



April 10 – 11, 2010 Divine Mercy Sunday

"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, whose sins you retain are retained."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 10th

Vigil: Divine Mercy Sunday

4:00 PM Carmello Lemmo
Requested by his wife Louise

6:00 PM Rita Hagan
Requested by Alfred & Florence Zarrella

Sunday, April 11th

Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 AM Gloria A. LeClair
Requested by the LeClair family

10:30 AM Dominic & Rosalia Bellia
Requested by their daughter Connie

Monday, April 12th

7:00 AM Maryann (Ramondelli) Desgroseilliers
Requested by her family

Tuesday, April 13th

St. Martin I. pope & martyr

7:00 AM Deceased of the Camille Berube Family
Requested by Rene Berube

7:00 PM St. Anthony Novena: Week 1
Preacher: Fr. Bob Brusio

Wednesday, April 14th

5:30 PM Lawrence Badagliacca
Requested by his wife & children

Thursday, April 15th

7:00 AM John Curran
Requested by his family

Friday, April 16th

7:00 AM Louise & Ralph Alario
Requested by John & Gina Fanelli

2:00 PM School Mass

Saturday, April 17th

VIGIL: Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Joseph A. Morizzo (Anniversary)
Requested by his wife & family

6:00 PM Eugene St. Jean
Requested by his family

Sunday, April 18th

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Diann Mittola
Requested by her sisters Elaine & Bettina

10:30 AM Anthony Marotta
Requested by his wife & family

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Acts 5:27 – 32, 40b – 41

Second Reading: Revelation 5:11 – 14

Gospel: John 21:1 – 19

April 4th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$6,044.50
Children's Collection (\$37.00)	\$37.00
SURPLUS this week	\$1,192.50
EASTER COLLECTION	\$4,065.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$392.50

Our Partners in Charity Annual Appeal Continues. If you are in need of a pledge card and envelope they are available at the entrances of the church. **We conducted our Pledge Sunday in-pew collection this past weekend, April 10-11th.** If you did not make a donation or pledge at that time we ask that you prayerfully consider your pledge, which can be paid over 10 months, and deposit it into the weekly collection baskets or drop off/mail it to the office now. If you can not pledge please consider a one time gift no matter what the amount. We will keep you posted with weekly collection figures and a total figure to date until the appeal is finished. Again, please take some time to consider what you can donate. **Our goal this year is \$38,000.** We ask your cooperation in returning your pledges/donations quickly so that we may conduct this appeal in a timely manner. "Let us open our hearts...Our good God will open His!"

SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA - Our annual St. Anthony Novena begins on **Tuesday, April 13th at 7:00 PM** with Fr. Bob as our first preacher followed by Bishop George Rueger, Fr. Joseph Dolan and Fr. Kenneth Cardinale. The remaining preachers will be announced soon. Our theme this year is: "Church as Community, Church as Communion." Our novena is for nine consecutive Tuesday's. Please join us even if you can not make all dates.

St. Anthony's Variety Show – Don't delay, purchase your tickets today for our first annual variety show **Good Vibrations!** The show will be held at **Fitchburg High School Auditorium on Saturday, April 24th at 7:00 PM and Sunday, April 25th at 2:00 PM.** Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors, children and students. Tickets may be purchased from any cast member, the church office, or by calling Joanne Pagnotta @ 978-502-6993. Tickets will also be on sale after all Masses next weekend.

Dominican Sisters Bake Sale will take place next weekend, **April 17 – 18th after all Masses.** The proceeds from the sale will be used for their mission in Haiti. Please come prepared to purchase some bread, pies or other tasty treat!

A Special Thank You Received – A short time ago Msgr. Francis Goguen sent a note along with a personal check to commemorate the anniversary of the parish as well as to thank us for the video and book we sent to him. In his note he wrote "I enjoyed them enormously and it brought back so many good memories. Saint Anthony's should be proud of its history and do God's work in the future."

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
Paula Goguen

who died this past week. May her soul rest in peace.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by:
Carol Kearns IMO Gary Hollows & Carleen DeBluis

Dear Friends,

The mercy of God is such that even when we stumble and doubt, Jesus does not get angry with us. He lovingly invites us to return to Him time and time again. It would have been easy enough, from our perspective, to become exasperated with Thomas' doubt. How much more evidence does he need? He saw all the miracles of Jesus over a period of three years. He even witnessed the raising of Lazarus from the dead. Why does he doubt that Jesus is God, that He has power over life and death?

But Jesus does not react that way at all. Instead He kindly presents His wounds to Thomas and invites him to feel them and to see for himself that this was not some sort of optical illusion. It is the Lord, risen and alive!

So it is with us. This Divine Mercy Sunday reminds us of the ongoing truth of the Resurrection. In God, there is only life for the body and for the soul. In God, our world is renewed. In God, we are forgiven without condition. In God, we live the eternal Easter of new life and hope.

Peace and Good Will,



Please Continue to Help the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

New items added to the food pantry wish list are: canned meat, canned fruit, Hamburger Helper, tuna, macaroni & cheese, jam & jelly, juice, beef or vegetable broth and cereal. **Please try to bring one item a week.** Remember, only canned items – no fresh as it may spoil. Thank you!

Item of the Month – The Youth Group is accepting donations for Our Father's House and the Veterans' Homestead. **This month's item is men's deodorant.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: April 11th through April 17th: Deacon William Griffin, Deacon Frederick Harkins, Fr. Kevin Hartford, Fr. John Horgan, Fr. John Hughes, Fr. Thomas Hultquist and Fr. Richard Jakubauskas.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held on Sunday, April 11th at St. Camillus Church, 333 Mechanic St., Fitchburg beginning at 12:45 with confession followed by Mass at 2:00 PM, Adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM and Benediction and the veneration of the Divine Mercy image. After Devotions there will be refreshments in the church hall. This event is sponsored by the Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel. All are invited.

Help New Refugee Families Catholic Charities is seeking assistance for newly arrived refugee families. The most immediate need is for full, queen or twin-size beds with frames, box springs and mattresses, if possible, in good condition. Also very much needed is furniture of all kinds, in good solid condition, as well as bedding, towels, dishes, pans and other household items. If you have any of these to contribute please contact Kaska Yawo or Debra Spangler at 508-798-0191. Thank you so much!

Is the Blessed Mother Calling You? Learn how to make rosaries. Call Rosemarie at 978-345-2602 for an appointment right here at St. Anthony Church in the office area. Now is the time to show your love for the Blessed Mother. Rosaries are so needed throughout the world. Won't you help?

Our American Cancer Society Relay For Life Team is still looking for volunteers to be part of our Angels Among Us Team. You simply need to raise \$100 and walk a couple of hours (total) at Ayer High School on **June 18th and/or 19th**. Contact Linda Sordoni at the school (978-345-7785) for more information.

Saint Anthony School Needs You! If you are or know someone who is a retired teacher or an unemployed teacher, we would love for you/them to think about putting your/their name on our substitute teacher list. We are looking for people who can fill in occasionally when a teacher is out sick or attending a workshop. Please call the school office (978-345-7785) for more information.

The Easter Vigil is a special call to joy. This year, we celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation for several parishioners.

BAPTISM:

*Jessica Jade Farrow
Joshua David Farrow
Tiana Njoki Kigoro
Tyler James Melanson
Rosalie Rattanavong
Gianni Sy Rattanavong
Analiah Maree Rattanavong*

FIRST EUCHARIST:

<i>Andrew Brennan</i>	<i>Tiana Kigoro</i>
<i>Kelsey Comiskey</i>	<i>Tyler Melanson</i>
<i>Kyle Comiskey</i>	<i>Rosalie Rattanavong</i>
<i>Jessica Farrow</i>	<i>Gianni Rattanavong</i>
<i>Joshua Farrow</i>	<i>Elizabeth Richardson</i>

CONFIRMATION:

Elizabeth Ann Richardson

May God continue to bestow His blessings on all of them.

Sacred Heart Parish, W. Fitchburg will hold its annual parish Ham & Bean Supper with auction at the British American Club (Rt. 31 in W. Fitchburg) for one night only on **Saturday, April 17th** dinner begins at 5:30 PM and the auction at 6:45 PM. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children. Come enjoy our supper and the fun of a live auction!

St. Camillus Church will host a healing service with Frank Kelly on **Thursday, April 22 @ 6:00 PM**. The service includes a Mass with confession available. Many have been touched by God through this simple, humble man whom God uses as a vessel to heal mind, body and soul. For information call Marline @ 978-345-5710.

Jeanne d'Arc Circle #44 Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Monday, April 12th at 2:00 PM** at the Knights of Columbus, Fitchburg. Alice Theriault & Jeannie Farineau are the co-chairs for the meeting.

A Mass for deceased members of both the Knights and the Daughters of Isabella will be celebrated by Fr. Bob Brusio at the Knights hall on **Sunday, April 18th @ 1:00 PM**. A luncheon will follow Mass. Members are asked to bring a dessert. For further information contact Anita Winters @ 978-345-5279.