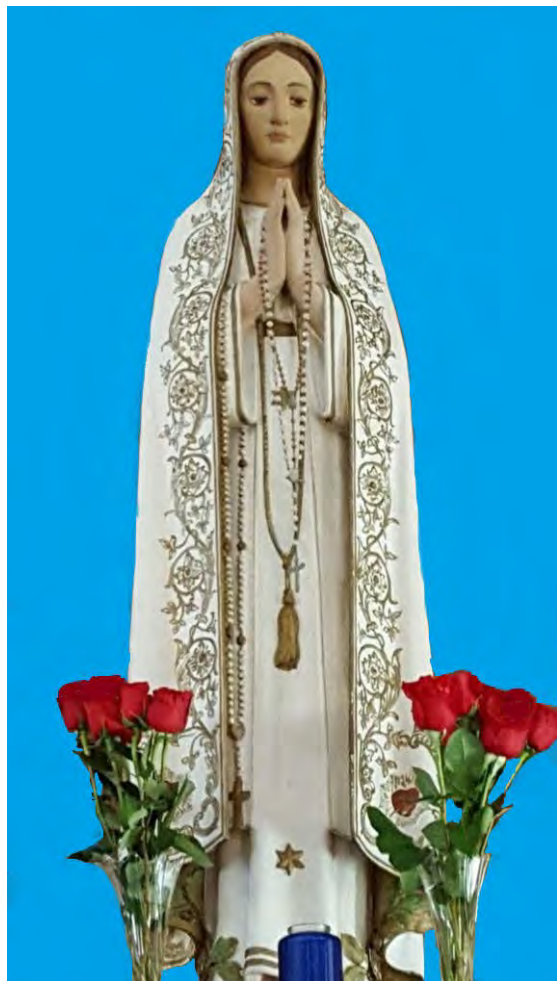


# Our Lady of Fatima Church



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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: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT—March 17, 2019



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
Monday	March	18,	8:00 AM	James Lally by David & Joan Pepin
Tuesday	March	19,	8:00 AM	Special intention for Richard & Sue Desrosiers by David & Joan Pepin
Wednesday	March	20,	8:00 AM	Virginio & Etelvina Arruda & sons by Family
Friday	March	22,	8:00 AM	Gerry Gautreau by Mr. & Mrs. Louis LeBlanc
Saturday	March	23,	4:00 PM	Anibal Tavares by Family
Sunday	March	24,	8:00 AM	Roland Toyfair by Mr. & Mrs. David Costa
			10:00 AM	Manuel Cunha & Lisa Paiva by Mr. & Mrs. Brian Daffinee



Sanctuary Lamp: In honor of St. Joseph  
Our Lady of Fatima: In memory of Kimberly Gray

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection last weekend: \$2,427.68 Thank you!!  
Ash Wednesday: \$626.56 Thank you!!!  
Expenses last week: \$2,727.19 (\$1,010.00 salaries, \$400.00 parish assessment, \$675.00 snow removal & sanding, \$642.19 FICA & state tax withholding)

### MARCH 2ND COLLECTIONS:

Easter Flowers: Any time  
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).

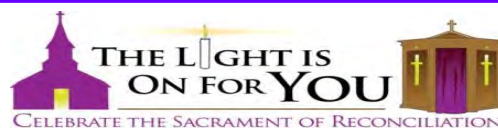
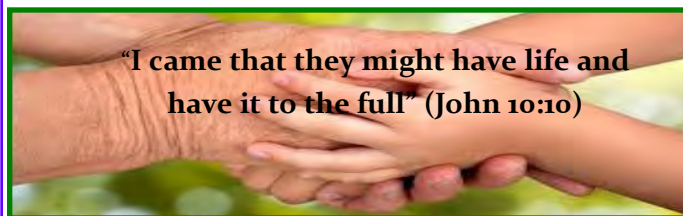
MASS INTENTIONS AND CANDLES FOR MAY ARE AVAILABLE. Mass intentions can be scheduled by email, phone, or by stopping by the rectory office on Wednesdays from 9-3 and Fridays 9-12.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**I can rest in the fact that God is in control.  
Which means I can face things that are out of  
my control and not act out of control.**



In Lent, if we are having a true purifying experience, we can feel uncomfortable, and possess a greater awareness of where we need to change than where we do not need to change. We look to those things because they can give us clues about our attachments or where there might be any danger to our spiritual progress. During Lent, we may have possibly relaxed our practices and maybe even had an experience or two of failure. Jesus told us that he cared not for burnt offerings but for love. While Christ is aware of our flaws, he does not exult in catching us out, rather he searches for our wounds into which he pours compassion, healing and mercy.



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

## 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:** We congratulate the following parishioners who have completed their initiation as Catholic Christians, by their reception of Confirmation. Fr. John Raposo confirmed the class of 2019 on Monday, March 11th.

Arielle Breault, Alison Ferreira, Mason Frates, Kasandra Furtado, Camron Gomes, Bianca Lazaro, Bryce Mendoza, Harrison Quintin, Owen Richards, Gabriela Rocha-Medeiros

*I would like to thank Mrs. Pearl Enos, Director of Religious Education for her many years of dedicated service to our parish and to Sharon Raposo and Brad Markey for their assistance.*

## LENTEN MISSION WITH FR. SIMEON GALLAGHER, OFM CAP

All are welcome to attend this area Mission sponsored by St. Mary and St. Julie Billiart parishes in Dartmouth. Theme: "The Freedom To Believe: Becoming an Adult Catholic" Monday-Thursday, March 18-21  
Morning Session at St. Julie's, 494 Slocum Rd., Dartmouth 9 a.m. Mass followed by Conference in the Hall 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.. Evening Session at St. Mary's, 795 Dartmouth St., Dartmouth from 7 - 8:30 p.m.



## "ONE DAY ONLY BARN SALE"

To be held  
Rain or Shine  
at

St. John Neumann Parish Barn  
East Freetown  
On Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>  
From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*It's a Bargain Hunters Paradi\$e!*

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Rebuilding in Faith and Hope" is Bishop DaCunha's call to the people of the Diocese of Fall River to evangelize and re-energize our parishes and our Diocese. It is Bishop DaCunha's intention to engage the people of the Diocese in meaningful dialogue regarding the future of our parishes and our Diocese as a whole. This process has already begun in different areas of our Diocese and now our Parish along with St. Mary's and St. Joseph-St. Therese parishes have begun a dialogue to formulate a plan for our parishes.

**On Sunday, March 31st, at 2:00 PM, we will hold a Parish Assembly in our Parish Hall** to inform us about this process and to allow you to contribute your own ideas, comments and or questions. The intent of this assembly is not to come to any decision but to give the people of the parish an opportunity to be a part of the process. A member of the Diocesan strategic planning team will be with us to explain the process and lead us in our dialogue. Any parishioner who attends will have the opportunity to become part of the process by volunteering to join one of six committees that will be formed among the three parishes.

**Please set aside the date, March 31st at 2:00 P.M. for this important meeting – your participation is essential and needed.**

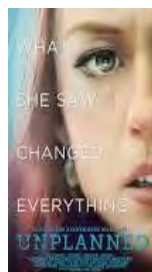
I hope to see you there. Please pray for our Parish and our Diocese.  
*Fr. John*



## WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY!

Julia Redondo Serpa, daughter of Jonathan & Carolina Serpa was baptized last Sunday, March 10th. The parish family welcomes her warmly to our family of faith.

## 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!**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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