



ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal 2022-2023

Our Lady of Fatima Church

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A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Annual Report letter – December 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Annual Report is an opportunity for us to highlight all that we have accomplished during the past fiscal year and to let you know what we are working on for this year. During July, 2022-June, 2023:

Renovation of the church and parish hall was completed and included:

Church

- New doors were installed at the entrance of the church.
- New paint.
- New tile floor installed with 3 custom medallions.
- New ambo on the altar.
- New carpeting in the choir loft.
- Confessionals were updated
 - We have two confessionals that have been renovated with new doors, chairs, screen and heater.
- Pews were refinished.
- New kneelers were installed.

Parish Hall

New luxury plank vinyl was installed.

New paint.

We added two new gatherings which were very successful:

- Fado Night - beautiful evening of meaningful songs, stories, and great food.
- Spring Fling – an opportunity to gather together to celebrate Spring!

We created a leadership team, renewed, whose mission is “re-engaging our parish family in a post COVID world.”

Currently, we are working to have the apartment buildings that we own demolished which will enable us to expand our parking lot.

Other projects for this fiscal year included:

Remodeling the Rectory

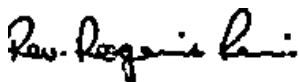
- The living room was converted into office space for the support staff.
- The dining room was converted into a meeting space.
- The conference room that was located upstairs will be turned into an open concept kitchen, living room, and dining room so that the living quarters for Fr. Rogerio and Fr. Phil will be upstairs.

This coming year will find more improvements to our grounds with the gazebo coming down as it is not structurally sound. There are plans to build an outdoor chapel.

I am encouraged and grateful for the wonderful things that are happening in our parish and for our parish. Together, we will continue to practice our mission statement:

Our Lady of Fatima is our guide to be a
prayerful community here to cultivate the
Portuguese heritage working together to be a
welcoming, loving, diverse church growing
disciples rooted in the Gospels.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Rogerio

UMA CARTA DO PASTOR

Carta do Relatório Anual – Dezembro de 2023

Queridos irmãos e irmãs em Cristo,
O Relatório Anual é uma oportunidade para destacarmos tudo o que realizamos durante o último ano fiscal e para informarmos no que estamos trabalhando neste ano. Durante julho de 2022 a junho de 2023:
A remodelação da igreja e do salão paroquial foi concluída e incluiu:

Igreja

- novas portas foram instaladas na entrada da igreja.
- pintura nova.
- novo piso de cerâmica instalado com 3 medalhões personalizados.
- novo ambão no altar.
- Novo carpete no coro.
- Os confessionários foram renovados.
- Temos dois confessionários que foi reformado com novas portas, cadeiras, tela, aquecimento.
- Os bancos foram renovados.
- Foram instalados novos genuflexório.

Salão Paroquial

- Novas placas de vinil luxuosas foram instaladas no piso
- Nova pintura

Adicionamos dois novos eventos que fizeram muito sucesso:

- Noite de Fado - bela noite com músicas, histórias e boa comida.
- Spring Fling – uma oportunidade de nos reunirmos para celebrar a Primavera!

Criámos uma equipa de liderança, renovada, cuja missão é “reengajar a nossa família paroquial num mundo pós-COVID. “

Atualmente estamos trabalhando para a demolição dos prédios das casas que possuímos, o que nos permitirá ampliar nosso estacionamento (por agora).

Outros projetos para este ano fiscal incluíram:

Remodelação da Reitoria

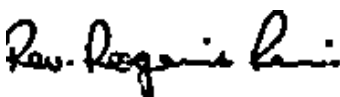
- A sala de estar foi convertida em escritório para a secretária e a contadora.
- A sala de jantar foi convertida em espaço de reuniões.
- A sala de conferências que ficava no andar superior será transformada em cozinha de conceito aberto, sala de estar e sala de jantar para que os alojamentos do Pe. Rogério e Pe. Phil permaneçam apenas no segundo piso.

No próximo ano encontraremos mais melhorias nos nossos terrenos com a demolição do coreto, pois não é estruturalmente sólido. Existem planos para construir uma capela ao ar livre.

Estou feliz e agradecido pelas coisas maravilhosas que estão acontecendo em nossa paróquia e para nossa paróquia. Juntos, continuaremos a praticar a nossa missão:

Nossa Senhora de Fátima é nossa guia
para, formarmos uma Comunidade orante, cultivando as tradições Portuguesas,
trabalhando juntos para sermos mais acolhedores na diversidade das Culturas,
no amor ao próximo, formando discípulos
enraizados no Evangelho

Seu em Crist



Pe. Rogério



Nossa Missão

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Our Mission

Our Lady of Fatima is our guide to be a prayerful community here to cultivate the Portuguese heritage working together to be a welcoming, loving, diverse church growing disciples rooted in the Gospels.

All Are Welcome To Mass



"MAY THE CHURCH BE THE PLACE OF GOD'S
MERCY AND LOVE, WHERE EVERYONE CAN FEEL
THEMSELVES WELCOMED, LOVED FORGIVEN AND
ENCOURAGED TO LIVE ACCORDING TO THE GOOD
LIFE OF THE GOSPEL."

POPE FRANCIS

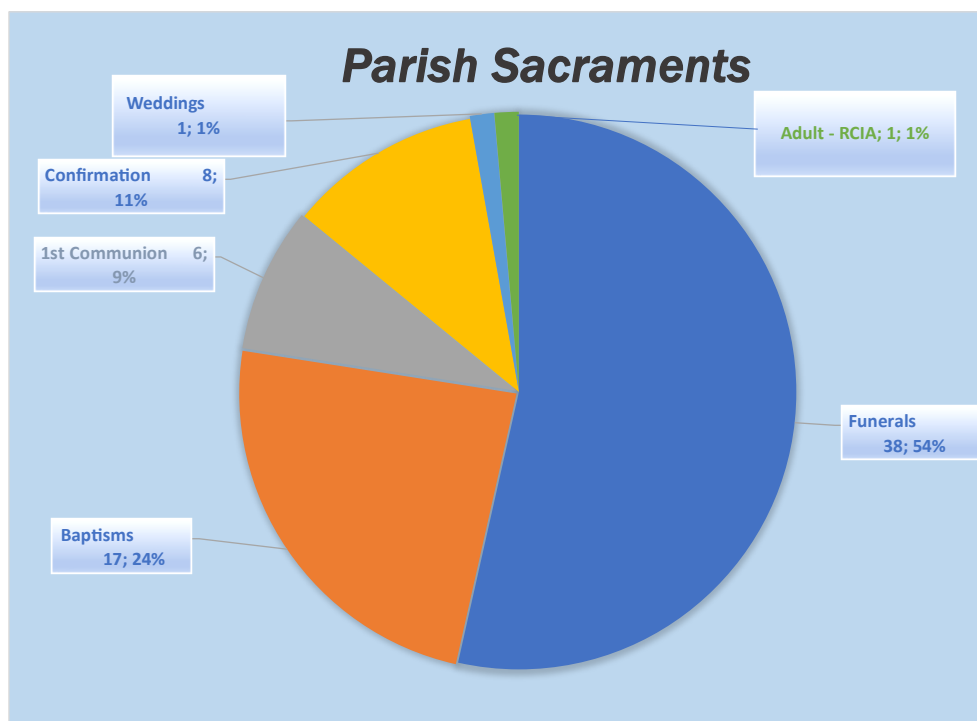
"AND IN ORDER TO MAKE OTHERS FEEL
WELCOMED, LOVED, FORGIVEN AND
ENCOURAGED, THE CHURCH MUST HAVE OPEN
DOORS SO THAT ALL MIGHT ENTER. AND WE
MUST GO OUT OF THOSE DOORS AND PROCLAIM
THE GOSPEL"

POPE FRANCIS

Parish Highlights

“The Blessed Sacrament is that Presence which makes a Catholic Church different from every other place in the world; which makes it, as no other place can be, holy.”

“A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.”



Volunteers In Action

“EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD’S GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS.” PETER 4:10



“SE ALGUÉM TOMAR A PALAVRA,
QUE SEJA PARA TRANSMITIR
PALAVRAS DE DEUS: SE ALGUÉM
EXERCE UM MINISTÉRIO, FAÇA-O
COM A FORÇA QUE DEUS LHE
CONCEDE, PARA QUE EM TODAS AS
COISAS DEUS SEJA GLORIFICADO
POR JESUS CRISTO.”

1 CARTA DE PEDRO 4:11-12



“THE FIRST END I PROPOSE IN OUR DAILY
WORK IS TO DO THE WILL OF GOD; SECONDLY,
TO DO IT IN THE MANNER HE WILLS IT; AND
THIRDLY, TO DO IT BECAUSE IT IS HIS WILL.”

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON



“Small things done with great love will change the world”

Mother Theresa

Youth Of Our Parish

Children learning the first steps of our Faith



WE TEACH OUR CHILDREN MORE EFFECTIVELY WHEN WE DEVELOP OUR INTERIOR LIFE WITH GOD, LEARN THE FAITH BETTER THROUGH ONGOING SCRIPTURAL AND CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION, AND GROW IN VIRTUE.

(HAHN & HASSON CATHOLIC EDUCATION: HOMEWARD BOUND)

Youth Of Our Parish



The power of youth is the common wealth for the entire world. The faces of young people are the faces of our past, our present and our future. No segment in the society can match with the power, idealism, enthusiasm and courage of the young people. The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.



Honoring Our Parish

May 12nd Procession and Memorial



AVE MARIA CHEIA DE GRAÇA O SENHOR E
CONVOSCO, BENDITA SOIS VOS ENTRE AS
MULHERES E BENDITO E O FRUTO DO TEU
VENTRE JESUS.

SANTA MARIA MÃE DE DEUS, ROGAI POR
NOS O PECADORES, AGORA E NA HORA DA
NOSSA MORTE ÁMEN.

*Light Up your Night
To honor Our Lady of
Fatima!*

*Ilumine a sua Noite
Vamos honrar a Nossa
Senhora de Fatima.*



HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE.
THE LORD IS WITH THEE.
BLESSED ARE THOU AMONG
WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE
FRUIT OF THY WOMB, JESUS.
HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF
GOD, PRAY FOR US SINNERS,
NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF
OUR DEATH. AMEN.

Honoring Our Parish

May 12nd Procession and Memorial



*OUR LADY ASSURED LÚCIA:
"MY IMMACULATE HEART WILL BE
YOUR REFUGE
AND THE WAY THAT WILL LEAD YOU
TO GOD."*

*THUS, IF WE DEVOTE OURSELVES
TO HER IMMACULATE HEART,
MARY WILL LEAD US TO HER SON,
JESUS CHRIST
AND WE WILL BE ON THE WAY TO
HEAVEN*



The Sacraments

First Holy Communion and Confirmation



ABENÇOAI NOSSAS FAMÍLIAS, CONSOLAI
NOSSOS DOENTES, DIRIGI OS NOSSA
SENHORA DE FÁTIMA:
NOSSOS PASSOS PARA A BEM
AVENTURANÇA ETERNA!



MAY YOU ALWAYS FEEL AS CLOSE TO JESUS AS YOU DO TODAY, MAY YOU ALWAYS
COUNT ON HIM TO GENTLY GUIDE YOU ON YOUR WAY... TRUST IN GOD TO
ANSWER EVERY SINGLE PRAYER, MAY YOU ALWAYS FEEL HIM BLESSING YOU WITH
TENDER, LOVING CARE.

Eucharist And Prayer

The Last Supper



WHILE THEY WERE EATING,
JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND
WHEN HE HAD GIVEN
THANKS, HE BROKE IT AND
GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES,
SAYING, "TAKE AND EAT;
THIS IS MY BODY."
MATTHEW 26:26

JUST AS THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE, AND TO GIVE HIS
LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY."

MATTHEW 20:28



Stations Of The Cross



EASTER




Semana Santa
6 de Abril às 19h – Bilingue
Missa do Céu do Senhor
7 de Abril – Estações Interparquiais
Começa às 9:00 da manhã na Igreja de St. Mary -
Bridgeport
Termina em Nossa Senhora de Fátima (aproximadamente
12h00)

Sexta-feira Santa, 7 de Abril – Bilingue
A Paixão do Senhor
17:00.
Vigília Pascal, 8 de Abril – 20h00 Bilingue
Também daremos as boas-vindas
a Michael Branco à medida que for recebido em plena
comunhão com a nossa fé.

Domingo de Páscoa, 9 de Abril
8h00- Português
9h30- Português
11h00 – Inglês

Holy Week
April 6 -7:00 p.m. – Bilingual – Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 7 -Inter-Parochial Stations
Begins at 9:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church - Bridgeport
Ends at Our Lady of Fatima (approximately 12:00 p.m.)

Good Friday, April 7 – Bilingual –
The Passion of the Lord
5:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil, April 8- 8:00 p.m. Bilingual –
We will also be welcoming Michael Branco as he is
received
into full communion with our faith.

Easter Sunday, April 9
8:00 a.m. - Portuguese
9:30 a.m. - Portuguese
11:00 a.m. - English

FEEDING OUR PARISH (FATIMA CARES)

Food Pantry

"Help Support our Food Pantry and you will be helping the Community to end hunger"



Food Pantry

Solidarity with our Neighbors – “Amarás o teu próximo como a si mesmo” Tiago 2:8

“JESUS LOOKED AT HIM AND LOVED HIM. ‘ONE THING YOU LACK,’ HE SAID. ‘GO, SELL EVERYTHING YOU HAVE AND GIVE TO THE POOR, AND YOU WILL HAVE TREASURE IN HEAVEN. THEN COME, FOLLOW ME.’”

MARK 10:21



“NOT ALL OF US CAN DO GREAT THINGS. BUT WE CAN DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE”

“IF YOU CAN’T FEED A HUNDRED PEOPLE THEN FEED JUST ONE”

Honoring Our Heritage



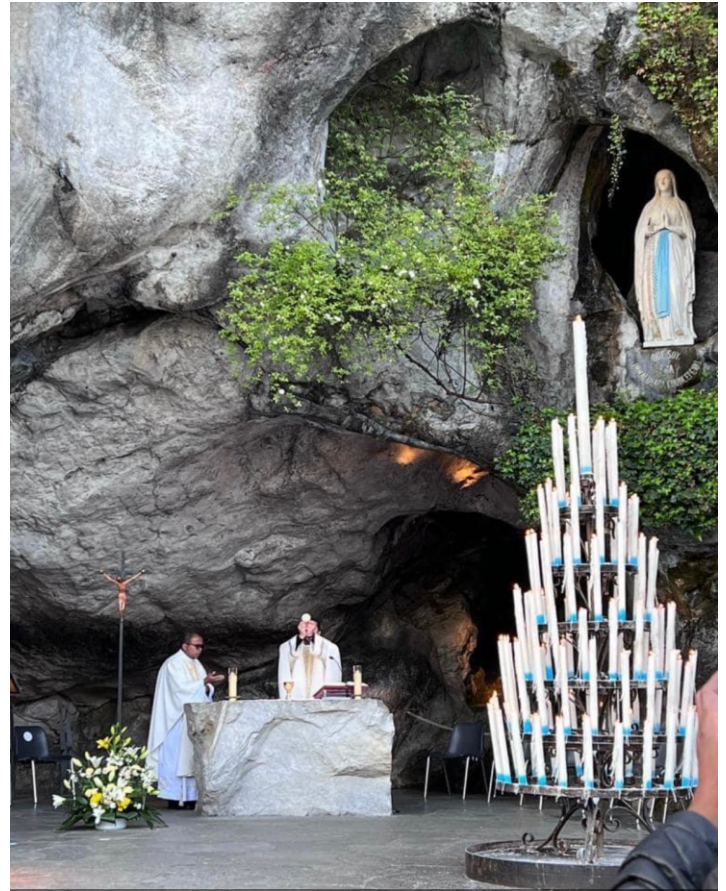
Honoring Our Heritage



Açorianos Festa



Pilgrimage



Parish 60th Anniversary



60º Aniversário Igreja Nossa Senhora de Fátima

17 de Setembro as 7 pm

- ✓ DJ Nuno & Luís Pacheco
- ✓ Rancho Sonhos de Portugal de New Jersey
- ✓ Johnny Abreu de Portugal

**Sorteio da Rifa no dia 18!
Comida e Doces Tradicionais!**

18 de Setembro as 11 am

- ✓ Missa Campal
- ✓ Procissão
- ✓ Banda Filarmônica from RI
- ✓ Rancho Recordações de Portugal
- ✓ Música com DJ Nuno e Luís Pacheco

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JOHNNY ABREU

PELA 1ª VEZ

UNITED STATE OF AMERICA

VINDO ESPECIALMENTE DE

★ PORTUGAL ★

SÁBADO DIA 17 DE SETEMBRO 2022 - 21H

FESTA DE ANIVERSÁRIO DA IGREJA NOSSA SENHORA DE FÁTIMA

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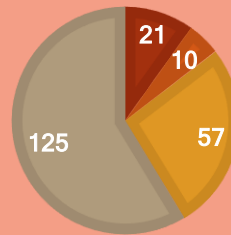
MINISTIRES

Readers

Extra Ordinary Ministers

Religious Ed

Volunteers



Charismatic Prayer Group/ Grupo Carismatico

I grupo carismatico é um grupo de oração abre as portas a todas as pessoas que tem gosto de participar. Começou há mais de 30 anos. A oração tem poder. Venham todos rezar por as necessidades de cada um que tem no Seu coração e a paz no mundo - Líder Ines Baia



Tea for heart and soul.
The Lady's from Our Lady of Fatima to meet and get to know each other by sharing a cup of tea and discovering the beauty of each other.

Leader: Ana Maria Pinho

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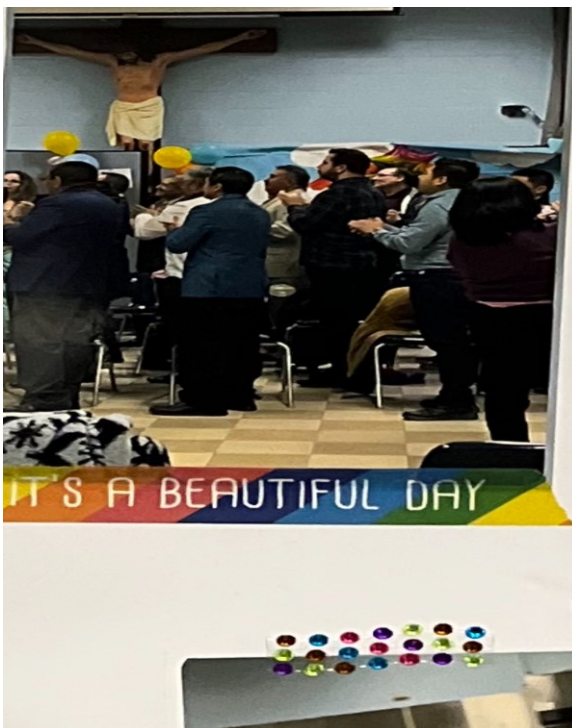
4th Day Journey

A group who have had encounter with God through Emmaus, Peace or Cursillo meeting monthly as they walk through their 4th day together. This group is very visible in our parish with many members on the Parish and Finance Council, choir, teachers, welcoming, readers and more. This group has been in our parish for over 30 years.

Leaders: Ana Maria Pinto and Jessica Flores



Ministries



Cursillo

3 Day encounter and a living experience of what is fundamental for being a Christian. The friendship and love of God in Jesus Christ is the center of the Cursillo weekend. Cursillistas live their 4th day by coming together and sharing their stories.

Cursillistas are leaders for both Emmaus and Peace retreats. De Colores

Leader: Tina Goncalves

Ministries

Peace 17

This past June after being postponed for three years due to covid Our Lady of Fatima had the Privilege to host a spiritual weekend, Peace17, through the Emmaus Ministry. The preparation took a lot of hard work and dedication but thanks to a group of 63 members combined from our parish and sister parishes in Waterbury, Danbury and Hartford it was a huge success, having had 27 attendees, now new members to the Emmaus ministry. The weekend was led by our own parish member Rectora Jennifer Dinis, and Spiritual Directors Father Rogerio, and Danbury's Deacon Cabral. Thank you to our community for all the prayers and support toward our fundraising. None of our success could have been done with you!





Ministries

Welcome Ladies



The face of our Church. They are greeting us at our weekend masses and also there to greet families at funerals.

Leader: Maria Ribeiro

Security Team

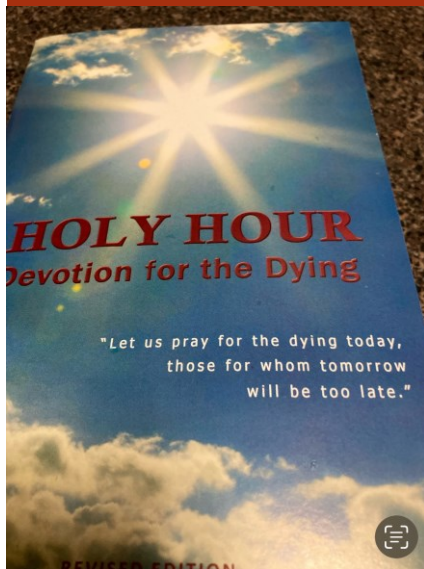
The team that focuses on the security of our parishioners during our outdoor processions. Each evening 2 men are at church making sure the area is safe for all our parishioners

Leader: Joao Ribeiro

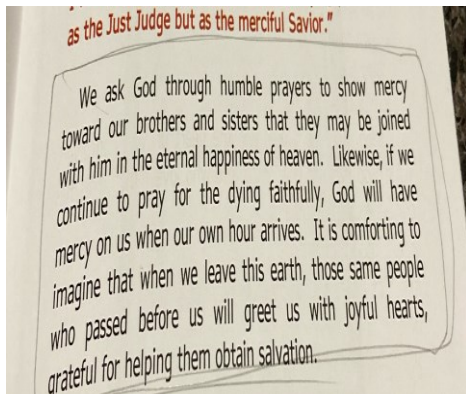
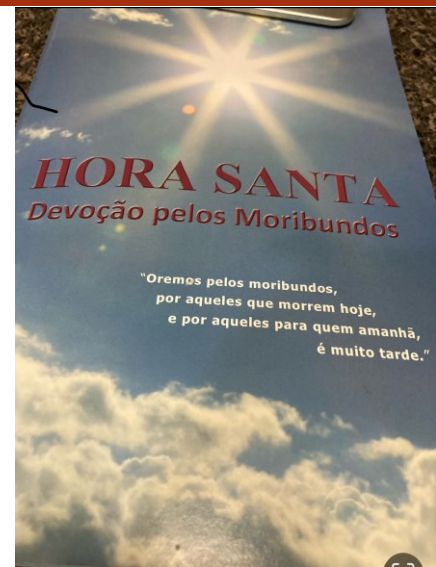


Hora Santa / Holy Hour

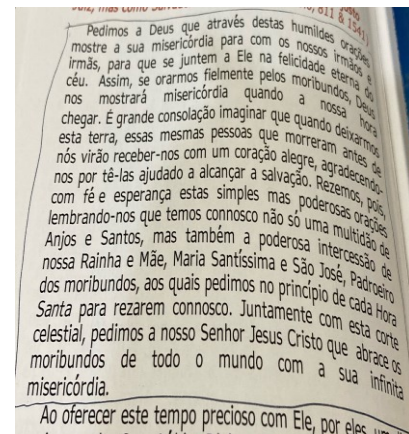
Ministries



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oração dos
Moribundos as
primeiras
quartas e
tersseiras
quartas do mês
ao meio-dia
Lider - Maria
Amélia Moura

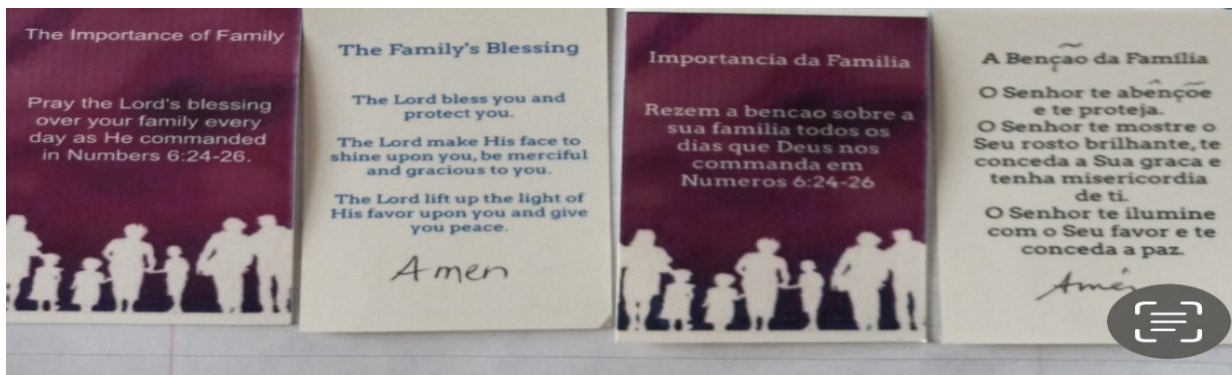


Holy Hour Every
1st Wednesday and
3rd Wednesday of the
month @ 12 noon
Leader: Maria Amélia
Moura



The Importance of Family

The ministry meets every 3rd Saturday in the school basement at 2:30. The mission is to share the word of God as a guide to be a safe place with confidentiality and trust; praise, pray be supportive in the many challenges we all face as a family and to share experiences. Leader Maria Mendes



Ministries

Extraordinary Ministers:

Being a Eucharistic Ministers is an honor from God whether giving Holy Communion at mass or bringing Holy Communion to the sick or homebound. This is a wonderful and rewarding ministry, where ministers have the honor of providing the holiest of sacraments to our sisters and brothers, especially to those who otherwise would not be able to receive.

Extra Ordinary Ministers:

Amélia Coelho, Filomena Neves, Manuela Lopes, Maria Cruz, Maria Vaz, Maria Martins, Maria Amélia Moura

Music Ministry:

The purpose of music is to support the liturgy. The music is not to overshadow or be seen as a performance, which is why both the Portuguese Cantors and choir along with the English Cantors and choir prepare for each Sunday in a prayerful stance.

The music is chosen by reading God's word multiple times for Sunday Mass, high holy days, special occasions, and meditating on it in prayer. Music is not chosen because it sounds "pretty", rather we rely on the movement of the spirit as we select music.

The Portuguese Music Ministry and the English Music Ministry will continue to learn and grow together, and we are thankful you are with us on this journey.

On a different note, many wonder why do we even need to sing? Certainly, you don't need to sing but singing changes things because it is additional prayer! As St. Augustine says "The one who sings prays twice".

Singing is a way we actively participate in the mass, like a sung prayer and it helps us become even more connected to the liturgy. Many times people say: "I'm a bad singer."

We are not performing-we are praying so everything is BEAUTIFUL in prayer.

Music Directors: Jennifer Caron and Marcel Couto

Christmas Reflection

OPEN YOUR DOOR TO JESUS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

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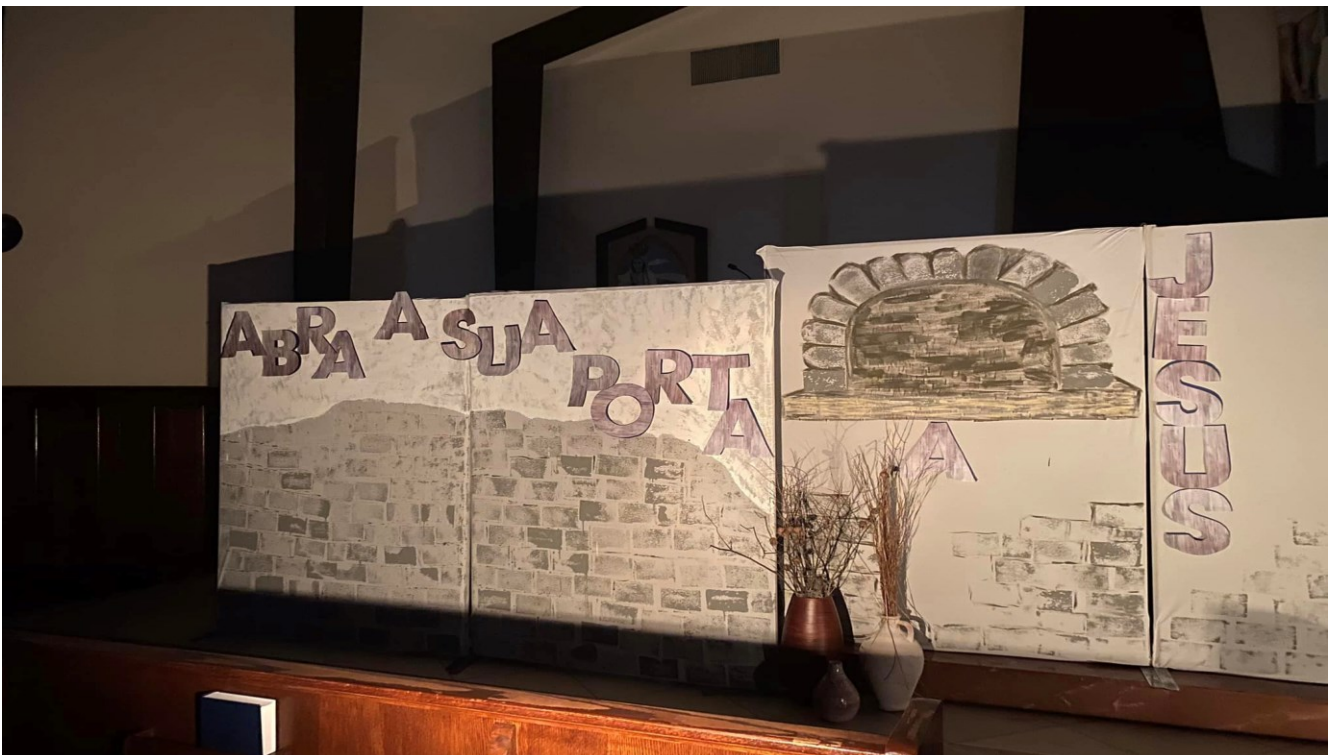
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Rev. Rogerio Perri

DECEMBER 18, 2022 | 5:00 P.M.







Preparing For Our Future

Church Renovation



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Church Renovation



PARISH
COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Bridgeport
Statement of Financial Position - Unaudited
June 30,

	2023	2022
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ASSETS		
Cash	680,455	933,917
Receivables	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	1,003	1,003
Property, Buildings & Equipment, Net	984,035	607,598
Investments	2,743,957	2,595,566
Total Assets	\$ 4,409,450	\$ 4,138,084
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LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payables to Vendors & Others	7,223	4,927
Due to Diocese	-	-
Special Collections	68,726	69,338
Other Accrued Expenses	-	-
Payroll Liabilities	-	(2,270)
Deferred Religious Ed Fees, Tuition, Other	-	-
Loans Payable	-	-
Total Liabilities	75,949	71,996
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions	4,320,548	4,036,798
With Donor Restrictions	12,953	29,290
Total Net Assets	4,333,501	4,066,088
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 4,409,450	\$ 4,138,084

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Bridgeport
Statement of Activities - Unaudited
July 1 through June 30,

	2023	2022
REVENUE, SUPPORT AND OTHER CHANGES		
Offeritory Income	240,950	223,272
Religious Education Program	7,070	7,260
Votive	6,440	8,564
Mass Stipends	39,865	35,147
Gifts and Bequests	17,500	32,251
Assets Released From Restriction - Capital Projects	133,833	-
Assets Released From Restriction - Specific Expenses	7,170	2,120
Total Revenue, Support and Other Changes	452,828	308,614
EXPENSES		
Personnel Costs - Lay Employees	87,386	77,673
Personnel Costs - Clergy	77,365	71,744
Charitable Contributions to Organizations and Individuals	600	1,752
Cathedraticum Assessment	24,101	16,452
Professional Fees	18,233	12,996
Insurance	17,997	18,139
Supplies, Repairs & Maintenance and Other Services	86,945	77,050
Utilities	41,397	38,494
Religious Education Program Expenses	9,890	2,580
Total Expenses	363,914	316,880
Income (Loss) from Operations before Depreciation	88,914	(8,267)
Depreciation Expense	76,659	70,429
Income (Loss) from Operations Before Other Income / Expenses	12,255	(78,696)
OTHER INCOME / EXPENSES		
Fundraising, Net	137,788	72,389
Pre-School and Child Care Services, Net	-	-
Net Investment Income	162,779	(196,947)
Rental and Lease Revenue, Net	5,891	37,112
Cemetery Revenue	-	-
Gain and Loss on Sale of Assets	-	-
Interest Expense	-	-
Property Taxes	(14,963)	(14,792)
Restricted Contributions	104,666	3,394
Assets Released From Restriction - Capital Projects	(133,833)	-
Assets Released From Restriction - Specific Expenses	(7,170)	(2,120)
Net Other Income / Expenses	255,158	(100,964)
Change in Net Assets	267,413	(179,660)

*"Quem me
oferece a sua
gratidão como
sacrifício
honra-me, e eu
mostrarei a
salvação de
Deus ao que
anda nos meus
caminhos".
Salmos 50:23*



*"He who
sacrifices a
thank offering
honors Me, and
to him who
rights his way, I
will show the
salvation of
God."
Psalm 50:23*

Thank You

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