

Our Lady of Fatima Church



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PARISH STAFF

Rev. John A. Raposo, *Pastor*

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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.

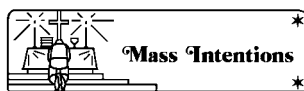
St. Vincent De Paul Society: For assistance contact us at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

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: _____

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT –December 23, 2018



Saturday	December	22,	4:00 PM	Antone, & Mary Silva, Michael & Lucille Thirston & Natalie Moore by Armand & Irene Sylvia
Sunday	December	23,	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Manuel & Liduina Resendes & Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cordeiro by Family Lynda Vargas by Parents & Family
Monday	December	24,	8:00 AM 4:00 PM	Anibal Tavares, Marcelino, Emilia, Maggie & Joseph Pacheco by Family Christmas Flower Memorial Benefactors & our parishioners
Tuesday	December	25,	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Christmas Flower Memorial Benefactors & our parishioners Mariana Raposo
Wednesday	December	26,	8:00 AM	Gertrude Palmeri by Mel West & Family
Friday	December	28,	8:00 AM	Gertrude Palmeri by Mel West & Family
Saturday	December	29,	4:00 PM	Gordon Guerra & Robert Caldwell by Ron & Rose Cabral
Sunday	December	30,	8:00 AM 10:00 AM	Christmas Flower Memorial Benefactors & our parishioners Reinaldo Medeiros, Etelvina & Virginio Arruda & Sons by Family



Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Jose R. Torres
Our Lady of Fatima: In memory of Anibal Tavares

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection for last weekend: \$2,469.25 Thank you!
Expenses last week: \$1,724.00 (\$1,024.00 salaries, \$400.00 parish assessment, \$300.00 property insurance)

Second Collections scheduled for December:

December 25th Christmas Offering

THE RECTORY OFF WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK.



TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

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. Evening prayer will resume on January 8th.

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:

Open your heart and invite God into every circumstance of your life because when God enters the scene, MIRACLES happen.



“As it’s all happening in the shadowland where everything is imperfection, you find it difficult to believe, and you are slow in acting. If only you could approach Me more often, you may suspect My long yearnings. I am waiting for the world. Yes, My children, for everyone, and for such a long, long time... I came to Bethlehem to seek them and I shall go on seeking them right to the end of the world. This is the patience of God. This is His love. So, quicken your faith by telling Me about it often. Don’t get weary; you will hope more and love more. It’s your great God who wants you greatly.”

*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

A Christmas Message.

On the Solemnity of Christ, the King, we proclaim Jesus as the King of the Universe. We celebrate His might and power, as He sits at the right hand of the Father. But in the gospel passage from Luke we learn that Jesus, the Christ, our Lord and Savior, is born in a stable. He is wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger (a trough where animals feed). Why such humble beginnings for the Son of God? Luke also recounts the encounter between the shepherds and the angel of the Lord who says, "and this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." What is this sign? "God's sign is his humility. God's sign is that he makes himself small; he becomes a child; he lets us touch him and he asks for our love. How we would prefer a different sign, an imposing, irresistible sign of God's power and greatness! But his sign summons us to faith and love, and thus it gives us hope: this is what God is like. He has power, he is Goodness itself. He invites us to become like him. Yes indeed, we become like God if we allow ourselves to be shaped by this sign; if we ourselves learn humility and hence true greatness; if we renounce violence and use only the weapons of truth and love."

---(Pope Benedict XVI: Homily at Mass for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 24, 2009)

You and your loved ones will be remembered in my Christmas Masses. Please pray for me.

Fr. John Raposo



A Blessed Christmas to all.



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

*Mrs. Pearl Enos would like to thank you for your
prayers and for the get well cards sent to her.
Please continue to keep her in your prayers.*

God bless you.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the soul of Nancy Graca whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, December 21st. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

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.