

# 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.

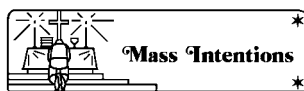
**St. Vincent De Paul Society:** For assistance contact us at [OLOFSVdPS@aol.com](mailto:OLOFSVdPS@aol.com) or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

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

## 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 8, 2018



Saturday	July	7,	4:00 PM	Maria & Carlos Costa, Albertina & Eliseau, Maria dos Anjos, Lourdes Tavares & Lucy Green by Family
Sunday	July	8,	8:00 AM	Steven & Antonio DaPonte, Artur Freitas, Maria Melo, Cecilia Pereira by Family
			10:00 AM	Hildeberto Oliveira, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel & Luduina Furtado by Family
Monday	July	9,	8:00 AM	Lubelia Oliveira by Family
Tuesday	July	10,	8:00 AM	Pregana Family by Mr. & Mrs. Pregana
Wednesday	July	11,	8:00 AM	Jackie Ponte by Lorraine Duprey
Friday	July	13,	8:00 AM	Jennifer & Carolyn Lawrence by Family
Saturday	July	14,	4:00 PM	Richard & Shirley Mello by Family
Sunday	July	15,	8:00 AM	John Florio by Lucille Pepin
			10:00 AM	Antonio & Steven DaPonte, Artur Freitas, Maria Melo, Cecilia Pereira by Family



Sanctuary Lamp: Special intention  
Our Lady of Fatima: Special intention for Sophia Murphy

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Last weekend collection: \$2,503.45 Thank you!  
Expenses last week: \$1,865.00 (\$965.00 salaries, \$500.00 clergy pension, \$400.00 parish assessment)

### SECOND COLLECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR JULY:

- July 8th: Extra Effort
- July 15th: Mission Coop
- July 22nd: Summer Air conditioning



### 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).

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 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.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Don't dig up in doubt what you planted in faith!



*Our Lord comes to bring peace to a world that lacks peace. After so many years, we can still see that the world is not at peace; it desires peace and clamors for it, but it does not find it. There is no peace in society, or in the family or within souls. What is happening for there to be no peace? Why is there so much tension and so much violence? Why are souls beset by so much anxiety and so much sadness, if what everyone wants is peace? Perhaps the world is looking for peace where peace cannot be found; perhaps we are confusing peace with a quiet life. Peace comes from God and it is a gift of God that surpasses all understanding. It is granted only to men of good will – to those who strive with the whole of their strength to live their lives in accordance with God's Will. Peace, and joy that comes with it, cannot be given by the world. Men are forever "making peace" and forever getting entangled in wars. This is because they have forgotten the advice to struggle inside themselves and to go to God for help. He will then conquer, and we will obtain peace for ourselves and for our own homes, for society and for the whole world. The stream of peace in our soul begins with acknowledgement of our sins, faults, negligence's and errors. Then if we are humble and we look at Christ, he will disclose to us his great mercy, as though he were hidden behind a veil saying to us: "Those are the shortcomings I have taken upon myself in order to show you the Father's love in a very personal way, through this loneliness and sorrow. His love is the only love capable of freeing us from our wretchedness, of turning it around, and using it towards your salvation." Let us ask Our Lady to teach us to go humbly to the source of peace (the tabernacle, Confession) if ever we see that anxiety, fear, sadness or worry are seeking a way of entering into our hearts. PEACE!*

### PARISH PLANNING TEAM:

In cooperation with the Bishop's effort to revitalize Parishes in the Diocese (*Rebuilding in Faith and Hope*), I am establishing a Parish Planning Team that will evaluate the current state of our Parish and determine a course of action for the future. To be a member of this team, you must be a registered parishioner of Our Lady of Fatima, a regular attendee at Mass and at least 16 years of age and have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you are interested in becoming a member of this team, please contact Fr. Raposo before July 31<sup>st</sup>. All members will receive a packet with information regarding the process the team will undertake as well as an agenda for the next meeting. You will be expected to be prepared to discuss the questions included in your information packet at a meeting on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 7:00pm at the Rectory.



### SOPHIA MURPHY UPDATE

Sophia's transplant was a complete success. Praise God! She has responded better than anyone ever expected. Her liver function is perfect for this stage of recovery. Her great Aunt Lori is home now and also recovering nicely. There were no complications for either. Thank you very much for all your prayers and donations. Please continue to keep her in your prayers. God bless you!

**VENDORS/CRAFTERS WANTED:** for Our Lady of Fatima Ladies Guild Harvest Fair, Sunday, October 14th. Please call Carol Santos at (508) 998-1290 for more information

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

From the  
Pastor's Desk



### Help Needed!

July 1<sup>st</sup>, we began a new fiscal year for our parish. It is a good time to ask you to please consider increasing your weekly donation by \$5.00. It is also a good time to remind ALL parishioners that we need their support. If more parishioners are willing to donate to the parish the burden is shared by **our entire parish community**. And that's the way it should be! Our Parish needs at least \$2,700.00 weekly to meet all our financial responsibilities to remain debt free. Our Parish Annual Report will be mailed in August. Thank you for your generosity to Our Lady of Fatima Parish and God bless you abundantly.

### Secondly:

Our current vestments, which include the chasuble and stole I wear at Mass, are beginning to show their age. Some are frayed at the edges while some are beginning to unravel and fall apart.

I would like to invite you to help defray the cost of the new vestments by donating the cost of one vestment (chasuble & stole) in memory of a loved one. A tag with your loved one's name will be sewed on the collar of the vestment. I will be ordering 4 sets of vestments in four different colors (white, green, purple and red) for the different seasons of the Church calendar. Please contact Fr. Raposo for the cost of one of the vestments. All other donations, great or small, will be gratefully accepted.



### WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!

Isaac Steven Esteves, son of Rui and Leanne Esteves and Becham Everett Libby, son of Jason and Sonia Libby was baptized last Sunday, July 1st. The parish family welcomes them warmly to our family of faith.

**Bulletin Ads~** Please consider Advertising your business in our colored Bulletins. If you are interested, please contact Al Shea at Pilot Bulletins at (781) 690-0057 or email him at [ashea@pilotbulletins.net](mailto:ashea@pilotbulletins.net). Thank you!