

**Mass Schedule and Intentions**

<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>April 17</b>
4:00 pm	Wilfred Jette
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>April 18</b>
6:30 am	Manuel Pires da Silva
8:30 am	Raymond R. Roy
10:15 am	Intentions of the Couto Family
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>April 19</b>
7:00 am	Roger Quintin
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>April 20</b>
7:00 am	Deceased members of the Fernandes & Freitas Families
<b>Wednesday,</b>	<b>April 21</b>
7:00 am	For Parishioners, Living & Dead
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>April 22</b>
7:00 am	Dorida Rioux
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>April 23</b>
<b>7:00 am</b>	Tadeusz Swiszc
<b>Saturday,</b>	<b>April 24</b>
8:00 am	Deceased of the Gelinas & Quintin Families
4:00 pm	London & Viola Hebert
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>April 25</b>
6:30 am	Mary G. Furtado
8:30 am	Deceased members Felix & Silvestre Families
10:15 am	Intentions of the Rocha Family

*The sanctuary lamp burns in April in prayerful memory of Roger Quintin.  
The Paschal Candle burns in memory of Caroline Marie Simas and deceased members of her family.*

**Financial Report**

<b>Income:</b>	
Parish Collection.....	\$2,433.96
Shrines .....	\$204.45
Bingo.....	\$1,000.00
Renovation Fund .....	\$1,478.79
Fuel.....	\$23.00
Food Cards (Profit on sales of \$2,270).....	\$113.50
Food Pantry.....	\$4,000.00
St. Anthony's Beautiful Note Cards.....	\$20.00
Pensões.....	\$30.00

**Among this Week's Bills & Expenses:**

Easter Flowers.....	\$1,356.74
Monthly Property Insurances Payment.....	\$5,000.00
School Insurance Debt Payment .....	\$3,000.00
Monthly Dumpster Costs.....	\$567.03
Portuguese Missalettes.....	\$92.30
Maintenance Expenses .....	\$665.22
Miscellaneous Other Expenses .....	\$687.44
Parish Staff Average Weekly Salaries .....	\$2,604.00
Parish Staff Average Weekly BC/BS .....	\$672.91
Parish Staff Average Weekly Pension .....	\$207.24

*(Total Average Weekly Expenses = \$12,096)*

**BINGO** — Bingo will take place this Wednesday at 6:45 pm. Food is served beginning at 4:30 pm to which the general public is invited

**PRAYERS** — Please keep Emilien Dupont, Janet Ouellet, Rhea Dumont, Lucille Connolly, Antoinette Orlowski, Alice Cote, Bernadette Lapointe, Georgette Roy, Lillian Brown, Mark Rogers, Doris Quintin, Helen Bender, Claire Souza, Raymond Michaud, Lucille Moore, Albina and Filomena Gomes and all the ill of our parish in your prayers. If you or a family member is ill and would like to request the prayers of your fellow parishioners, please call Pauline at the rectory or email Fr. Landry



*From*  
*Father Landry*

*fatherlandry@saintantbonynewbedford.com*

**Friday, April 23, Daily Mass Change** — This Friday, April 23, we will be having our daily Mass at 7 am rather than the ordinary 5:15 pm. There will not be the afternoon holy hour and 5:45 pm confessions. These changes are only for this week. The reason for the change is so that the Church can be readied for a concert in cooperation with the Zeiterion later on Friday night.

**Neocatechumenal Way Catecheses** — I would personally encourage you to come to the new phase of Neocatechumenal Way catecheses, which are being held on Tuesday and Friday nights at 7 pm in the classroom. The catechesis scheduled for April 23 will be held on Sunday, April 25, in the classroom, so as not to cause a parking problem with Friday night's concert. This is a great opportunity to grow in the knowledge and practice of the Catholic faith. It is open to all adults and mature teens.

**Joe Amaral 20/20 Special** — If you were not able to see the April 20/20 special on parishioner Joe Amaral's miracle, I have uploaded video to our parish website. Just go to the homepage and click on Amaral Miracle and you'll be able to watch the segments on your home computer.

**Next Sunday's Parish Breakfast** — I'm very grateful to our parish Knights of Columbus for holding another pancake breakfast next Sunday. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to grow as a parish family before and after the parish Masses. I'd encourage as many of you as can to come. All proceeds go to help the Knight's charities, which include our parish, various pro-life groups, families in need and so much more. The breakfast will take place from 7:15 to 10:30 AM. The menu will consist of pancakes (including toppings, syrup, and whip cream), sausage, juice and coffee. Tickets for this event, which are \$7 for an Individual and \$25 for a Family of 4+, will be sold after the Masse at the exits of the church this weekend and in the parish hall and in the sacristy.

**Prayers for Pope Benedict** — On Friday we marked Pope Benedict's 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday and tomorrow we celebrate his 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the successor of St. Peter. We pray for the pope in every Mass, but we should be praying for the pope with greater intensity as he continues to be the focus of calumny. Please keep him in your daily prayers, particularly in your Rosary. I have been writing about this new wave of scandals extensively in the Anchor editorials of the last month, which I'd encourage you to consult either in the print edition or on-line (anchornews.org, or catholicpreaching.com). I append the editorial from Friday here: Today is Pope Benedict's 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday. The last few weeks have likely seemed for him as long as years, but some semblance of sanity seems to be returning, at least among those who take an honest look at facts and then draw conclusions rather than draw conclusions and then look at facts.

As we have been stressing in these pages, to defend Pope Benedict is not to deny that the double-evil of the sexual abuse of minors and the lack of a prompt, thorough and fully Christian response by Church leaders, occurred. These evils did occur, but the cause of justice is not advanced by trying to pretend that the fundamental blame for them rests with Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger rather than with the abusive priests and their

irresponsible immediate superiors. We have emphasized that, rather than abetting these evils, the man who became Pope Benedict XVI is one of the true heroes of the Church's response, courageously pushing the Church at the highest levels — many of whom were in denial about the extent of the abominations — to respond adequately, decisively, forthrightly and (by historical Vatican standards) rapidly to discipline priests and protect Christ's flock.

The truth of Cardinal Ratzinger's real role as a crucial part of the solution not the problem is beginning to become apparent even to those who are among the fiercest critics of the Church's overall handling of the sexual abuse of minors. Jason Berry, the investigative journalist who in 1997 exposed the sexual abuse by Fr. Marcial Maciel, the founder of the Legionaries of Christ, described in an April 6 article in the *National Catholic Reporter* how Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger acted almost alone against other powerful forces in the Vatican to push an investigation of Fr. Maciel that eventually led to his being disgracefully disciplined.

*New York Times* columnist Ross Douthat argued in an April 12 article that such an approach was not an "isolated case" for Ratzinger. "In the 1990s, it was Ratzinger who pushed for a full investigation of Hans Hermann Groer, the Vienna cardinal accused of pedophilia, only to have his efforts blocked in the Vatican. It was Ratzinger who persuaded John Paul, in 2001, to centralize the church's haphazard system for handling sex abuse allegations in his office. It was Ratzinger who re-opened the long-dormant investigation into Maciel's conduct in 2004, just days after John Paul II had honored the Legionaries in a Vatican ceremony. It was Ratzinger, as Pope Benedict, who banished Maciel to a monastery and ordered a comprehensive inquiry into his order."

George Weigel amplified Douthat's point in a April 12 column on FirstThings.com. "The truth seems to have gotten out, if slowly and incompletely, [that] the single most influential figure in reshaping the Roman Curia's attitude toward these scandals and the Church's legal practice in dealing with them, was Joseph Ratzinger, now Benedict XVI. The plaintiff's bar cannot concede this, for to do so would be to destroy the narrative it has been selling to the world media; Ratzinger's enemies cannot concede this, for they have never been able to find good in him; and European secularists cannot concede this, for in their minds the Church is, in principle, irreformably corrupt.... But those willing to look at facts and evidence have begun to understand just how crucial a role Ratzinger played in ensuring that 2010 did not automatically become 2002" all over again. Weigel candidly notes that "there is no harm in acknowledging that, like just about everyone else, Joseph Ratzinger was on a learning curve in dealing with abusive clergy and malfasant bishops; the point to be stressed, however, is that he learned faster, and acted more decisively on what he had learned, than just about anyone else."

In his column Weigel also provided other reasons why 2010 is not 2002 all over again, which American Catholics, beleaguered and still righteously indignant about the multivalent evil that took place in the Church, need to keep in mind.

"During the Long Lent [of 2002], the press played an important role in dragging into the light of day awful things the Church had failed to confront, or had confronted ineptly. The shame of that period still stings, as do the wounds suffered by victims. Yet 2010 is not 2002, and that is in large measure due to 2002. Despite the ignorance and tendentiousness displayed by too many journalists and commentators in recent weeks, ... the facts are slowly getting out, thanks in part to the unprecedented

studies and audits authorized by the bishops of the United States in the wake of the Long Lent. Reasonable people whose perceptions are not warped by the toxin of anti-Catholicism or who are not pursuing other (often financially-driven) agendas now recognize that the Church in the U.S. and Canada has [made] enormous efforts towards cleaning up what Cardinal Ratzinger called in 2005 its 'filth,' to the point where the Catholic Church today can be empirically shown to be the safest environment for young people and children in North America. The paralyzing drumbeat of one ghastly new story after another that went on all during 2002 has not been repeated. What we now have is, largely, the recycling of old material, usually provided to the press by contingent-fee attorneys whose strategic goal is to build a public 'narrative' of conspiracy that will shape American courts' decisions as to whether the Vatican and its resources can be brought within range of U.S. liability law. The realization among serious Catholics that this is not 2002 and that things have changed dramatically since 2002, has led to a far more confident effort to fight back against misrepresentations such as those the [*New York Times*] perpetrated on March 25."

One such response against misrepresentation, he said, concerns an honest critique of the motivation of some of those attacking the Church. "Are those most vigorously agitating these abuse/misgovernance issues today genuinely interested in the safety of young people and children, or are they using the failures of the past to cripple the moral credibility of the Catholic Church in the present and future? That question would have rightly struck many people as a dodge in 2002. It cannot be credibly regarded as a dodge today, because of what the Church has done since 2002." If the motivation of some of the principal agitators were really about protecting children from the scourge of sexual abuse, we would anticipate that they would be seeking to attack abuse wherever it is found. As multiple studies have amply demonstrated, the sexual abuse of minors is just as prevalent in other religious denominations as in the Catholic Church, and much more prevalent in places like public schools, homes with live in boyfriends, and even, per capita, among U.S. swim coaches, as a recent television special demonstrated. While we believe that the Church should be held to a higher standard than other institutions, the fact that the Church has received the disproportionate attention of contingency lawyers, some state legislatures, and some segments of the media do suggest, objectively, that something more the protection of children is going on.

Weigel finishes his article by arguing how the reforms begun in 2002 need to be accelerated and expanded. "If 2010 is not to become 2002 *redivivus*, the Holy See must make unmistakably clear that ... in addition to swift action against abusive priests, the Church is prepared to take swift and decisive action against episcopal misgovernance. ... The right to choose bishops ... carries with it the responsibility to address episcopal failure, even by the ultimate remedy of deposition in extreme cases. Procedures for accelerating the laicization of abusive clergy have been put in place in Rome; parallel procedures for determining when a bishop has lost the capacity to govern because of a thorough and irremediable collapse of his credibility as a leader and shepherd ought to be devised and implemented."

As we celebrate Benedict's birthday today and the fifth anniversary of his election on Monday, we pray that the Lord may bless him with the courage, stamina and years to continue the reform in which he has already played such an important role

**Catholic Charities Appeal** — We are gearing up for the 2010 Catholic Charities Campaign, which is so crucial for the Church's care of so many families and individuals in need throughout our entire diocese. I anticipate that we will show the video at next weekend's Masses and all registered parishioners should be getting a letter in the mail. Please pray for the success of this year's appeal. So many people depend on it.

**Spiritual Pamphlets** — I'd encourage you to continue to grow in your knowledge of the faith by taking one of the various pamphlets know at the various entrances of the Church with you to read prayerfully over the course of the week.

**Daily Holy Hours** — I encourage every person or family in the parish to try to come to the afternoon holy hour in the parish at least one time a week. The holy hour is held Monday through Thursday from 5:15-6:15 pm and features the sung Liturgy of the Hours, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, confessions (whenever I'm present) and other prayers.

#### UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

*April 18, Fuel Offering* — This goes to pay off our annual heating bill, which is expected to exceed \$100,000 this year.

*April 25, Organ Restoration* — This goes toward the \$300,000 that will be needed fully to restore our parish organ in anticipation of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its installation in November, 2012. The organ recital series helps to raise money to this purpose, but alone will not come close to raising the money needed to bring this organ back to its full potential

*May 2, Parish Grounds and Beautification* — This goes to helping us not only keep our property clean but improve it with flowers and God-willing one day some statues and grottoes, so that our parish may be an oasis in the heart of the inner city.

**FROM PAULA BRIDEN OF THE FOOD PANTRY** — A good time was enjoyed by all who came to the Spaghetti Supper/Sock Hop. Thanks to the food pantry volunteers who cooked a delicious meal and the youth group who are excellent wait staff. The hall was full of excitement. We had some great competitors in the hoola hoop contest and bubble gum blowing contest. Ages varied from 4-64! The Red Sox tickets were won by Peter Phillip from our parish! By the end of the evening we had offers of donations for our next event. Suggestions were made for 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's music next time. You can view pictures on the food pantry and youth group blogs " Thanks for all your continued donations to the food pantry. We still need plastic bags and plastic containers. Last month we collected 7,985 items for the Feinstein Million Dollar Challenge. The Challenge ends April 30th so there is still plenty of time to donate. In March we helped 645 families with groceries and served 967 lunches. We need help unloading food on April 21 at 1:30 and April 28 at 3:15. It only takes about a half hour. Thanks, Paula 508-994-9907

**MAY 2 CONCERT** — Our final concert in the 2009-2010 calendar will be our May 2 Spring Concert featuring many choral and organ works. It will take place at 3 pm. Please make plans to come and bring your friends.

**TRIDENTINE MASS** — On the first Saturday of every month, we celebrate the 8 am morning Mass in Latin according to the 1962 Roman Missal of Pope Blessed John XXIII. The Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate lead everyone in singing the Gregorian Chants. Booklets and explanatory sheets are provided. All are welcome. The next first Saturday Mass is May 1.

**SAINT ANTHONY FEAST** — The Saint Anthony Feast is less than two months away. The Feast runs concurrent with the weekend with the Day of Portugal Event June 11-13 and is one of the very important fund raisers for our parish, not to mention an occasion that brings our various parish cultures together in collaboration and celebration. The feast Straw Booth is one of the most popular attractions but needs to be

well-stocked for its success. This booth can only operate through your parish donations. We have in stock only 100 items. In actuality, 500 items are needed to make this booth a success. The difference between 100 and 500 can be easily made up if each and every parishioner were to donate a small household appliance (coffee maker, can opener, chopper, etc.), other housewares, toy/game/action figure and any other miscellaneous house ware or vanity/cosmetic item. Items that can be "re-gifted," such as unused/unopened from Christmas, past birthday, etc. are gladly welcomed. If you are able to make such a donation, please put such items in a bag and/or mark such items as "Feast" and drop these off in the sacristy. If you have any questions concerning this request or event or to sign up to volunteer to serve at the Feast, please call Steven Guillotte at (508) 863-5928.

#### SHAW'S, STOP-AND-SHOP AND TRUCCHI FOOD CARDS

— These are available in the sacristy before and after every Mass. Five percent of the proceeds from all cards bought through the parish is kept by us. Since everyone needs to buy groceries, if you were to do so via gift cards bought through the parish, you would be able to increase your weekly contribution to the parish by \$5 for every \$100 of groceries you buy, without needing to add another penny to what you put in the collection basket each week. Every parish household is asked prayerfully to consider doing this for the good of the parish

**PENSÕES** — The Holy Spirit Committee of the Parish is now offering reservations for the traditional pensão (a basket containing wine, meat and sweetbread) that one can buy for one's own family, for a neighbor, or for a poor family. The donation is \$30 and tickets may be obtained in the sacristy, at the rectory, or from the Mordomos (David and Dorvalina Medeiros) or Vice Mordomos (Tony and Zoraida Amaral). The pensões will be distributed on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. ANTHONY'S SENIORS** — On April 19, we will have our anniversary party at noon at the Century House. Please bring gifts for the raffle table. On April 26, we will have our meeting at 1:30 in the Parish Hall. It will be the last time to sign up for the May 5 luncheon and show at White's of Westport. We will play Bingo after the meeting. New members are always welcome.

**EUCCHARISTIC VIGIL FOR PRIESTS** — Our Lady's Chapel in downtown New Bedford is hosting a Eucharistic Prayer Vigil for Priests in honor of this Year for Priests this afternoon, Sunday April 18th from 1pm-6pm. Each priest from the New Bedford Deanery is going to receive the prayers of a Holy Hour. All parishioners and friends are invited to attend the holy hour for their parish priest and if they are not able to attend the hour assigned, they are most welcome to come at any time during the vigil to pray for their priest. Fr. Landry and Fr. Nick have been assigned the 2-3pm hour this afternoon. Please come and pray for them. There is a sign up sheet in the sacristy for those who know they would like to attend. Please feel free to contact Marijanna Lokitis 508-415-5394 for questions or more info.

**BULLARD STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION** — The BSNA has meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm in St. Anthony's Hall. This is a very important civic organization that works to keep our section of the city clean, safe and constantly improving. All members of the community are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings. The next meeting is May 20.

**HEARING IMPAIRED** — We have at St. Anthony's radio units for the hearing impaired available in the sacristy. If in need, please visit the sacristy before Mass to borrow one.

**BEQUEATHALS TO ST. ANTHONY'S** — To maintain our parish church for the glory of God in the future requires more than the weekly collection provides. One great act of love for God and for this parish would be, after providing for one's family and loved ones, to put St. Anthony's in one's will, which would help to ensure the long-term future of the parish. Bequests are free of estate tax and can substantially reduce the amount of your assets claimed by the government. One can give needed support for this parish by simply including the following words in his or her will: "I give, devise and bequeath to St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, 1359 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford,

MA 02746 (insert amount being given here) to be used to support its continued renovation and maintenance.” A bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. One can also name St. Anthony’s as a contingency beneficiary in the event someone named in his or her will is no longer living. It is recommended that a lawyer help in drafting or amending a will.

**BEAUTIFUL ST. ANTHONY’S CARDS** — We now have five great cards featuring spectacular images of the parish. The cards are blank on the inside, so they can be used for thank you notes or for any other purpose. They are available in packets of 10 for \$10 in the sacristy or at the parish office. Individual cards are now available for \$1.50. All proceeds go to the parish’s renovation fund. This is a great way to spread the beauty of the Church to all your family and friends.

**PRAYERS FOR ENGAGED COUPLES** — Please keep the following couples, who are preparing to get married at St. Anthony’s, in your prayers, that this time of immediate preparation for marriage will be a time where they draw closer to the Lord and in the Lord closer to each other, as he prepares to join them in one flesh: David Medeiros and Jennifer Almeida (May 15); Christopher Silva and Alycia Robitaille (May 28, 2010); Ed Ross and Rachel Golub (May 29, 2010); Justin Manning and Shawna King (June 5); Robert Amador and Stacy Rebello (Aug 6); Nathan Baptista and Anna Luiz (Aug 21); Claudio Da Costa and Amy Rodrigues (Sept 4); Michael Floyd and Karen Hathaway (Sept 18); Timothy Medeiros and Jennifer Courto (Feb 12, 2011); Scotty Ferreira and Amanda Correia (May 21, 2011); Brian Pratt and Adelaida Santiago (Sept 3, 2011); Brendan Burkner and Sephanie Penler (Sept 10, 2011); Peter Medeiros and Kelly Lima (Sept 10, 2010); Today, more than ever, we need to pray for those with the vocation to marriage, that they may be open to the fullness of this great gift of God for their mutual sanctification and for the raising up of the Church and all of society.

**SCHOLARSHIPS TO CATHOLIC SCHOOL** — The Diocese of Fall River is once again, through the St. Mary’s Education Fund, making need-based scholarships available for the 2010-2011 school year. Students presently enrolled, or who are accepted and registered for the 2010-2011 school year in one of the 22 Diocesan elementary or middle schools are eligible to apply. Any parent interested in having his or her child attend one of the Catholic elementary or middle schools in the Diocese of Fall River should contact the principal of the school in which they have interest. Once accepted and registered they may apply for this need-based scholarship aid. Applications may be obtained at any of the schools.

**SMILES** — There is a tremendous need for volunteer mentors for young people in our public schools. The SouthCoast Mentoring Initiative for Learning, Education and Service (SMILES) strives to help students achieve their personal and educational potential by pairing them with positive adult mentors, putting students who are identified as “in need” with an adult mentor, who meets with them at school once a week for about an hour, individually or in a group, to talk about their day, to participate in activities, and even work on some schoolwork together. SMILES new literacy programs focus on reading skills at the first and second grade levels. The results of SMILES programs have been very impressive in terms of the participating students’ improvements in school attendance, grades, behavior and preventing school dropouts. There is a particular need for adult men to serve in this capacity. To volunteer or to seek more information, please call Elizett Pires at 508.999.9300, email [epires@smilesmentoring.org](mailto:epires@smilesmentoring.org). You may also visit [smilesmentoring.org](http://smilesmentoring.org).

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** — For Catholic couples who for serious reasons are trying not to conceive a child right now or for those who are — who don’t want to sin by using contraception on the one hand, or IVF on the other — there is a moral means, calling Natural Family Planning. For more information, or to register for a free introductory class on the Creighton Model of NFP and NaPro Technology, please call Monica Bergeron, FCP at 401-441-4034 or email her at [iconfertility@cox.net](mailto:iconfertility@cox.net).

**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.

**BULLETINS TO HOME-BOUND PARISHIONERS** — If there is any homebound parishioner who normally is not able to make Mass who would like to receive a copy of the bulletin by mail, please simply call Pauline at the rectory and we’ll make sure you get one each week

**GIVING ELECTRONICALLY** — Various people are signing up to support St. Anthony’s electronically rather than the traditional means of budget envelopes. Copies of sheets explaining the program — as well as written enrollment forms — are now at the back of the Church, in the sacristy and on our website. To sign up for it is easy: just click on the “Electronic Giving” link on our website or fill out a sheet by hand (available in the sacristy) and allow us to do the work for you. This has many advantages for you as well as for the parish

**LIVE, LAUGH, LOVE** — On May 4, from 10-4:30 at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center, Wareham, there will be a retreat facilitated by Peggy Patenaude of *Taking Time Out* [www.timeoutretreats.com](http://www.timeoutretreats.com). Come early for 9:00AM Mass to be celebrated by Fr. Stan Kolasa. To register, contact Peggy at 508-548-9149 or [timeoutretreats@comcast.net](mailto:timeoutretreats@comcast.net). Register by April 15 and save \$10.

**HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND** — If you or some parishioner you know is temporarily or permanently incapable of coming to Mass on Sunday and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call or email Fr. Landry at the rectory. Three Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion have been commissioned to begin taking the Lord to parishioners in these circumstances.

**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.

**RETRouvaille** — Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication; if you are considering separation or divorce, Retrouvaille can help you. Look them up on the web at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com) or call 800.470.2230

**DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP** — Meets at the Family Life Center, 500 Slocum Road, North Dartmouth from 7-8:30 pm on the second and last Wednesday of each month. There is no charge and it is open to all separated or divorced persons. For more information, please call Joanne Dupre (508.965.9296) or Bob Menard (508.673.2997).

**PRAYER LINE** — SALT has started a prayer line ministry. If you would like to join or are interested in more information, please call Patricia Greene at 508.985.3010. Information will also be available at the next SALT meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for those who cannot attend Mass to participate in one of the Church’s ministries

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS** — Please notify the parish office when you are moving. Each month, we need to pay about \$25 to the post office for getting budget envelopes returned after parishioners have moved. You can notify us by simply writing the new address on your budget envelope about 1-2 months ahead of your move. You can also call or email the parish office. Thank you for helping us not waste this money!

**WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR YOUR MARRIAGE TODAY?** Are you looking for ways to enhance your marriage? Visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org). It’s part of the U.S. Catholic Bishops’ efforts to promote and enhance marriages. Please email the address to other married couples you know as well.