



Mass Intentions

October 31, 2010
 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost."

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1 – 2, 9 – 14

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27– 38

October 24th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,886.00
Sunday Offerings	\$4,475.00
Children's Collection (\$13.25)	\$13.00
DEFICIT this week	\$398.00
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$2,943.00



All Saints Day Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 am, 2:00 pm with the school children & 5:30 pm.

All Souls Day Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 am Tuesday, November 2nd even though we don't usually have Mass on Tuesday.

Venerini Sisters Centennial Mass – Please join the Venerini Sisters in a Mass for the end of a year long Centennial Celebration commemorating their presence and service here in the United States. The Mass will be held next **Sunday, November 7th at 2:00 pm here at St. Anthony Church.** All are invited to give witness and to thank the Sisters for their devotion and service. A reception will follow in the School Hall.

Sharing Our Blessings: PROGRAM BEGINS THIS WEEK

Most if not all of you should have received a second letter from Fr. Bob this past week. **Our Commitment Weekend is November 13-14th.** Please pray about your level of commitment and come prepared to make your decision that weekend. If you attended Mass this weekend you had an opportunity to hear Ed & Sue Cronin, chairs for this program, speak to why they feel this program is important not only to strengthen the future of St. Anthony Parish but to the community as a whole. Volunteer Advocates will be calling each household to ensure each parishioner has received Fathers letter and has an opportunity to ask questions and be fully informed about our plans. Please take their call. It will only be about two minutes of your time. Contact the office if once you speak to an Advocate you still have questions and would like to discuss this project further with Fr. Bob.

Sirach 35:9 "Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means."

Please pray for the soul of
Jeanne Favini
 who died this past week. May she rest in peace.

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

Saturday, October 30th

Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Nick Macchio (3rd Anniversary)**
 Requested by his wife Mary & family

6:00 PM **Robert E. Coleman**
 Requested by his family

Sunday, October 31st

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Dominic James Ingemi**
 Requested by his wife Mary & family

10:30 AM **Jennie & Rocco Rollo & Family**
 Requested by Claire Rollo

Monday, November 1st

All Saints

7:00 AM **In Thanksgiving**
 Requested by a Parishioner

2:00 PM **School Mass**

5:30 PM **Jerry & Peggy Fasano**
 Requested by Bob & Florence Saccone

Tuesday, November 2nd

All Souls

7:00 AM **All the Faithful Departed**

Wednesday, November 3rd

St. Martin de Porres, religious

5:30 PM **Generoso & Giuseppina Pagliarulo (Anniv)**
 Requested by the Pennetti family

Thursday, November 4th

St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

7:00 AM **Carmella Berube**
 Requested by Friends at Foster Grant

Friday, November 5th

7:00 AM **Anna Celona (Anniversary)**
 Requested by Grace & Mario Zarrella

Saturday, November 6th

2:00 PM **Wedding:**
Thomas Schincke & Elizabeth Parisi

Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Linda Conry (8th Anniversary)**
 Requested by her husband Tom

6:00 PM **Antonio & Concetta Anzalone**
 Requested by their daughter Jennie

Sunday, November 7th

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Grace & Ed Wheeler**
 Requested by John & Gina Fanelli

10:30 AM **All Deceased Venerini Sisters**
 Requested by St. Anthony Parish

2:00 PM **Venerini Sisters Centennial Mass**

Dear Friends,

When I visited Jericho last month, the tour guide pointed out a sycamore tree in the middle of the town and was told that this is said to be the very tree that Zacchaeus sat in when Jesus passed, except that the tree was only 200 years old so that was impossible. Still, many people in our group eagerly took photos of the "Zacchaeus tree." I guess it was not so much the actual tree, but the idea which it evoked that was important.

So it is with us. We all have a littler bit of Zacchaeus in us. Is the idea of conversion appealing to us? Are we ready to begin anew in our walk with Jesus? We don't have to be outside to come in. We only have to see the ways in which we have held back in our relationship with Jesus Christ and with the Church and ask ourselves if we want that closeness in our lives.

Zacchaeus said he would give half of what he possessed to the poor. Warren Buffet and Bill Gates have challenged the billionaires in the United States to give away significant portions of their wealth. Many have taken them up on it. But it is a lot more than dollars. Have I held back emotionally? Do I turn to the Lord in times of joy as well as sorrow? Do as thank as frequently as I ask? Is church an important part of my life, to which I devote my time and energy, or is it just a spiritual "pit-stop" for an hour a week?

The important part of the Scripture today is not the tree, but the man who was willing to come down and be with Jesus.

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 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 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!

Thanksgiving is Just Around the Corner - Please Help the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry New items added to the food pantry wish list November 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. Thank you!

In the Spirit of Thanksgiving

Beginning the first weekend of November and continuing until after Thanksgiving instead of leaving food donations for the St. Francis Food Pantry in the lobby, the container will be at the altar. At the offertory of the Mass, all people who have donations will be asked to bring them forward with the offering. All we have, we owe to God's goodness so we should repay God. But God has no need of our gifts, so we thank God by our goodness to those in need.

Mass Intention Book Open Soon - The Mass Intention Book for the months of **January through June 2011 will be open on Wednesday, November 10th at 10:00 am. Please remember that you may have a total for the year of 4 weekend Masses per individual making them, regardless of whom you are making them for. Remember, Mass is also celebrated every day during the week except Tuesdays. Mass will be celebrated at both 7:00 am & 5:30 pm every weekday (including Tuesdays) during Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9th. No phone calls will be taken until after November 12th and please, no emails. Thank you for your understanding, this allows more individuals the opportunity to schedule.**

14th Annual Un-Halloween Christian Music Skate – Sunday, October 31st from 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Roll-On America Skate/Rollerblade Rink, 90 Duval Road, Lancaster (Rt. 2 @ Exit 34). Admission is \$4 (additional \$3.50 for skate/rollerblade rental) or family rate of \$28 for up to 4 family members which includes rental, 20 arcade tokens, a large cheese pizza and pitcher of soda (at least one parent must be present). See flyer on bulletin boards.

St. Anthony Country Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, November 20th from 10:00 – 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria/hall. This is the second of two major fundraisers held during the year and all proceeds directly benefit the school.

This year we are again asking for donated items for the Jar Deal and Chinese Auction booths. Any new item; suggestions include: house ware items, kids' games or crafts, sports items, articles for teens, homemade items, or gift certificates (\$10 or more in value) are appreciated. Any donation of tickets to sporting, theatre or other major events will go towards our main auction booth. As always your help is greatly appreciated! We of course can always use baked goods – especially Italian ones as they tend to sell out by mid afternoon! If you are willing to bake please call the school for instructions on drop off days & times.

Tyler Joseph Renda

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



*Bans of Marriage III
Thomas Schincke & Elizabeth Parisi*

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory

O gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on them.

Be not severe in Your judgments, but let some drops of Your precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames.

And, Merciful Savior, send Your angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light and peace. *Amen.*