

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: _____

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - April 8, 2018



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
Monday	April	9,	8:00 AM	For the intentions of The Blessed Mother
Tuesday	April	10,	8:00 AM	Carolyn Lawrence by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Tavares
Wednesday	April	11,	8:00 AM	Antonio Eduardo Da Costa by Mr. & Mrs. Dan Tavares
Friday	April	13,	8:00 AM	Agnes & Antonio Ferreira by Family
Saturday	April	14,	4:00 PM	Leo Lapre (7th Ann.) by Wife
Sunday	April	15,	8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Resendes & Mrs. & Mrs. Jose Cordeiro by Family
			10:00 AM	Lubelia Oliveira by Family



Sanctuary Lamp: Special intention for the Pregana Family
Our Lady of Fatima: In thanksgiving for prayers answered

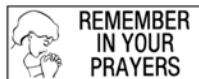
WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT will be reported next weekend.

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.



MAY HE REST IN PEACE
Your prayers are requested for the soul of Emile Camire whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, March 27th. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.



I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On this day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened" (Diary, 699).

John Paul II officially proclaimed that the second Sunday after Easter would be the Feast of Divine Mercy. He said, "This Second Sunday of Easter...from now on throughout the Church will be called 'Divine Mercy Sunday'" (no.3). Furthermore, he said that Divine Mercy "is a continual invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that await humanity in the coming years" (cf. no.6).

As it always happens in the history of salvation, the last word between God and sinful humanity is not of judgment and punishment, but of love and forgiveness. God does not want to judge and condemn, but to save and liberate humanity from evil.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:
TRUST IN HIS MERCY!

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 will be at all church entrances the weekend of April 1st. *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.*

Amaka Water Borehole Project "God is good" Water Well Project 40 Days to make a difference!



Fr. JT from Saints Martha and Mary Parish in Lakeville (Cranberry Catholic Collaborative) is in need of help! His hometown village, Durunjawu in Nigeria has roughly 5,000 people and the vast majority are getting their drinking water from the Nwanuhic

Stream. Children leave the house at 4:00 a.m. to walk the 6 miles each way to the stream to then return home by 7:00 a.m. and get ready for school. Typically each family needs to go to the stream twice a day. When the children return home from school they need to make the journey again for their evening water, always carrying the water on their heads in large jugs. This stream runs through many villages and serves many needs, including, bathing, washing clothes, drinking and playing! The water may "look" clean, but it is usually the source of many water borne illnesses. The "Borehole" (aka, well) drilled to the depth of 600 feet, through granite, and installation of a water pump will allow the above ground water tanks to hold 3,000 gallons of water that will then be accessed by several dispersing units (faucets) around the perimeter of the borehole. Through the generosity of Father JT's family they are donating a parcel of land to the village for the Amaka Water Borehole Project. This parcel is less than ½ mile away! The estimated cost for the project is 3,750,000.00 Naira = \$10,416.00 We have placed envelopes for those who would like to mail in a check to the office. Make checks payable to Sacred Heart Church with well project in the memo line and mail to 340 Centre Street, Middleboro, MA 02346 Attn: Well Project. Fr. JT will be traveling home after Christmas of 2018 and will at that time make the funds available to the local contractor who will be building the well. If you have any questions please call Amy Dow at 508 947 0444 or email at amydow@cranberrycatholic.org

100% of all money collected goes to support this project.

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 today!

Come and join us today 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."