

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 24/25, 2010



Saturday	July	24,	4:00 PM	Louise G. Caldwell-McClain By Joseph & Muriel Carvalho
Sunday	July	25,	8:00 AM	Georgette Letendre By Lucille & Normand Pepin
			9:30 AM	Maria da Conceicao Viana & Manuel Tavares
			11:00 AM	By Mr. & Mrs. Anibal Tavares
Monday	July	26,	8:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> Ted Markowski (5 th Ann), Dorothy Cordeiro
Tuesday	July	27,	8:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
			2:00 PM	Special intention for Elaine Motta
Wednesday	July	28,	8:00 AM	Mass at The Oaks
Friday	July	30,	8:00 AM	Mildred Germano By Family
Saturday	July	31,	8:00 AM	Andy Pelletier (1 st Ann.) By Wife
Sunday	August	1,	4:00 PM	For the Parishioners
			8:00 AM	Agnes & Antonio Ferreira By Family
			9:30 AM	Manuel & Daniel Cardoza By Wife
			11:00 AM	<u>Community Mass:</u> Helen Ozug, Leona LaRose, Jose Leonardo

SANCTUARY LAMP: In memory of Andy Pelletier

SAINT JOSEPH: Special intention

OUR LADY OF FATIMA: Special intention

SAINT THERESE: For the sick and abandoned

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Collection: \$2,231.54 Thank You!

Last Year: \$2,389.50

Extra Effort: \$1,303.91

Expenses: \$1,916.51 (\$813.07, \$667.15 weekly budget payment for clergy medical & pension, \$88.00 office supplies, \$155.00 liturgical supplies, \$130.79 Verizon, \$62.50 The Word Among Us)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER ARE AVAILABLE The Sanctuary Lamp as well as the Saint Joseph Lamp, Our Lady of Fatima Lamp, and Saint Theresse 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:

**If God is your Co-pilot,
swap seats!**



My child, until a complete union or surrender occurs, you continue to wrestle with the pull of the world and worldly attractions and distractions. This creates conflict in you because I am calling you in another direction. This conflict makes you feel discouraged, dear one, but you should not allow this feeling. There is not growth without some bit of discomfort. So, when you feel unsettled and you long for old habits, remember that you used those habits to console yourself in emptiness. I am now filling that emptiness for you so you do not need to rely on these things anymore. Worldly habits or addictions did not make you happy, My little soul. You felt unrest and bitterness without Me. Now, with Me, you are beginning to experience true peace, the peace which comes from heaven.

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.



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.

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.

“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 - DISCALCED 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.

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.

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.

THE DIOCESAN HEALTH FACILITIES 2ND ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

will be held August 30th at LeBaron Hills Country Club. All proceeds will benefit the over 900 individuals we serve in our facilities and community programs. For details on various levels of participation available, please contact: The Diocesan Health Facilities Office at (508) 679-8154.

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.

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Diocesan Policy is as follows:

“Many advocacy groups and organizations contact pastors to make announcements at Mass; include information in the parish bulletin; and to ask that parishioners be rallied to write letters, send emails, and sign petitions. Caution is urged when responding to these requests as, while many of these causes are worthy, there are many advocacy groups today that have diverse membership and it is difficult to keep track of their position on a myriad of issues. The Massachusetts Catholic Conference represents the Diocese of Fall River and the other three dioceses of Massachusetts in all public policy and legislative matters. The Conference formulates positions and strategy in concert with the four Ordinaries. Its goal is to promote clear, consistent and appropriate teaching and advocacy for issues to which the Church is committed. Legitimate organizations affiliated with or friendly with the Church respect this goal and work with the Conference for approval of their initiatives and for a concerted strategic effort with our parishes. Groups that bypass the Conference and go directly to parishes diffuse this goal and can hinder the cause. When you are approached by a group or organization asking for parish involvement in public policy matters, please contact the Bishop’s office to see if the Massachusetts Catholic Conference has approved their request.”

THE LAST DAY!

1. God won’t ask what kind of car you drove. He’ll ask how many people you drove who didn’t have transportation.
2. God won’t ask the square footage of your house. He’ll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won’t ask about the clothes you had in your closet. He’ll ask how many people you helped to clothe.
4. God won’t ask what your highest salary was. He’ll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
5. God won’t ask what your job title was. He’ll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
6. God won’t ask how many friends you had. He’ll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
7. God won’t ask in what neighborhood you lived. He’ll ask how you treated you neighbor.
8. God won’t ask about the color of your skin. He’ll ask about the content of your character.
9. God won’t ask about your recreational activities of the day. He’ll ask if you put it before Him and the needs of others.
10. God won’t ask why it took you so long to seek salvation. He’ll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven and not to the gates of Hell.

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.

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

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.

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.

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!

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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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;
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.