

# Mass Intentions

## May 8 – 9, 2010 Sixth Sunday of Easter

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives peace do I give it to you."*

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Acts 7:55 – 60

Second Reading: Revelation 22:12 – 14, 16 – 17, 20

Gospel: John 17:20 – 26

### May 2<sup>nd</sup> Offerings

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$4,362.00</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$11.50)</b>	<b>\$11.50</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$515.50</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$2,386.50</b>

Rice Bowl collection totaled \$961.00

**SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the church hall.** Please plan to attend the combined annual meeting of the Parish Council and Finance Committee. Come to hear a summary of what has been done and some plans for the future. Parishioners are urged to attend. Be a part of the decision making process. Your suggestions are always welcome.

**Partners in Charity Appeal is Nearing our Goal of 38,000!** We had 12 donors this past week for a total of \$845 which brings **our grand total to \$30,867 from 186 donors.** Of those donors 2 are new this week. **We have 50 outstanding donors from last year.** If you are one of them, please consider continuing your support even if you are not able to do so at last years' level. If we can receive another 50 donations we can meet and surpass our goal! Last year we demonstrated how strong and vibrant a community we were by raising more than \$41,000. Next week we will have a report that includes any money given directly to the diocese. Send in your pledge today. 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** with Fr. Michael Lavallee followed by Deacon Sal Tantillo, Fr. Edward Chalmers, Fr. Walter Riley and Bishop Daniel Reilly. **Our theme this year is: "Church as Community, Church as Communion."** This is the fourth week of our nine consecutive Tuesdays. Please join us even if you can not make all dates.

**COLUMBAN SISTERS:** in accordance with the Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Plan, the **Columban Sisters will visit our parish on the weekend of May 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> at all Masses.** They will speak on behalf of their missionary work in Asia and South America. Your prayers and financial assistance will enable the Sisters to continue to serve the poor among whom they live and work.

**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 24<sup>th</sup> 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! To RSVP call the church office at 978-342-4706 during regular office hours, email Betty Anderson @ [banderson@buynensco.com](mailto:banderson@buynensco.com) or June Allen @ [Jallenskin@aol.com](mailto:Jallenskin@aol.com) by Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**4:00 PM Michael DiNardo**  
Requested by his family

**6:00 PM Ella Carbone**  
Requested by Elena Valeri

**Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**8:00 AM Bernard & Kathleen DiPasquale**  
Requested by Joseph & Phyllis DiConza

**10:30 AM Claire E. Testagrossa**  
Requested by her children

**Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Blessed Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka'i, priest**

**7:00 AM Sofocle & Josephine Eringi**  
Requested by their sisters Mary & Lucy

**Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM Lillian Chausse & Virginia Anderson**  
Requested by Betty & Dennis Anderson

**7:00 PM St. Anthony Novena: Week 5**  
Preacher: Fr. Michael Lavallee  
Associate, St. George, Worcester

**Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord**

**5:30 PM Peter Michaelian**  
Requested by his wife MaryAnn

**Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**The Ascension of the Lord**

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

**2:00 PM School Mass**

**Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Matthias, apostle**

**7:00 AM John & Natalie Quartarone**  
Requested Rene Berube

**Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 AM First Eucharist**

**1:00 PM First Eucharist**

**Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**4:00 PM Immacolata DePiano & Orazio DePiano**  
Requested by the DiVito family

**6:00 PM All Deceased of the Cormier & Orlando Families**  
Requested by their family

**Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**8:00 AM Alfred & Lena Mittola**  
Requested by their daughters

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

Dear Friends,

Happy Mothers' Day to the mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, godmothers and special aunts of the parish!

There's an old expression, "like a lioness defending her cubs." It means that this person fought ferociously, risking herself to protect another. When we think of those who will defend us come what may, often we think of our mothers, their love and their unconditional support.

The great English spiritual writer of the Middle Ages, Julian of Norwich, referred to Jesus as both Mother and Father. It was in the sense that His love for us was as tender as a mother's and as strong as a father's. In today's Gospel, Jesus shows his loving concern for His Apostles. They are justifiably concerned and fearful. He assures them that although they will be separated for a little while, He will return. He also promises that He will send the Holy Spirit to strengthen them. And He reminds them that they can always dwell in His peace.

So it is today. We have our worries and concerns. We wish there was someone here to figure the future out for us. There is! The Spirit guides us still. As we approach the Feast of Pentecost, we await with joy-filled hearts what the Lord is planning for us all.

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, Hamburger Helper, tuna, macaroni & cheese, jam & jelly, juice, beef or vegetable broth and cereal. **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.

**The Serra Club** invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>: Deacon James Linderman, Fr. Jesus Martinez, Fr. James Mazzone, Bishop McManus, Deacon Paul Messo, and Fr. Edward Michalski.

**A Day in May to Honor Mary** – **Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>** come and honor Mary, Mother of Life. The day will begin with the showing of the award winning movie, "Bella" at **3:00 PM at Anthony's of Malden, 105 Canal Street, Malden.** After the movie, enjoy a buffet feast and a keynote talk by Boston pro-life leader and counselor Theresa Gorey. Well know singer & writer Randy Albright of Nashville will then present a one-hour musical concert in honor of Our Lady. The evening will conclude with the May crowning of Our Lady. For tickets call 781-391-1396 or visit our web site at [www.eternalliferadio.org](http://www.eternalliferadio.org). Prayers for Life and Eternal Life Radio are the sponsors of this event.

**April "5-10" Club Winners**

\$500	Nina Amico
\$100	Manny Moitoso, Paul Orlando, Margaret Hanley
\$50	Sally Hosley, M/M Jim Wironer, the Gendron Family, Cindy Gagliastre
\$25	Kathy Beauvais, Dora Saari



*Banns of Marriage II*

*Anthony Zarrella & Elizabeth Richardson*

**Guess Who's Having a Birthday?** - Please join us on **Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup>** anytime between the hours of 2 - 4 PM in the church hall to celebrate **Fr Bob's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.** Please call Linda Allaire at 978-345-1669 if you can make hors d'oeuvres or a dessert and/or help out in some way. Due to this celebration we will not have the May socials following each Mass on the weekend of May 22/23<sup>rd</sup>.

**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 way; 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.

**Yard and Plant Sale to Benefit Boy Scout Troop 41** - Our annual Plant and Yard Sale on **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** will be held from **8:00 AM to 2:00 PM** in the parking lot of the Rollstone Congregational Church at 199 Main Street, Fitchburg. Please come and help support your local Boy Scout Troop.

**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 Weekends in New England are May 21-23 and June 11-13.** For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at [www.wwmeMA.org](http://www.wwmeMA.org)

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by:  
Florence Volpe IMO Gerald Volpe



*In Memoriam*

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:  
**Maurice Lacross & Craig Madigan**  
who died this past week. May their souls rest in peace.

