

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 12/13, 2010



Saturday	June	12,	4:00 PM	John, Maria & Agnes Santos By Helen Sylvia
Sunday	June	13,	8:00 AM	Francisco & Ana Vieira By Family
			9:30 AM	Georgette E. Letendre
			11:00 AM	Community Mass: Armand Montebault, Tony da Silveira,
Monday	June	14,	8:00 AM	Domingos, Maria, Gozbeta & Maria Alves & Family
				By Mr. & Mrs. Adelino Pinto
Tuesday	June	15,	8:00 AM	John J. Teixeira By Family
Wednesday	June	16,	8:00 AM	Lillian Brisson By Family
Friday	June	18,	8:00 AM	No morning Mass
Saturday	June	19,	4:00 PM	Robert O. Caldwell, Louise Caldwell- McClaine, Manuel R. Cabral, Manuel F. Rocha, James C. Rocha By Ron & Rose Cabral
				Ana Vieira & Ana Rocha By Family
Sunday	June	20,	8:00 AM	Helen Dion (5th Ann.) By daughter, Muriel
			9:30 AM	Community Mass: Ted Markowski, Angelina Villard,
			11:00 AM	For all deceased Fathers, Godfathers, Grandfathers

SANCTUARY LAMP: In memory of the Unborn
SAINT JOSEPH: For employment for all who have lost their jobs
OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Special intention
SAINT THERESE: Special intention

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection: \$2,046.05 Thank You!

Last Year: \$2,209.70

Expenses: \$3,032.14 (\$1,046.43 contract services, \$530.00 weekly budget for clergy medical & pension, \$1,076.23 FICA taxes, \$182.45 State taxes, \$99.43 utilities, \$97.60 Frades Disposal)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST 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.



“Today we must talk about purity. My children, lack of purity is a very significant problem in your world. I search for purity and only find it in rare pockets. Because the tolerance for impurity is so profound, We are going to have to work very hard on this problem. Purity must be restored to every aspect of existence on earth. First, I speak of purity of dress. Do not dress in such a way as to indicate that you will behave sinfully. Dress as though you

are a servant of Mine and seek My will. It is never My will to dress in clothes that lead others astray. Children, you know what I am referring to and I want this to stop. Modesty must be restored. Use these words often in your speech to remind people that purity and modesty are to be valued and applauded. Next I speak of purity of speech. You must speak like a Christian, keeping your Language worthy of your soul and the work I am doing in your soul. The method used by the enemy to spread the contagion of impurity. Use words that glorify Me. If you use My name to curse, My child, I will be personally offended and you will have to make amends to Me. Directions for Our Times

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Better to understand a little than to misunderstand a lot.

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

To date we have received \$20,358.00 with 203 households contributing out of 780 households registered. To meet last year's grand total, we need \$8,900.00. 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 4 gallons of gasoline. This year's appeal concludes on June 22nd. Thank You!

PROXIMO TRAVEL NINE DAY PILGRIMAGE WITH FR. JOHN OZUG TO ROME, TUSCANY, FLORENCE, ASSISI AND VENICE, OCTOBER 15-23, 2011, \$3,390.

For more information and 9 day itinerary or to book trip, visit proximotravel.com (secure site) or call (877) 994-8259.

CATHEDRAL CAMP is now accepting registrations for its summer camp program. Cathedral Camp, owned and operated by the Diocese of Fall River, is a day camp for children between the ages of 4 and 13. This year the camp will be offering nine one-week sessions from June 28th to August 27th. Bus transportation is included in the camp fees. Open House is on Sunday, June 13th with opening remarks at 1 p.m. and tours until 3 p.m. For further information, please call 508-763-8874 or visit web site www.cathedralcamp.net, for registration packet email, rena@cathedralcamp.net.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK Our parish healthcare professionals will be on-duty this weekend 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, June 26th at 7:00 p.m. For the location, please call Fr. Richard Wilson at 508-992-9408 for location information.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP If you have lost a family member or friend, we invite you to participate in one or more of the following programs that will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe @ St. James Rectory 9233 County Street, New Bedford). You may attend any session, without having attended earlier sessions. All meetings will be held on Saturdays, 5:15 – 6:45 P.M. June 26th, What and How we Remember, July 24th, Why do I feel so Guilty? August 21st, Depression and Anger, September 25th, Grief and Faith questions, October 23rd, We grieve because we love, November 20th, Family Occassions; How we cope, December 18th Grief and The Holidays. Please us the back entrance to the rectory. These programs are free and no registration is required. For more information, call (508) 345-2660. Sister Judith Costa leads the group.



A BIG THANK YOU TO THE LADIES GUILD for their awesome gift of \$7,000.00 to our parish. Thanks to all its members for their labor of love this year.

The parish is blessed by these great women. May God bless you.

★ **congrats** ★ TO ALL OF OUR PARISH GRADUATES

Happy Graduation! We celebrate your accomplishments. We bless you in your dreams. We thank you for your gifts, and for living them with us.

APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR MASS

Although we realize that it can be quite uncomfortable during the summer months, but our attire for Mass should always be of modest dress and reflect the dignity and respect for Jesus in the Eucharist which He is due.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING

BAPTISMS :

CHOOSING GODPARENTS

Baptizing a child is always a wonderful day in a family's life. It should be a day of celebration for the whole church. In many cases, however, the joyful spirit is dampened by the situation that persons chosen to be godparents are not qualified according to the criteria established by the church.

Being a godparent (sponsor) is not a prize for being a good person. It is not a reward granted to an individual. The role of godparent is a lifelong MINISTRY in the church. By saying "yes" to the invitation, one is accepting a sacred duty. The primary role is to be a model of faith in the Catholic tradition. Therefore the church has established a set of minimum criteria for a person to qualify as Baptismal Sponsor.

1. Must be registered and actively participating in the church.
2. Must be fully initiated (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist).
3. If married, must be validly married in the church.

Many parents choose a godparent without considering these requirements and often find themselves in the delicate and always awkward position of possibly withdrawing the invitation.

Please keep this brief instruction. You can help by showing this to prospective parents who are in preparation for the baptism of their child. It can help prevent many hard feelings and make the celebration the joyful experience it should be. Parents should consult their parish priest prior to making choices for godparents. It is a seemingly small thing which can make a big difference in our celebration of Baptism.

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Trip includes airfare from anywhere in the Continental USA, 4 or 5 star Hotels in Downtown Areas, transportation with luxury bus, all breakfasts and all dinners in upscale restaurants (wine included at dinner), all tips to driver and tour fees, all taxes, fuel surcharges. Our trips are not more expensive during high season – we offer unlimited food and drinks including wine, and we are flexible with the menu. The price of the trips is the same anywhere in the USA – passengers will never be expected to pay extra for anything else on the trip. The size groups are not large at all – we always wait for passengers and we never leave anyone behind. We do not charge extra if any passenger intends to come back from overseas at a later date. Trip does not include lunch and optional insurance: \$200.00 per person. For more information and 9 day itinerary or to book trip, visit proximotravel.com (secure site) or call (877) 994-8259.



CONGRATULATIONS to Thomas Whitehead and Katelyn Bennett who were joined in Holy Matrimony here last Saturday, June 5th. May God bless them as they begin to live this Sacrament.

FAMILY ROSARY CONFERENCE: AS WE FORGIVE

Mark your calendar, plan to gather your family on Saturday, July 17, to learn how to communicate within the family, how to forgive each other and how to receive God's graces. With workshops for adults, teens and youth, a Mission Rosary, Vigil Mass, Reconciliation, and a dynamic keynote speaker, your family will enjoy an inspiring and uplifting day; and all for \$10 per person, up to a \$50 max for families ... and it includes Lunch. So register and simply join us on the grounds of Stonehill College on July 17. Go to HCFM.org or call 508-238-4095 or 800-299-7729 for more 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 June 9th. There is no charge and it is open to all separated/divorced persons.

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.

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.



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

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!