

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIMES FEBRUARY 11, 2018



Saturday	February	10, 4:00 PM	John Rybka by Family
Sunday	February	11, 8:00 AM	Antonio daPonte, Maria Mello, Cecelia Pereira, Artur Freitas by Family
		10:00 AM	Confirmation Class of 2018
Monday	February	12, 8:00 AM	Joseph Pacheco by Mr. & Mrs. Tavares
Tuesday	February	13, 8:00 AM	Manuel & Maria da Conceicao Tavares by Mr. & Mrs. Tavares
Wednesday	February	14, 8:00 AM	Maggie Pacheco by Mr. & Mrs. Tavares
		6:30 PM	Charles Anthony Cabral by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Gannon
Friday	February	16, 8:00 AM	Diane Pereira by Mark
Saturday	February	17, 4:00 PM	Bonnie Caldwell by Ron & Rose Cabral
Sunday	February	18, 8:00 AM	Deolinda Magalhaes by Family
		10:00 AM	David Berche by Mr. & Mrs. Lois LeBlanc

Sanctuary Lamp: Special intention for Austin, Zachary and Sofie  
Our Lady of Fatima: For the intentions of the parish prayer line

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Collection last weekend: \$2,251.31 Thank you!  
Catholic Communications Campaign: \$730.19 Thank you!  
Expenses last weeks: \$3,120.83 (\$400.00 parish assessment, \$1,003.83 clergy medical, \$300.00 property insurance, \$1,117.00 salaries, \$300.00 snow plowing & sanding)



### TUESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP

#### ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

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). Evening prayer is cancelled if it snows.



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.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL ARE AVAILABLE.

Mass intentions can be scheduled during office hours on Wednesdays 9-3 and Fridays 9-12. The Sanctuary Lamp and Our Lady of Fatima Lamp, are also available.

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekday Masses for February have been covered by visiting priests due to Fr. Raposo being on medical leave.

*If it snows, weekday Mass for that day will be cancelled.*

### February Scheduled Extra Collections:

Weekend of: 2/11—Extra Effort  
2/14 -Evangelization  
2/16 -Easter Flowers

**The Fall River Diocese 2018 Women and Men's Conference** will take place on Saturday, March 10, at Stonehill College. Building on last year's first-ever such Conference in the Diocese, the one-day Lenten program will include keynote talks by noted speakers, prayer, music, fellowship, Mass and a separate track for young adults, ages 18 to 30. Please mark your calendar now and look for details on the 2018 Women and Men's Conference in the coming months.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "Remember that my life is like the wind." Let us make the best of our time together with our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800- 710-9963.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

When we abandon our beliefs, we  
abandon ourselves.



## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Earlier this month I slipped and fell on a patch of ice and landed on my right shoulder. The X-Rays revealed a clean break of my upper arm just below the ball and two smaller pieces of bone that had broken off as well. After a visit to the urgent care unit at Hawthorne Medical, my sister insisted I stay with her, and after a couple of days of ice packs and medication (including a generous dose of TLC) I met with a physician's assistant for an orthopedic doctor and was told that the injury would not require surgery. Since the shoulder was not dislocated it should heal naturally. However, it will need 4 to 6 weeks of rest and immobilization for it to heal. Then I will need several weeks of therapy to strengthen and regain movement in my arm. As a result, I am officially on medical leave. This means I will not be able to celebrate Mass until I regain use of my right arm. Despite my condition I am grateful that: 1. I did not hit my head; 2. I am left-handed; 3. I am blessed with a very caring family (including my Parish family).

Over the next few weeks Fr. Ed Correia and other available priests will cover the weekend Masses, until I am able to return. Please extend to them every courtesy and cooperation. Please pray for them and for me.

Fr. John Raposo

### "Attic Treasures Sale"

Sponsored by  
St. John Neumann Women's Guild  
Will be held in St. John Neumann Parish Hall  
On Saturday, March 10th  
From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
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and a delicious Lunch will be served



**Lenten Taize'** service: Journey with God into the desert this Lent: Therefore, I will now allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. Hosea 2:14. Sunday, February 25th., 7:00 p.m. at St. John Neumann Parish.

**LENT:** On Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Masses will be at 8 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. Ashes will be distributed at both masses after the homily.

**PREPARING FOR LENT:** The Church once prescribed very rigorous rules for the Lenten fast. The current rules, however, are much more relaxed. Catholics are only required to fast on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, and Good Friday, the day that Jesus was crucified. Anyone over the age of 18, but under the age of 60, should eat only one full meal on those days, this meal is meatless although they can also have small amounts of food in the morning and the evening. All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. There are many approaches, but I recommend that you try the one that best fits your responsibilities of life and your physical condition. During Lent we are also called to take our prayer-life to a highest level. Please consider joining us on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM for prayer.

**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, March 18TH**

If you would like a letter stating your **parish contributions for 2017**, please fill out the clip-off below and place in the collection basket. Your statement will be mailed to you. **Note:** If you want your statement from Our Lady of Fatima to reflect your donations, please be sure to use budget envelopes. Unfortunately loose checks and cash will **not** be reflected on your statement. Please send in your request by March 1st.

### 2017 Tax Statement

I would like a statement of my  
contributions for 2017.

2017 Budget Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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