

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 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: _____

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT—March 31, 2019



Saturday	March	30,	4:00 PM	Euarda 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
Monday	April	1,	8:00 AM	Antonio & Agnes Ferreira by Family
Tuesday	April	2,	8:00 AM	Denise Raposo by Pauline Silveira
Wednesday	April	3,	8:00 AM	Lubelia Oliveira by Family
Friday	April	5,	8:00 AM	Virginio & Etelvina Arruda & Son by Family
Saturday	April	6,	4:00 PM	Leo Lapre by Wife
Sunday	April	7,	8:00 AM	John P. Giza, Russell & Lillian Studley by Carol
			10:00 AM	Gary Medeiros by Family



Sanctuary Lamp: Special intention for the Pregana family
 Our Lady of Fatima: For the intentions of the prayer line

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection last weekend: \$2,131.08 Thank you!!
 Expenses last week: \$3,761.40 (\$1,010.00 salaries, \$375.00 snow removal & sanding, \$277.00 utilities, \$2,099.40 gas & electric)

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.

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.

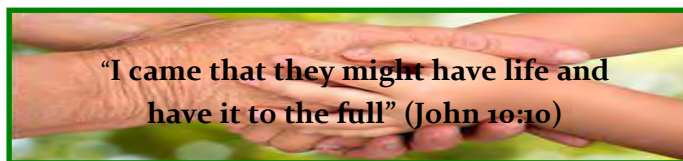
*****The office will be closed Friday, April 5th.*****

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

No human being is ever conceived outside God's will or even conceived apart from God's image. Life is a gift from God created in His own image.



The message of mercy has a great and special urgency in our times. God wants to speak to our generation, and He desires that we listen and respond to His word. In this generation – so marked by the culture of death; by the crisis of faith, hope and charity; by world wars, atomic bombs, terrorism, rebellion and autonomy from God; by the desire of men to be like God; by an era of violence and family destruction; by abortion, drugs, poverty, natural disasters, and sexual immorality of all kinds; and by a great crisis in the Church – we can only exclaim, “Have mercy on us, Lord, and on the whole world!”
 The greater the misery of souls, so much greater will they have right to my mercy; invite all souls to trust in the inconceivable depth of my mercy” (Diary, 1182).



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



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT**
TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND.

Our parish will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. concluding with Benediction at 1:00 p.m. To schedule an hour, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the rear north wall of the church.



LADIES GUILD MEETING

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

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.

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!

**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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Your participation is essential and needed.

"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.

This 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.

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

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.

ROMARIAS: The Lenten Pilgrimage is a Portuguese tradition of prayer, penance and personal sacrifice. **Starting Saturday, April 6th and ending Saturday, April 13th.** This eight day Pilgrimage to many of the parishes in the diocese will include Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday, April 6th at approximately 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Please join and welcome them to our parish during this time of prayer and sacrifice. Please keep them in your prayers.



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.