



# Mass Intentions

November 27 - 28, 2010

## First Sunday of Advent

*One nation shall not raise the sword against another,  
nor shall they train for war again.*

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1 - 10

Second Reading: Romans 15:4 - 9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1 - 12

**Saturday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: First Sunday of Advent**

**4:00 PM** **Isabell Maney**  
Requested by Rose Anne Addorisio

**6:00 PM** **Margaret Pandiscio**  
Requested by Mary Macchio

**Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 AM** **Joseph & Shirley Gauvin**  
Requested by their children, grandchildren & great grandchildren

**10:30 AM** **Robert Saccone**  
Requested by his family

**Monday, November 29<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM** **Ernest Secino**  
Requested by the parish

**Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Andrew, apostle**  
**7:00 AM** **NO MASS**

**Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**5:30 PM** **Philomena & Vito Cosentino**  
Requested by John & Gina Fanelli

**Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**St. Francis Xavier, priest**  
**7:00 AM** **John A. Posco (28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by his daughter Debra Posco

**1:00 PM** **Mass at Fitchburg Greens**

**Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent**  
**4:00 PM** **Nancy Badagliacca (Anniversary)**  
Requested by her family

**6:00 PM** **Ella Carbone**  
Requested by her friends Rita & Elena

**Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Second Sunday of Advent**  
**8:00 AM** **Deceased of the John & Angela Lunetta Family**  
Requested by their daughter Norma Jean McAneany

**10:30 AM** **James & Mary DiConza & son Nicholas & Elaine**  
Requested by Connie & Tony Tessie

### November 21<sup>st</sup> Offerings

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$5,068.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$6,592.50</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$9.00)</b>	<b>\$9.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS this week</b>	<b>\$1,533.50</b>
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$5,711.00</b>

**RCIA** Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults meets on **Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm in the rectory.** All those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith are invited.

*All are invited to join Bishop McManus at the worldwide Vigil for All Unborn Human Life on Sunday, November 28, at 7:00 pm at Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester.*

### Sharing Our Blessings: THANK YOU!

The weekend of November 13-14<sup>th</sup> was **Commitment Weekend.** Based on early reports we had 178 favorable responses of a commitment to the parish. The average of all the responses was an increase of 38% - the equivalent of going from \$9.68 per week to \$13.30 per week. This is just an example as some % increases were higher and some lower. We will be tracking the weekly collection for the next 8 weeks to see if this figure holds steady. Whether you were able to increase or are maintaining your current level of giving we only ask that you make a concerted effort to sustain that level of giving for ALL 52 weeks of the year. We understand that not everyone is in a position to increase. The important thing for all is to be mindful that this is *your* parish and as such you need to take an active part in keeping it strong both fiscally and otherwise. There are always many opportunities to offer your time and talent here in the parish, some for as little as a few hours per month or year. Is there something more you could be doing?

**Sparkling Seniors:** Due to the nature of unpredictable winter weather and the difficulty in getting to the church hall, the Sparkling Seniors will NOT have a Christmas luncheon/social this year. They are hoping to have an event in the spring. New ideas and members are always welcome. Feel free to call and discuss with Betty Anderson, Lucy DiVito, Nancy Howe or MaryAnn Michaelian. This group is for those aged 55 and up who get together socially a few times throughout the year.

### **Zoey Gabriella Schotanus**

*was welcomed into our Christian community through baptism.  
May she, along with her parents, grow in faith,  
love and service to Jesus Christ.*

Please pray for the soul of  
*Jennie Mailloux*

who died this past week. May she rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

Everybody prays for peace. Nobody wants war. But few of us are willing to make the sacrifices necessary for peace. Pope Paul VI taught us that there will never be peace without justice.

We are the wealthiest nation on earth. In spite of all of the panic about China's growth, and it is growing quite rapidly, remember that in dollars the United States still produces more than China, yet they have six times as many people as we do. Proportionately, our productivity is far greater than theirs.

So what do we do with all of our wealth? We have slipped to 12<sup>th</sup> in the world in health care and our school system is ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the world. Our infrastructure (bridges, roads, railways) is crumbling while Europe, China and Japan leap ahead of us. Where is all of our wealth going?

Monday's Telegram had a headline which said it all: "The Spending Season." It's not Christmas anymore, or the Holiday Season, or even the Gift Giving Season, which it has been called. It's stripped down to basics: "The Spending Season." This year, as we prepare for Christmas, let's ask ourselves a few questions before we hand over the credit card. Is this important? Is it necessary? Is it valuable? Will it last or will it be tossed out in a season? Is there someone in true need in this country or around the world who really needs my help?

Peace and Good Will,



### **Electronic Giving Is Here...Have You Signed Up Yet?**

- ✓ **It benefits you and our parish!**
- ✓ **Enrollment is friendly and trouble-free.**
- ✓ **Never worry about forgetting to bring your envelope to church again.**

It's easy to sign up. Simply enroll on your home computer. Our parish website [www.stanthonyfitchburg.net](http://www.stanthonyfitchburg.net) has step-by-step instructions as well as a User Guide to get you started and answer all of your questions. A printed version of the Users Guide is available at the entrances of our church. Give it a try. You can stop it at any time if you are not satisfied. Additional parishioners are signing up each week! We want to mention that you may also contribute by using your current on-line banking or PayPal that many of you already use to pay your monthly bills. We hope many more of you will find this a convenient and easy way of contributing to our parish. If you have already signed up don't forget to take an "I Contribute" card when you enter the church to place in the basket during the collection. It not only prevents you from feeling "empty handed" but also shows others that this additional way of contributing is working here at St. Anthony Parish!

**Please Help the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry** New items added to the food pantry are: canned fruits & vegetables, mashed potato flakes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, yams, olives, turkey gravy, Jello, hot chocolate, cake mix, frosting, bathroom tissue. **Please try to bring one item a week.** Remember, only canned items – nothing fresh as it may spoil. The winter cold brings additional need so please continue to do what you can. Thank you!

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES WINTER COAT DRIVE**

**Catholic Charities annual coat ends this week.** If you have anything to donate it must be **dropped off to the office by Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.** Anything after this date will have to be brought directly to Catholic Charities on Mechanic St. in Leominster. They are particularly in need of winter clothes for teenagers although all donations will be accepted and appreciated.

### **A JUNE TRIP TO ITALY**

Father Bob is off to Italy *again!* This trip will be in the last two weeks of June and will include the Amalfi Coast and Campania; Central Italy (Florence, Assisi and the hill towns) and Rome. If you missed the informational meeting and are interested contact Fr. Bob [fatherbob@comcast.net](mailto:fatherbob@comcast.net) or 978-342-4706.

**Holy Hour for Families – Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, 63 Sheridan St., Fitchburg** please join us on the First Sunday of Advent for a Holy Hour for families. We will sing the Divine Mercy Chaplet, have Eucharistic Adoration and have a special blessing for babies. All

children are welcome! This is a wonderful opportunity to adore the Lord as a family. If you have never been to Adoration, please join us! Sponsored by Respect Life Ministry of St. Francis of Assisi.

**Attention all Teens:** On Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30 – 8:30 pm the movie "Bella" will be shown at Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church Hall. This event is free and popcorn & drinks will be served. **A Christmas Party for ALL Teens** will be on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 12:15 – 2:45 pm. Lunch & dessert will be served. Bring a \$5 wrapped "Yankee Swap" gift & a friend! Fun for everyone. For those interested we will also be attending part of the Christmas Concert at St. Joseph's from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Please call Mrs. Maston (978-798-1041) a few days ahead if you plan on attending any of these activities so she can plan.

**St. Joseph's Holiday Craft Fair,** 49 Woodland Street, Fitchburg will be on **Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 4:00 pm.** Vendors will be selling jewelry, knitted items, wooden and country items, Christmas ornaments and lots of other great Christmas gift items. There will be music and Santa Claus will also be there. Food and beverages will be sold. **If you would like to reserve a craft table, please contact Paula Ouellette at 978-342-7660 or 774-696-8672 no later than Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.** The cost is \$15 per table.

**The Montachusett Chorale** will present their annual **Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm** at Leominster City Hall. All proceeds from this concert will benefit the Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network. Tickets are \$12.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. They may be obtained by calling Kathy Cullinan at 978-342-3363 or Colonial Florist at 978-534-9187. Come relax and enjoy some beautiful music!

**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parishes** will present their **Annual Advent/Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm** at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church, Nichols St., Gardner. The church is handicapped accessible. Admission is free. Everyone is encouraged to bring one non-perishable food item to be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society for distribution in the community.

**Need Help With The Rosary? -** You can watch or even learn the Rosary by watching it on CatholicTV (check local listings). The Rosary is on each day at 10:00 am, 7:00 pm, and 3:00 am. Also, you can watch/pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet each day at 3:00 pm.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by  
Peter & Linda Allaire  
IMO Angie Scaficchia