

# Mass Intentions

# March 20 – 21, 2010 Fifth Sunday of Lent

*She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, the One who is coming into the world."*

## READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4 – 7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6 – 11

Gospel: Luke 22:14 – 23:56

## March 14<sup>th</sup> Offerings

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$3,805.50</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$17.40)</b>	<b>\$14.50</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$1,069.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$6,216.50</b>

1. Sign up sheets for the Easter Vigil (1 lector needed) and Easter Sunday (8:00 – 1 E.M. and 4 altar servers, 10:30 – 3 E.M. & 1 altar server) are in the sacristy. Sign up if you are interested in ministering at any of these liturgies.
2. Beginning Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have an additional Vigil Mass at 5:30 PM. If you are interested in ministering at this Mass as Lector, Altar Server or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please call the office.
3. Mass intentions for the new Mass at 5:30 will be taken beginning on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. **This scheduling only includes April 10<sup>th</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>.**

A reminder for all who have already made Mass intentions or plan to for the remainder of the year: You may schedule a TOTAL of **four (4)** Saturday or Sunday, Masses **for the entire year**. Please be mindful of this and schedule accordingly. This additional 5:30 Mass time provides an opportunity for those members who have not been able to schedule any Masses on the weekends.

**EASTER CLEAN UP** - Volunteers needed **next Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>** to get the church ready for Easter. We begin after the 8 o'clock Mass and will probably be done by 11:00 if we have enough volunteers. Please consider taking a little bit of time out of your busy weekend schedule to help make our church shine this Easter. Bring your own cleaning supplies.

**PUBLIC STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - St. Anthony Parish joins with other churches in a public Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday beginning at 12 noon**. Please be a part of this public witness to our faith in Jesus Christ. Walk all or part of the way or meet us at St. Francis Church where the walk will end.

**MRS. CLAIRE ROLLO HONORED BY DIOCESE OF WORCESTER** Bishop McManus and the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Worcester have **honored Mrs. Claire Rollo of St. Anthony Parish with the Mother Teresa Respect Life Award for 2010. The award will be given to Claire at the annual Pro-Life Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.** This award is in recognition of Claire's selfless and faithful work in defense of human life. Consider attending the Mass to share in congratulating her.

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE October 7-17, 2010

Join Father Bob on an eleven day pilgrimage to the Land of the Bible: Jerusalem – Bethlehem – Cana – Nazareth and more. Check out the full itinerary at [www.ProximoTravel.com](http://www.ProximoTravel.com) (including costs) or call or email Fr. Bob at [frbob@net1plus.com](mailto:frbob@net1plus.com).

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

### Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM **John B. O'Connor**  
Requested by his wife Helen

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

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM **Gerald Volpe (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by his sisters Florence Volpe & Ann Pacetti

10:30 AM **Elena Pasciuto**  
Requested by her friends Rita & Elena

## Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:00 AM **Robert S. Spencer (Anniversary)**  
Requested by his daughter

5:30 PM **Gerald Volpe**  
Requested by Louise Lemmo

## Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

### St. Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop

7:00 AM **Carmella Berube**  
Requested by Lorraine Freeman

5:30 PM **Ruth & Angelo Maccaveillo**  
Requested by John & Gina Fanelli

## Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM **Robert & Dorothy Bruso**

5:30 PM **Deceased Members of the Carbone & Parrillo Families**  
Requested by the Macchio family

## Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

### The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 AM **For an End to Abortion and Respect for Life**

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

## Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM **George & Sally Fava**  
Requested by their family

5:30 PM **Antoinette DiNatale**  
Requested by Rose Anne Addorisio

## Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM **Christine Kosakowski**

Vigil: Palm Sunday

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

## Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

### Palm Sunday

8:00 AM **James G. DiConza**  
Requested by his wife Marianne & family

10:30 AM **Louis Buratti, Jr.**  
Requested by his family

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:  
**Bruno DiPace & Pamela Moison**  
who died recently. May they rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

As I write this, I am praying for two young men who were in a serious automobile accident this past weekend. Our prayer is always for life, but we also know the painful reality of death and are humbled in the face of God's will. It is never God's will for us that this type of tragedy befall us or our families. God is always on the side of life.

When Jesus encountered the early death of His friend Lazarus, He responded as we all would. The simple line of Scripture, the shortest verse in all of the Bible: "And Jesus wept." How could He not? He who is the life of this world grieves at the death of anyone so young. Because of His Divine Nature, He was able to bring the new life of God right there to the situation. We have no such swift consolation. That does not mean that there is no consolation to be found.

As we enter into these final days of Lent, we are forcefully reminded what it is all about. It is about the reality of death: the death of Jesus on the Cross, the death of all human flesh. It is also about the hope of eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ Jesus on Easter.

No matter how difficult the day, no matter how bitter the experience, may we never lose sight of that hope.

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 pineapple; canned beans; corned beef hash; jam & jelly; Jello; peanut butter; 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 items are toothpaste and toothbrushes.** 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: March 21<sup>st</sup> through March 27<sup>th</sup>: Fr. James Caldarella; Fr. James Callahan; Deacon Mark Carrier; Deacon Roderick Cashes; Fr. Ed Chalmers; Deacon Joseph Conlan; Deacon Scott Colley.

**Lenten Mission in Leominster** - You are invited to a multi-parish Lenten Mission in Leominster on **March 21 – 24 at 7:00 PM** each evening. Speakers will reflect on the Year of the Priest Theme and it will take place as follows: Sunday: Adoration at St. Leo Church; Monday: Mass at St. Anna; Tuesday: Penance Service at St. Cecilia; Wednesday: Mass and Collation at Holy Family of Nazareth. For more information contact any of the parishes.

**Center for Italian Culture at Fitchburg State College Lecture**  
**"Venice, Verona and Urbino: Visual History through Architecture", Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 3:30 PM**, at Fitchburg State College – Kent Recital Hall (Conlon Music). The speaker is Professor Susan Wadsworth – 2009 recipient of the Faculty Research and Scholarship Award. This event is free. For more information contact Michèle Wronski at 978-665-3031.

**The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spaghetti & Meatball Supper to Benefit Our Lady of the Holy Rosary School** **Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5 – 7:00 PM** in the lower church hall of Holy Rosary Church, Nichols St., Gardner. Tickets for adults are \$6, children - \$3. There will also be a **Spring Flea Market held in the church hall on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 – 12 noon.**

**The St. Bernard's Elementary School Spaghetti Supper** will be held on **Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.** Adults \$6:00, seniors: \$5.00 and children under 10: \$4.00. Desserts may be purchased from our dessert table. Thank you for your support!

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:  
L. M. for Special Intentions

**Operation Rice Bowl** – The Lenten call to repentance is matched by the overwhelming compassion and forgiveness of God. The story of the woman caught in adultery shows us that Jesus does not want to condemn us, but rather to place us on the path to new life. Our prayer, fasting, learning, and giving opens paths to new life for our brothers and sisters in need. Visit [orb.crs.org](http://orb.crs.org) for more information.

**Mass Citizens for Life Convention:** "Where Do We Go From Here?" in health care, physician assisted suicide and other legislation, bioethics, population studies, law, and medicine. **Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Boston College Law School, 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM.** Register at [www.masscitizensforlife.org](http://www.masscitizensforlife.org), by mail with coupon in *MCFL News* or by calling 617-242-4199

**Mass Citizens for Life** will meet on **Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

"I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus!" (Second Reading) A Christian marriage is part of our journey to Heaven. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter strengthen your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are **April 23-25 and May 21-23.** For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org)

**Want to experience a different culture in the comfort of your own home?** The Fitchburg Sister City Committee Exchange Program (FSCCEP) is looking for three (3) host families to open their homes to German Exchange students for the 2010 Fall Semester. The boys are between the ages of 16 and 17 and will be in their junior year. They will be coming from the end of August to the middle of November in 2010 from our sister city, Kleve, Germany. If curious about this opportunity, please email [fkexchange@hotmail.com](mailto:fkexchange@hotmail.com) or call 978-343-7673 and ask for Jenn or Geoff.

**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. We are approaching the fourth week in Lent. Now is the time to show your love for the Blessed Mother. Rosaries are so needed throughout the world. Won't you help?

**Attention all Ministers to the Homebound/Nursing Homes:** Please be prepared to pick up plants, palms and cards next weekend after all Masses for those you serve. They will be downstairs in the outer office area. Thank you.