



# Mass Intentions

## February 13 – 14, 2010 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is in the Lord. He is like a tree planted by the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream.*

### Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>

#### Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Deceased Members of the Salamone & Balbo Families**  
Requested by Mary G. Salamone

### Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

#### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Mary & James DiConza & son Nicholas & Elaine**  
Requested by Connie & Tony Tessi

10:30 AM **Giuseppe Viola**  
Requested by his family

### Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Presidents' Day

8:00 AM **Carmella Berube**  
Requested by Theresa David

### Tuesday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM **NO MASS**

### Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM **Mark Gambaccini**  
Requested by his family

5:30 PM **Filippo & Lena Costa**  
Requested by their children

### Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM **Frank Perrone**  
Requested by John & Gina Fanelli

5:30 PM **Deceased of the Celona Family**  
Requested by Mario & Grace Zarrella

### Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM **All Deceased Venerini Sisters**  
Requested by a grateful parish

5:30 PM **Dorothy Kelleher**  
Requested by her children

### Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM **Vocations**

Vigil: First Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM **Pellegrino DePiano (Anniversary)**  
Requested by the Pennetti family

### Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM **Dominic James Ingemi**  
Requested by his wife & children

10:30 AM **Pellegrino DePiano**  
Requested by his family

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:  
First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4 – 10  
Second Reading: Romans 10:8 – 13  
Gospel: Luke 4:1 – 13

### February 7<sup>th</sup> Offerings

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$4,788.00</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$16.50)</b>	<b>\$16.50</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$84.50</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$4,018.50</b>

**Catholic Home Mission Appeal totaled \$1,078.00**

**Collection for the Church in Latin America** will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. The collected funds will support pastoral work in Latin America and the Caribbean, where the combination of poverty and substantial numbers of parishioners prevents the Church from being self-sufficient.

**All Adults and High School Age Teenagers:** you are invited to a Lenten program here at St. Anthony Church on **Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**, sponsored by Serra of Worcester North. A 5:30 PM Mass will be concelebrated by Fr. Bob and Msgr. John Doran. A lasagna dinner will follow in the hall. Fr. Bob will be the dinner speaker. The evening theme is "Being a Friend of Jesus and Why He Has So Few." Tickets for the dinner are \$8 for adults and \$6 for teens. They can be purchased at the church office or by calling Fran & Annette Pandiscio at 978-348-1009. **Deadline for dinner tickets is Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

### St. Anthony School Registration for 2010 – 2011

Registration for St. Anthony School has begun for Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten. Any parishioner interested should call the school office at 978-345-7785 as soon as possible as **registrations are now open to the public.** Families interested in enrolling students from grades 1-8 should call to inquire about possible space and information regarding acceptance for those grades.

**Mark your Calendars:** March 20, 2010 is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Diocesan Men's Conference at the DCU Center in Worcester. All Parish men, as well as their sons, brothers, fathers and friends are invited to join us for this great celebration of the first ten years of the nation's first conference for Catholic men. Exciting speakers, men at prayer, lots of laughs. A day you won't forget! **Once again Fran Pandiscio (978-348-1009) is our parish representative and the parish will pay for half (\$20) of the registration fee if received BEFORE March 1<sup>st</sup>.** For more information please check out their web site at [www.worcesterdiocese.com](http://www.worcesterdiocese.com) go to the "What's Happening" tab and click on Men's Conference or speak directly to Fran Pandiscio for a brochure. **Sign up early to take advantage of the parish offer to discount your registration by 50%!**

### Church Contribution 2009 Tax Information

If you would like your contribution statements for the 2009 tax year you can call the office or email [saintanthony@net1plus.com](mailto:saintanthony@net1plus.com). We will be happy to mail them to you however **we do not mail them unless you have specifically requested one from us.** We will mail them out once a week. Don't delay, call for your statement today.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:  
Mary DiBenedetto & Family IMO Paul DiBenedetto.

Dear Friends,

The Church calendar says it is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, but to everyone else it is St. Valentine's Day. St. Valentine was a priest in Rome who was martyred for his faith. He was also known for helping prisoners smuggle letters out of prison before he himself was arrested, and so was associated with any secret correspondence, like lover's letters. That's what we remember, even dropping the title "Saint," the most important thing about his life, for he had the courage of his convictions.

The Fitchburg City Council demonstrated how much courage they have two weeks ago. All you have to do is say, "Someone might get mad at you and sue you," and they run and hide.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Lent is a special time of prayer and penance for our wrongdoings. There is much in the City of Fitchburg we have to do penance for.

Pace e Bene,

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

**New items added to the food pantry wish list are:** canned meat and fruit, canned vegetables; canned beans; corned beef hash; tuna; beef stew; jam & jelly; hamburger helper; rice and soup broth. The number of people in need is always increasing and many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. **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: February 14<sup>th</sup> through February 20<sup>th</sup> : Rev. Edward Lettic; Rev. Frank Liistro; Deacon James Linderman; Rev. Jesus Martinez; Rev. James Mazzone; Bishop McManus; Deacon Paul Mello.

**FaithNight with Sean Forrest** - Join us for a pre-Lenten FAITHNIGHT with SEAN FORREST on **Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9:00 PM** at St. Anna Parish in Leominster. Pre-purchased tickets are \$10 (\$15.00 after February 10). Seating is limited. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Patti Taylor at 978-537-5293 ext. 14 or Brenda Bodanza at 978-868-6120 for tickets.

**JOHNSONIA CULTURAL SERIES** Presents "Romeo and Juliet" by Dean College Professor Kelly Morgan on **THURSDAY, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**, at the Johnsonia Art Gallery, 516 Main Street, Fitchburg. Along with the lecture there will be wine, cheese, soft drinks, and sweets. Free and open to the public

**Annual Lenten Fish Fry**, held on the Fridays of Lent, will be at Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church, 118 Theresa Street, Fitchburg **beginning February 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM**. Baked or fried haddock, potato, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, rolls/butter, corn or fish chowder will be offered. Desserts and drinks are additional. Everyone is invited to attend. Come early and enjoy one of the best values around. Orders to go are also available.

**St. Anthony's Variety Show!** Rehearsals are ongoing. And are being held weekly on **Tuesday, 6:00 PM (dance) and Wednesday, at 7:00 PM in the church hall** and continue every week until the show in April. For more information please call Joanne Pagnotta at 978-502-6993 or 978-345-7853. Come have some fun with us!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**David Flanagan**

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

**Young Adult Conference in March** - If you are a senior in high school or single or a young adult, join us for a day of fellowship with your peers at the **First YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE on March 6<sup>th</sup>** at Assumption College Hagan Center. This event is hosted by the Office for Youth Ministry. Walk-in registration is \$25 (\$20 if registered before March 1<sup>st</sup>) Opening remarks at 9:00 AM. Keynote: Fr. Robin Ryan, C.P. Director of *Catholics On Call* ([www.catholicsoncall.org](http://www.catholicsoncall.org)) at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. Bishop McManus will be the principal celebrant for Mass. Young Adult panel presentation, Q/A, open discussion and lunch are included. Visit [www.ymworcester.org](http://www.ymworcester.org) for more information

**Operation Rice Bowl** – Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday. As part of our community's observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning, and giving. **Please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl packet** and follow the simple yet powerful Lenten practice. Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for more information.

**Clip and save for Lent**

Fast from judging others; feast on the goodness of God dwelling within them.  
Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of all.  
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.  
Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.  
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.  
Fast from anger; feast on patience.  
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.  
Fast from worry; feast on trust.  
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.  
Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.  
Fast from unrelenting pressure; feast on unceasing prayer.  
Fast from hostility; feast on peacefulness.  
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.  
Fast from selfishness; feast on compassion.  
Fast from anxiety; feast on eternal truth.  
Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.  
Fast from depression; feast on uplifting.  
Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.  
Fast from suspicion; feast on openness.  
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on truths that inspire.  
Fast from gossip; feast on prayerful silence.