

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17/18, 2010



Saturday	May	15,	4:00 PM	Elda Poitras By Mr. & Mrs. Charles Buckley
Sunday	May	16,	8:00 AM	Paul Snigier By Wife
			9:30 AM	Idalina & Serafim Bettencourt By Family
			11:00 AM	Community Mass: Manuel Magalhaes (2 nd Ann.), Charles Goddu, Mary Ellen Cronin, Fr. Clarence Murphy
Monday	May	17,	8:00 AM	Alice Gautreau By Mr. & Mrs. Louis LeBlanc
Tuesday	May	18,	8:00 AM	Lucille & Earl Reece By Gerry & Marcai Vaile
Wednesday	May	19,	8:00 AM	For the Parishioners
Friday	May	21,	8:00 AM	Maria Soares & Family By Family
Saturday	May	22,	4:00 PM	Herbert Isherwood By the Choir
Sunday	May	23,	8:00 AM	Brian & Michael Smith By Joan & David Pepin
			9:30 AM	Odilia Carreiro & Irene Pimental By Family
			11:00 AM	Community Mass: Manuel Magalhaes, Mary Ellen Cronin, Fr. Clarence Murphy, Charles Goddu

SANCTUARY LAMP: For those who have fallen away from the Catholic Church

SAINT JOSEPH: For employment for all who have lost their jobs

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Special intention

SAINT THERESE: Special intention

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection: \$2,608.01 Thank You!

Last Year: \$2,511.00

Extra Effort: \$1,262.22

Expenses: \$3,703.90 (\$1,120.33 contract services, \$680.29 weekly budget for clergy pension, medical and property insurance, \$100.00 Anchor, \$160.80 Easter Ad, \$286.07 budget envelopes, \$127.50 The Word Among Us, \$105.09 utilities, \$29.23 supplies, \$1,094.59 FICA taxes)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY 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.



"No matter how far you may wander, no matter how often you forget Me, no matter how many crosses you may bear in this life; there is one thing I want you to always remember, one thing that will never change; I THIRST FOR YOU – just as you are. You don't need to change to believe in My love, for it will be your belief in My love that will change you. You forget Me, and yet I am seeking you every moment of the day – standing at the door of your heart, and knocking. Do you find this hard to believe? Then look at the cross, look at My Heart that was pierced for you. Have you not understood My cross? Then listen again to the words I spoke there – for they tell you clearly why I endured all this for you: "I thirst...." (Jn. 19:28) Yes, I THIRST FOR YOU – as the rest of the psalm verse I was praying says of Me: "I looked for love, and I found none...." (Ps 69:20) All your life I have been looking for your love – I have never stopped seeking to love you and be loved by you. You have tried many other things in search for happiness; why not try opening your heart to Me, right now, more than you ever have before."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Sometimes lessons are best learned by example.

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



CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

This year's Diocesan Catholic Charities Appeal began Saturday, May 1st. To date we have received \$8,513.00 with 95 households contributing. The annual Catholic Charities Appeal helps thousands of people in our

Diocese and 94 cents of every dollar is directed solely to the agencies and apostolates funded by the Appeal. Bishop George Coleman invites us all to pray about how we can help to continue our 68 years of reaching out compassionately to those in need of assistance, without regard to race, creed, nationality, gender or economic status. If you have never supported the CCA in the past, won't you consider this year a contribution of 4 gallons of gasoline. Thank You!

MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BELOVED DECEASED

There will be a Mass at the original Mausoleum Chapel of Notre Dame Cemetery in Fall River, on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31ST at 10 A.M. Bishop Coleman will be the celebrant of the Mass. Please plan to join us in prayer for those we remember and love.

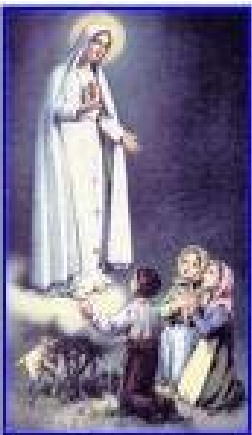
DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP

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. The next meeting will be on May 26th and will be on "Financial Survival." There is no charge and it is open to all separated/divorced persons.



Did you forget something? Please silence your cell phone or pager. Thank you!

ANNUAL POLISH FESTIVAL Saint Stanislaus Parish, 36 Rockland Street, Fall River will be held on Friday, June 11th (5-9 pm); Sat., June 12th (5-9 pm); and Sun., June 13th (12-5pm). There will be live music and homemade Polish and American food, as well as fun and games for the entire family. Visit www.SaintStansFestival.com for detailed information and directions or call 508-674-6771.



The month of May is traditionally a month dedicated to the Blessed Mother.

Please join us during this Marian month in honoring Our Lady through the recitation of the rosary on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

2010 ST. PIUS X YOUTH AWARD WINNER — I am very happy to announce that Bishop Coleman has selected Christopher Amaral as our parish's 2010 St. Pius X Youth Award Recipients. Christopher will receive his award from the bishop at a special ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption on Tuesday, May 18 at 7 pm.



MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the souls of Olympia Caesar and Ruth Castonguay whose funeral Masses were celebrated on Wednesday, May 12th. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES invites you to join us in a celebration of the Eucharist to commemorate the 18th anniversary of the death of our founder, Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, and the 68th anniversary of Family Rosary on Thursday, June 3rd. Rosary at 4:00 p.m. at the Rosary Walk, Celebration of Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Chapel, and a light reception to follow in the Father Peyton Center.

THE FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI will be celebrated on June 6th at Our Lady's Chapel, New Bedford with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. It will start at 2:00 pm. The Blessed Sacrament will be processed to three church stations: Our Lady of Purgatory, St. Lawrence Church, and St. John the Baptist Church. At each church Benediction will be held. During the procession participants will be reciting the rosary in English and Portuguese. Children dressed as angels will be strewing flower pedals in front of the Blessed Sacrament while processing. All priests, solidarities, religious organizations, youth groups etc. are invited. For more information, please call (508) 994-5035.

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.

COMMUNITY NURSE AND HOSPICE PROGRAMS – "Four-Week Grief Support Group" healing grief through journal writing begins Monday, June 7, 6:30-8p.m. at 62 Centre Street, Fairhaven. Another workshop "Remembering Our Fathers" begins Tuesday, June 15, 6:30-8p.m. For RSVP to each, call Jennifer Marszalek at 508-992-6278, ext. 2531.

LAKESIDE FAMILY Festival

AT ST. JOHN NEUMANN PARISH

Friday May 28th: 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Sat and Sun from noon to 11 p.m.

Monday May 25th from noon to 5 p.m.

Come to the Festival. FREE ADMISSION !!

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. For the next meeting date, please call Fr. Richard Wilson at 508-992-9408 for location information.

ARE YOU MOVING? Please notify the rectory office. 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 or fill out the coupon on the front of the bulletin. **You must be a registered parishioner of Our Lady of Fatima Parish at least three months to be given a sponsor certificate to be a Godparent for Baptism or Sponsor for Confirmation.**

At The Advertisers
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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 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!