

Our Lady of Fatima Church



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PARISH STAFF

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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: _____

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—March 24, 2019



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
Monday	March	25,	8:00 AM	Diane, Maria & Tony Pereira by Mark
Tuesday	March	26,	8:00 AM	Pauline Bolduc by Louise Seguin
Wednesday	March	27,	8:00 AM	For the victims of abortion and for all who vote to make it legal
Friday	March	29,	8:00 AM	Gary Medeiros by Family
Saturday	March	30,	4:00 PM	Eduarda Correia by Family
Sunday	March	31,	8:00 AM	Manuel & Ludiuna Resendes & Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cordeiro by Family
			10:00 AM	John Pacheco by Pearl Enos, Religious Education teachers & Aides



Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Anibal Tavares
 Our Lady of Fatima: In memory of Tom Clark

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection last weekend: \$2,513.00 Thank you!!
 Extra Effort: \$1,071.00 Thank you!!!
 Expenses last week: \$2,974.11 (\$1,010.00 salaries,
 \$1,589.11 clergy medical, \$375.00 snow removal & sand-
 ing)

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 re-
 quests to Lucy at olofnb@comcast.net.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND CANDLES FOR JUNE
 WILL OPEN ON APRIL 3RD.** Mass intentions can be
 scheduled by email, phone, or by stopping by the rectory
 office on Wednesdays from 9-3 and Fridays 9-12.

*****The office will be closed Friday, April 5th.*****

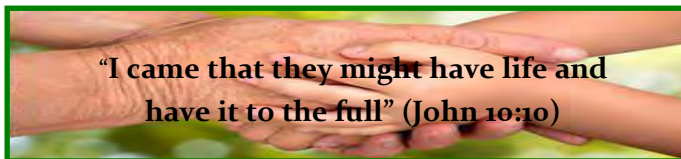
THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

*Jealousy is a result of not trusting that
 God has enough blessings for everyone.*



When God enters your soul, He acts in such a way that you will never fully comprehend His workings. His grace and Mercy are such that they remain a mystery deeper than the oceans and more vast than the upper limits of the Universe. Understanding the incomprehensible nature of God's grace is, in fact, the first step to wisdom.

It's the first step to realizing the omnipotence of God and His infinite Mercy (See *Diary* #266). Will you ever comprehend the grace of God? Will you ever fully grasp all that He has done for you? Certainly not. But if you can become all the more aware of the fact that you cannot comprehend God and His love, then you are on the road to wisdom. Reflect upon the incomprehensible workings of grace today. Face the great mystery of God's infinite Mercy. Let yourself become aware of this mystery so that you will begin to know that you do not know. And in that realization, you will be one step closer to understanding the Mercy of God.



**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.

OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY is in need of non-perishable food items. Please place donated items in the St. Vincent de Paul Society container at the entrance of the Church. Please, if there are any known families in need or an individual living alone who would like a Easter Ham dinner, please contact Ron Cabral at 508-717-2688 or E-mail us at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com, information is confidential. Thank you.



LADIES GUILD MEETING

will be on Tuesday, April 2nd at 1:15 P.M. in the parish center.

CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC FAMILIES OF BETHLEHEM will be here the weekend of April 6th/7th selling Crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the Holy Land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. Sale of these goods will help them very much and also give you the opportunity to have something authentic from the Holy Land. Please browse and buy some articles.



"ONE DAY ONLY BARN SALE"

To be held
Rain or Shine at
St. John Neumann Parish Barn
East Freetown
On Saturday, March 30th
From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
It's a Bargain Hunters Paradise!

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



Your prayers are requested for the soul of Paul Poitras whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, March 13th. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace

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.