

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1/2, 2010



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>1,</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Amelia &amp; Stephen Serbek</b> By Gerry & Marcia Vaile
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>2,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Paul Snigier</b> By Wife
			<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Doris Seguin (4<sup>th</sup> Ann.)</b> By daughter, Louise
			<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Community Mass:</b> Manuel Magalhaes, Marie Anna Lamontagne, Cecile Seney
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>3,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>John J. Teixeira</b> By Family
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>4,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Jose Rosoninha &amp; Brothers</b> By Family
			<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Mass at Southeastern Massachusetts Health &amp; Rehab</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>5,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Lillian Brisson</b> By Family
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>7,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Octavio &amp; Maria Mendes</b> By Family
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>8,</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	<b>Carlos &amp; Maria Estrela Costa, Albertina &amp; Eliseu Correia &amp; Lourdes Tavares</b> By Family
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>9,</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Ana Vieira &amp; Agnes Ferreira</b> By Family
			<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>Helen Dion</b> By daughter, Muriel
			<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Community Mass:</b> Manuel Magalhaes, Michele Iamele, Antoinietta Ruggiero, Mary Ellen Cronin, Helen Ozug, Christina Garcia

**SANCTUARY LAMP: Special intention**

**SAINT JOSEPH: For employment for those who have lost their jobs**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Special intention**

**SAINT THERESE: Special intention**

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

**Collection:** \$2,339.60 Thank You!

**Last Year:** \$2,566.35

Expenses: \$2,681.37 (\$1,073.25 contract services, \$270.00 weekly budget for clergy pension and property insurance, \$200.00 Anchor, \$571.00 Religious Education expense, \$50.00 City of New Bedford Building inspection, \$337.01 Nstar, \$180.11 utilities)

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR MAY WILL OPEN ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH

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).



**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 Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> after the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



*“I know what is in your heart – I know your loneliness and all your hurts – the rejections, the judgments, the humiliations. I carried it all before you. And I carried it all for you, so you might share My strength and victory. I know especially your need for love – how you are thirsting to be loved and cherished. But how often have you thirsted in vain by seeking that love selfishly, striving to fill the emptiness inside you with passing pleasures – with the even greater emptiness of sin. Do you thirst for love? “Come to Me all you who thirst...” I will satisfy you and fill you. Do you thirst to be cherished? I cherish you more than you can imagine – to the point of dying on a cross for you.”*

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!

*The favors of the Lord are not exhausted,  
His mercies are not spent; They are renewed each  
morning, so great is His faithfulness.*

## First Holy Communion



This Sunday afternoon, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, our 2010 First Communion Class will receive their Eucharistic Lord for the very first time. May their minds and hearts always have the openness and eagerness of their First Communion Day when they each Sunday approach the table of the Lord to receive Communion. Congratulations to them, their parents, grandparents and especially their teachers and helpers who prepared them. Our First Communicants are: Alyssa Adams, Matthew Aguiar, Ryan Arruda, Madisyn Baggs, Preston Belliveau, Amanda Braga, Charisma Camara, Andrew Carusi, Benjamin Carusi, Christopher Costa, Tristan Costa, Camryn Cottuli, Chloe DeTerra, Megan Lajoie, Victoria Machado, Madison Medeiros, Kelsey Pimental, Riley Pimental, Grace Richmond, Evan Ripley, Boston Rodrigues, Alexandra Soares, Genavieve Tetreault.



### WOMEN'S Guild

The Ladies Guild will meet this Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> after the Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy. **This is an important meeting; please make every effort to attend.**

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** is on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Collection taken up will be for the benefit of St. Vincent De Paul.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL



This year's Diocesan Catholic Charities Appeal begins this Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 69 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 3 gallons of gasoline.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT TUESDAY, MAY 4TH

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."*



### **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

Your prayers are requested for the soul of Roland E. Rouillier whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and for the soul of Louise G. Caldwell-McClain whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.



**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.**

### **MARY'S KITCHEN—COOKING WITH CHRIST –**

A series of spiritual discovery through cooking classes. Laugh, learn and look deep into your soul with inspirational speaker and author Michelle Yozzo Drake. Join Michelle for Session 1: **Becoming the Bread Maker**—Friday May 14, 2010 9AM-3PM at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center—226 Great Neck Road—Wareham, MA 02571 While you learn to create (and eat!) sweet braided bread and savory caramelized onion and rosemary bread you become the bread maker. Cost-\$55 if you register before April 30th.....\$65 before May 10<sup>th</sup>. Optional: Come stay over the Thursday night arriving at 6:30 for evening meditation, breakfast and morning Mass before starting to cook for an additional cost of \$40. Call Sr. Claire at 508-295-0100 to register or if you have questions.

**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.**

**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.

**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](http://www.SaintStansFestival.com) for detailed information and directions or call 508-674-6771.

**HOLY CROSS FAMILY MINISTRIES** invites you to join us in a celebration of the Eucharist to commemorate the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of our founder, Servant of God Father Patrick Peyton, CSC, and the 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Family Rosary on Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.

**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.

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> and will be on “Financial Survival.” There is no charge and it is open to all separated/divorced persons.

**At The Advertisers**

**LOOK** Supporting Our Church Bulletin

**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](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!

### **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!