



Heal us, Lord

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 23rd

Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Nancy Flory & Deacon Francis Carbone
Requested by Joe & Anita Carbone & family

Sunday, January 24th

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Robert & Angela A. (Posco) Goodnow
Requested by her daughter Carol Ann & family

10:30 AM Francesco & Maria Marabello & sons Tom & Frank
Requested by their family

Monday, January 25^h

The Conversion of St. Paul, apostle

7:00 AM Catherine Ruberti
Requested by her husband Alexander & daughter Elizabeth

Tuesday, January 26th

Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops

7:00 AM NO MASS

Wednesday, January 27th

St. Angela Merici, virgin

5:30 PM Giuliano DiVito
Requested by Sam Gabriele & family

Thursday, January 28th

St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church

7:00 AM All Deceased Alumni of St. Anthony School

Friday, January 29th

7:00 AM Michael DiBenedetto
Requested by Lori Gaetz & family

Saturday, January 30th

Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Paul Hand
Requested by the Zarrella family

Sunday, January 31st

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ester & Guy Pirani
Requested by Phyllis & Doug Pirani

10:30 AM Lucia Salamone
Requested by her three daughters & family

January 23 – 24, 2010

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ.

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4 – 5, 17 – 19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21 – 30

January 19th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$4,039.00
Children's Collection (\$12.70)	\$13.00
DEFICIT this week	\$837.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$3,036.00

Emergency collection for Haitian Relief totaled \$3,501.00
collections are still being accepted.

Catholic Home Mission Appeal is next weekend Jan. 30 & 31st.
This collection allows more prosperous Catholic communities to support poorer ones here in America that are struggling to keep parishes open and to educate children in the faith.

Hospitality Committee meets Wednesday, January 27th @ 7:00 PM in the office lobby. Everyone is welcome. Anyone interested in bringing something or baking for the socials on the weekend of January 30 & 31st should call Amy Walsh @ 978-502-5540.

St. Anthony's Variety Show! Rehearsals and sign-ups are underway! If you have not had the chance to stop by please check it out. There is no special talent involved, just a willingness to meet weekly with others who want to have fun and ultimately be part of a show that will not only entertain the community but will raise money for various organizations. Rehearsals will be 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. We are looking for cast members as well as stage crew assistants. If you would like to have fun during the long winter season ~ join us! For more information please call Joanne Pagnotta at 978-502-6993 or 978-345-7853. Hope to see you there!

St. Anthony School Registration for 2010 – 2011

Registration for current parish families 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 will be open to the public beginning February, 9th. Paris families interested in enrolling students from grades 1-8 should call to inquire about possible space and information regarding acceptance for those grades. **OPEN HOUSE for new families is scheduled for Thursday, February 4th from 10:00 – 2:00 PM.**

Please pray for the souls of:

Teresa Marrone

Elaine DiConza

Teresa Boniface

Jayden Martinez & Geraldine Bisol

who died this past week. May their souls rest in peace.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:
Carol Kearns for a special intention

Dear Friends,

The Law of the Lord had been lost for some time. The people of Israel, returning from their exile in Babylon, discovered copies of the Law in the ruins of the Temple. They began to realize that they had not been keeping the commandments of the Lord and they wept. But Ezra the priest, after having read out the Law to them, told them not to weep but to rejoice.

Sometimes, when we take a good hard look at ourselves we realize that we have not been living up to God's commands. Maybe we have had a conversion away from a major sin that has been plaguing us. More often, we become aware not of serious faults but of a tendency to let things slip, a lackadaisical attitude toward observing the commands of God.

When God gives us the grace to see the error of our ways, He also gives us the grace to start afresh. That is not a time for mourning but for rejoicing. God's mercy is never ending. His love has no limits. God's capacity to forgive is far greater than our capacity to sin.

Jesus read from the teaching of Isaiah that now was the time "to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Now is the time to look at our own behaviors and attitudes. Are we really trying to live the Law of the Lord? Can we do better? God offers us a thousand chances to change. Take one today.

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, bathroom tissue, canned vegetables; brown beans; corn beef hash; tuna and Raman noodles. 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.

Bereavement Support Group in Leominster - Compassionate Companions Bereavement Support Group meets at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 1400 Main St., Leominster on Wednesdays at 7 PM from **Jan. 20 through Feb. 24**, facilitated by Elaine Hackett and Cathy Pimley. This faith-based group provides a safe and confidential environment for expressing sadness and learning ways to cope while grieving. Pre-registration is required. You may email ehackett1098@comcast.net or call the parish office at 978-342-2978.

Healing Service in Ashburnham - Richard Bingold, known for his miraculous Pilgrim Rosary, is coming to St. Denis, Ashburnham on **Monday, Jan. 25th at 7:00 PM** to conduct a healing service. All are welcome.

Cardinal Sean to visit Holy Cross - Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. will visit the College of the Holy Cross on **Monday, January 25th** and celebrate Mass at **4:15 PM** at St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. The Mass is open to the public.

Who doesn't like Girl Scout Cookies?! – Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after all Masses on the weekends of **January 23/24 & 30/31**. You will also have an opportunity to buy a box or two for our soldiers overseas to be packed and mailed out by a Blue Star mother. Listen for the announcements after Mass and remember to come prepared to buy some delicious cookies!

The Rain Forest Is Coming! – Arrangements have been made for an appearance of **Understanding Wildlife's "LIVE ON STAGE, THE RAIN FOREST"** to appear at **St. Anthony School on Thursday, January 28th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM**. Alligators, flying macaws, talking amazons, and very mischievous monkeys will

keep you laughing. The cost is \$5 per person (children under 3 are free). Plan now to attend!

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 12-14th and March 5-7th.** For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: January 24th through January 30th : Rev. Gerald Dorais; Msgr. John Doran; Rev. John Dwyer; Rev. Thomas Egan; Deacon Anthony Fiore; Rev. Frederick Fraini; Deacon Steven Gendron.

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. 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.

Thomas More College Open House – On President's Day, **Monday, February 15th**, Thomas More College, Merrimack, NH is hosting its annual Winter Open House. All high school juniors, seniors and their families are encouraged to attend classes, have lunch, converse with students and meet with professors. Thomas More College provides a Great Book education that is firmly rooted in the Catholic tradition. All students spend a full semester on our Rome campus at no extra cost. Tuition is low and scholarships are available. For more information please see the posters on the bulletin boards, take a postcard or call the admissions office @ 1-800-880-8303 or email admissions@ThomasMoreCollege.edu.

Fertility Care - There is an alternative to artificial methods of birth control and IVF. Learn about FertilityCare, the new reproductive science that is 99% effective to avoid pregnancy, highly effective to achieve pregnancy and offers couples who are experiencing infertility hope to achieve their dream of pregnancy without artificial reproductive technologies. This is accomplished while following the teachings of the church. To learn more about the program contact Barbara Meier, RN, FCPI at 609-457-0108 or fertilitycare@ymail.com.