



*Jesus said: "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another." - Jn 13:33a, 34a*

MAY 2, 2010

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Dr. Jack McCue,

Honorable Jack Kemp, Anne Nee, Magdalena Schuhmacher, Kathy Perriti, Mark DeSouza, Julia Colby, Lisa Fulone, Robert N. Mead, all the other Faithful Departed, & for the sick, especially Father Frank Chase, Msgr. John Regan, Father Robert Donovan, Clarence Leonard, Lillian Laurendeau, Doris Maguire, Justine Bowen, Barbara Quinn, Alice Kirk, Joseph Vacca, Philip Astone, Michelle Roberge Janson, Al Oliveira, Ginny Dexter, Mary Sullivan & Bob Noonan, & let us pray for our troops serving around the world, especially Tony Mitchell, Ryan Barnes, John Jeglinski, Philip McGovern, Deana Masotta, Benjamin LaCasse, & Jason & Joshua Allen & for all the victims of natural disasters.

**ANNOUNCED MASSES:**

- Sat., May 1, 4 p.m. Anniv. for Honorable Jack Kemp.
- Sun., May 2, 8:30 a.m. Anniv. for Anne Nee.
- Sun., May 2, 10 a.m. Anniv. for Magdalena Schuhmacher.
- Sun., May 2, 11:30 a.m. for our Confirmation Class.
- Mon., May 3, 9 a.m. Anniv. for Kathy Perriti.
- Tues., May 4, 9 a.m. for our parishioners.
- Wed., May 5, 9 a.m. Mem. for Mark DeSouza.
- Thurs., May 6, 9 a.m. Anniv. for Julia Colby.
- Fri., May 7, 9 a.m. Mem. for Lisa Fulone.
- Sat., May 8, 4 p.m. Anniv. for Robert N. Mead.
- Sun., May 9, 8:30 a.m. Mem. for Dorothy Campell & Beatrice Mitchell.
- Sun., May 9, 10 a.m. Mem. for Margaret Bushy & Mary Palanza.
- Sun., May 9, 11:30 a.m. Mem. for Dr. Jack McCue.

**FIRST FRIDAY:** is May 7. The Novena of the Sacred Heart will be prayed after Mass, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction



**CONFIRMATION**

Rev. Msgr. John J. Perry, V.E., will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation here this Sunday, May 2, at the 11:30 a.m. parish Mass. Please support our young people with your prayers as they are sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.



Religious Education

CLASSES FOR

GRADES 3-8 ARE OVER UNTIL FALL.

Grades 1 & 2 will meet this Sun., May 2.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade May Crowning: Mothers' Day, May 9.

Rehearsal Fri., May 7, 4-5 p.m.

First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 16, 11:30 Mass.

Rehearsal: Fri., May 14, 4-5 p.m.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** "To be involved in the service of Jesus is a sacred trust to which we have been invited". These words of St. Vincent de Paul are as important today as they were when he offered them. Feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, visiting those in prison, giving drink to the thirsty, burying the dead & visiting the sick- these are still being carried out by your Vincentians at St. Elizabeth's. **\*\*May 5<sup>th</sup> will be the last Date for making a reservation for our Spring Luncheon. Call Liz at 508-563-5076.**

**ST. ELIZABETH SETON PRAYER GROUP:** will meet Next on Thursday, May 6, 7 p.m., in the church. The more you bring to God, the more you will receive from Him. **\*\*Don't forget the Prayer Basket at the Tabernacle for your intentions.**

**NOVENA OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL:** is prayed Every Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Mass.

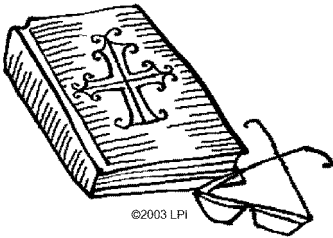


**DO YOU HAVE A LOVED ONE IN THE MILITARY?**

You are welcome to join the support group at the Gus Cauty Center in Falmouth the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the Month (May 10 & 24). **\*\*The white baskets at the Church exits are for items to be sent to our troops in Iraq**



this year is from May 1 to June 22. The Appeal represents 69 years of sharing with people in need. All registered parishioners have received an important mailing from Father Medeiros this week, including their contribution cards. A "Pledge" will enable you to make a larger gift with greater ease. You may also use your credit card or contribute by using the Catholic Charities website: [www.frdiocatholiccharities.org](http://www.frdiocatholiccharities.org). The Catholic Charities Appeal has a tremendous impact on our community as tens of thousands of people are assisted annually across the Diocese of Fall River. Through the generosity of the parishioners of the 91 parishes of the Diocese, the hungry are fed, the sick & infirm are cared for, & the children & adults in need of shelter & protection are housed & comforted, to name a few of the many services that depend on the annual Catholic Charities Appeal



**BIBLE STUDY:** meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month after the 9 a.m. Mass, in the church hall. We are studying the Gospel of Luke. The next meeting is on May 13. Come on down!

**OSTEOPOROSIS EXERCISES:** Come join us on Monday mornings at 9:30 in the church hall. Please have weights, water & a towel. Remember – men can get osteoporosis too!

**25/25 DRAWING PLAN:** The winner for week # 17 was JOSEPH MULVEY. Remember – if your number is drawn, it goes right back in, so you can be a winner twice or more. Still time to get in on the action – registration forms are at the church exits. The final drawings on week #25 are \$500, \$200, & two \$100s.

**PARISH SUPPORT:** Budget: \$4009. Maintenance \$1308.

**CATHOLIC ISSUES:** The Cape Cod Family Life Alliance sponsors programs related to these issues on Thursdays at 3 p.m. on Channel 13. This month features Bishop Thomas Tobin speaking on "Defending Catholic Beliefs in an Immoral Society."

**FRIENDSHIP DAY:** Our Guild will be hosting this May Friendship Day, sponsored by Church Women United, here at St. Elizabeth Seton on Fri., May 7, 2-5 p.m., ending with a light supper. Call Chris Bagarella 563-6820

**ADOPTION BY CHOICE:** a program of Catholic Social Services, is licensed in Massachusetts & Rhode Island. The agency will sponsor an adoption information session on Tues., May 11, at the Catholic Social Services central office, 1600 Bay St., Fall River. This session will be for all interested in adopting a domestic newborn or a child from another country. Call Catholic Social Services at 508-674-4681 for info & directions, or visit the agency website: [www.cssdioc.org](http://www.cssdioc.org).

**SENIORS NEED HELP:** The Falmouth Senior Center has put out an urgent call for volunteers to drive seniors to medical appointments. Some seniors are too frail to ride the senior center's bus or have appointments outside of Falmouth; many have no family members living close by. Volunteers receive a small stipend for gas. Time commitment is up to the volunteer – as much as once a week, or as little as once a month. Please call Karin Benedict at the Center, 508-540-0196.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Diocese of Fall River has initiated Safe Environment programs to ensure the safety & security for all children as they participate in church & religious activities. Safe Environment programs require background checks, training, & codes of conduct for employees & volunteers who work with young people. It also includes outreach & education for parents. If you would like more information about Safe Environment programs, call Debora Jones at 508-674-4681.

**BIRTHRIGHT OF FALMOUTH:** will be holding its Annual Carnation Festival on Mothers' Day weekend, May 8 & 9, at all the Masses. Your donation of only \$1.00 for each beautiful flower will enable them to continue to offer women experiencing crisis pregnancies loving emotional support, as well as directions to the many resources that are available.

**TRANSFORMATION**

When we clean, repair, or otherwise restore things in our possession, we often say "good as new" or "just like new." This, according to the Book of Revelation, is what happens to anything that is filled with the glory of Christ. When scripture uses the word "new" it doesn't merely mean "a different one, a replacement" (as our advertisements do), but it carries the sense of something being transformed so fully & completely that it is now almost unrecognizable. Our world is filled with tears, death, pain, thirst, darkness; but the new world – the new heavens & new earth brought about by Christ's resurrection – is filled with joy, everlasting life, glory, living water & light. As Paul noted in his 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Church at Corinth, if we are in Christ, then we are a new creation,. And disciples who are a new creation, who live in the new heaven & earth brought about by Christ, are also daily practitioners of a new commandment: to love one another with that transforming, re-new-ing love that Christ bestowed on us.

J.S. Paluch