



Mass Intentions

May 22 – 23, 2010

Pentecost Sunday

"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you."

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22 – 31

Second Reading: Romans 5:1 – 5

Gospel: John 16:12 – 15

May 16th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$3,637.00
Children's Collection (\$6.50)	\$6.50
DEFICIT this week	\$1,244.50
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$3,524.50

Saturday, May 22nd

Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

4:00 PM **Chester & Jerry Vaillancourt**
Requested by friend Connie

6:00 PM **Louise & Ralph Alario**
Requested by their children

Sunday, May 23rd

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM **John & Ginger Fortunato**
Requested by their family

10:30 AM **Deceased Members of the Viola Family**
Requested by their family

Monday, May 24th

7:00 AM **Paul & Grace Antocci**
Requested by their sisters Mary & Lucy

Tuesday, May 25th

St. Bede the Venerable, priest and doctor of the Church

7:00 AM **Deceased of the DiPasquale Family**
Requested by Betty DiPasquale

7:00 PM **St. Anthony Novena: Week 7**
Preacher: Fr. Edward Chalmers, Pastor
St. Bernard Church, Fitchburg

Wednesday, May 26th

St. Philip Neri, priest

5:30 PM **Mary DiPasquale**
Requested by her friend Jay

Thursday, May 27th

St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

7:00 AM **Vincenzo & Anna Andreucci**
Requested by the Dwyer family

Friday, May 28th

7:00 AM **All Seminarians**

Saturday, May 29th

Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

4:00 PM **Paul Bellabarba**
Requested by his parents

6:00 PM **Joseph Corbo**
Requested by his family

Sunday, May 30th

The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 AM **Claudette Richards (17th Anniversary)**
Requested by her family

10:30 AM **All Deceased Members of
All American War Veterans**
Requested by the Italian American Veterans

Lost & Found – We have found a mother's ring with five stones in the church. If this is your ring please call the office during regular work hours to arrange for pick up.

Partners in Charity Appeal Exceeded Goal! We had 6 additional donors this past week for \$1,045 which brings our **grand total to \$44,477** from 203 donors. Thank you to all who have donated to this years appeal. Your understanding and willingness to dig deep and support the many worthy organizations this appeal aides is truly appreciated! **We still have 37 outstanding donors from last year.** Won't you consider continuing your support at some level? Remember, the Diocese gives every parish a goal but openly states that it is necessary for ALL to exceed their goal in order for them to maintain their level of support to these organizations. **If you plan to donate please try to do so this coming week as our appeal is coming to a close.** If you are in need of a pledge card and envelope they are available at the entrances of the church.

SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA - Our annual St. Anthony Novena continues **Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00 PM** with Fr. Edward Chalmers followed by Fr. Walter Riley and Bishop Daniel Reilly. **Our theme this year is: "Church as Community, Church as Communion."** This is the seventh week of our nine consecutive Tuesdays. Please join us.

Annual Women's Tea – Today's Women in Faith invite all women to their Annual Tea at St. Anthony Church Hall, Fitchburg on **Monday, May 24th at 6:30 PM.** Sr. Loretta Ciccarelli, M.P.V., will be the guest speaker with talks titled: "Mother and Child" and "Modern Day Pietas". Bring a teacup and a friend!

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 (including costs) or call or email Fr. Bob at frbob@net1plus.com. **If you are interested deposits are due by June 20, 2010.**

The Mass Intention Book for the months of July through **December 2010 will be open on Wednesday, June 16th at 10:00 AM.** Please remember that if you have already filled your quota of 4 weekend Masses you may not schedule any more for the year but instead will have to schedule weekday ones. Thank you for your understanding, this allows more individuals the opportunity to schedule.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by:
Anna Pacetti for a special intention

Dear Friends,

Almost all of the time, when we assist at Mass on the Saturday Vigil, we hear the same Scriptures proclaimed as we do on Sunday morning. I say "almost all of the time" because Pentecost is an exception. The readings for the Vigil are not the same, although the themes are similar.

In the second reading at the Vigil we read from Romans, "all creation is groaning in labor pains" and "we wait with endurance." In the second reading at the Sunday Mass, we read from First Corinthians "all the parts of the body, though many, are one body." The upcoming month of June will be one of a huge range of emotions as all of the Catholic community undergoes an upheaval unlike anything we have ever seen before.

No matter what is said or how people react, we must remember that we are all one in Christ and that with patient endurance we will await a new Pentecost for Fitchburg, a new life for the church. The Spirit of God is with us still.

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 fruit, Spaghetti O's, Hamburger Helper, Pasta Roni, brown beans. **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.

Mass Citizens for Life will meet on **Tuesday, May 25th 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.

Thank You – On behalf of those in Massachusetts Citizens for Life who labor to restore respect for all human life, we wish to thank you for your wonderful support of Mother's Day "Rose for Life" drive. **A total of \$321 was raised.**

Diaconate Ordination in the Diocese of Worcester will take place on **Saturday, June 5th at 10:00 AM at St. Paul Cathedral, 15 Chatham Street, Worcester.** All are invited celebrate with Guillermo Ochoa Velez or "Memo" as we know him, along with two other seminarians as they are ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon. **A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6th at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Church, 77 Mendon Street, Uxbridge.** Come and bear witness as yet another of "our" seminarians nears the completion of his journey to priesthood.

Mountain Holiday Fair - Prince of Peace Parish, 5 Worcester Road, Princeton, is holding their annual fair **on Sunday, June 6th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM** (rain date June 13th) on the parish grounds. The fair will feature a DJ playing music and entertaining the crowd as well as all your favorite fair ground food, activities and raffles. Strawberry shortcake will be served all day! There is something for everyone. Please join us!

MARRIED COUPLES - Plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so too does your marriage. Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and watch your love for each other grow. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in New England is June 11-13.** For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org

***James Michael Spagnuolo &
Connor Jesse Mills***

were welcomed into our Christian community through baptism.
May they, along with their parents, grown in faith,
love and service to Jesus Christ.

SAVE THE DATE! – The **St. Anthony Golf Outing** will take place on **Friday, June 25th at 1:00 PM** at the Townsend Ridge Country Club. Fun, food, drawings and prizes! More details are in the flyers located at the entrances of the church. Please get your foursomes together soon. Plan to be a part of this fun filled afternoon! Check out the photos from last years' event on our web site @ www.stanthonyfitchburg.net

Donate Your Old Car – Help Others – Receive Tax Deduction

It's fast, it's easy, and it requires only one phone call or visit at our website. Cars For Help, a 501(c)3 not-for-profit charity, is working through Catholic Relief Services to help alleviate human suffering. All donors are completely free of cost and liability. We accept vehicles of all types, even those that are damaged and do not run. If you would like to donate your vehicle, or just have questions, please call 630-595-9272 or visit us on the web at www.CarsForHelp.com. Together we can make a difference!

St. Anthony Volunteers Awarded – The Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network had given St. Anthony Church Volunteers a certificate of recognition which reads: "This certificate is awarded to St. Anthony di Padua Church Family of Volunteers in appreciation for your courage, faith and dedication while serving the families of the Montachusett Interfaith hospitality Network." The certificate is dated May 8, 2010. Congratulations to all the volunteers who help MIHN each month. Your unselfishness has not gone unnoticed. If anyone is interested in learning how they might get involved with the opportunities that are available please contact Kathy Cullinan at 978-342-3363.

Beacon Hospice, Inc. Seeks Local Volunteers – Beacon Hospice provides quality end of life care to terminally ill patients and relies on volunteers to ensure the delivery of extraordinary care to these patients. Volunteers can provide much needed support to patients and families in a number of ways; including, visiting with patients on an ongoing basis, sitting vigils, organizing craft projects or providing administrative support for our office staff. If you believe you are the right person to be part of a qualified specialized hospice team, please call Beth Selinger, Volunteer Coordinator @ 774-245-2125.

Italian for Travelers – You are invited to attend a five week session on basic Italian language that will include some interesting facts and tidbits about the culture as well. **These informal sessions will be held on five consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning on June 2nd from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the church hall** and will be led by Dr. Joe Addante and Carol (Cali) Kearns. Drop by, relax and see what they have in store for you! If you have any questions you can call Carol @ 978-537-3313.