



Mass Intentions

July 3- 4, 2010 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peace to this household.

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10 – 14

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15 – 20

Gospel: Luke 10:25 – 37

June 27th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$3,591.00
Children's Collection (\$13.00)	\$13.00
DEFICIT this week	\$1,285.50
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$8,522.00

Saturday, July 3rd

Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Roland "Pidge" Morin**
Requested by his family

6:00 PM **Gloria LeClair (2nd Anniversary)**
Requested by Sons of Italy

Sunday, July 4th

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Rocco DiPasquale**
Requested by his family

10:30 AM **Our Troops Overseas**

Monday, July 5th

Holiday

St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, priest

8:00 AM **Parishioners of St. Anthony Parish**

Tuesday, July 6th

St. Mary Goretti, virgin & martyr

7:00 AM **NO MASS**

Wednesday, July 7th

5:30 PM **Liana Kolbe**
Requested by Rose Anne Addorisio & Betty Maney

Thursday, July 8th

7:00 AM **Peace**

Friday, July 9th

St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & martyr

& his companions, martyrs

7:00 AM **M. Joseph Battista (1st Anniversary)**
Requested by his daughter Cindy Merrill & family

Saturday, July 10th

Vigil: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Louis Scalzulli (Anniversary)**
Requested by his wife Nancy

6:00 PM **M. Joseph Battista (1st Anniversary)**
Requested by his daughter Cindy Merrill & family

Sunday, July 11th

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Doris Desjean**
Requested by her family

10:30 AM **Carmella Berube (6 Month)**
Requested by Rene Berube & family

Mass Schedule & Office Hour Change:

Beginning immediately there will be no Tuesday morning Masses. All other Mass times remain the same. The office has switched to summer hours of 8:00 – 1:00 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The office remains closed all day on Tuesday. These office hours are in effect until after Labor Day.

The Mass Intention Book for the months of July through December 2010 is open.

Religious Education

Our summer religious education program will be held the weeks of **July 19th – 23rd and July 26th – 30th from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.** This year the theme is Church. This program is for all children who have completed 1st grade – 8th grade and who do not attend a Catholic school. Registration forms have been sent. **To avoid a late fee the forms are due back by this Monday, July 5th.** If you still have not received a form please email Ellen DePatie @ edepatie@worcesterdiocesek12.org, check out our website where you can download one or call Ellen at the school office – 978-345-7785 where messages will be checked frequently.

Save the Date! The 3rd Annual Church Cook-out is scheduled for **Saturday, July 31st from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM** here in the church parking lot and hall. Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of the church. Think about what you might like to contribute to this fun event. This event is free but you must sign-up so that we will have an accurate count for food. **Please print clearly and fill in your contact information in case we have questions.** Your homemade goodies are welcome and anticipated and/or monetary donations to help fund the hamburgers and hot dogs. Don't miss out on a fun afternoon, plan to attend!

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by:
Elena Valeri in thanksgiving for prayers answered



Dear Friends,

We celebrate Independence Day with fireworks, cook-outs and parades. Praying for our nation, while banned from public schools, is a feature in every politician's repertoire. After all, we profess ourselves to be "One nation under God." If that phrase is to still mean anything, we have to begin by asking ourselves what does *under God* mean.

For me, it means that we understand that the laws and policies of our nation are never absolute. We acknowledge that the only absolute law is the law of God and any human law, if it is valid, must be consistent with God's law. Allowing for freedom of conscience and different understanding of what God's law entails means that we are not a theocracy. No one church or religious group can dominate all others. Church law is not the same thing as God's law.

There is a philosophical term which encapsulates that sense which all people share, regardless of their profession of faith. It is called natural law theory. Natural law theory contends that all reasonable people have an innate knowledge of good and evil, e.g., we don't have to be told that killing other people is wrong; that cheating, stealing and lying is wrong, no exceptions. Others would contend that there is no natural law, that all behaviors are learned and culturally conditioned.

Many legal scholars associate the decline in natural law theory in the United States with *Roe v. Wade* and the legalization of abortion. That which, fifty years ago, the vast majority of Americans would recognize as obviously evil (the killing of an otherwise healthy unborn child), has become commonplace and those who object are seen as bigoted and narrow-minded. What happened to that natural instinct of right and wrong?

We celebrate Independence Day and pledge "One nation under God" but do we really mean it?

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: cereal, canned meat, Ramen Noodles, Pasta Roni, Suddenly Salad, relish, mayonnaise, bathroom tissues, baked beans tuna fish, and spaghetti sauce. **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 shaving lotion.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

HOT HOT HOT - If you enjoy the warmth of summer, why not sign up for the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and bring some more warmth and intimacy to your marriage. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are July 23-25, September 17-19 and September 24-26.** For more information and to register, call 800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org.

Sacred Heart Preschool & Child Care Center – Although the parish is closing please be aware that **the child care center will remain open.** We are located in a quiet residential neighborhood on 22 Cottage Street in Fitchburg, with a private fenced in playground. We accept children from the ages of six weeks to six years. We also have limited school age license for children through nine years of age. The hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 7:30 – 5:30. Open all year and accredited by the National Association of the Education of Young Children. For information please call 978-342-4416. "Quality care when you're not there."

Attention: There will be no **Mass Citizens for Life** meeting during the month of July. The next meeting will take place on **Tuesday, August 24th at 7:00 PM at the Golden Living Center, 1199 John Fitch Hwy.** All interested in helping to promote a change in people's views on preserving the dignity of human life from conception to natural death are invited to join us.

If you know of any parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive the Eucharist, please notify Jo Belli at 978-537-4802 or Fr. Bob at the rectory.

Italian for Travelers - Due to popular demand the Italian for Travelers informal classes have been extended and will continue through the months of July & August. You did not need to attend any of the previous classes to join in. **The classes or "sessions" are held weekly on Wednesday night from 6:00 – 8:00 in the church hall.** They are led by Dr. Joe Addante and Carol (Cali) Kearns and are filled with the basic language and culture of Italy. Please drop in at any time to any meeting, we welcome you!

I do not mean to say that caring for the elderly and others is *not* a burden. It can be, sometimes significantly so. I am saying that bearing this burden is so central to being human that if we run for the burden, we not only disrespect the elderly and vulnerable, we dehumanize ourselves.

- William E. May, "On Being a Burden to One's Family,"
Culture of Life Foundation *Briefs* (March 26, 2010)

New Parishioners – We are happy to welcome new members to our parish family. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Fr. Bob. We invite you to stop by the parish office to register or to take a blue registration form from the back of the church (one for each member of your family) and return it/them in the collection basket or to the church office. If you have access to a computer please visit our parish web site www.stanthonyfitchburg.net where you will find useful information as well as current events and Mass listings. Welcome!

Weekly Offering Envelopes – Whenever you are away from our weekly Masses and wish to make up envelopes, you do not need to pass in each individual envelope (unless you feel more comfortable doing this). You may simply put cash or a check into the most current envelope and include any missed donations. All money is posted on the date it is received regardless of the date on the envelope. In the future we will have the ability to contribute on-line. We hope this makes it easier for you! Thanks to all our parishioners who DO make up missed weeks, our budget depends on people like you!