



# February 6 – 7, 2010

## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man."

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Vigil: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
4:00 PM	<b>Simone, Ralph &amp; Fanny Romano</b> Requested by their family
<b>Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
8:00 AM	<b>Rachel &amp; Vincenzo Fanelli</b> Requested by their son John & Gina Fanelli
10:30 AM	<b>Domenick &amp; Jeannette Mercadante &amp; son Vincent</b> Requested by niece Connie & Tony Tessi
<b>Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>St. Jerome Emiliani, priest</b>	
7:00 AM	<b>Jonathan Roberge</b> Requested by Betty & Dennis Anderson
<b>Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:00 AM	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>St. Scholastica, virgin</b>	
5:30 PM	<b>Deceased Members of the Bodanza &amp; LaLancette Families</b> Requested by the Macchio family
<b>Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	
7:00 AM	<b>Carmella Berube (Month's Mind)</b> Requested by her husband & family
<b>Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup></b>	
7:00 AM	<b>Judith M. DiPasquale</b> Requested by M/M Raymond Cormier
<b>Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
4:00 PM	<b>Deceased Members of the Salamone &amp; Balbo Families</b> Requested by Mary G. Salamone
<b>Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
8:00 AM	<b>Mary &amp; James DiConza &amp; son Nicholas &amp; Elaine</b> Requested by Connie & Tony Tessi
10:30 AM	<b>Giuseppe Viola</b> Requested by his family

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5 – 8

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16 – 20

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20 – 26

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

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$4,642.00</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$42.00)</b>	<b>\$42.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$205.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$3,934.00</b>

**Additional money received for Haitian Relief \$128.00**

**The total collected to date is \$6,792.00**

**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's Variety Show!** Rehearsals are ongoing. If you have not had the chance to stop by please check it out. Rehearsals are being held weekly on **Wednesday, at 7:00 PM in the church hall** and continue every Wednesday until the show in April. Adults with various levels of talent and ability are welcome but must sign-up soon if you intend to be included in the performance. For more information please call Joanne Pagnotta at 978-502-6993 or 978-345-7853. Come have some fun with us!

### 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. Plan 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. Thank you.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:  
Rene Berube for a favor received.

Dear Friends,

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." In all honesty, is there anyone here who *cannot* echo the words of St. Peter? Indeed, we are all sinners. We have all fallen short of the glory of God. Yet God's love for us, given to us in His Son Jesus Christ, embraces us even in our sinfulness.

Peter's giant leap of faith was made possible when he had the courage to see himself as he truly was. He leapt, not into despair, but into the infinite love of Jesus Christ. "Do not be afraid."

And yet we go to great lengths to avoid being honest with ourselves, as if maybe we can deceive God as easily as we deceive ourselves. "If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us," St. John writes in his first letter.

Beginning Tuesday, February 23 and continuing for every Tuesday in Lent, the sacrament of reconciliation will be available in every church in the diocese of Worcester from 7:00 until 8:30. Even if you feel uncomfortable about going to your own parish church (and why should you?), every church will have confession at that time.

Peter's honesty changed his life. Can we be honest with ourselves and allow God to change our lives as well?

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.

**Bible Study Course** – Eight weeks from **January 27<sup>th</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup>** on Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM, at St. Cecilia's Parish Center, Leominster. Topic: "Saint Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians." Instructor: Msgr. Francis Goguen. Open to all.

**Valentine's Day Is Coming Soon. Need a special gift for your spouse?** Why not take them away for a special weekend of communication, reflection and time away from your hectic schedule? **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are February 12-14<sup>th</sup> and March 5-7<sup>th</sup>.** For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org)

**The Serra Club** invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: February 7<sup>th</sup> through February 13<sup>th</sup> : Rev. Thomas Hultquist; Rev. Richard Jakubauskas; Rev. Joseph Jurgelonis; Rev. Terence Kilcoyne; Deacon Loren King; Rev. Theodore Laperle; Rev. Laurie Leger, MS.

**Day of Prayer for Women** presented by the Sisters of the Presentation entitled "With Signs and Wonders...A Lenten Reflection: at Presentation Convent, 99 Church St., Leominster on **Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**. Sr. Maria Lopez PBVM will be the presenter. The day begins at 9:30 AM and ends at 3:00 PM. Free will offerings will be accepted and light lunch will be included. **Registration deadline is February 12<sup>th</sup>**. Call Sr. Mary Anne Seliga 978-537-7108 or Sr. Maureen Hickey 978-790-0056.

**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

**Young Adult Conference in March** - If you are a senior in high school or single or a married young adult or currently involved in parish life or discerning a ministry in the Church, 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

**Tour of Italy - June 19 to June 29, 2010** - This is a specially arranged tour that will take us to Florence, Venice, Padua, Ascoli Piceno (Pretare), Rome, Naples, (Avellino), Sorrento, and Pompeii. Most meals are included as is a bilingual tour guide and all transportation and entry fees. **Deadline to sign up is March 1, 2010.** Call Donna Fiore (St. Anna Parish) at 978-537-1710.

**Volunteers Needed for the Saving Grace Crisis Team**

YWCA / BWR is looking for professional women volunteers who are **survivors of domestic violence** to work during day and or evening hours, (up to 3 per week), at various locations throughout North Central Massachusetts. These "Community Treasures" can provide services in critical areas such as answering hot lines, outreach to victims at court as well as provide comfort to victims through advocacy, counseling and support. With a 16% increase in requests for services, combined with budget cuts, your help is needed now more than ever. Volunteers will need to interview with Battered Women's Resources Director, and complete a 30-hour domestic violence training course which includes a CORI check. Please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Karen Rigopoulos @ 978-790-1163 or via email [rigop921@gmail.com](mailto:rigop921@gmail.com)

