

# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8/9, 2010



Saturday	May	8,	4:00 PM	Carlos & Maria Estrela Costa, Albertina & Eliseu Correia & Lourdes Tavares By Family
Sunday	May	9,	8:00 AM	Ana Vieira & Agnes Ferreira By Family
			9:30 AM	Helen Dion By daughter, Muriel
			11:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> Manuel Magalhaes, Michele Iamele, Antoinietta Ruggiero, Mary Ellen Cronin, Helen Ozug, Christina Garcia, Katherine Ozug, Barbara Wright
Monday	May	10,	8:00 AM	For the Parishioners
Tuesday	May	11,	8:00 AM	Louise G. Caldwell-McClain By Mr. & Mrs. Edward Vieira
Wednesday	May	12,	8:00 AM	Joao Teves & Family By Family
Thursday	May	13,	8:00 AM	John J. Teixeira By Family
			7:00 PM	Rose Ross & baby Ross By Marcia & Gerry Vaile
Friday	May	14,	8:00 AM	Louise G. Caldwell-McClain By Ann Medeiros
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	<u>Community Mass:</u> Manuel Magalhaes (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.), Charles Goddu, Mary Ellen Cronin, Fr. Clarence Murphy

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** For all living and deceased Mothers and Godmothers

**SAINT JOSEPH:** Special intention

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA:** Special intention

**SAINT THERESE:** Special intention

## FINANCIAL REPORT:

**Collection:** \$2,612.40 Thank You!

**Last Year:** \$2,415.00

Expenses: \$2,877.59 (\$987.43 contract services, \$680.29 weekly budget for clergy pension, medical and property insurance, \$200.00 Anchor, \$656.95 hall roof repair, \$97.60 Frades Disposal, \$150.00 Food Handling license \$105.32 pamphlets)

## 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](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 this Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> after the Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.



## ***"I THIRST FOR YOU!"***

***"Yes, that is the only way to even begin to describe My love for you all: I THIRST FOR YOU. I thirst to love you and to be loved by you – that is how precious you are to Me. I THIRST FOR YOU. Come to Me, and I will fill your heart and heal your wounds. I will make you a new creation and give you peace, even in all your trials. I THIRST FOR YOU. You must never doubt My mercy, My acceptance of you, My desire to forgive, My longing to bless you and live My life in you. If you feel unimportant in the eyes of the world, that matters not at all. For Me, there is no one any more important in the entire world than you. I THIRST FOR YOU. Open to Me, come to Me, thirst for Me, give Me your life – and I will prove to you how important you are to My heart."***

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!**

**Desperation does not make good decisions.  
Calm yourself, pray and ask Jesus to guide you.**

**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.

**MAY HE REST IN PEACE**

Your prayers are requested for the soul of James Curran whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**



This year's Diocesan Catholic Charities Appeal begins this Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Our 2010 Opening Day total was \$3,335.00 vs \$7,808.00 in 2009 with 51 families 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!

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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 11<sup>th</sup> (5-9 pm); Sat., June 12<sup>th</sup> (5-9 pm); and Sun., June 13<sup>th</sup> (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.



**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.**

**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.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK** Our parish healthcare professionals will be on-duty this weekend to check your blood pressure after all Masses.

**ARE YOU MOVING?** Please notify the rectory office. Thank you.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!**



All women are called to shower their motherhood on the world in the particular ways that God makes possible.

### **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.

### **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.

**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.**

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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](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!