

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 10/11, 2010



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>10,</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Irene Pimental</b> By Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>11,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Andy Pelletier</b> By Family
			<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Elda Poitras</b> By Mr. & Mrs. Charles Buckley
			<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Community Mass:</b> Serafim Bettencourt, Idalina Bettencourt, Dorothy Cordeiro & Octavio Mendes
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>12,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Jerry &amp; James O'Connor</b> By Joan & David Pepin
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>13,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Agueda &amp; Antonio Medeiros</b> By Family
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>14,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Agnes Ferreira</b> By Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>16,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Lillian Brisson &amp; Julia Smith</b> By Diane Brisson
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>17,</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Rita Rock (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.)</b> By Husband
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>18,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Antonio &amp; Agnes Ferreira</b> By Family
			<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Couture Family</b> By Family
			<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Community Mass:</b> Serafim Bettencourt, Idalina Bettencourt, Marie Anna Lamontagne

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** In memory of John Medeiros  
**SAINT JOSEPH:** In memory of Amedee Gautreau  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** Special intention for Emilia Pinto  
**SAINT THERESE:** Special intention

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

**Collection:** \$2,892.90 Thank You!  
**Last Year:** \$2,704.00  
 Holy Thursday: \$421.00 Thank You!  
 Holy Places: \$328.77 Thank You!  
 Retired Priests: \$1,827.79 Thank You!  
**Expenses:** \$3,330.64 (\$694.44 contract services, \$680.29 weekly budget for clergy pension, medical and property insurance, \$200.00 Anchor, \$97.60 Frade's Disposal, \$1,050.45 FICA taxes, \$174.20 Commonwealth of Massachusetts taxes, \$433.66 office supplies)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR JUNE 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).



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

**CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY** will meet on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> after the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



*“Stay very close to Me today. This is the day of My great love. Celebrate its anniversary in your simplest, most affectionate way. See love first. Give love first. Seek love first, and you’ll fulfill My desire for you. My poor little child, all the rest is nothingness. Don’t you feel this? Make others feel it, and you will advance in your vocation of apostle. What joy for Me if all your moments were filled with love and what a reverent response to My life on earth! I burned with desire to belong to all of you, to remain in your possession right to the end of time, to be something you could take, eat and drink. To be shut into your church to wait for you there, to listen to you, to console you in the most intimate union of all. Won’t you love Me more for that?”*

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!

**Throughout the Old Testament, God used creation to get the attention of His chosen people. Is God trying to get our attention, and if so, are we listening?**



## WOMEN'S Guild

The Ladies Guild will meet this Tuesday, April 13th after the Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

**YEAR OF PRIESTS ADORATION** — as part of the Year of Priests the Friars downtown have organized a weekend of prayer for the priests of the diocese and have asked each parish to take an hour of adoration. It will begin on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. An hour of prayer for the intention of Fr. John Ozug and Fr. Rodney Thibault will be on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.. We would like to be well represented – there is a sign up sheet at all entrances of the church. Please join us to prayer for our priests.



## Welcome

### **WELCOME TO OUR PARISH**

With joy, we welcome Mr. & Mrs. Steven Bellefeuille & family and Louis Makuch as newly registered members of Our Lady of Fatima Parish! We hope that our parish family will be another channel of

God's grace in their lives and we look forward to their participation in parish life among us. Welcome!

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASS PENANCE** will be on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. in the church.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS:** There will be no classes on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK** Our parish healthcare professionals will be on-duty this weekend 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, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. Please call Fr. Richard Wilson at 508-992-9408 for location information.

**RICE BOWLS** –Rice Bowls may be placed in the marked receptacle in the back of the Church by this Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**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.**

### **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.



## **FEAST OF THE DIVINE MERCY**

**This Sunday,  
APRIL 11, 2010  
AT 3:00 P.M.  
Our Lady of Fatima  
Church**

Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration and Benediction.

*“Mankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My Mercy”*

Come and join us for the celebration of Divine Mercy. Refreshments and pastry following in the parish center.



### **DELICIOUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

sponsored by The Ladies' Guild will be Sunday, April 25th. 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.

**Moving?** Please notify the rectory office. Thank you!

### **THANK YOU FROM FATHER OZUG:**

Permit me to express my gratitude to all those who assisted in any way in making the celebration of Lent, Holy Week and Easter so beautiful and meaningful. The music, lectors, servers, ushers, those who prepared our church, and to so many others, we express our profound gratitude. May the Lord reward you generously.

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**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.

**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.

**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 location. 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 [directionfourtimes.com](http://directionfourtimes.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!