

# PASSION SUNDAY

March 27/28, 2010



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>27,</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Jacqueline Bairos</b> By Sisters
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>28,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Evelyn Machowski</b> By daughter, Nancy
			<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Couture Family</b> By Family
			<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Communtiy Mass:</b> Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Resendes, Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cordeiro
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>29,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Andy Pelletier</b> By Wife
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>30,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Joseph Charbonneau</b> By Mr. & Mrs. Danny Pinto
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>31,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Special intention for Helen</b> By Helen Sylvia
<b>Holy Thursday</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>1,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Divine Mercy Novena</b>
			<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Missa Pro Populo</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>2,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Divine Mercy Novena</b>
			<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Good Friday Liturgy</b>
			<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Way of the Cross</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>3,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Morning Prayer &amp; Divine Mercy Novena</b>
<b>Easter Vigil</b>			<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Missa Pro Populo</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>4,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Maria Mendes &amp; Joaquim Cardoso</b> By Family
			<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Hildeberto Oliveira, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel &amp; Luduina Furtado</b>
				By Family
			<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Missa Pro Populo</b>

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** In memory of Andy Pelletier  
**SAINT JOSEPH:** For employment for those who have lost their jobs  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** For Elaine Motta's recovery  
**SAINT THERESE:** Special intention

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

**Collection:** \$2,679.45 Thank You!

**Last Year:** \$2,173.76

**Expenses:** \$3,557.59 (\$1,042.43 contract services, \$150.00 weekly budget for property insurance, \$200.00 weekly budget for Anchor, \$338.00 liturgical supplies, \$400.00 snow removal, \$1,427.16 Budget Envelope for 2010)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE WILL OPEN ON FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND.

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).



they be strengthened by God in health, mind, body and spirit and be comforted by our prayer.

**Moving?** Please notify us with your new address.



*"Offer Me, in offering yourself. I offered you as I offered Myself, My intimate friends, for our brothers, the prodigal ones. Your brothers whom you should carry every day in your love, as I carried you with My cross. There was the visible cross of Good Friday. But there was also the invisible cross of all the days of My life of thirty-three years. Haven't you yours too, My beloved children? Oh, in this world of suffering, may these forests of crosses lifted to heaven with Mine in the midst, be in the eyes of the Father and appeal for grace for those who don't believe in Him!"*

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

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK!

**Pray now, so that in the storm you may be calm.**



The holiest week of the Church year begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

**Holy Week Masses on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:00 A.M.**

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM**



**Holy Thursday**

8:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer  
 Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 P.M.  
 Followed by adoration in the Adoration Chapel in the Parish Center until 10:00 P.M.

**Good Friday**

8:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer and Divine Mercy Novena

**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death**  
 at 3:00 P.M.

*Liturgy of the Word  
 Veneration of the Cross  
 Communion Service*

**Solemn Way of the Cross**  
 at 7:00 P.M.

*The discipline of Fast and Abstinence apply in a solemn way on Good Friday.*



**Holy Saturday**

8:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer and Divine Mercy Novena



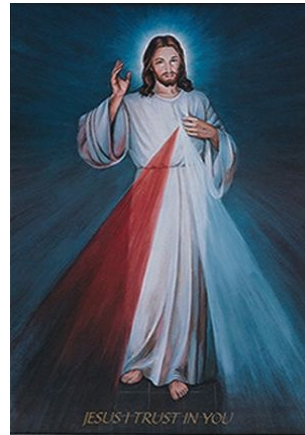
**Easter Vigil and Mass of the Resurrection at 7:00 P.M.**

*Lighting and Blessing of the New Fire /Blessing of the Paschal Candle /Liturgy of the Word / Renewal of Baptismal Promises / Liturgy of the Eucharist*

**Easter Sunday**

Masses at 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM

**Divine Mercy Novena** follows after Morning Parish Mass during Easter Week culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday at 3:00 P.M., the hour of Mercy.



**FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY**

Sunday,  
**APRIL 11, 2010**  
**AT 3:00 P.M.**  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH**  
 "MARY'S HOUSE IN SASSAQUIN"  
 NEW BEDFORD  
*Come and join us for the celebration of Divine Mercy. Refreshments and pastry following in the parish center.*

**RICE BOWLS** –Thank you for participating in Operation Rice Bowl and reaching out in solidarity to those in your community. Rice Bowls may be placed in the marked receptacle in the back of the Church anytime during Holy Week.



**WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY**

Allison Grace Belliveau, daughter of James and Lucia Belliveau was baptized last Sunday, March 21st. The parish family welcomes her warmly to our family of faith.

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL ENVELOPE:** Please return no later this Sunday, March 28th in order to meet printing deadline Thank you.

**ANCHOR RENEWAL TIME**

Please return the envelope in any weekend collection basket or drop it in the mail by this Sunday, March 27th. Thank you.



**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH.**



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.** 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.**

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK** Our parish healthcare professionals will be on-duty the second weekend of the month to check your blood pressure after all Masses.

**COURAGE** is a group for people who are experiencing same-sex attraction and would like to live the Church's teachings of chastity. We gather for prayer and conversation, seeking to support each other with the support of Christ. The next meeting will be on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please call Fr. Richard Wilson at 508-992-9408 for location information.

**EMMAUS RETREAT WEEKEND-** April 16-18 at Cathedral Camp, Freetown. A heartfelt invitation is open to join us on our next Emmaus weekend! Emmaus is a weekend retreat program for people who are seeking to grow in their relationship with Christ, regardless of their present level of faith and practice. The purpose of the weekend is to give participants an opportunity to reflect upon themselves and their relationship with God and their community. You will build valuable relationships through friendship, encouragement, prayer and the awesome power of God. Emmaus is a Catholic retreat program that is open to people of all Christian faiths. For more information, please contact Debbie Sousa at 508-646-3902.

**DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP**  
**This** group meets at the Family Life Center, 500 Slocum Road, North Dartmouth from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. on the second and last Wednesdays of each month. There is no charge and it is open to all separated/divorced persons. The next meeting will be on March 31st.

**YES! RETREAT** Applications are available at [fallriverfaithformation.org](http://fallriverfaithformation.org). The YES! Retreat is a co-ed retreat for Post-Confirmation High School youths. It will be held April 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> at Cathedral Camp, Freetown. If you have any questions regarding eligibility or for more information, please call Crystal Medeiros at (508) 678-2828 or email her at [cmedeiros@drcfes.com](mailto:cmedeiros@drcfes.com).

**MOVING?** Please notify the rectory with your change of address.

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**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.

**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.

**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.**

**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](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!

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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!