



January 9 – 10, 2010

Baptism of The Lord

"I am baptizing you with water, but One mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of His sandals."

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1 – 5

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:4 – 11

Gospel: John 2:1 – 11

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 9th

Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 PM Sr. Clara Cerasia, MPV
Requested by Betty & Dennis Anderson

Sunday, January 10th

The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Perla
and DiNatale Families
Requested by the Macchio family

10:30 AM Kenneth Paul
Requested by the DiVito & Paul families

Monday, January 11^h

7:00 AM Peter & Stephen Celona
Requested by Mario & Grace Zarrella

Tuesday, January 12th

7:00 AM NO MASS

Wednesday, January 13th

St. Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church

5:30 PM NO MASS
Fr. Bob on retreat

Thursday, January 14th

7:00 AM NO MASS
Fr. Bob on retreat

Friday, January 15th

7:00 AM NO MASS
Fr. Bob on retreat

Saturday, January 16th

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Deceased Members of the
Vincent Salamone Family
Requested by Vincenzo Salamone & family

Sunday, January 17th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Francois Giguere
Requested by Phyllis & Doug Pirani

10:30 AM Dave Hosley
Requested by his mother & family

January 3rd Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$2,978.50
Children's Collection (\$6.00)	\$6.00
DEFICIT this week	\$1,904.50
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$3,486.00

Parish Council meets Monday, January 18th @ 7:00 PM in hall.

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!

Attention all parents of children: Boxed children's offertory envelopes have been distributed. When using them, please be sure to include YOUR current envelope # on their envelope so that we may add to your family contribution totals. If you as an adult do not currently receive weekly envelopes and would like to start please call the office to request they be sent to you. If you currently receive envelopes please use them as this makes it easier for recording your contributions.

Church Contribution 2009 Tax Information

Requests for contribution statements for the 2009 year can be called in to the office or emailed to saintanthony@net1plus.com. We will be happy to mail them out however we do not mail them unless you have specifically requested one from us. We will start to mail them out in mid January. Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

*Louis Scalzulli,
Michael DiBenedetto
Josephine Dubois &
Carmella Berube*

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

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:
Millie Zichelle IMO of the Gorgoglione Family

Dear Friends,

"The people were all filled with expectation," today's Gospel tells us. Whenever we are on the threshold of a new undertaking, we have that sense of anticipation, wondering what will the future hold. We hold a mixture of joyful expectation, seasoned with a little bit of worry. What if things don't turn out as we planned?

The people of Israel were awaiting a Messiah, but they had been disappointed all too often. After the return from the Babylonian Captivity, they thought the new kingdom would be a kingdom of justice and peace. In fact, the new kingdom was even more corrupt. What followed was another conquest by Alexander the Great, the rebellion under the Maccabees, a new kingdom, conquest by the Romans and now a puppet king, Herod. Were all their hopes doomed to failure?

In spite of their disappointments, many continued to hope, this time trusting in John the Baptist. But John was not going to mislead anyone. He knew he was not the Messiah. He pointed them to the One who would never betray them. Although Jesus was not the Messiah that many had been anticipating, He was indeed the Holy One of God. John challenges his disciples to get past their preconceived notions and see the One of whom the Lord has said: "You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

Pace e Bene,

Relay for Life - Every year the American Cancer Society sponsors the Relay For Life. St. Anthony's participates in the Ayer Relay For Life which will be held in June. Each person raises money for the cure for cancer and walks the track for shifts of an hour or two, depending upon how many team members we have. We will be having an information meeting and sign up for the "Angels Among Us" team. It will be held **at the school in Grade 4 on Monday, January 11th from 6:00 – 7:00 P.M.** We look forward to seeing you and having you be a part of our team! Any questions please contact Linda Sordoni at the school 978-345-7785.

12 Step Mass - On the **Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM beginning on January 14, 2010**, St. Richard of Chichester Church, 4 Bridge Street, Sterling, will hold a 12-Step Mass. The focus is to see the closeness of the 12-Step Spirituality and the Gospel. Each month will focus on one step (January is Step 1). Members of all 12-Step Fellowships are welcome

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.

March for Life 2010 - Registrations are still being accepted for the bus trip to the Annual March for Life in Washington DC. Visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respectlife or call the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311 for more information.

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.

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**. This non-profit organization explains how energy conservation and recycling will help save the beautiful animals the children are seeing and other ways we can help save our rain forests. It is a wildly entertaining program for the entire family. 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!

When All The Hustle-bustle of the Holidays are Over..... Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are **January 29-31, February 12-14 and March 5-7**. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline - Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. The next New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekend will be held **April 16-18, 2010**. To register for the weekend or for more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 800-470-2230.

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: January 10th through January 16th : Rev. Thomas Borkowski; Rev. Timothy Brewer; Fr. Bob Bruso; Rev. James Caldarella; Rev. James Callahan; Deacon Mark Carrier; Deacon Roderick Cashes.

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. Also remember to notify us if someone is in the hospital for an extended stay. Without notification from a family member we have no way of knowing this.