

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 EASTER May 12, 2019



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	Emidio Raposo by Pearl & Sharon
Monday	May	13,	8:00 AM	For the intentions of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Tuesday	May	14,	8:00 AM	Luis Ferreira by Lourdes Oliveira
Wednesday	May	15,	8:00 AM	Anibal Tavares by Family
Friday	May	17,	8:00 AM	Emidio Raposo by Marlene & Charlie Johnson
Saturday	May	18,	4:00 PM	Louise Caldwell by Ron & Rose Cabral
Sunday	May	19,	8:00 AM	Alice Pereira & Manuel Magalhaes by Family
			10:00 AM	Jeannette Roy (30th Ann.) by Pauline & Ron Krouzek



Sanctuary Lamp: In memory of Anibal Tavares
Our Lady of Fatima: Special intention or Jennifer

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Easter Collection last weekend: \$3,124.30 Thank you!!!
Expenses last week: \$2,306.00 (\$1,060.00 salaries, \$500.00 parish assessment, \$500.00 clergy pension, \$246.00 utilities)

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.

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:

Every one of us is made for a relationship with Jesus. It is through communion with him that we find meaning, purpose, and fulfillment in our lives.



Imagine that your home had an inner, hidden courtyard in which you had a garden. No one knew about this secret garden. It was a place where you planted, tilled, labored, weeded and harvested. The produce from this garden was then secretly distributed to many to nourish and delight them. This is an image of the depths of your soul. The home symbolizes your whole self. The inner and hidden garden symbolizes the inner and secret depths of your soul. The gardener is our Lord and He is the one who secretly enters, tilling, planting, weeding, growing and harvesting the many good fruits that come forth from your life. He desires to enter in secrecy, doing much labor in your life that no one knows about. The result, if you let Him in, will be experienced by the abundance of virtue that overflows, affecting the lives of many (See Diary #581). Do you allow our Lord to enter into the inner and secret garden of your own soul? Do you allow Him to labor within you, bringing forth an abundant harvest? This work He desires to do in you is a work seen only by you. It's a holy secret of grace working in your life. The Lord offers it out of His perfect love for you. Tell Him, this day, that you will let Him in and then allow yourself to watch as He does amazing things in this inner courtyard, transforming it into a garden bursting forth in abundance.

Lord, I see this courtyard and I am aware of it being overgrown with weeds of all types. There is much work to do. But, this day, I say "Yes" to You. I accept the labor of perfect love that You offer me and I return to You my gratitude for the miraculous work You desire to do. Help me to be patient with You and to adore You as you prepare the soil, plant Your virtues and bring forth a harvest. I thank You, my dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.



Our First Communion Class received their Eucharistic Lord for the very first time last Sunday afternoon, May 5TH.

May their minds and hearts always have the openness and eagerness of their First Communion

Day when they approach the table of the Lord each Sunday to receive Communion. Congratulations to them, their parents, grandparents and especially their teachers and helpers who prepared them. Our First Communicants are:

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| Brailynn Barbosa | Hannah Koska-Lapre |
| Alexandre Bilhere | Alezay Lebron |
| Simon Camara | Parker Pacheco |
| Aiden Coelho | Logan Pacheco |
| Gavin Coelho | Donavan Pereira |
| Zachary Coelho | Jerimiyah Ramos |
| Brayden Douglas | Scarlett Resendes |
| Sophia Hardin | Travis Silva |

We would like to thank Mrs. Pearl Enos, Director of Religious Education for her many years of dedicated service to our parish and to Sharon Rapoza for her assistance.



Catholic Charities Appeal 2019

78th Annual Catholic Charities Appeal
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

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

**Say NO to Expand Abortion Access in MA
LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!**

House Bill 3320 is “An act to Removing Obstacles and Expanding access to women’s reproductive health.”

Senate Bill 1209 is “An Act to remove obstacles and expand abortion access.”

Oppose **extremism, say no to the most anti-progressive, anti-woman bill** currently on our legislative agenda.

Contact your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO on Abortion Expansion!

Log on to macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information for your State Senator and Representative via zip code link.

Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary who will consider House Bill 3320.

Members of the Joint Committee of Public Health who will consider Senate Bill 1209.

For individuals without internet access, please call the Massachusetts Catholic Conference at (617)746-5630 for contact information.



A BIG THANK YOU TO THE LADIES GUILD!

For their awesome gift of \$8,000.00 to our parish.

Thank you to all its members for their labor of love this year. The parish is blessed by these great women.

May God bless you!
Fr. John Raposo



**Our Lady Fatima:
Hope for the
World**

**Our mothers have magnified the Lord.
They have taught us to rejoice in God.**

A Blessed Mother’s Day to all!