

# Our Lady of Fatima Church



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## PARISH STAFF

Rev. John A. Raposo, *Pastor*

Mrs. Pearl Enos, *Director of Religious Education*

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.

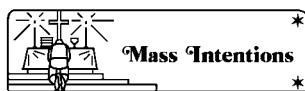
**St. Vincent De Paul Society:** For assistance contact us at [OLOFSVdPS@aol.com](mailto:OLOFSVdPS@aol.com) or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT—March 10, 2019



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
Monday	March	11,	8:00 AM	Celilia Branco by Robert
Tuesday	March	12,	8:00 AM	Mary & Joseph Tavares by Dan & Helena Tavares
Wednesday	March	13,	8:00 AM	Virginio & Etelvina Arruda & Sons by Family
Friday	March	15,	8:00 AM	Jennifer & Caroline Lawrence by Family
Saturday	March	16,	4:00 PM	Carolyn Lawrence by Dan & Helena Tavares
Sunday	March	17,	8:00 AM	Marcelino, Emilia, Maggie & Joseph Pacheco by Odete
			10:00 AM	Hildeberto Oliveira (26th Ann.), Manuel, Maria, Emanuel & Luduina Furtado by Family



Sanctuary Lamp: Special intention for our Confirmation Class  
Our Lady of Fatima: In memory of Normand Pepin

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection last weekend: \$2,455.27 Thank you!!  
Catholic University: \$643.00 Thank you!!!  
Expenses last week: \$2,285.00 (\$1,010.00 salaries, \$400.00 parish assessment, \$500.00 clergy pension, \$375.00 snow removal)

### MARCH 2ND COLLECTIONS:

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](mailto:olofnb@comcast.net).

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CANDLES FOR MAY 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

*Pride is like a curved mirror that distorts the reality of things. He who is humble is objective, and thus can be respectful and tolerant toward others and forgiveness of others' faults comes easily.*



Only two things impede our liberty: sin and death. If we could get beyond those two, we walk into perfect freedom. The good news is, we can! In today's scrutiny, we celebrate how the "death-dealing" power of evil gives way to the "life-giving sacraments" that make it possible for us to walk free of every episode of death. What binds you? Jesus is calling you to freedom.



*Every Life Matters!*

**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.**

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On behalf of my family and myself, I want to thank everyone who sent a sympathy card or expressed their sympathy on the death of my father.

Your thoughtfulness and prayers are greatly appreciated. God bless you all!

Fr. John A. Raposo

### 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.

### CONFIRMATION 2019 :

This year we have 10 candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. These young men and women of our Parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here, at Our Lady of Fatima Church this Monday, March 11th at 7:00 P.M. Fr. Raposo will administer the Sacrament at that time. Please pray for our candidates as they prepare to receive Confirmation.



### MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the soul of Joe Martins whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, February 27th. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

**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.

### UNPLANNED



**Abby Johnson** is one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the United States. She has worked at a clinic in Texas for eight years, and has become a community outreach director and media spokeswoman for the organization. **One day she is asked to assist in an ultrasound-guided abortion at thirteen weeks gestation. After what she witnesses, she resigns, and becomes a pro-life activist.**

**In Theaters March 29th**

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Love is patient, love is kind. Increase your love for one another by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 13-14, 2019 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

**RICE BOWLS:** You're invited to participate in CRS Rice Bowl! Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of the church. Please be sure to take one home. We ask that all Rice Bowls be returned weekend of April 7th. Thank you!

### 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.