

Our Lady of Fatima Church



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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.

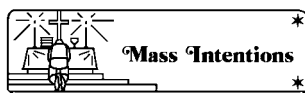
St. Vincent De Paul Society: For assistance contact us at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

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: _____

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 28, 2019



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| Saturday | April | 27, | 4:00 PM | Lillian Hathaway by Family |
| Sunday | April | 28, | 8:00 AM | Antonio & Joseph DaPonte, Artur Freitas, Maria Melo, & Cecilia Pereira by Family |
| | | | 10:00 AM | Tom Clark by Family |
| Monday | April | 29, | 8:00 AM | Pauline Bolduc by Louise Seguin |
| Tuesday | April | 30, | 8:00 AM | Jennifer & Carolyn Lawrence by Family |
| Wednesday | May | 1, | 8:00 AM | Lubelia Oliveira by Family |
| Friday | May | 3, | 8:00 AM | Emilio Raposo by Odete Tavares |
| Saturday | May | 4, | 4:00 PM | Elvira & Gilda Carreiro by Family |
| Sunday | May | 5, | 8:00 AM | Elaine Motta by Family |
| | | | 10:00 AM | For the First Communion Class |



Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of the Arruda Family
 Our Lady of Fatima: Special intention for Armand Sylvia

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Easter Collection last weekend: \$ 2,695.10 Thank you!!!
 Holy Thursday for St. Anthony Food Pantry: \$400.00 Thank you!!!
 Good Friday: \$272.00 Thank you!!!
 Retired Priests: \$1,347.00 Thank you!!!
 Expenses last week: \$2,585.00 (\$1,360.00 salaries, \$320.00 snow removal & sanding, \$400.00 parish assessment, \$505.00 church supplies)

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 JULY WILL OPEN ON MAY 1ST: Mass intentions can be scheduled by email, phone, or by stopping by the rectory office on Wednesdays from 9-3 and Fridays 9-12.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH



With joy, we welcome Mr. & Mrs. Jose Sousa as newly registered members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish! We hope that our parish family will be another channel of God's grace in their lives and we look forward to their participation in parish life among us. Welcome!



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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Lord, Your ways are so far above my ways and Your wisdom is so far above what my mind can ever fathom. Help me, this day, to see the mystery of Your incomprehensible nature. And in seeing this mystery, help me to begin to understand Your Mercy all the more. Jesus, I trust in You.



Please come and join your parish in prayer!!!

Feast of Divine Mercy

This

Sunday, April 28th at

3:00 PM.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration,

Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy based on the Sorrowful Mysteries and Benediction.

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!”

Mankind will have no peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy.

JEWELRY SALE :

A variety of New, Used, Vintage & Fine plus jewelry cases, handbags, etc. to be held on Saturday, April 27th~9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at St. Julie Billiart Church Hall, 494 Slocum Rd., No. Dartmouth.

We are called to go much deeper by uniting ourselves to Jesus in his offering of Himself in love to the Father for the salvation of the world

Bored at Mass? by Fr. John Harris

Do you ever get bored at Mass or do you hear people complaining that the priest is boring? Usually when I am faced with such complaints I ask, “what do you do when you go to Mass?” This always causes a certain unease because most people don’t think they have to do anything. Not so!

The Challenge to every Catholic

Pope Benedict XVI placed a challenge before us all: “The Eucharist is the worship of the whole Church, but it also requires the full engagement of each individual Christian in the Church’s mission; it contains a call to be the holy people of God, but also one to individual holiness; it is to be celebrated with great joy and simplicity, but also as worthily and reverently as possible; it invites us to repent of our sins, but also to forgive our brothers and sisters; it binds us together in the Spirit, but it also commands us in the same Spirit to bring the good news of salvation to others.”

Participating in the Sacrifice of Christ

Let us truly celebrate the Mass in our communion with Jesus. When we go to Mass, we are not to be spectators, standing at the side line. At the Holy Mass, the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary is being made sacramentally present by the activity of the ordained priest so that we can be part of this offering. We are to enter into the love of Christ for His Father and for the world and by our reception of Holy Communion, we are being fed with this new life of love. As St. Faustina says so beautifully in her Diary, “O Jesus, I sense keenly how Your divine Blood is circulating in my heart; I have not the least doubt that Your most pure love has entered my heart with Your most sacred Blood. I am aware that You are dwelling in me. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, or rather I am aware that it is I who am living in You...I am aware that I am dissolving in You like a drop in an ocean, I am aware that You are in me and all about me”. (Diary 478)

At the Foot of the Cross with Mary

I once asked a priest who was scripture scholar why was it that in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke there is no mention of Our Blessed Lady being present at the foot of the Cross while St. John places her firmly there. He said that the first three mention those who were there as witnesses, they were standing by and taking the whole scene in, but Mary was not there as a witness she was fully uniting herself with Jesus’ offering. She was to a degree praying “Eternal Father I offer you the body, blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ...” That is how we should attend Mass, we should be like Mary at the foot of the cross, fully uniting ourselves with Jesus and not simply looking on as spectators.

How can we be bored? A person confined to their bed praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet is more united with Mary and Jesus at Mass than most of us who take it all for granted and just attend Mass and don’t participate in the inner activity of the Mass, by giving ourselves over completely to God in a prayer of loving trust. If we fully give ourselves with Jesus at the Holy Mass, how can we ever be bored?