

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: _____

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—February 24, 2019



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
Monday	February	25,	8:00 AM	John & Marion Teixeira by Daughters
Tuesday	February	26,	8:00 AM	Roland Toyfair by Mr. & Mrs. David Costa
Wednesday	February	27,	8:00 AM	Pauline Bolduc by Louise Seguin
Friday	March	1,	8:00 AM	Maria Eduarda Tavares by Odete Tavares
Saturday	March	2,	4:00 PM	Lillian Hathaway by Family
Sunday	March	3,	8:00 AM	Antonio & Steven DaPonte, Artur Freitas, Maria Melo, Cecilia Pereira, & Luis Ferreira by Family
			10:00 AM	Reinaldo Medeiros & Parents by Family



Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Anibal Tavares
 Our Lady of Fatima: In memory of George & Anita Belliveau

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection last weekend: \$2,318.00 Thank you!
 Expenses last week: \$2,118.00 (\$1,010.00 salaries, \$400.00 parish assessment, \$300.00 property insurance, \$300.00 Catholic School subsidy, \$108.00 church supplies)

MARCH 2ND COLLECTIONS:

- March 3rd: Catholic University
- March 6th: Evangelization
- March 10th: Parish Extra Effort
- March 31st: Catholic Relief Services

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 ol-fnb@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 9-12.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

No matter how weak you think you are, you are never too weak to be used in great ways by God!



Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of death, in a particular judgment that refers to his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven-through a purification or immediately or immediate and everlasting damnation. At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH #1022



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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 Carusi, 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.

La Salette Retreat Center, Attleboro is offering several Retreats. Call (508) 222-8530 to register. Or lasaletteretreatcenter.com.

February 26th—Find the Fun I DysFunction: presented by Dottie Levesque. 7PM –8:30 PM, \$10.00 suggested Donation.

Ash Wednesday, March 6th: Walk Through the Desert: 9:15AM-4PM. Lunch & Mass included. Suggested Donation \$45.00

Centering Prayer Spirituality: March 20th: 10: AM-3:00PM. Lunch included. Suggested Donation: \$40.00.

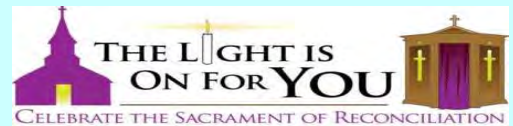
2019 WOMEN AND MEN'S CONFERENCE :

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.

Lenten Taizé service: Do you really believe Jesus loves you, that he died for you, and that that matters today? Please join us Sunday, March 10th at 7:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Parish.

LENT: On Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Masses will be at 8 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. Ashes will be distributed at both masses after the homily.

PREPARING FOR LENT: The Church once prescribed very rigorous rules for the Lenten fast. The current rules, however, are much more relaxed. Catholics are only required to fast on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, and Good Friday, the day that Jesus was crucified. Anyone over the age of 18, but under the age of 60, should eat only one full meal on those days, this meal is meatless although they can also have small amounts of food in the morning and the evening. All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. There are many approaches, but I recommend that you try the one that best fits your responsibilities of life and your physical condition.



During Lent we are also called to take our prayer-life to a highest level. Please consider joining us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM for prayer. I will also be available for confessions.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30 PM on the following Friday dates: March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th, and 12th.



"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