

# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9/10, 2010



Saturday,	January	9	4:00 PM	John J. Teixeira By the Teixeira Family
Sunday,	January	10	8:00 AM	Andrew & Lucille DeTerra By Mr. & Mrs. Normand Pepin
			9:30 AM	Hildeberto Oliveira, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel & Luduina Furtado By Family
			11:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> Rosaria Teixeira, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Resendes, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cordeiro
Monday,	January	11	8:00 AM	Ernie Gautrea
Tuesday,	January	12	8:00 AM	Andre Gaudette By the Ladies Guild
Wednesday,	January	13	8:00 AM	Lillian Studley (10 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) & John J. Giza (31 <sup>st</sup> Ann.) By Family
Friday,	January	15	8:00 AM	For the Parishioners
Saturday,	January	16	4:00 PM	Mr. & Mrs. Conrad Seguin By Family
Sunday,	January	17	8:00 AM	John, Maria & Agnes Santos By Helen Sylvia
			9:30 AM	Baby Quinn By Ann Medeiros
			11:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> Gerald Boulet, Rosaria Teixeira, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Resendes, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cordeiro

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** For God's blessings for all Priests in this Year of the Priests

**SAINT JOSEPH:** For all who have lost their jobs

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** For all the petitions of the prayer line

**SAINT THERESE LAMP:** For all who have lost hope

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

**Collection:** \$1,704.50 ( snow storm) Thank You!

**Last year:** \$2,289.70

**Expenses:** \$2,619.02 (\$1,046.95 contract services, \$680.00 weekly budget for clergy medical, pension and property insurance, \$320.90 liturgical supplies, \$171.17 utilities, \$400.00 snow plowing)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH ARE AVAILABLE

The Sanctuary Lamp as well as the Saint Joseph Lamp, Our Lady of Fatima Lamp, and Saint Therese Lamp are available. Mass intentions can be scheduled on Wednesdays and Fridays during office hours.

**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 at [olofnb@comcast.net](mailto:olofnb@comcast.net).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY** that God may watch over our loved ones, protect them and bring them home safely.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR 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.

**CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY** will meet this Tuesday, January 12th after the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**Moving?** Please notify the office with your new address.



*"Be full of joy. Do you know what the world was like before I came? There was God and there were men. Now God has become man among men - one of you. What love! Here is the Savior, the Messiah men called and longed for. The Savior of the world and of each one of you. Ask Me to save you from your daily faults, your deplorable habits, all the wretched you in you, and I'll save you from them. Look for ways of multiplying loving deeds and refraining from sins of the tongue. Say to yourself, "He'll be happy."*

Please join us for prayer every Tuesday evening at 7:00 P.M. Set some time aside for Jesus and experience His peace that He wants to give you.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:**

Faith is the gift of God that brings us hope and joy.  
Without faith we cannot find the meaning in our lives that  
God wants us to have.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION NOTICE**

The Office of Faith Formation will be offering formation classes for those adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. The classes begin at Bishop Stang High School (Chapel Entrance), North Dartmouth 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM on Mondays, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation will be held on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River at 6:00 p.m. If needed, there are other dates and locations offered. For more information, and a registration form, please speak with Father Ozug.



**DELICIOUS PANCAKE**

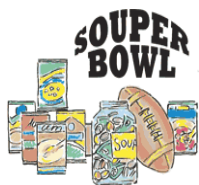
**BREAKFAST** sponsored by The Ladies' Guild will be next Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Serving 8:00a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

All you can eat pancakes, Blueberry or plain, served with your choice of bacon or sausage, orange juice, coffee or milk. Adults: \$5.00 - Children under 12 \$3.00. Tickets sold at the door.



**SAVE THE DATE FOR SOUP AND SANDWICH NIGHT FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup>**

Sponsored by The Ladies Guild. More details to come.



**SUPER BOWL OR SOUPER BOWL?**

Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup> is Super Bowl Sunday but in our parish we will call it "Souper Bowl". Students from our Religious Education classes will be at all Masses that weekend to solicit a donation which will be transmitted to Market

Ministries and Catholic Social Services in our city in order to allow poorer families to enjoy some "soup". Thanks for your generosity!

**ARE YOU REGISTERED?** - To be registered means you are receiving mailings from the parish office. This does not necessarily mean you receive budget envelopes. If you have been attending our church and would like to register, please stop by the parish office. **You must be a registered parishioner to be a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation.**

**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SPAGHETTI SUPPER sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Elementary School, Acushnet** will be on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. Adults \$8.00, Children under 12 \$4.00. For more information, please contact Linda Quinn at (508) 992-6278.

**ADOPTION BY CHOICE**

A program of Catholic Social Services, is licensed in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and in the State of Rhode Island. The agency will sponsor an adoption information session on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m at the Catholic Social Services Office, 1600 Bay Street, Fall River. Please call Catholic Social Services at (508) 674-4681 for more information. There is no charge for this session.

**ECHO** is now accepting applications for the Girls' retreat weekend January 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> and the Boys' weekend February 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> to be held at the Craigville Conference Center. This retreat for High School 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders is a wonderful way to deepen your faith and encounter Jesus in your life. Applications may be downloaded on line at echoofcapecod.org or call Mary at (508) 759-4265 for more information.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK WEEKEND**

Our parish healthcare professionals will be on-duty this weekend to check your blood pressure at the end of each Mass. If you would like to have your blood pressure checked, please have a seat in one of the last rows of pews at the end of Mass, and the nurse will invite you into the reconciliation room to check your blood pressure in a confidential manner. The nurse will be happy to provide you with a record of your blood pressure if you would like to take the information with you. If you're not able to stay after Mass this weekend, we'll be checking blood pressures again on the 2nd weekend of next month. We are grateful to our group of healthcare professionals who are volunteering their time and talent to care for the physical needs of our parishioners.



If you would like a letter stating your **parish contributions for 2009**, 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 will **not** be reflected on your statement.

**2009 Tax Statement**

**I would like a statement of my contributions for 2009.**

**Budget Envelope #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:**

**Address:**

Form box containing the text for the 2009 Tax Statement and contribution statement request, including fields for Budget Envelope #, Name, and Address.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS IN CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FROM OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH, NEW BEDFORD**

The criteria needed in order to request financial assistance for students from Our Lady of Fatima Parish, New Bedford, attending a Catholic Elementary School is the following:

1. Must be a registered member of the Parish for at least one year;
2. Practice a stewardship way of life as their means allow financially (use the Parish Budget Envelope System with a \$5.00 per week minimum) as well as time and talent in parish activities;
3. Volunteer in Parish Fundraising Activities or any Parish Ministry;
4. Participate in weekend worship regularly at Our Lady of Fatima Church with family.
5. Requests for Financial Assistance will NOT exceed \$300.00 per child (in accord with the Diocesan Policy regarding Financial Assistance).
6. Requests for Financial Assistance should be made in person to the Pastor.

Endorsed & approved by the Parish Pastoral Council on February 7, 2005

**STILL HURTING FROM AN ABORTION?** Has there been an abortion experience in your past? If you are hurting and would like to reach out for help, please call Project Rachel, which is a private, confidential and sensitive Catholic outreach to women and men hurting from past abortions. Call (508) 997-3300 for a confidential referral to a priest near you and begin your move toward reconciliation: at peace with God, your unborn child, your family, your church and yourself. Trust in the tender embrace of God's love and mercy.



**DO YOU OFTEN ASK YOURSELF,** "what can I give in return for all the blessings God has given to me and my loved ones?" Is there something missing in your day? Would you like to bring joy to an elder? Please consider assisting the residents to and from the chapel for

the recitation of the Rosary and attendance at Mass at the **Sacred Heart Nursing Home**, 359 Summer Street, New Bedford. Please call Sr. Dorothy Scesny, PBVM, Director of Pastoral Care at (508) 996-6751.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING PARISH REGISTRATION**

– For many different reasons many parishioners are asking us to confirm that they belong to Our Lady of Fatima parish. This is sometimes difficult if the people are not registered with the parish and are in need of a Sponsor Certificate. The very minimum requirement would be that the person in question is registered as a parishioner and has been attending Mass here at Our Lady of Fatima for a few months. If you are

coming to Our Lady of Fatima and have not registered, are not sure whether you are registered, you have not received any mailings from the parish, or have changed your address recently, please give the parish office a call and verify your registration. Please don't wait until you are asked to be a Sponsor for Confirmation or a godparent for a Baptism to register.

**DAILY MASS AT OUR NEIGHBORING PARISHES**

**Saint John Neumann, East Freetown**

Monday-Thursday: 7:30 am

Friday: Communion Service: 7:30 am

Last Monday of the Month: Healing Service followed by Benediction 7:00P.M.

**Saint Francis Xavier, Acushnet**

Monday - Wednesday - Friday: 9:00a.m.

**Saint Mary's, New Bedford**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 a.m.

**Saint Anthony's, New Bedford**

Monday - Thursday at 7 a.m.

Friday at 5:15 p.m.

Saturday at 8 a.m.

**Saint Bernard's, Assonet**

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.

First Friday: 9:00 a.m.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORERS NEEDED** at St. John Neumann's Chapel, East Freetown to pray before the Lord Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament every Monday. Please consider spending a committed hour a week before Him who gave Himself for you. For more information or to commit to an hour, please call Marlene Johnson at (508)763-2569.

**DIRECTIONS FOR OUR TIMES**

Heaven Speaks Booklet display case is located in the back of the church. These messages, now in book form, were given to Anne, a lay apostle, through a process known as interior locution. Many who read these books are discovering a renewal of faith and love that is changing their lives forever. It is a change in direct line with God's plan, implemented in one soul at a time. As you experience graces, the wisdom, and the direction in these volumes understand that God is moving us from an Age of Disobedience to an Age of indeed Obedience. Jesus is indeed returning, and in these initial stages, He returns through you and through others. This process is profound in its scope and divine in its origin. For more information and other available books from Anne, a lay apostle visit [directionforourtimes.com](http://directionforourtimes.com).

**THE NEW BEDFORD BABY PROJECT**

St. Anthony's Church is one of the main sites of distribution every Thursday at noon. They gladly receive donations of good condition baby and children's clothing,

maternity clothing, strollers, baby items, children's books etc. Please use the Nye Street entrance to bring in your donations to St. Anthony's on Thursday mornings from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. For more information please call Diane Bolton at 508-994-8421. If you would like to make a cash donation, please make your check payable to The Baby Project and mail to: The Baby Project, c/o Diane Bolton, 60 Orchard Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

It is not possible for one always to be in the rectory awaiting emergency calls for the anointing of the sick. For this reason, please do not wait to the "last second" to call us if you or a loved one is in danger of death due to illness or old age and needs this great and powerful sacrament. As a general rule, please call as soon as hospice arrives or before major surgery. If you are at St. Luke's hospital, please make sure, upon check in, that you list yourself as a Catholic and say that you wish to be visited by the chaplain. I would be grateful, as well, if a family member might call the rectory to let me know you're there, as, under new federal regulations, I may not learn you're there otherwise. This is also true if you are transferred to a Rehabilitation Center or Nursing Facility.

### **A Gentle Reminder!**

Think of our beautiful church building as your home. Just as you always want your home to be ready to welcome guests and visitors, please be conscious of picking up after you and your family at the end of Mass, readying the church for others. Replace the hymnals in the bookracks attached to the backs of the pews. Don't leave trash in the pews. Following these simple guidelines, we all make the church ready to welcome others for worship. Thanks for your help!

### **HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS**

Due to privacy issues the Hospital is not allowed to provide clergy with the names and Religious affiliations of their patients. If you wish to receive a pastoral visit it is up to you as a patient or family member to contact the Parish and Father Ozug.

### **SPONSOR CERTIFICATES**

It is always an honor when parents ask a Catholic friend or family member to be a baptismal godparent or a young person preparing for confirmation asks someone to whom he or she looks up to be a Confirmation sponsor. To serve in this role, which is both a great honor and responsibility, the proposed godparent or sponsor must receive a certificate from his or her pastor pronouncing that that person is qualified. The sponsor certificate is the person's pastor's word to other priests that a proposed sponsor is a fully-initiated, confirmed Catholic, practices the faith each week by coming to Sunday Mass, is registered and supports his or her parish Church, and lives (as far as the

priest can know) according to the moral teachings of Jesus Christ. When people come to me for such certificates, on many occasions, it is very easy for me to do so, because I see them at Mass each week, they come to greet me after Mass, they sit up front, they are involved in parish activities, etc. On other occasions, I do not recognize them, but I can quickly verify through the use of budget envelopes that they are here each week. But sometimes people come whom I do not recognize and whose attendance I cannot verify through budget envelopes or other means. On those occasions, I cannot honestly give them sponsor certificates, in the same way that I cannot give letters of recommendation to strangers. I cannot give my word to another priest that a particular person comes to Mass each week unless I see the person present at Mass or witness the evidence of it in the budget envelopes. Therefore, I ask you to help me help you, in case you are ever given the privilege of being a godparent. Please make sure you are a registered parishioner. Please consider using budget envelopes. And please come to introduce yourself to me after Mass every once in a while. I would never want not to be able to give you a sponsor certificate!