

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: _____

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—March 3, 2019



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
Monday	March	4,	8:00 AM	Lubelia Oliveira by Family
Tuesday	March	5,	8:00 AM	Roland Toyfair by David & Joan Pepin
Wednesday	March	6,	8:00 AM	Roland Toyfair by Lucille Pepin
			6:30 PM	For the people of the parish
Friday	March	8	8:00 AM	Americo A. Matias by Dan & Helene Tavares
Saturday	March	9,	4:00 PM	Cizaltina Branco & Manuel Pacheco Melo by Family
Sunday	March	10,	8:00 AM	Roland Toyfair by Lucille Pepin
			10:00 AM	Antonio & Steven DaPonte, Artur Freitas, Maria Melo, Cecilia Pereira, & Luis Ferreira by Family



Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Anibal Tavares
 Our Lady of Fatima: In memory of Bonnie Caldwell

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection last weekend: \$2,635.00 Thank you!
 Expenses last week: \$3,652.23 (\$1,010.00 salaries,
 \$2,346.23 gas & electric, \$296.00 utilities)

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 olofnb@comcast.net.

MASS INTENTIONS AND CANDLES FOR MAY WILL OPEN ON MARCH 6TH.

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

We must be ready to abandon our own preconceived ideas when they do not correspond to God's.

Fr. Andrew Apostoli, CFR



MERCY AND SIN

The Gospel is the revelation in Jesus Christ of God's mercy to sinners. The angel announced to Joseph: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." The same is true of the Eucharist, the sacrament of redemption: "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH #1846

TAKE A STAND FOR LIFE: From March 6th to April 14th, please join us and take part in **40 Days for Life**... a groundbreaking, coordinated international mobilization. We pray that, with God's help, this will mark the beginning of the end of abortion in our city — and beyond.

PLEASE PRAY!



I will be available for confessions during Lent every Tuesday evening 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM.



Every Life Matters!

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.

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. For registration please visit www.fallriverdiocese.org.

THE FRIARS AT OUR LADY'S CHAPEL ARE SPONSORING FREE LENTEN INSTRUCTIONS WEEKLY ON THURSDAYS AT 7 PM FROM MARCH 7TH THROUGH APRIL 11TH IN THE CHAPEL BASEMENT.

They hope to lessen some of the confusion going on in the Church.

Hear answers to:

- Why all the scandals and when will they end?
- Divorce and Remarriage?
- Climate Change, Death Penalty and Immigration?
- Liturgical Rules, Women Deacons, Married Priests?
- Was Our Lady just an "ordinary girl" or someone much greater? Or ask other difficult questions.

For more information, call 508-996-8274 to sign up or visit the Chapel and the sign up sheet is on the bulletin board at the entrance to the Chapel.

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

During Lent, the Church asks us to surrender ourselves to prayer, to fasting and to giving alms. Prayer is the cornerstone of our Lenten discipline: our daily prayers combined with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass supports all our efforts during Lent. The fasting that all do together on Fridays is but a sign of the daily Lenten discipline of individuals and households: fasting for certain periods of time, fasting from certain foods, but also fasting from other things and activities. Likewise, the giving of alms is some effort to share this world equally—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. In addition to these traditional elements of Lenten discipline we also need to remind ourselves of Our Lord's first words as recorded in Mark: "repent and believe in the gospel." (Mk. 1:15) Jesus' call to repentance is a call to not only seek forgiveness for our transgressions but also to offer forgiveness to those who have offended us. Jesus challenges each of us to find the courage and charity needed to forgive and to ask for forgiveness. In this season of Lent may you know joy and peace and may our Lord Jesus shower you with his graces and prepare you for the great celebration of Easter.

Fr. John

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH LENTEN MISSION:

Lenten Mission (presented by the Fathers of Mercy) which is to begin on Sunday, March 17th. Here is a list of the expected talks which all begin at 7:00 PM:

Sunday - The Four Last Things

Monday - Confession: The Sacrament of the Prodigal Son

Tuesday -The Sacrament of Communion & Real Presence: The Holy Eucharist

Wednesday: The Culture of Life vs. the Culture of Death: The Eucharistic Solution

Thursday - Our Lady, Mother of God and Mother of the Church

There will be Confession before and after the parish mission and Father of Mercy books, videos, etc. for sale.