

**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**7º DOMINGO DE PASCUA**  
**5/16/10**

**SATURDAY, MAY 15:**

**COURAGE:** a welcoming support group for Catholics wounded by same-sex attraction (SSA), who gather to seek God's wisdom, mercy and love. The next meeting of Courage will be held on Saturday, May 15 at 7 p.m. For info, please call Fr. Wilson at 508-992-9408. Join us in our search for truth that is in God alone.

**ROSARY** will be prayed at the home of Reina Maldonado, 25 Viall St. at 5 pm. Saturday. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to have the Rosary prayed at your home, please speak with Fr. Wilson.

**SUNDAY, MAY 16:**

**PUPUSAS, TACOS,** and other Salvadoran food will be for sale downstairs in the St. Hedwig Hall after the 11:30 Mass (about 12:45 p.m.) on May 16. Pupusas are a thick tortilla with cheese, bean spread or meat in them. All are welcome.

**U.I.A. (UNITED INTERFAITH ACTION) MEETING:**

**Sunday at 5 p.m.** in the rectory. Please come & join us and provide your input at this meeting as we prepare for our Action in June with the police chief, Ron Teachman. **Please save in your calendar Sunday, June 13 at 1:30 p.m.,** when we will have an Action Meeting with Chief Teachman here.

**NEW BEDFORD CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING**

**CONCERT** – May 16 at 7 p.m. at the First Unitarian Church, corner of Union & County Sts. Admission is \$15 for adults, children 12 & under are \$5.

**ROSARY** will be prayed at the home of Marina at 258 Acushnet Ave. at 4 pm. Sunday. All are welcome to attend.

**MONDAY, MAY 17:**

**MEETING TO PLAN DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** May 17 at 7 p.m. in the rectory we will have a meeting to plan a day of recollection here on Saturday, May 29, from 8 to 2. All are welcome to come to this meeting to share ideas and plan for this time of prayer and spiritual growth.

**TUESDAY, MAY 18:**

**SOUTH END PARISHES BIBLE STUDY** has resumed. Fr. Martin Buote is offering a study of the **Acts of the Apostles**. You can attend the class: Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the rectory OR Saturdays at 9:45 a.m. in the chapel. All are welcome. Please bring your own Bible.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 19:**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Wednesday from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., ending with Night Prayer & Benediction at 8:45 p.m. Please use the Fair St. entrance to the chapel. We pray the Rosary around 7:15 p.m. You can come for the whole 2 hours or for whatever time you have.

**FRIDAY, MAY 21:**

**WOMEN'S HOSPITALITY GROUP:** On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month (May 21) from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Convent/Centro

(2 Acushnet Ave.) women of the parish get together to knit prayer shawls for the sick and to prepare greeting cards for people of the parish. **If you know someone who is ill who would like a prayer shawl** (it has been blessed and the women who knitted them pray for the people who will have them), please call the rectory. This group is open to all women of the parish. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Diane and Sue Auger at 508-992-2611.

**SATURDAY, MAY 22:**

**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 the rectory. You may attend any session, without having attended earlier sessions. All meetings will be held on **Saturdays, 5:15 – 6:45 P. M.**

**May 22** - Remembering Ways to Honor and Cope

June 26 - What and How we Remember

July 24 - Why do I feel so Guilty?

August 21 - Depression and Anger

September 25 - Grief and Faith Questions

October 23 - We grieve because we Love

November 20 - Family Occasions; How to Cope

December 18 - Grief and The Holidays

Please use the back entrance of the Rectory. These programs are free and no registration is required. For more information, please call 508-345-2660 or 508-992-9408. Sister Judith Costa leads the group.

**HISPANIC PENTECOST VIGIL:** Saturday, May 22, The Diocese of Fall River's Hispanic Pentecost Vigil will begin with a procession with the Blessed Sacrament at 5:30 p.m., followed by Adult Confirmation at 6:30 and conclude with a reception to follow downstairs in the St. Hedwig Hall. All are welcome to attend.

**SUNDAY, MAY 23:**

**MATTHEW BENOIT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**FUND BREAKFAST:** The scholarship fund from St. James St. John will be putting on a breakfast here on **Sunday, May 23 from 9 to 11 a.m. Adults are \$10, children 3 to 11 are \$5.** (You can come downstairs after the 8:30 or 10 a.m. Masses or come early for the 11:30 or come back after having attended the 4 on Saturday). There will also be a Chinese Auction & a silent auction. For more information, please call Mrs. Vicente at 508-991-1022. You may pre-buy your tickets at the school or by them Sunday at the door.

**YOUTH GROUP** will meet on Sunday, May 23<sup>d</sup> will meet at 6 p.m. in the Fair St. parking lot. We will have a barbeque and play sports and games. All middle & high school youth are welcome to attend.

**THE SIGN OF PEACE & COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES HAS RETURNED:**

Bishop Coleman has issued the following directives for all places of worship in the Fall River Diocese: (1) The sharing of the Precious Blood during Mass by the faithful may be reinstated at the discretion of the pastor. Persons who

are not feeling well should refrain from receiving the Precious Blood from the Chalice. (2) The invitation to offer the Sign of Peace may be reinstated by the pastor. [However, people who are sneezing should not offer their hand to the people around them, nor should anyone be offended if someone prefers to offer peace via a nod of the head, a wave, or the "Peace sign."] (3) **Since the flu season has not ended, parishioners should be reminded that those who have the flu or believe that they have symptoms of the flu are excused from Sunday Mass.** (4) Care should continue to be taken by those distributing Holy Communion, as advised by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Divine Worship: "Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion should be especially reminded of the need to practice good hygiene. Ministers of Holy Communion should always wash their hands before Mass begins; a further precaution suggests using an alcohol-based anti-bacterial solution before & after distributing Holy Communion." We have the bottle of Pural on the kneeler for the ministers to use during the singing of the "Lamb of God."



The sanctuary lamp in the church this week will burn in memory of Padre Luiz daSilva Cabral & Germana Rodrigues Prudence. La vela del Sagrario en la iglesia esta semana es para las almas del Padre Luiz daSilva Cabral & de Germana Rodrigues Prudence.

**HELP CORNER:** We are in need of volunteers to help Kathy & Steve Massoud, now that he has returned home. If you are available, please call Alice Lester at 508-997-8040.

Pedro Ruiz, the Guatemalan man who had been in St. Luke's Hospital since last Spring, was recently transferred to Charlton Memorial Hospital (room 323) in Fall River. He is in need of visitors. If you are heading over to Fall River, please drop in and see him. Also, at Alden Court in Fairhaven, our parishioner Natalie Jackson would be happy to see you.

**PRAYER LINE (Línea para pedir oraciones)**

Call/llama a Alice Lester 508- 997-8040

**COLLECTIONS:** the 2nd collection today is for Property Insurance. The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next weekend is for Parish Operations. Thank you for your generosity.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BOOK A MASS, PLEASE CALL OR COME BY THE RECTORY.**

**MASS CELEBRANTS/CELEBRANTES DE LA MISA**

5/22-23/2010

Saturday, 4 p.m. – Fr. Fitzpatrick

Sunday, 8:30 & 11:30 – Fr. Wilson

10 a.m. – Fr. Buote

**2010 BOOSTER CLUB** has begun, but **you can still join.** Sign up sheets are at all entrances or call Thelma at 508-742-8780 or 1-508-977-7789.

**Winners – 5/9/10**

\$25 – Claire Sylvia \$15 – Margaret Mary Cabral

**ST. JAMES ST. JOHN SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP** has some spots available for children from the parish. If you are interested in sending your child on a daily or weekly basis, please call Mrs. Vicente at 508-991-1022.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL:** We thank those parishioners who have already made their donation to the Catholic Charities Appeal. The Appeal provides the funding for so many of the charitable works of the diocese: the chaplains in the hospitals, the assistance given through Catholic Social Services, the weekly Mass on Channel 6, etc. To make a donation, please take one of the white cards which you may find near the doors of the church. With the card you may make a donation: (a) in cash; (b) with a check; (c) with a credit card. You may make all of your donation right now or you can make a pledge and spread out your donation throughout the year, indicating on the card how often you would like the diocese to mail you an envelope. I appreciate what a difficult year this is economically, but even small donations are a great help to the people we will assist with the appeal funds this year.

**CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP:**

**A shift in focus: Adult stem cell research:** Stem cell research using human embryos is a matter of grave

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**INTENCIONES DE MISA**

**Saturday/Sábado, 5/15/10**

4 p.m. – Norman & Lillian Lewis

**Sunday/Domingo, 5/16/10**

8:30 – Wilfred Upham

10 a.m. – Lucille Dean

11:30 – en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

**Monday/Lunes, 5/17/10**

9 a.m. – Manuel Santos

7 p.m.- (Sp.) – Jose & Maria Viveiros

**Tuesday/Martes, 5/18/10**

9:00 a.m.- Rev. Clarence Murphy

**Wednesday/Miércoles, 5/19/10**

9 a.m. – Ruben Ramirez Masalonga

7 - 9 p.m. - Adoration/Adoración

**Thursday/Jueves, 5/20/10**

9 a.m. – deceased of the Dubois & Masse families

11 a.m.- Memorial Mass of the St. Hedwig Seniors

7 p.m. – (Sp.) – Eusebia Gavarrete

**Friday/Viernes, 5/21/10**

9 a.m. – Antonio Rodrigues & Sofia Ponte

2 p.m. – Mass @ Jewish Nursing Home – Pro Popolo

**Saturday/Sábado, 5/22/10**

9 a.m. – Joe & Silvino Pimental

1 p.m. – Baptism – Easton Almeida

4 p.m. – Fernand A. Kirouac

5:30 – Procesoión con el Santísimo

6:30 – Misa de la Vigilia de Pentecostés

**Sunday/Domingo, 5/23/10**

8:30 – David Murphy

10 a.m. – the intention is still available

11:30 – Rita Rivet

concern. The destroying of a life, no matter how tiny, to help another is not morally acceptable. Thankfully, many researchers are finding that adult stem cells once thought to be too restrictive are proving to be a better choice than embryonic stem cells. "Adult stem cells have more flexibility than we thought," says Dr. Joshua Hare, director of Interdisciplinary Stem Cell Institute at the University of Miami Medical School. "When you are treating a heart attack, you might do better with an adult stem cell." Adult stem cells are beneficial for many reasons: You don't have to worry about autoimmune rejections, they don't grow tumors and no life is being destroyed. According to the website [stemcellresearchfacts.org](http://stemcellresearchfacts.org) there over **70 diseases and conditions that are being helped by adult stem cell** research and/or therapies. Within 5 years, some adult stem cells experiments could get FDA approval for general treatment. It's encouraging that regardless of the present national political climate to push embryonic stem cell research; many scientists are moving in the direction that is providing faster and better results and is morally acceptable. For more information, go to [www.catholic-citizenship.org](http://www.catholic-citizenship.org)

**Bathroom Bill Extended: Please Help us Stop it:** Once again, the Judiciary Committee extended the deadline for all bills, this time to Tuesday, May 18. This will be the third "deadline" the Bathroom Bill has faced. Our opponents just keep fighting, and we cannot afford to give up now. Even the most "liberal" voters out there don't see passing the Bathroom Bill as a good project of Beacon Hill, when unemployment is at 10% and taxes just keep going up. More information can be found at [www.NoBathroomBill.com](http://www.NoBathroomBill.com). **MFI Policy Briefing- Transgender Rights Bill - House Docket #431:** According to the American Psychiatric Association, transgenderism is a disorder also known as Gender Identity Disorder or GID. There are no statistics on how many might be afflicted with GID; however, it is estimated that the ratio of male-to-female transsexuals to genetic males is less than five one-hundredths of 1 percent. The ratio of female-to-male transsexuals is considered even smaller. Rep. Carl Sciortino (D-Somerville) has re-filed a bill in the House (Sen. Ben Downing is the Senate sponsor) that would grant special rights to people with GID. The bill would add the vague category of "gender identity or expression" to the state ban on sex discrimination, defining it as "a gender-related identity, appearance, expression, or behavior of an individual, regardless of the individual's assigned sex at birth." Already, proprietors of all public accommodation are prohibited from discriminating against persons of any sex, or sexual orientation, in the full enjoyment of accommodations offered to the general public. The current law has exceptions for single-sex rest rooms, bathhouses, seashore facilities, fitness facilities, corporations established for the benefits of a single sex, and single-sex rooming houses. The bill would remove, on behalf of the gender-confused, all those exceptions which currently protect the privacy and safety of women and children. If this bill were to become law, the consequences would be chilling. First, school children would be taught that being transgender is normal. And sex change operations and hormone treatments would be topics in sex education classes. Next, women and children would be put at risk since anyone, regardless of their biological sex, would be allowed access to sensitive areas such as single-sex bathrooms and locker rooms as well as single-sex facilities (i.e. Curves). Questions also remain about whether churches and hospitals would be considered places of public accommodation. A Catholic hospital in California is being sued by a man who was denied surgery. Once same-sex marriage became public policy in Massachusetts, the Archdiocese of Boston was forced to abandon their adoption services. Citizens have the power to stop this bill from enshrining "transgender rights" into law. **Please call** your state representative and senator today at **617-722-2000** and

ask them to oppose HD431. Explain that the bill threatens the privacy and safety of women and children on behalf of a very small number of people who claim to have a gender disorder. For further information and timely updates on this and other bills, visit [www.mafamily.org](http://www.mafamily.org) or call MFI at 781-569-0400.

## **BAPTISMS/BAUTISMOS:**

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATES TO BE GODPARENTS:** **Godparents MUST be people who go to Mass Weekly.** If they go here, it would be a good idea to register in the Parish, since it is not easy for the Priest or the Deacon to remember everyone. If they go to Mass at another parish, they should register there. Please pass this information along, so that we do not have embarrassing situations denying sponsor certificates. **When choosing Godparents, they must be practicing Catholics who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If they are married, they need to be married in the Church** (or with the Catholic Church's permission in a non-Catholic Church). **If they are single, they need to be not "living together" with someone. A non-Catholic can be chosen as one of the sponsors, and would be called a "Christian witness". They would have to be practicing member of their church.** Godparents need to request sponsor certificates from the church they currently attend (not the church of their Confirmation).

**BAUTISMOS:** Las clases se hacen el 2º y el 3er domingo del mes en la capilla (detrás del altar mayor). **Las reglas de la Iglesia Católica sobre los padrinos: Los Padrinos tienen que ser católicos confirmados :**

- 1) **Los Padrinos tienen que asistir Misa cada domingo y estar inscritos (registrados) en una parroquia católica. Ellos TIENEN que pedir de su parroquia un Certificado para ser Padrino ("Sponsor Certificate") que atestigua que son católicos practicantes.** Así, cada persona que asiste a Misa aquí debe inscribirse o registrarse con la secretaria. Si no, es posible que vamos a negarte el permiso de ser padrino
- 2) **Si están casados, tienen que ser casados por la Iglesia Católica** (o con el permiso de la Iglesia Católica si fueran casados en otra Iglesia).
- 3) **Si son solteros, no pueden estar viviendo en una "unión libre" con otra persona.** Esto quiere decir que tienen que ser personas que pueden comulgar porque no están cometiendo el pecado de la fornicación. Aunque a veces no se puede tener el **padrino o la madrina que ustedes querían tener** (aunque en tu casa puedes llamar "padrino, madrina, tío," etc. a quienquiera), no estamos negando estas personas por capricho. **Deja de mentir al padre, la secretaria o los catequistas. Vamos a enterarnos de su situación y luego va a haber un disgusto.** Mejor evitar tal situación buscando alguien que puede ser padrino según las leyes de la Iglesia.
- 4) **Favor de llamarnos directamente a la rectoría para pedir una cita cuando usted quiere tener un bautismo.**

**PARA RESERVAR UNA MISA, HABLA CON EL PADRE O ANA EN LA RECTORÍA. SI HABLAN CON NOSOTROS CON ANTICIPACIÓN, HAY MÁS POSIBILIDAD QUE PODRÁN COGER LA FECHA QUE DESEAN.**

**EL CLUB DE 40 SEMANAS:** Para entrar en este club, hay que pagar \$40. Se puede pagar los \$40 todos a la vez, o en 2 pagos de \$20, o en 4 pagos de \$10, o en 8 pagos de \$5. **Siendo miembro de este club, tú estarás automáticamente en una rifa cada semana por \$15 y \$25 por 40 semanas, desde enero hasta octubre. En octubre tu nombre estará en la rifa final para \$500 y tendrás un boleto gratis para entrar en el almuerzo que tendremos en octubre.**

**Ganadores – 5/9/10**

\$25 – Claire Sylvia \$15 – Margaret Mary Cabral

**CAMPAMENTO DEL VERANO EN LA ESCUELA “ST. JAMES-ST. JOHN”**- Si quieres enviar tus hijos para unas semanas o solamente de vez en cuando, se puede llamar a la Señora Vicente (508-991-1022) o hablar con Padre Wilson.

**AYUDA NECESITADA:** Necesitamos voluntarios para ayudar a **Kathy & Steve Massoud**. Si puedes ayudarlos, favor de llamar a Alice Lester, 508-997-8040.

**Pedro Ruiz, el señor guatemalteco** que había estado en el hospital de San Lucas desde la primavera del año pasado, ha sido transferido al hospital **Charlton Memorial**, 363 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA 02720 (habitación 323). **Favor de visitarlo** o enviarle una felicitación. Está muy sólo.

**EL APELO DE LAS CARIDADES CATOLICAS** empezó el 1º de mayo. Favor de leer la información que tenemos cerca de las puertas de la iglesia y de dar lo que puedes para ayudar a los necesitados de la diócesis. **El Apostolado Hispano depende de este apelo para todos sus gastos:** los salarios de los Padres Carlos, Germán, Hugo y Marcos y de nuestra secretaria Ana Medina; las conferencias y retiros; etc. ¿Cómo se puede hacer una donación? Hay que usar una de las fichas que están cerca de las puertas. Se puede donar: (a) en efectivo; (b) haciendo una promesa, poniendo en la ficha tu nombre y dirección y la cantidad que quieres donar a lo largo del año (la diócesis te enviará un sobre cada mes para hacer tu donación); (c) pagando con tarjeta de crédito (poniendo tu información en la ficha y entregándola en la colecta). Favor de ser generosos. Aun si solamente puedes dar una pequeña cantidad, sería una gran ayuda al apostolado hispano.

**DEVOCION AL SAGRADO CORAZON DE JESUS Y DEL CORAZON INMACULADO DE MARIA** – si quieres que vengamos a rezar en tu casa, favor de llamar a Elisa Rios, 508-863-5238.

### **SÁBADO, 15 DE MAYO:**

**EL GRUPO DE ORACION DEL SABADO** se reúne a las 5 de la tarde en la capilla. Todos son bienvenidos.

**Se rezará el ROSARIO** en la casa de Reina Maldonado, 25 Viall St. a las 5 pm. el sábado, 15 de mayo. Todos son bienvenidos. Para rezar un Rosario en tu casa, favor de hablar con el Padre o con Sandra Molina.

**COURAGE:** es un grupo para católicos que están bregando con atracciones al mismo sexo y que quieren vivir las enseñanzas de Dios en cuanto a la castidad. Nuestra próxima reunión será el sábado, 15 de mayo a las 7 p.m. Para más información, favor de hablar con el Padre.

### **DOMINGO, 16 DE MAYO:**

**PUPUSAS, TACOS** y otra comida estarán a la venta después de la Misa de las 11:30 el domingo, 16 de mayo.

**REUNION DE U.I.A. (ACCION UNIDA INTERRELIGIOSA)** – el domingo, 16 de mayo a las 5 p.m. en la rectoría para preparar nuestra reunión con el jefe de la policía, Ronald Teachman. El se mostró preocupado por nuestras situaciones de inseguridad en las calles y por la falta de una reforma migratoria. Favor de poner en tu calendario la

fecha del **domingo, 13 de junio a la 1:30** cuando tendremos el Jefe de Policía aquí para escuchar nuestras preocupaciones.

**CONCIERTO DE MUSICA CLASICA** – el domingo a las 7 p.m. en la iglesia “First Unitarian,” esquina de las calles Union & County. Las entradas son \$15 para adultos, niños menos de 12 años son \$5.

**Se rezará el ROSARIO** en la casa de Marina (258 Acushnet Ave.) a las 4 pm. este domingo. Todos son bienvenidos.

### **MARTES, 18 DE MAYO:**

**Se rezará el ROSARIO** en la casa de Luci a las 6 pm. este martes. Todos son bienvenidos.

### **MIÉRCOLES, 19 DE MAYO:**

**Se rezará el ROSARIO** en la casa de Betsy a las 4 pm. este miércoles. Todos son bienvenidos.

**ADORACION DEL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO:** el miércoles desde las 7 p.m. hasta las 9 p.m. Rezamos el Rosario a las 7:15 y tenemos la Bendición Eucarística a las 8:45 p.m. Hay que entrar por la puerta detrás de la iglesia.

### **VIERNES, 21 DE MAYO**

**GRUPO DE LAS MUJERES:** Cada 3<sup>er</sup> viernes del mes, nos reunimos desde la **1 hasta las 3 p.m.** en el Convento/Centro (**2 Acushnet Ave.**) para hacer “shalls” para los enfermos de la parroquia y para preparar felicitaciones para los que se sienten solos. **Si conoces a alguien que está enfermo y que le gustaría tener una de esas “shalls”** (ha sido bendecida y las mujeres rezaron para los que las van a tener mientras las hacían), favor de llamar a la rectoría. El grupo es abierto a todas las mujeres de la parroquia. Si tienes preguntas, favor de hablar con Felicita (508-999-9445) o con Diane y Sue Auger (508-992-2611).

**Se rezará el ROSARIO** en la casa de Judith Vasquez (33 Park St. Court) a la 1:30 pm. este viernes. Todos son bienvenidos.

### **SÁBADO, 22 DE MAYO:**

**VIGILIA DE PENTECOSTES:** el sábado, 22 de mayo el Apostolado Hispano de la diócesis de Fall River tendrá la Vigilia de Pentecostés aquí. **Empezaremos a las 5:30 p.m.** con una procesión con el Santísimo Sacramento. Luego tendremos la Misa con la Confirmación de los Adultos. Después de la Misa tendremos una convivencia abajo en el salón. Después de la convivencia seguiremos rezando en la Iglesia Todos son bienvenidos.

### **DOMINGO, 23 DE MAYO:**

**DESAYUNO PARA EL PROGRAMA DE BECAS DE LA ESCUELA:** El domingo, 23 de mayo, desde las 9 hasta las 11 **podrás comprar tu desayuno** aquí (Adultos son \$10, niños de edades 3 a 11 son \$5). También habrá rifas y subastas. Para más información, favor de llamar a Leslie Vicente 508-991-1022.

**GRUPO DE JOVENES** – el 23 de mayo los jóvenes se reunirán a las 6 p.m. aquí para jugar deportes y tener un barbeque. Todos los de “middle” o “high school” son bienvenidos.