



# April 17 – 18, 2010 Third Sunday of Easter

"Lord, You know everything; You know that I love You."

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**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 18<sup>th</sup>**

**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

**Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Patriots' Day**

**8:00 AM Catherine Ruberti**  
Requested by Doris Beauregard

**Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM Carmella Berube**  
Requested by Robert Aveyard & Norma Jean McAnaney

**7:00 PM St. Anthony Novena: Week 2**  
Preacher: Most Rev. George E. Rueger, D.D.  
Auxiliary Bishop of Worcester, Emeritus

**Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

**St. Anselm, bishop**

**5:30 PM John Brasili**  
Requested by his family

**Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:00 AM James DiConza**  
Requested by Anthony & Janice Cristofono

**Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**St. George, martyr**

**7:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Bruno DiPace**  
Requested by their family

**Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**4:00 PM Anthony & Rose Barbaro**  
Requested by their daughter MaryAnn Michaelian

**6:00 PM Hubert Davis**  
Requested by Amy & Marty Walsh

**Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**8:00 AM Michael Antonio Orlando (5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by his mother & family

**10:30 AM Letizia Pennetti**  
Requested by the DiVito family

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43 – 52

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b – 17

Gospel: John 10:27 – 30

### April 11<sup>th</sup> Offerings

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$4,768.00</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$14.50)</b>	<b>\$14.50</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$106.50</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$499.00</b>

**Holy Land Collection totaled \$671.50**

**The Hospitality Committee meets April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 in the outer office.** Anyone wishing to bring an item for the socials on the 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> should call Amy at 978-502-5540.

**The Parish Council meets on Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 in the church hall.** All are welcome.

**The Venerini Sisters Collection** that was taken on Palm Sunday weekend **totaled \$4,583.50.** We would like to present a check for \$5,000 to the Sisters on May 6<sup>th</sup> when we have our annual Venerini Day. If you did not give a donation and would like to help us to reach our goal of \$5,000 please consider a gift to the Sisters and put your donation in an envelope and place it in any collection basket over the next two weeks. Thank you!

**Partners in Charity Appeal Continues.** We conducted our in-pew collection last weekend. **We had 114 donors for a total of \$21,042.** Of those donors 31 are new! A huge thank you goes out to all who came prepared and enabled us to have our best start ever. We have 110 outstanding donors from last year. If you are one of them please mail or drop off your donation to the office this week or bring it to church and place it in any collection basket. If you are not one of them we welcome you to be counted among the "new" donors! We need all of you to make this a successful campaign. Remember a pledge, no matter what the amount, can be paid in 10 months or quarterly. We have all had the past four weeks to consider our donation. Please don't wait. Send in your pledge today. If you are in need of a pledge card and envelope they are available at the entrances of the church. "Let us open our hearts...Our good God will open His!"

**SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA** - Our annual St. Anthony Novena continues **Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** with Most Rev. Bishop George E. Rueger, followed by Fr. Joseph Dolan, Fr. Kenneth Cardinale, Fr. Michael Lavalee, Deacon Sal Tantillo, Fr. Edward Chalmers, Fr. Walter Riley and Bishop Daniel Reilly. **Our theme this year is: "Church as Community, Church as Communion."** Our novena is for nine consecutive Tuesdays. 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 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:  
*Nabia Altieri & Raymond Descoteaux*  
who died this past week. May their souls rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

A lot of the time when we think about sin, we think about things we did. Sometimes we try to justify our actions even though deep down we know they were wrong. Sometimes we get overwhelmed with guilt. In either case, our response is centered on ourselves.

Jesus tries to get Peter to stop focusing on himself and start focusing on the Other. Am I capable of loving unconditionally as Jesus does? Am I capable of forgetting about the past and beginning again in the confidence of God's mercy?

We all know that just saying "I'm sorry" doesn't mean much if there is nothing behind it. We need to want to change those behaviors which hurt ourselves and others. We need to have true contrition, demonstrated in actions not just words. Jesus knows the great power for truth and goodness locked up inside of Peter. That is why He chose him and tried to train him to be a leader like He was. Jesus also knew that until Peter could break free of his egocentric concerns, he couldn't be open to others.

Instead of focusing on what we may have done wrong in the past, let us remember what we can do right now and in the future: To love one another, as Jesus commands. To love unconditionally, as Jesus did. For love covers a multitude of sins.

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 11<sup>th</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup>: Deacon William Griffin, Deacon Frederick Harkins, Fr. Kevin Hartford, Fr. John Horgan, Fr. John Hughes, Fr. Thomas Hultquist and Fr. Richard Jakubauskas.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> and/or 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**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.

**A Mass for Deceased Members** of both the Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella will be celebrated by Fr. Bob Brusco at the Knights Hall, Fitchburg on **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM.** A luncheon will follow Mass. Members are asked to bring a dessert.

**JOHNSONIA CULTURAL SERIES - "Heartfelt Memories: The Crocker Legacy"** a film that focuses on the Crocker Family and their role in the development of the City of Fitchburg, producer Judith Lindstedt. **To be shown on Thursday, April, 22, 7:00 PM, at the Johnsonia Art Gallery, 516 Main Street, Fitchburg.** Admission is free and open to the public. Wine, cheese, soft drinks and sweets will be available.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:** When was the last weekend you did something special alone together? Most couples are busy with work and family. It seems that every moment of the day is planned and there's never enough time to get everything done. When as the last time you had a weekend alone? Consider planning a weekend away just the two of you, to renew your marriage relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is a positive, renewing experience for couples that have a good marriage, but want to make it even better! **Join us on May 21-23, 2010 at the upcoming weekend retreat at Saint Methodios Retreat House in Contoocook, NH.** It is a very special place for a weekend experience. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME go to the following link: <http://www.catholicnh.org/media/files/family-life/romance-nhflyer.pdf> or visit our webpage at [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org).

**ONE PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT** - You're invited to be a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual One Pitch Softball Tournament **on the weekend of May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at Coolidge Park.** Registration for a team is \$100.00 and this year's proceeds will go to St. Anthony School. Gather some men, women and young adults and come have some fun while supporting a good cause! For detailed information please call Sean Potter @ 978-235-6790.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by:  
IMO James G. DiConza