

# 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.

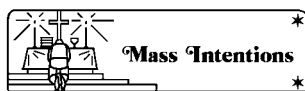
**St. Vincent De Paul Society:** For assistance contact us at [OLOFSVdPS@aol.com](mailto:OLOFSVdPS@aol.com) or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

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

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER May 5, 2019



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
Monday	May	6,	8:00 AM	Emidio Raposo by Janice & Lucy
Tuesday	May	7,	8:00 AM	Intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Wednesday	May	8,	8:00 AM	Mary Gaughan by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Gannon
Friday	May	10,	8:00 AM	Lubelia Oliveira by Family
Saturday	May	11,	4:00 PM	Lillian Hathaway by Family
Sunday	May	12,	8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Resendes & Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cordeiro by Family
			10:00 AM	Emedio Raposo by Pearl & Sharon



Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Anibal Tavares  
Our Lady of Fatima: In memory of Lynda Vargas

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Easter Collection last weekend: \$2,346.51 Thank you!!!  
Expenses last week: \$1,856.00 (\$1,060.00 salaries,  
\$500.00 parish assessment, \$296.00 Easter supplies)

### SECOND COLLECTION IN MAY

May 12th—Extra Effort

May 29th—Ascension



### 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 JULY 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:

God will supply whatever insight is necessary for the stage of the present moment.



The devil will tempt us in many ways. One common way the devil likes to attack us is to remind us of our sins, including those we have confessed. He loves to try to convince us that we are on the wrong path, that we are not pleasing to God, that we are liars and sinners. And while it's true that we are sinners, the evil one always fails to see our sin through the lens of God's Mercy. To overcome his deceptive temptations, while he reminds us of our sins, we need only to remind ourselves of the Mercy of the Heart of Jesus. As we gaze upon His Heart, we will have no fear about admitting our sin. This act of honesty will not produce anxiety, despair and doubt as the evil one desires. Instead, facing our sin in the light of the Mercy of God, will refresh us and lift our spirits, filling them with an abundance of hope (See *Diary* #520).

Think about the ways that the evil one may tempt you to despair over your sins. To mourn for your sins is a good and healthy act, but never in despair. Christian mourning leads to the Mercy of God, and the contrition you feel in this holy act lifts your burden and fills you with joy.

*Precious Lord, free me from the deceit and attacks of the evil one. Keep me safe, oh God, and help me to never forget the abundance of Your Mercy. As I see that Mercy, help me to daily repent of my sin so as to rob from the evil one all weapons of his malice. Jesus, I trust in You.*



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT  
TUESDAY, MAY 7TH**

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.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament enables us to visually meditate on the Lord's presence to us by making ourselves present to the Lord. Please consider signing up for an hour in prayer and reflection before the Lord.**



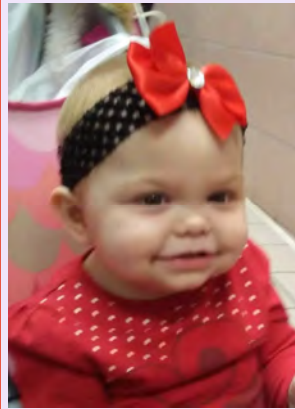
**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK**

Our parish healthcare professionals will be on-duty the second weekend of the month to check your blood pressure after all Masses.



**MAY SHE REST IN PEACE**

Your prayers are requested for the soul of Martha Tomasset whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, April 26th. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.



***WONDERFUL  
NEWS!***

Sophia is cancer free and her transplant was a complete success! The family is so grateful for the outpouring of love and prayers that they have received and they would love for people to know she has a bright future ahead if her.

Thank you so much and God Bless you all.

Love,  
Sofia and family



**Catholic Charities Appeal 2019**

The 2019 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Fall River began May 1st. We encourage you to mail in your pledge and to support the Appeal as generously as you can. If at all possible, please consider pledging throughout the year. Programs supported by the Appeal help people in all phases of life—from children, to youth, to parents, to the elderly. Numerous agencies, programs and ministries provide food and shelter, educate children and adults and meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of thousands. Your support of the Catholic Charities Appeal helps us to meet these responsibilities.

**PLEASE MAIL ENVELOPE DIRECTLY TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN FALL RIVER. THANK YOU!**

**The Bishops of Massachusetts** recently released a joint statement expressing their strong opposition to two proposed bills that would expand abortion in Massachusetts. Bishop da Cunha has asked that it be shared with parishioners to help call attention to the extreme provisions of this legislation and the radical consequences that would follow their passage into law. In their statement, the Bishops of Massachusetts “call on our elected to officials to carefully consider the consequences that the bills would bring” and they “urge all people of good will, regardless of what faith they practice, to vigorously oppose these extreme measures.” Bishop da Cunha is appealing to all members of the Diocese to contact their state legislators. The Massachusetts Catholic Conference has resources on its website at [macatholic.org](http://macatholic.org) (see Let Your Voice be Heard) to help do this. It is imperative that our voices be heard to stop this legislation!