

Our Lady of Fatima Church



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PARISH STAFF

Rev. John A. Raposo, *Pastor*

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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.

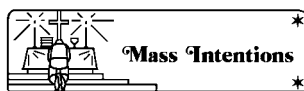
St. Vincent De Paul Society: For assistance contact us at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

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: _____

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—February 17, 2019



Saturday	February	16,	4:00 PM	Marcel, Helen & Michael Ducharme by Son
Sunday	February	17,	8:00 AM	Antonio & Steven DaPonte, Artur Freitas, Maria Melo & Cecilia Pereira by Family
			10:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cordeiro by Family
Monday	February	18,	8:00 AM	Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Tuesday	February	19,	8:00 AM	Anibal Tavares, Marcelino, Emilia, Maggie & Joseph Pacheco by Family
Wednesday	February	20,	8:00 AM	Joaquim & Doreen Magalhaes by Family
Friday	February	22,	8:00 AM	Elaine Motta
Saturday	February	23,	4:00 PM	John Rybka by Wife
Sunday	February	24,	8:00 AM	Tom Clark by Family
			10:00 AM	George & Anita Belliveau by Family



Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Anibal Tavares
 Our Lady of Fatima: In memory of Normand L. Pepin

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection last weekend: \$2,427.00 Thank you!
 Extra Effort: \$1,035.30 Thank you!
 Expenses last week: \$2,999.11 (\$1,010.00 salaries, \$400.00 parish assessment, \$1,589.11 clergy Medical)

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.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CANDLES FOR APRIL 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-



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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Mercy, prayer and fasting



Everyone is responsible for his life before God who has given it to him. It is God who remains the sovereign Master of life. We are obliged to accept life gratefully and preserve it for his honor and the salvation of our souls. We are stewards, not owners, of the life God has entrusted to us. It is not ours to dispose of.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH #2280

SISTER ROSE SHELTER SISTER ROSE EMERGENCY OVERFLOW SHELTER

is located at 71 Division St in New Bedford and is managed by Catholic Social Services. The shelter is open to the homeless on nights that the weather turns colder than 28 degrees or a blizzard is expected. They are also looking for volunteers to help at the shelter with preparing meals and serving and are also looking for donations of food. If you are interested in donating food or time, please call Robin Muise at 774-553-5490.

PREPARING FOR HOLY MASS: 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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Last September I established a Parish Planning Team to help me plan the future of our Parish. The committee consists of the following parishioners: **Michael Bartlett, Thomas Casari, Kelly Correia, Marianne DeSouza, Brad Markey, Michael McDermott and Michael Murray.**

We have met twice and considered the strengths of our parish in various areas: liturgy, faith formation, administration, etc. Soon, we will be meeting with other Parish planning teams from the following Parishes: St. Mary's and St. Joseph-St. Therese. Together we will determine the next chapter in the lives of these three churches.

If you are interested in becoming a member of our Parish Planning Team and contributing to these discussions, please contact Fr. Raposo at 508-995-7351. We are looking for a few good men and women.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My dear Parishioners, last Monday morning the Lord took my father as he slept.

I am grateful that the Lord granted him a peaceful death.

My father lived to be 96 years old and that was a blessing as well.

Please keep him and my family in your prayers.

Thank you,

Fr. John Raposo

2019 WOMEN AND MEN'S CONFERENCE :

The Fall River Diocese 2019 Women and Men's Conference will take place on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at Stonehill College in Easton, MA. The Conference Program features dynamic speakers, an interactive panel discussion, prayer, music, reflection, Mass and more. Speakers will be CatholicTV Network President Bishop Robert Reed of Boston; Scripture scholar and author Dr. Mary Healy of Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit; and radio/TV host and producer Deacon Pedro GuevaraMann of Salt + Light Media of Canada. Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S. D. V., will be principal celebrant and homilist of the closing Mass. This Women and Men's Conference offers a great opportunity for spiritual renewal and enrichment during Lent. For details, see insert for the registration form or visit www.fallriverdiocese.org.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Last Sunday, February 10, the young man and women of the parish who are candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation were presented to the Parish at the 10:00am Mass. This year's Confirmation class will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 11, 2019 at 7:00PM here in our Church. It will be my honor to confer the Sacrament on them, having received permission from Bishop DaCunha. Please pray for these young men and women as they prepare to receive this Sacrament which will complete their Initiation into the Church and allow them to continue their lives of faith within the Church. May the Holy Spirit bless them with His seven-fold gifts.

RESPECT LIFE



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for the soul of Lorraine Cote whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, February 15th. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.



"THE SUFFERING CHRIST"

But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. Isaiah 53:5

Retreat Hours: 9:30 AM—4:30 PM
Fr. Mathias, Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate,
Place: Divine Mercy Shrine, Stockbridge, MA
Date: Saturday, March 30th Cost: \$55.00 per person
Includes: Retreat & Motor Coach Transportation
Departure from McDonalds, Kings Hwy at 5:00 AM
(Bring your own lunch) Limited seats available
Reserve by March 16th. Applications at the entrances