property insurance, \$1,130.00 salaries, \$425.00 snow plowing & 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.

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 for Our Lady of Fatima Lamp, is also available.



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.

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



Jesus Christ lives! And this crowns us with happiness. This is the great truth which fills our faith with meaning. Jesus, who died on the cross, has risen. He has triumphed over death; he has overcome sorrow, anguish, and the power of darkness. In him

we find everything! Outside of him our life is empty. True joy does not depend on physical or material wellbeing, it's not diminished by the presence of difficulties, by the absence of health. Deep joy originates in Christ, in the love that God has had for us and in our correspondence with this love. The Lord's promise is fulfilled today! I will give you a joy which no one will take from you. Nobody can. Nor can pain take it away, nor calumny, nor abandonment, nor even weaknesses and falls, if we turn promptly to the Lord. This is the sole condition of our remaining in it: not to separate ourselves from God, not to allow things to divide us from him; to know at all time that we are his children.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Seek the Lord with **JOY** and simplicity of Heart!



APRIL 3RD

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT THIS TUESDAY,**

Our parish will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. concluding with Benediction at 1:00 p.m. Please consider signing up for an hour in prayer and reflection before the Lord. To schedule an hour, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the rear north wall of the church.



LADIES' GUILD MEETING!

The meeting will be on

**Tuesday, April 3rd at 1:15 PM
in the parish center after Benediction.**

SPRING RAFFLE!

All items in a Garden Wheelbarrow

TO BENEFIT OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH sponsored by the Ladies Guild. Raffle tickets and return envelopes are at all church entrances. *There will be something for everyone.* Drawing will be held on Thursday, May 17th at our closing Ladies Guild dinner. *Thank you for supporting our parish fundraiser.*

May the Risen Lord fill you and your loved ones with His abundant blessings in this Easter Season. You will be remembered in my prayers at Mass this Easter.

Fr. John Raposo



HAPPY EASTER!

Rejoice for He is Risen!!!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY:

SUNDAY, April 8th at

3:00 PM.

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
CHURCH**



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration, Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. “ *Mankind*

will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy.

Our church should be filled!

Come and join us for the celebration of Divine Mercy. Refreshments and pastry following in the parish center.

The Chaplet

Today's observance of Divine Mercy Sunday is a good time to renew our devotion to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There is a close link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: "On at least three occasions, from 8:00-11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn't figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children (Diary, 1276). "On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it (Diary, 474). What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy. [She explained] that the city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion." ("Wombs of Mercy," Marian Helpers Bulletin, Summer 1995, p.13). In 2003, Pope John Paul II issued an Apostolic Blessing to all who pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet "for mothers, that they not abort their offspring; for infants in danger of being put to death in the womb; for a change of heart of providers of abortions and of their collaborators; for human victims of stem cell research, genetic manipulation, cloning and euthanasia; and for all entrusted with the government of peoples, that they may promote the Culture of Life, so as to put an end to the culture of death."