

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, 9:30 & 11:00 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.

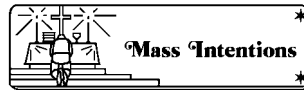
St. Vincent De Paul Society: For assistance contact us at OLOFSVdPS@aol.com or call Ron Cabral at (508) 717-2688.

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 19, 2017



Saturday	March	18,	4:00 PM	Missa Pro Populo
Sunday	March	19,	8:00 AM	Paulino & Ana Vieira by Family
			9:30 AM	Missa Pro Populo
			11:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> For the intentions of the prayer line
Monday	March	20,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Tuesday	March	21,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Wednesday	March	22,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Friday	March	24,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Saturday	March	25,	4:00 PM	Jeanne Labelle by Mr. & Mrs. Louis LeBlanc
Sunday	March	26,	8:00 AM	Tom Clark by Wife & Family
			9:30 AM	Virginio, Etelvina, Gilberto, Eduardo Arruda, Reinaldo Medeiros, Joaquim DaSilva by Family
			11:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> Missa Pro Populo

Sanctuary Lamp: In thanksgiving for prayers answered through the intercession of St. Joseph
Our Lady of Fatima: For the people of the parish

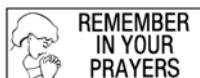
WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection last weekend: \$2,306.00 Thank you!
 Extra Effort: \$1,075.67 Thank you!
 Expenses for week: \$4,518.38 (\$1,110.00 salaries, \$400.00 parish assessment, \$968.45 clergy medical, \$500.00 clergy pension, \$300.00 property insurance, \$200.00 snow plowing, \$400.00 sidewalk snow removal and sanding for February, \$300.00 Catholic School subsidy, \$60.50 Frades Disposal, \$679.42 FICA & state tax)

ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Please 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 olofnb@comcast.net.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY ARE AVAILABLE.
 Mass intentions can be scheduled during office hours on Wednesdays 9-3 and Fridays 9-12. The Sanctuary Lamp for Our Lady of Fatima Lamp, is also available.



OUR MILITARY that God may watch over our loved ones, protect them and bring them home safely. **THE SICK** who have asked for our prayers. May they be strengthened by God in health, mind, body and spirit and be comforted by our prayer.

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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Distractions, deception and discouragement are the devil's favorite tactics to prevent you from spending time with Jesus.



“Don’t drift away from Me. You know those moments when you feel nothing but boredom, when your faith is shrouded in mist. You call and I don’t seem to be there. O you of little faith! Seek truth with all your heart. In spite of everything, yes, in spite of yourself, call out to Me. Say, “I know all the same that you are mine, that I am You. What do all contrary appearances matter? I’m sure of You.” And there I am, waiting for you right in the midst of the battle. In the very place where I want your love: beyond and above all things. Above all things – that is where I am. Rise to meet Me. Always.”



MONDAY HOLY HOUR FOR EVANGELIZATION:

One hour of prayer and reflection in the Church in the presence of Christ, seeking his guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit to respond to the call for a New Evangelization **Where: St. John Neumann Church, every Monday Evening, 7-8 pm.**



ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH WEL-COMES Fr. Tad Pacholczyk, Director of Education and Ethics at The National Catholic Bioethics Center. March 26, 2017 from 1pm to 4:30pm. Fr. Tad will be speaking on Physician Assisted Suicide and the challenging issues in bioethics today. **FREE WILL OFFERING**

CONFIRMATION: is this Wednesday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Church, New Bedford. Please pray for our Confirmation Candidates.

ROMARIAS QUAREMAIS: The Lenten Pilgrimage is a Portuguese tradition of prayer, penance and personal sacrifice. **Starting Saturday, March 25th and ending Saturday, April 1st.** This eight day Pilgrimage to many of the parishes in the diocese will include Our Lady of Fatima [on Saturday, March 25th at approximately 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.](#) Please join and welcome them to our parish during this time of prayer and sacrifice.

Moving? Please let us know your new address. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE OAKS: Please contact Sally in Activities at (508) 998-7807.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Rise, and do not be afraid." Let us comfort our spouses and ourselves by celebrating the love of God in our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekend of Apr 22-23rd in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at www.WWMEMA.org.

"AGING WITH GRACE," a *Spirituality for Everyday Living* mini-retreat, led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out*, will be held Wednesday, April 5 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA from 10:00am -12:30pm. (Coffee at 9:30) Cost is \$20. Pre-registration required. Contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net.

BUILDING A FOUNDATION OF FAITH: Saturday, April 1st from 8:30 am to Noon at St. Bernard's Parish Hall. How many times have you made a resolution for Lent to spend time working on your faith life? Then, despite your best intentions, when Easter arrived you found yourself feeling like a failure! Here's the good news- You can't fail Lent! We have opportunities in our everyday, ordinary lives to strengthen our faith. This Lent treat yourself to a special morning that will help you finally keep that resolution and more. Learn how the 'grace tri-fecta' of Prayer, Sacrament and Scripture can change your life and strengthen your faith. Radio host, Author and Inspirational Catholic Speaker, Allison Gingras uses humor and personal experience to share practical ways to grow spiritually while still meeting day to day obligations. Free Event (*free will offering taken at event) includes inspirational presentations, light breakfast, and more! To Reserve your seat visit <https://stbernardsbuildingfoundations.eventbrite.com>. Reservations can be made by email reconciledtoyou@gmail.com or phone 508-243-1133.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA invites all on Sunday, March 26th at 3:00p.m., the hour of mercy, to hear Dr. Gloria Polo's story "Struck by Lightning". Gloria's story is riveting as she relates her experience and the insights given to her by God into His judgment and mercy. Confessions will be available. St. Anthony's at 1359 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02746. For more information, please call 508-993-1691.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross will begin at 6:30 PM on the following Friday dates: **March 31st and April 7th.**

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 on **Sunday, April 2nd.**

ST. LUKES HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARE TEAM ministers to the Catholic patients in our community daily. They are in need of new Eucharistic Ministers, commissioned by our parish, to offer Communion at the hospital one day a week. If you are interested in volunteering, please call (508) 997-1515 ext. 25493. If you are not commissioned yet and are interested, please speak with Fr. Raposo.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE AT OUR

NEIGHBORING PARISHES DURING LENT:

St. John Neumann Parish Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 7:30 AM

St. Mary's, New Bedford: Monday—Friday at Noon

St. Francis Xavier Parish, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday at 9:00 AM

ROCK FUNERAL HOME: Join them for a **free**

BINGO EVENT on Saturday, **March 25th at 2:00 P.M.**



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