

Our Lady of Fatima Church



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PARISH STAFF

Rev. John A. Raposo, *Pastor*

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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.

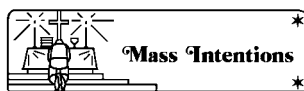
St. Vincent De Paul Society: For assistance contact us at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

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: _____

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT –December 16, 2018



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
Monday	December	17,	8:00 AM	Getrude Palmeri by Mel West & Family
Tuesday	December	18,	8:00 AM	Jose Villar by Tess Gaudette
Wednesday	December	19,	8:00 AM	Diane, Maria & Tony Pereira by Mark
Friday	December	21,	8:00 AM	Eric Johnson by Parents
Saturday	December	22,	4:00 PM	Antone, & Mary Silva, Michael & Lucille Thirston & Natalie Moore by Armand & Irene Sylvia
Sunday	December	23,	8:00 AM	Manuel & Liduina Resendes & Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cordeiro by Family
			10:00 AM	Lynda Vargas by Parents & Family



Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Jose R. Torres

Our Lady of Fatima: In memory of Robert Caldwell & Gordon Guerra

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection for last weekend: \$2,461.00 Thank you!

Retired Religious: \$826.86 Thank you!

Expenses last week: \$2,525.00 (\$1,075.00 salaries, \$400.00 parish assessment, \$750.00 clergy medical, \$300.00 property insurance)

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:

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

—Julian of Norwich



Happiness should be essential to the Christian. Ours, however, is not just any sort of happiness. It is the happiness of Christ, which brings justice and peace. Only He can give it and preserve it, because the world does not possess its secret. Worldly happiness leads inevitably to its own loss...it arises precisely when man contrives to escape from himself, when he looks outward, when he manages to turn his gaze away from his meaningless and solitary interior life. The Christian carries his joy within himself, because he meets God in his soul in grace. This is the unfailing spring of his happiness. It's not difficult to imagine Our Lady, in these days of Advent, radiant with joy at carrying the Son of God beneath her heart. The world's happiness is a poor and transitory thing. The Christian's happiness is profound and can exist in the midst of difficulties. Our Lord asks us to be happy always. There is no sorrow which He cannot alleviate: Do not fear, only believe, he says to us. He knows everything which is going to happen in our lives

He that is to come, and shall not delay, and with Him come peace and joy; with Jesus we find meaning in our life.

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.

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.



FACE: The Foundation to Advance Catholic Education invites you and your family to the 14th Annual Winter Brunch: When: Sunday, February 3, 2019 Where: Coonamessett Inn 311 Gifford Street Falmouth, MA Time: 11:15AM – 2:00PM Cost: \$30 adult, \$15 youth (under 13) Enjoy: A visit from Wally, the official mascot of the Boston Red Sox, raffles with fantastic prizes, including five Walt Disney World® Tickets Contact: Jane Robin at (508) 759-3566, via email at JaneR@dioc-fr.org for tickets and sponsorship opportunities, or to purchase tickets or sponsorships online, please go to www.face-dfr.org. Seating is limited.



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!

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

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA would like to know if there are any persons from our Parish living alone or without family or a family in need and would like a Christmas dinner. Please contact Ron R. Cabral at 508-717-2688 or email Ron at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com. Deadline is December 23rd.

Also, we would appreciate donations of non-perishable foods which will be distributed to those families in need for Christmas. Please leave non-perishable foods in the front foyer of the Church, thank you.