

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2/3, 2010



Saturday,	January	2	4:00 PM	Irene Younger (4 th Ann.) By Donald & Theresa Gaudette
Sunday,	January	3	8:00 AM	Lucien Poirier(6 th Ann.) By Wife & Family
			9:30 AM	Roger Rene Savoie By Jeanie & John Fabien
			11:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> Beth Jussaume, Rosaria Teixeira, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Resendes, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cordeiro
Monday,	January	4	8:00 AM	Special Intention
Tuesday,	January	5	8:00 AM	Andre Gaudette By Danny & Lucy Pinto
			2:00 PM	Mass at Southeastern Massachusetts Health & Rehab
Wednesday,	January	6	8:00 AM	Msr. Maurice Souza By Frances O'Connell
Friday,	January	8	8:00 AM	Beth L. Jussaume By the Ladies Guild
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

SANCTUARY LAMP: For God's blessings for the parishioners in this New Year

SAINT JOSEPH: For all who have lost their jobs

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: In memory of Hilda Needham

SAINT THERESE LAMP: For all who have lost hope

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection: \$2,774.69 Thank You!

Last year: \$2,602.13

Christmas: \$2,105.84 Thank You!

Expenses: \$3,657.30 (\$1,110.59 contract services, \$140.00 weekly budget for property insurance, \$176.00 supplies, \$2,250.00 Nstar, \$50.31 Christmas Flower Bulletin)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH 2010 WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH.

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.

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 Tuesday, January 12th after the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Moving? Please notify the office with your new address.

Religious Education classes resume Sunday, January 10th.



"You see in the manger I am like you, so that you may all become like Me. Try to resemble Me in every way. Keep thinking, "what would He have said? How would He speak to His Father in this situation? You understand? Always take your inspiration from Me. Be one with Me and believe that this pleases Me. Didn't I come in order to be one with you? Don't try to shut out this thought. Nothing on earth can give you an idea of what this oneness is that I ask of you. It is God's oneness; that means the oneness of a love above every other love. Don't you know that the more you love, the happier you are? Let me fill you with joy."

Please join us for prayer every Tuesday evening at 7:00 P.M. Start this New Year and experience Jesus' peace.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The most helpful way to grow in being a Christlike person is to be aware of what's going on in our mind, especially the critical, unfair judgments we form about others. Let us practice focusing on the positive qualities of others and then we will see a change in ourselves.



**ADORATION OF
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH**

Recognizing Jesus in the Eucharist is central to our faith. Through the celebration of the Mass, we acknowledge the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to be with us always. Another important devotion is the adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament. Our parish will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Tuesday beginning at 8:30 a.m. concluding with Benediction at 1:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament enables us to visually meditate on the Lord's presence to us by making ourselves present to the Lord. Please consider signing up for an hour in prayer and reflection before the Lord. To schedule an hour, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the rear north wall of the church. **It is important to schedule your hour ahead so that we have prior knowledge that the Lord will not be left alone.** *"Know that when you spend time in Adoration and contemplation of the living Christ, you walk in calm, trusting peace. You find it easier to complete mundane tasks and love flows easily from you because He has had ample opportunity to fill your soul with divine love."*

Delicious
**Pancake
Breakfast**

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BREAKFAST**

The Ladies' Guild will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 17th. 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.

HEALTHCARE WORKERS NEEDED!

Our Parish Nurse blood pressure check ministry needs more volunteers. If you are a physician, nurse, EMT, paramedic, patient care assistant or other health professional trained in taking blood pressure, please let us know! Staffing is needed to cover one Mass time per month, and the time commitment is only about 20 minutes per month. Help is needed after the 11 AM Mass and additional coverage is needed after the 9:30 Mass from January-April. If you are interested in joining this ministry to serve our fellow parishioners, please email Patrick Gannon at morgan.music@verizon.net. Thank you!

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for the soul of Gary P. Cabral whose funeral Mass was celebrated Tuesday, December 22nd. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

**EPIPHANY HOME BLESSING
CHALKING THE DOOR AT EPIPHANY**



Since the Middle Ages there has been a tradition that on (or near) the feast of the Epiphany we pray for God's blessing on our homes, marking the door post with chalk (an incarnational image reminding us of the dust of the earth

from which we were made). We mark the main door of our home with the initials of the Magi and the numerals of the New Year, connected with crosses:

$20 + C + M + B + 10$

The initials remind us of the legendary names of the Magi - Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar - and also stand for the Latin motto: *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless this house." In the Book of Exodus, the Israelites marked their doors with blood so that the Lord would pass over their homes; but in this ritual, we mark our doors with chalk as a sign that we have invited God's presence and blessing into our homes. The following prayer may be said while the lintel is marked:

The three Wise Men,

C Caspar,

M Melchior,

B and Balthasar followed the star of God's Son who became man

20 two thousand

10 and eight years ago.

++ May Christ bless our home

++ and remain with us throughout the new year.

May this Epiphany Blessing be a reminder that Christ is incarnate in the love and care we manifest to each other in our ordinary daily lives together.



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.

ADULT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP sponsored by the Community Nurse & Hospice Care will be starting on Wednesday, January 6th from 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. for eight consecutive Wednesday evenings. It will be held at Brandon Woods of Dartmouth, 567 Dartmouth Street, Dartmouth. Morning sessions will begin on Tuesday, January 5th from 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. for eight consecutive mornings at Whaler's Cove, Mini Theatre, 2nd Floor, 114 Riverside Ave., New Bedford. Please RSVP by January 4th to Jennifer Marszalek at (508) 992-6278 ext. 2531

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION every Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. at St. Killian's Parish for the Reparations for the Sin of Abortion. Every Monday at St. John Neumann Chapel and St. Francis Xavier every Monday, Friday and Saturday.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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!