

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 17/18, 2010



Saturday	April	17,	4:00 PM	Rita Rock (2nd Ann.) By Husband
Sunday	April	18,	8:00 AM	Antonio & Agnes Ferreira By Family
			9:30 AM	Couture Family By Family
			11:00 AM	Community Mass: Serafim Bettencourt, Idalina Bettencourt, Marie Anna Lamontagne
Monday	April	19,	8:00 AM	Special intention for Elaine Motta By Marlene Johnson
Tuesday	April	20,	8:00 AM	Michael & Joseph Ross By Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Vaile
Wednesday	April	21,	8:00 AM	Agueda & Antonio Medeiros By Family
Friday	April	23,	8:00 AM	Sharon Rebello (2nd Ann.) By Mother
Saturday	April	24,	4:00 PM	Charles & Aurore Gaudette By Mr. & Mrs. Donald Gaudette
Sunday	April	25,	8:00 AM	
			9:30 AM	
			11:00 AM	Community Mass: Serafim Bettencourt, Idalina Bettencourt,

SANCTUARY LAMP: Special intention of Mr. & Mrs. Adelino Pinto
SAINT JOSEPH: For employment for those who have lost their jobs
OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Special intention
SAINT THERESE: Special intention

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection: \$2,450.85 Thank You!
Last Year: \$2,147.00
Extra Effort: \$1,182.27 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.



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.

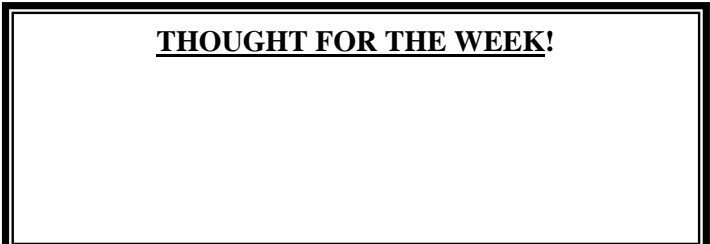
CENACLE OF DIVINE MERCY will meet this Tuesday, April 27th after the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



I THIRST FOR YOU!

I know you through and through – I know everything about you. I have followed you through the years, and I have always loved you – even in your wanderings. I know every one of your problems. I know your needs and your worries. And yes, I know all your sins. But I tell you again that I love you – not for what you have or haven't done – I love you for you, for the beauty and dignity My Father gave you by creating you in His own image. It is a dignity you have often forgotten, a beauty you have tarnished by sin. But I love you as you are, and I have shed My blood to win you back. If you only ask Me with faith, My grace will touch all that needs changing in your life; and I will give you the strength to free yourself from sin and all its destructive power.

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





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.

DELICIOUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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



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!

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, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. Please call Fr. Richard Wilson at 508-992-9408 for location information.

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.

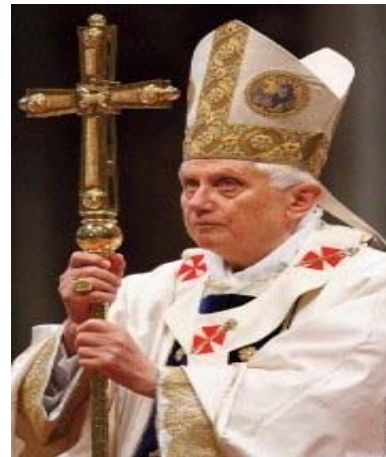
Moving? Please notify the rectory office. Thank you!

COME SHOP AT MOM'S NIGHT OUT

Thursday, April 29th 6pm to 9pm at St. James St. John School, 180 Orchard Street, New Bedford, enter through back door facing CYO building) All your favorite home party vendors in one place! Tupperware, Madison Handbags, Mary Kay, Tastefully Simple, Silpada Bowlicious Baby Boutique, Pampered Chef, Wicked Kickin' Cheesecakes Hosted by the St. James St. John School PTO. A percentage of sales benefits the school. Contact pto@sjsjschool.com for more information.

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 Tuesday, May 11th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the Catholic Social Services, 1600 Bay Street, Fall River office. This session will be for all interested in adopting a domestic newborn or a child from another country. Please call Catholic Social Services at (508) 674-4681 to register or to request an information packet and for directions. Or, visit the Agency web site at www.cssdioc.org. There is no charge for this session.

TRANSFORMING THE DIFFICULT CHILD with Jennifer Marzalek LICSW. The Diocesan Office of Family Ministry, 500 Slocum Road, North Dartmouth on Tuesday, April 27th. 7:09 – 9:00 p.m. A workshop for parents and teachers. The workshop is based on the Nurtured Heart approach, developed by Howard Glasser. This method transforms children so they are better prepared to relate, befriend, cope endure, reason and work. Please call (508) 999-6420 to register.



PRAYER FOR POPE BENEDICT XVI

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd, Benedict, a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

V/ Let us pray for Benedict, the pope.

R/ May the Lord preserve him,
give him a long life,
make him blessed upon the earth,
and not hand him over
to the power of his enemies.

V/ May your hand
be upon your holy servant.

R/ And upon your son,
whom you have anointed.

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 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!

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!