NEW BEDFORD, MA.



POLISH FEST 2018 is nearer than we might realize—July 14th & 15th--only 5 weeks away!

We are asking every household to please consider donating two **new and unused items** for the gift booths—something that you would be happy to win—and/or a gift certificate solicited from a restaurant or other local business. Gift certificate letters of introduction are available from Chris Regula and Dorothy Roncka after the weekend Masses and at Bingo on Thursdays.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet in the parish hall this Monday evening, the 11th, at 7 o'clock to fine-tune some elements of our Polish Fest. All festival volunteers and interested parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend this meeting.

FATHER'S DAY MASS CARDS are still available at the church entrances. Pick up as many as you will need and enroll your father, grandfather, godfather, husband, son, brother, and/or other male relatives and friends in the Novena of Masses that will begin on Father's Day. As always, smaller envelopes are available to enroll the deceased. On Father's Day, give the gift that really matters—the gift of Masses.

ARE YOU A PINCHER? If your answer is "yes," you are invited to join the friendly crew (male and female) this Tuesday morning, the 12th, when more of our delicious much-sought-after "specialty of the house" pierogi will be produced for our Polish Fest. Volunteers will meet in the church hall around 8-8:30; use the back door and stairs leading to the kitchen.

CHOOSE LIFE!..."If I do not address this evil [of abortion], what will happen to the unborn? If I do not get involved, what will happen to those who are vulnerable, to those who are marginalized in our society, those who are oppressed and have no one to speak for them?"—Father Frank Pavone

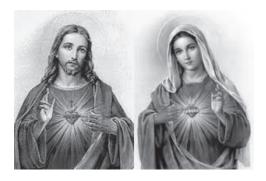
SHARING FAITH AND HOPE...Our generous response to the Catholic Charities Appeal affirms our belief in the value of every human life and the dignity of every person.

Tens of thousands of people in southeastern Massachusetts are touched by the ministries supported by the Appeal, and ninety-four cents of every dollar goes directly to the apostolates funded by the annual Appeal.

If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider giving as generously as possible to partner with Catholic Charities in sharing the spiritual and material gifts with which we have all been blessed. This is Jesus' Gospel mandate to us.

FEASTS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS and the Immaculate Heart of Mary were both celebrated throughout the Catholic world this weekend.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents Christ's love for us, especially His compassion and patience toward us. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is not only overflowing with love for us, but it is a wounded heart encircled by thorns and pierced—the Heart that some wanted to kill; a love they tried to extinguish.



Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary focuses on Mary's love for God and her maternal love for her Son Jesus. It encourages us to imitate her humility, gratitude, obedience, and adoration. The roses surrounding Mary's heart represent her sinlessness, purity, holiness, and new life. The sword piercing the top of her heart represents her redemptive suffering as a "spiritual crucifixion."



Sat. - June 9 - 10th Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM

+Alvin Bodzioch

Req. Ann Bodzioch Bojack

<u>Sun. - June 10 - 10th Sunday Ordinary</u> <u>Time</u>

10:00 AM

+Lydia Maher

Req. Sister, Nicole Michalski

& Family

Mon.- June 11 - St. Barnabas

7:30 AM

OLPH Parishioners, Living & Deceased

Tues. - June 12 - Weekday

7:30 AM

Healing

Req. Jack Chmiel

Wed. - June 13 - St. Anthony of Padua

7:30 AM

Benefactors of the Conventual

Franciscan Order Living & Deceased

Thurs. - June 14 - Weekday

7:30 AM

+Stanley Skrabasz

Fri. - June 15 - Weekday

7:30 AM

OLPH Parishioners Living & Deceased

Sat. - June 16 - Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 AM

In Thanksgiving

Req. Armindo & Cynthia Linhares

Sat.- June 16 - 11th Sunday Ordinary Time

4:00 PM

+John Holland

Req. Bob & Marianne Laprise

+Fernando Monteiro (Month's Mind) Reg. Wife Pat & Family

Sun- June 17 - 11th Sunday Ordinary Time

10:00 AM

Father's Day Novena #1

Sisters and Brothers of Our Parish Family,

How do we know what information we can trust?

When Jesus appeared to the apostles after His Resurrection, Thomas refused to believe until he saw Jesus' wounds and put his fingers into them. One could say that he was just being a good journalist.

With the proliferation today of media outlets—mostly privately owned and subject to the influence of those owners and their advertisers--what appears on front pages and the internet is often driven by their own agendas and biases, often with little concern for objective or balanced views.

What is emerging out of today's mainstream media are stories that have no factual basis at all. Fake news is being disseminated not only to harm our president—and, as a result, our country—but also to demean Christianity, especially the Catholic Church.

Earlier this year, Pope Francis announced that this year's World Communications Day would focus on fake news: "an often misleading distortion of facts, with possible repercussions at the level of individual and collective behavior." Against this fake news, the Pope would promote more professional journalism "which always seeks truth, and therefore a journalism of peace that promotes understanding between people."

Previously, Pope Francis said that spreading disinformation was "probably the greatest damage the media can do," and that using media to spread lies amounts to a sin.

So, it is important that we, like Thomas, make the effort to confirm the facts and check the trustworthiness of those providing the information we hear. Because, if it weren't for Thomas, we would never have the story of the apostle who confirmed the truth of Jesus' Resurrection.

Peace and Blessings, Father Conrad