

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 6/7, 2010



Saturday	February	6,	4:00 PM	Emile Brugger By Friend
Sunday	February	7,	8:00 AM	Ana Vieira & Ana Rocha By Family
			9:30 AM	For the Parishioners
			11:00 AM	Communtiy Mass: Theresa & Thomas Frechette, Gary P. Cabral, Roland Gaouette Jr.
Monday	February	8,	8:00 AM	Gilly Moreira By Wife
Tuesday	February	9,	8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	February	10,	8:00 AM	Lillian Brisson By Mary Jussaume
Friday	February	12,	8:00 AM	Manuel & Theresa Pinto & Family, Domingos & Maria Alves & Family By Mr. & Mrs. Adelino Pinto
Saturday	February	13,	4:00 PM	Robert Caldwell & Edna Cabral By Louise McClain, Ron & Rose Cabral
Sunday	February	14,	8:00 AM	Roland J. Gaouette By Norman & Lucille Pepin
			9:30 AM	Helen & John S. Ozug & Matthew J. Wright
			11:00 AM	Community Mass: Fr. James F. Greene & Muriel Morency

SANCTUARY LAMP: Special intention of Mr. & Mrs. Adelino Pinto

SAINT JOSEPH: In memory of Terry Gray

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: In memory of Edna Cabral

SAINT THERESE: For the Unborn

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection: \$2,303.85 Thank You!

Last year: \$2,579.00

Winter Fuel: \$1,389.61 Thank You!

Expenses: \$2,062.26 (\$1,074.27 contract services, \$680.29 weekly budget for clergy medical, pension and property insurance, \$307.70 liturgical supplies)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 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.

CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY will meet this Tuesday, February 9th after the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.



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.

Moving? Please notify the office. Thank you!



“Why do you sometimes think of Me as a severe master waiting for a chance to find fault with you? Wouldn’t you rather see in Me a very loving Friend, ready to make excuses for you if you fall? The Friend who keeps watch over you. Don’t you think I’m like that? Wake up your tenderness. Live in love’s trust. Ask Me for your God’s science of love, the love He gives you and the love you owe Him. Ask Me for everything you have lost through neglecting to harmonize with My grace. Ask humbly, with confidence, and My compassionate heart will give it to you because with love nothing is impossible and My love is victorious.”

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:

*Happiness keeps You Sweet,
Trials keep You Strong,
Sorrows keep You Human,
Failures keep You Humble,
Success keeps You Glowing,
But Only God keeps You Calm!*



SOUP AND SANDWICH NIGHT
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13th

Sponsored by The Ladies Guild. Choice of homemade Kale, Chicken, or Venus de Milo soup with choice of Cacoila, Chicken Salad or Hot Dogs, dessert and beverage. Serving 4:30 – 6 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. Tickets will be sold at the door.

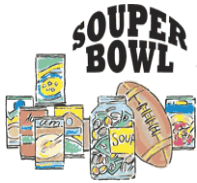
TWO LUND'S CORNER DRIVING SCHOOL GIFT CERTIFICATES for classroom or roadwork will be raffled at the Soup and Sandwich night, Saturday, February 13th. Certificates valued at \$35.00.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE



Your prayers are requested for the soul of Catarina Enos whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, February 2nd. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet for Confessions next Saturday, February 13th at 11:00 A.M.



SUPER BOWL OR SOUPER BOWL?

This Sunday, February 7th 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 this weekend to solicit a donation which will be transmitted to Market

Ministries in order to allow poorer families to enjoy some "soup". Thanks for your generosity.

ADULT CONFIRMATION NOTICE

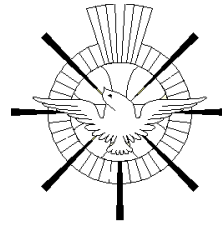
The Office of Faith Formation will be offering formation classes for those adults seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. The classes begin at Bishop Stang High School (Chapel Entrance), North Dartmouth 7:00 PM- 9:00 PM on Mondays, March 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th and 12th. Confirmation will be held on Saturday, May 15th 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.

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.**



Please join us for Coffee and Donuts this Sunday after the 8:00 and 9:30 A.M. Masses.

CHURCH MARRIAGE ANNULMENTS On Monday, February 22nd at 6:30 p.m., at St. Mary's Parish Center, Dartmouth, Father Rodney Thibault from the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal will give an informational talk and answer questions regarding Church Annulments. Please inform people who might be interested in this topic.



LENTEN COURSE ON THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

will be held at St. Killian's Parish for seven Monday's beginning February 15 – March 29

Please bring a Bible, Catechism of the Catholic Church, paper, pencil or pen. Deacon Leo Racine will teach us using

Holy Scriptures about the symbols used in the Old Testament of what Christ would institute as Sacraments in the New Testament.

THE DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER is once again making "need-based" scholarships available for the 2010-2011 school year through the St. Mary's Education Fund. Students presently enrolled or who are accepted and registered for the 2010-2011 school year in one of the 22 Diocesan elementary or middle schools are eligible to apply. Any parent interested in having their child attend one of the Catholic elementary or middle schools in the Diocese of Fall River should contact the principal of the school in which they have interest. Once accepted and registered they may apply for this "need-based" scholarship aid. Applications may be obtained at any of the schools.



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: _____

TONY MELENDEZ CONCERT at St. Lawrence Martyr in New Bedford, this Sunday, February 7, 2010 at 3pm. Admission: \$5.00 donation at door. Please bring a can good for those in need! "Free Will offering to be taken during concert" Call 508-993-3547/508-992-4251 HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE via parking lot side.



Audrey Santo "Voice of a Silent Soul"
Friday February 26, 2010 at St. Killian's Parish 6:00PM – Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament 7:00PM – Holy Mass – Presided by Father Rafael McGee, Friar of the Immaculate

- 8:00PM – Talk – Linda Santo (Mother of Little Audrey) Confessions available throughout the night.

**Parishioners and Others welcomed.
 Free of Charge**

A LENTEN RETREAT: "THE JOURNEY TO EASTER", open to both men and women, will be facilitated by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out* March 26-28, 2010 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center in Wareham, MA. Retreat begins Friday, 7:30pm and concludes with lunch following Palm Sunday liturgy celebrated by Fr. Stan Kolasa, ssc. For more information visit www.timeoutretreats.com or contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net. **Register by February 26 and save \$20.**

KEEPING YOUR LOVE ALIVE ~ A Day for Couples: A retreat for couples designed and led by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out* will be held 9AM to 4:30PM, Saturday, March 6 in Falmouth, MA. Cost: \$125 per couple includes lunch. Overnight getaway option available for \$65. Space is limited. For more information visit www.timeoutretreats.com or contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or timeoutretreats@comcast.net.

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.

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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

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



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.

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!

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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!