

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.

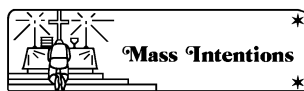
St. Vincent De Paul Society: For assistance contact us at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

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: _____

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT –December 9, 2018



Saturday	December	8,	4:00 PM	Fr. Roger Levesque
Sunday	December	9,	8:00 AM	Antonio & Steven DaPonte, Artur Freitas, Maria Melo, Cecilia Pereira, by Family
			10:00 AM	Missa Pro Populo
Monday	December	10,	8:00 AM	Gertrude Palmeri by Marcelle Chartier
Tuesday	December	11,	8:00 AM	Anibal Tavares by Family
Wednesday	December	12,	8:00 AM	Special intention for Sophia Murphy & Family
Friday	December	14,	8:00 AM	Eric Johnson by Parents
Saturday	December	15,	4:00 PM	George DaCosta by Family
Sunday	December	16,	8:00 AM	Jennifer & Carolyn Lawrence by Family
			10:00 AM	Lisa & Maria J. Paiva & Calden Cunha by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Daffinee



Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Jose R. Torres
 Our Lady of Fatima: In memory of Gordon Guerra

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection for last weekend: \$2,181.70 Thank you!
 Extra Effort: \$998.00 Thank you! Thank you!
 Expenses last week: \$2,849.42 (\$1,075.00 salaries, \$400.00 parish assessment, \$500.00 clergy pension, \$225.00 snow removal, \$649.42 FICA & state tax)

Second Collections scheduled for December:

Christmas Flower Memorial anytime
 December 25th Christmas Offering



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 AND CANDLES FOR FEBRUARY 2019 are available. Mass intentions can be scheduled by email, phone, or by stopping by the rectory office on Wednesdays from 9-3 and Fridays 9-12.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

When fear begins to sound like the wisest course and paralysis the only option, hold fast to the Good News and its promise of light and life!



A GUIDE TO KEEP US SAFE!

If you've ever traveled to previously unknown places, you appreciate the importance of having a reliable guide. A good guide speaks the language, knows the lay of the land, and anticipates obstacles along the way. John the Baptist is such a guide for our Advent journey. He cautions us to prepare the way for deeper access to the divine mystery we approach in this season. John tells us that the right spirit for this encounter is repentance: a turning around, a fresh effort. Some of us may need to be forgiven. Others have some forgiving to do. Heed this guidance!

BUDGET ENVELOPES: Parishioners who have used their budget envelopes this past year should receive their 2019 budget envelope box within a week. If you don't receive your envelopes and you have consistently used them this year, please contact Lucy at (508) 995-7351. Thank you.



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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Church once again calls us to prepare for the coming of our Lord. We are reminded that the season of Advent prepares us for a dual celebration – the coming of Our Lord Jesus at the end of time when God's plan of salvation for all mankind comes to its fulfillment and the celebration of the birth of our lord and Savior, Jesus Christ at Christmas.

As part of our preparation during Advent we can continue to enjoy the mercy of God and the many blessings associated with it through the practice of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

I will be available for Confessions on Saturdays from 3:15 to 3:45 pm and on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:30 pm during Advent. I hope you will take advantage of these opportunities.



Come home to...

Our Lady of Fatima Church,

*Mary's House in Sassaquin,
this Christmas, to celebrate the birth
of her Son, Jesus*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24th
Christmas Vigil Mass: 4:00 P.M.

Tuesday, December 25th
Christmas Day: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

RING IN THE NEW YEAR...

Mass Schedule for Mary, Mother of God and World Day of Prayer for Peace

Monday, December 31st—Vigil at 4:00 PM

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

New Year's Day: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



GIVING TREE

Our parish annual Angel Giving Tree is up. Please help make this season of giving a bit brighter for the children of Saint Vincent's Home in Fall River. **Please return the gift unwrapped with the Angel Tag no later than Sunday, December 9th. Please remember to bring in your gift by this date. We wouldn't want any child to be without a gift for Christmas.**

Please know that the majority of children who live at Saint Vincent's are between the ages of 13 and 18. Video games need to be rated E for everyone or T for Teen, DVD's need to be rated G, PG, or PG-13 non violent themes only.

In case you are unable to find the requested gift, a gift certificate to Walmart or Kohl's can be purchased for \$20.00. Thank you for your charitable participation.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Christmas flower memorial envelopes may be placed in any collection basket as your offering to assist in the purchase of flowers for our church during the Christmas Season. The names of your loved ones will be placed beside the tabernacle as we remember them at Holy Mass. Thank you for your help!

MASS ETIQUETTE: It is great that so many people are friends and want to say hello, however, the church is primarily a place of prayer and if people are talking with one another, it is a distraction to those who are trying to speak to our Lord in prayer. I would kindly ask that we maintain a prayerful silence before Holy Mass and greet one another after Mass.

St. Francis of Assisi Choir Presents: **A Simple Stable of Peace, Hope and Love on Saturday, December 22, 2018 at 2:00pm.** The concert will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 283 Mill St., New Bedford. A Simple Stable of Peace, Hope and Love will feature songs that express the true meaning of Christmas offering moments of peace, hope and love to all that attend. The concert will include well known Christmas favorites like "Mary's Little Boy Child", "O Holy Night" and Amy Grant's, "Breath of Heaven". Other songs will include: "Mary Rocked the Little Baby", "Infant Holy", "Nativity Carol" and many other beautiful carols. The St. Francis of Assisi Choir is directed by Kara E. McEachern with organist, Diana Henry. The concert is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken. Rev. Kevin Harrington, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi and the choir invite everyone to join in a reception immediately following the concert in the church hall. Those who wish to attend the weekly 4:30pm Mass are encouraged to attend after the reception.