

EASTER SUNDAY/ RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 3/4, 2010



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| Holy Saturday | April | 3, | 7:00 PM | Missa Pro Populo |
| Easter Sunday | April | 4, | 8:00 AM | Maria Mendes & Joaquim Cardoso By Family |
| | | | 9:30 AM | Hildeberto Oliveira, Manuel, Maria, Emanuel & Luduina Furtado By Family |
| | | | 11:00 AM | Missa Pro Populo |
| Monday | April | 5, | 8:00 AM | Agueda & son, Antonio Medeiros By Belmira Pimental |
| Tuesday | April | 6, | 8:00 AM | Lillian Brisson By Louise Seguin |
| | | | 2:00 PM | Mass at Southeastern Massachusetts Health & Rehab |
| Wednesday | April | 7, | 8:00 AM | Manuel, Jorge & Joe Grota By Family |
| Friday | April | 9, | 8:00 AM | Jacqueline Bairos By Sisters |
| Saturday | April | 10, | 4:00 PM | Irene Pimental By Family |
| Sunday | April | 11, | 8:00 AM | Andy Pelletier By Family |
| | | | 9:30 AM | Ela Poitras By Mr. & Mrs. Charles Buckley |
| | | | 11:00 AM | <u>Community Mass:</u> Serafim Bettencourt, Idalina Bettencourt, Dorothy Cordeiro |

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: \$4,041.33 (\$1,972.43 contract services, \$150.00 weekly budget for property insurance, \$200.00 weekly budget for Anchor, \$201.00 Confirmation, \$438.90 liturgical supplies, \$423.50 Holy week Worship Aids, \$30.75 pamphlets, \$444.64 Nstar, \$180.11 utilities)

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.



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 20th after the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Moving? Please notify the rectory office. Thank you!



"I have risen from the dead. Who could restrain your joy? Won't you honor Me in this new way, in this joy for My joy? And, if there is joy in you, how can you stop it from brimming over on others? Do you think I find much joy in many hearts? People don't think of this perfect way of praising Me and yet it brings Me such balm. Don't I share all your emotions just as all true lovers share? Learn to be joyous for My sake, even in times of trial. Live entirely for Me, My child. What depths of joy! No one can ever rob you of it. What else can be compared with this? It's simple and yet it's everything. Don't deny Me, My child."

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!

Be steadfast. Stand firm. The Father knows what we are going through; lean on Him and abandon yourself to Him with complete trust.



**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. 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."*



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH
With joy, we welcome Mr. & Mrs. Leo Rousseau & family 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

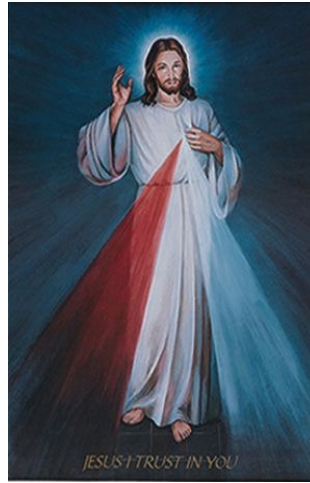
lives and we look forward to their participation in parish life among us. Welcome!

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

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.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS
Co-sponsored by the Diocesan Vocations Office and the Fall River DCCW, on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th at 3:00 p.m. in the Cathedral, this year featuring the John Paul II World Youth Day Monstrance, with Bishop Coleman presiding. The Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a homily and Benediction. All are invited.

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.



**FEAST OF THE
DIVINE MERCY**

**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.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA began on Good Friday and continues until Saturday, April 10th. We will recite the Novena and Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Morning weekday Mass during Easter Week culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday at 3:00 P.M., the hour of Mercy. *"In a vision to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in 1935, the Lord revealed a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to say the Chaplet of The Divine Mercy and He promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it."*(Diary,687)



Happy Easter!

The tomb is open; the Lord Jesus has passed through death. He is alive! May the Lord be with us as he was with the faithful on that first Easter.

***Father Ozug
Father Thibault***

**Rejoice for He is Risen!!!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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.**

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 with your change of address.

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 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!