

sixteenth sunday in ordinary time



Saturday	July	17,	4:00 PM	Louise G. Caldwell-McClain By Joseph & Muriel Carvalho
Sunday	July	18,	8:00 AM	Ana Vieira & Ana Rocha By Family
			9:30 AM	Marcelino, Emilia & Maggie Pacheco
			11:00 AM	By Mr. & Mrs. Anibal Tavares
Monday	July	19,	8:00 AM	Community Mass: Intentions of the Prayer Line
Tuesday	July	20,	8:00 AM	Gil & Val Rebello By Jackie Medeiros
Wednesday	July	21,	8:00 AM	For the parishioners
Friday	July	23,	8:00 AM	John, Maria & Agnes Santos By Helen Sylvia
Saturday	July	24,	4:00 PM	Linda Jorge By Friend
Sunday	July	25,	8:00 AM	Louise G. Caldwell-McClain By Joseph & Muriel Carvalho
			9:30 AM	Georgette Letendre By Lucille & Normand Pepin
			11:00 AM	Maria da Conceicao Viana & Manuel Tavares
				By Mr. & Mrs. Anibal Tavares
				Community Mass: Ted Markowski (5th Ann), Dorothy Cordeiro

SANCTUARY LAMP: Special intention
SAINT JOSEPH: For the unemployed
OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Special intention
SAINT THERESE: Special intention

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection: \$2,408.37 Thank You!
Last Year: \$2,270.00
Extra Effort: \$1,303.91
Expenses: \$3,542.01 (\$1053.80, \$530.29 weekly budget payment for clergy medical & pension, \$32.87, \$500.00 landscaping, \$99.77 utilities, \$1,026.69 FICA taxes, \$166.59 State taxes, \$132.00 postage stamps)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 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 prayers. May they be strengthened by God in health, mind, body and spirit and be comforted by our prayer.

OUR MILITARY that God may watch over our loved ones, protect them and bring them home safely.

THE SICK who have asked for

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

Friendship isn't about who you have known the longest. But...about who came and never left your side.

Do not spend a great deal of time discussing events in the world. Long discussions do not benefit the situation. Spend instead a great deal of time praying for the situation of the world. This will benefit the situation, along with those around you. I want each apostle to understand that I have not abandoned this world. Consider this carefully. I am Jesus. I am God. Do not be afraid. I do not want My apostles to be afraid or to communicate fear to others. Bring your fears to Me and bring My peace to others. This is your call, your divine task. Accept this call as seriously as you accept My love for you and your love for Me. Your Jesus seeks to comfort many. Very often, I will do this through you. Directions for Our Times



Please join us for prayer every Tuesday evening at 7:00 P.M.

WELCOME!

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time. Make our church a home away from home. If you attend Our Lady of Fatima Parish regularly and consider this your parish, please take time to register. To request a registration form, please fill out the coupon on the front of the bulletin and place it in the collection basket or call the office at (508) 995-7351 to have a registration form mailed to you.

TRAVELING? Looking for a place to attend Mass? For nationwide Mass times and locations: Call 1-800-Mass-Times (1-800-627-7846) or Internet: www.Masstimes.org Their mission is to provide traveling Catholics with information on the times of worship services as well as church location, telephone and handicapped accessibility.

CRAFTERS WANTED

Crafters wanted for Our Lady of Fatima Ladies Guild Harvest Fair on Sunday, November 7th. Please call Carol Santos at (508) 998-1290 for more information.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

With joy, we welcome Mr. & Mrs. Monty Sardinha & 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!

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Your prayers are requested for the soul of Leona L. LaRose whose funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, July 10th. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace.



WELCOME TO THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Sophia Alexandra Amaral, daughter of Joao &

Christine Amaral, and Lilly Olivia Lecuyer, daughter of Joshua & Elizabeth Lecuyer were baptized last Sunday, July 11th. The parish family welcomes her warmly to our family of faith.

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.

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.

Clara: My pastor is so good he can talk on any subject for an hour.

Sarah: That's nothing! My pastor can talk for an hour without a subject!

10th ANNIVERSARY MASS OF THANKSGIVING

You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving, Tuesday, July 20th at 7:00 P.M. to recognize the many blessings we have received on behalf of the Diocesan Mission In Honduras. In the Jubilee Year 2000 the Diocese of Fall River and the Dominican Sisters of the Presentation began a special relationship with the parish of St. Rose of Lima in Guaimaca, Honduras. Rev. Msgr. John J. Oliviera, will the Principal Celebrant and Fr. Craig A. Pregana will concelebrate the Mass which will be held at St. Julie Billiard Church in Dartmouth. A reception will follow in the Parish Center. For further information, please contact Betty or Bil Kelley at (508) 477-8417.

"A RAINFOREST ADVENTURE" Children's Vacation Bible School, week of July 26th to 30th, 9:00 AM to Noon at Immaculate Conception. Please join us for Bible stories, Music, Games, Crafts and Fun. Please call Terry LeBlanc at (508) 995-2476 to register.

POCASSET- THE DICALCED CARMELITE SECULAR ORDER

meeting at St. John's Catholic Church is welcoming inquires from lay men and women, married or single, who are devoted to the search for union with God, following the teachings of Sts. Teresa of Jesus, and John of the Cross. To learn more about our way of life, or join us as guests, please contact Phyllis Sanders at (781) 848-8311 or Rachel Cote at (508) 540-9767.



National Shrine of
Our Lady of La Salette

Healing Service with Mass, Sunday, July 25th at 2:00 p.m. Celebrant, Fr. Andre (Pat) Patenaude, M.S.

John Polce & Guest: Bethany Nights. "A Place To Begin Again"- Music-Witness-Prayer. Friday, July 30th at 7:30 p.m.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATE TO BE A GODPARENT FOR BAPTISM OR SPONSOR FOR CONFIRMATION

Sponsor Certificate to act as Godparents or Sponsors can be issued only to active members of the parish who are registered and in good standing, i.e., they attend Church regularly and evidence supports it. They have received all their Sacraments. If the requesting person is married, the marriage must have taken place in conformity with the laws of the Church.

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. Please 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!

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.

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;

FUNDRAISER FOR HOLY FAMILY HOLY NAME

SCHOOL On Saturday, August 14, Holy Family Holy Name School will be sponsoring the third annual Cool on a Hot Summer Night at the Wamsutta Club. It will star Jackie Santos with Juanetta Jackson and Stan Strickland. General admission is \$20 for 8-11; there's a VIP Fusion Admission for \$50 for 7-11. It will include a Cash Bar with light pub fare available. info, call 508.993.3547.

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.

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

COURAGE 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 meeting time and location information, please call Fr. Richard Wilson at 508.992.9408.

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 and we will mail you a registration form.



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

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.

THE DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER is committed to the process of help and healing for victims and survivors of sexual abuse by members of the Catholic clergy. If you or anyone you know has been a victim of sexual abuse by a clergy member, please contact, Arlene McNamee, Victim Assistance Coordinator at (508) 674-4681.

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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



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.

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.

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.