



Sunday, January 10, 2021  
The Baptism of the Lord

**Nossa missão/Our Mission**

*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*

**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.**



Poverty Awareness Month

Through Baptism, we share in Christ’s prophetic mission as people of God “to bring glad tidings to the poor...proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (Lk 4:18). To learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and how it’s been living out this call and working to break the cycle of poverty for over 50 years go to <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-campaign-human-development/poverty-awareness-month>

**Our Lady of Fatima Food Pantry**

Through your generous and continued support, we have been able to help many of our neighbors in need. Please prayerfully consider donating any of the following items:

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| Peanut butter  | Jelly/Jam           |
| Coffee/tea     | Pasta Sauce         |
| Rice           | Pasta               |
| Tuna Fish      | Canned Meats        |
| Canned beans   | dried beans         |
| Cereal/Oatmeal | Granola bars        |
| Jello-cups/mix | Apple Sauce         |
| Hot Chocolate  | Boxed potato mix    |
| Bread mix      | cake mix            |
| Cookies        | macaroni and cheese |
| Soup           | shelf stable milk   |
| crackers       |                     |

**Parish Sick List -During times of sickness and suffering , we pray with and for our brothers and sisters:**

Mike Perille, David Lathlean, Eve Mencher Mary Banadowski, Bill Palumbo, Mr. E Coutinho, Tommy Spitaleri, Silvina Andrade, Mary, Ermantina Jeauon, Kathy McGannon, Mike Hochberg , R. Shep Adams-Shepherd , Anna Mae Twigg, Manuel Santos, John Paul, Elias Ribeiro, Fernando Dinis, Maryanne Murphy, Alzira Alves, Dominique, Linda Mossorofo, Santina DeVito.



**BE AT PEACE  
(By Saint Francis De Sales)**

Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life; rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise, God, whose very own you are, will lead you safely through all things; and when you cannot stand it, God will carry you in His arms.

Do not fear what may happen tomorrow; the same understanding Father who cares for you today will take care of you then and every day.

He will either shield you from suffering or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.



During the month of January the Tabernacle Candle will burn for:  
***For the family of Christina Graca***

Requested by: Christina Graca



If you would like to have a mass said for someone or a special intention, please go to our website

[www.olf-bridgeport.org](http://www.olf-bridgeport.org)

The form can be found under the Forms tab

**Reading for Sunday January,17 , 2021**

**1st Reading:** [1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19](#)

**2nd Reading:** [1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20](#)

**Gospel:** [Jn 1:35-42](#)

You can also access audio readings at <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings-audio.cfm>



We are a prayerful, diverse community growing disciples rooted in the Gospel. At this time some of us will gather in church while others will join our worship services from home.

However you celebrate with us, please consider using on-line giving to continue to support our parish. Your donations not only support the day to day operation but help us to continue to support our mission such as enabling us to purchase new camera and sound equipment so that we can livestream our daily, weekend, and special services.

If you are not yet using on-line giving, please consider using it to make your weekly donations. The link can be found on our website –[www.olf-bridgeport.org](http://www.olf-bridgeport.org) May you experience the abundant love our Lord gives us every day!

## STAY CONNECTED!

**Website:** <https://olf-bridgeport.org/>

Please check frequently for new and updated content

### Facebook

We have two Facebook pages for our parish:

- Fatima Church <https://www.facebook.com/fatima.church.121>
- Our Lady of Fatima Bridgeport <https://www.facebook.com/groups/186400978450023/>

### Mass schedule for live-streaming on Facebook:

- The Rosary and daily mass are live streamed beginning at 6:20 p.m.—Monday—Friday—Portuguese
- Daily Mass—6:45 p.m.—Portuguese
- Vigil Mass—Saturday—6:00 p.m.—Portuguese
- Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.—Portuguese  
11:00 a.m.—English

Confessions are by appointment only and will be outside weather permitting. Please call the parish office 203-333-7575 to schedule an appointment

Please contact Marcy in the office 203-333-7575 or by email—[mkellyolf@gmail.com](mailto:mkellyolf@gmail.com) if you would like a copy of your 2020 Contributions to Our Lady of Fatima

2021 calendars are available at the entrance of the church or in the Sacristy.

## Gospel for Kids!

Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Fr. Rogerio will be on our Facebook pages to talk about the Sunday Gospel just for kids! It will also be on our web-site to access during the week



This week: The Baptism of the Lord

## Important information regarding VIRTUS

In 2021, auditors from Stone Bridge will request evidence of Safe Environment training, criminal background checks and an acknowledgement of receipt of the revised Safe Environment handbook for every person who works or volunteers at your parish.

Parish employees and volunteers may log into their VIRTUS account to read and acknowledge receipt of the policy electronically, or your parish Safe Environment coordinator will be able to quickly log receipt of the signed Executive Summary of the Safe Environment Handbook into your parish VIRTUS database by searching a person's name. For assistance with this step, contact Astrid Alvarez, VIRTUS Training and Development Specialist (203) 416-1407 or [aalvarez@diobpt.org](mailto:aalvarez@diobpt.org).

It is very important that everyone who volunteers in our parish go through VIRTUS training. If you are not sure if you need to have training or renew your training, please contact Marcy Kelly in the office—203-333-7575



## Around the Diocese Sunday of the Word of God January 24, 2021

*"I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted*

*to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God."* ~Pope Francis

How familiar is your family with the Bible? Does the Bible have a place of prominence in your home? Join with families around the world on Sunday, January 24, 2021 for *Sunday of the Word of God*, established by Pope Francis in 2019. Visit [www.formationreimagined.org](http://www.formationreimagined.org) for a simple ceremony you can use at home to enthrone your Bible. Be sure to also join the Family Bible Challenge, now in its eighth season and used by families all over the country to grow in their knowledge of Sacred Scripture.

### Sunday Family Rosary

Looking for a way to grow in faith as a family for 2021? Join with hundreds of other families from around the Diocese every Sunday at 7:30 p.m. for the Sunday Family Rosary. Visit either the diocesan website ([bridgeportdiocese.org](http://bridgeportdiocese.org)) or the site for The Leadership Institute ([formationreimagined.org](http://formationreimagined.org)) and look for the praying hands at the top of the home page. If you and your family would like to volunteer to lead, follow the prompts to sign up for any Sunday you choose.