



# October 3, 2010

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."*

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Vigil: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 4:00 PM **Lawrence Badagliacca (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)**  
 Requested by his wife family

6:00 PM **Paula Goguen**  
 Requested by her husband

**Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM **Giuseppina Volpe (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
 Requested by her family

10:30 AM **Mike Orlando (6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
 Requested by his wife & family

**Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**St. Francis of Assisi, religious**  
 7:00 AM **Joseph & Rose Grossi**  
 Requested by Nick & Frances Mercadante

**Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 AM **NO MASS**

**Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, virgin**  
 5:30 PM **Hubert & June Davis**  
 Amy & Marty Walsh

**Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Our Lady of the Rosary**  
 7:00 AM **Mildred M. Spencer & Annie Prince**  
 Requested by Ann-Louise

**Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>**  
 7:00 AM **In Honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Lena Rajcula**  
 Requested by her niece Maureen Myers  
 & family

**Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**  
 2:00 PM **Wedding:**  
 Christopher McFadden & Eliza Paul

**Vigil: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 4:00 PM **Erminia & Emanuel Morizzo**  
 Requested by their family

6:00 PM **Teresa Boniface (Anniversary)**  
 Requested by Tony & Janice Cristofono

**Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 AM **Anthony V. & Mary (Carpinella) Posco**  
 Requested by their children

10:30 AM **All Deceased Members of the**  
**Order Sons of Italy in America**  
 Requested by the Members of Lodge # 169

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:  
 First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14 – 17  
 Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8 – 13  
 Gospel: Luke 17:11 – 19

### September 26<sup>th</sup> Offerings

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,886.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$4,800.00</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$9.00)</b>	<b>\$9.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$77.00</b>
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$2,642.00</b>

**Order Sons of Italy, Lodge #169** will be having a **Memorial Mass** for all deceased members of the Order Sons of Italy in America on **Sunday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am**. Members are asked to sit in the front pews of the church. They invite all to join them for coffee and donuts in the church hall immediately after the Mass.

### Sharing Our Blessings: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GROWTH

In the weeks ahead, you will be reading more about a new program taking place throughout the Diocese of Worcester. The program, Sharing Our Blessings, is an opportunity for all of us to address the most pressing needs in our parish through this increased giving campaign. Our hope is to increase our weekly collection by at least 25%. Each week this space in the bulletin will be devoted to reminders and important announcements concerning Sharing Our Blessings. Please be on the lookout for more information about this exciting opportunity.

**Team Captain Meeting:** Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm in church hall.

Luke 12:34, Matthew 6:21 *"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."*

### Electronic Giving Is Here...Interested in Signing Up?

- ✓ **It benefits you and our parish!**
- ✓ **Enrollment is friendly and trouble-free.**
- ✓ **Never worry about forgetting to bring money 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. Please contact the parish office at 978-342-4706 if you have additional questions or pick up a printed version of the Users Guide at the entrances of our church. Last weekend we had half a dozen families sign up! We hope many more of you will find this a convenient and easy way of contributing to our parish.

**Altar Server Training Continues** on **Wednesday's** right after school at 3:30 on **October 6 & 13** and/or on **Saturday's** at 12:30 on **October 9 & 16**. All classes are for one hour. If you missed the first training class, have your parents call the office to sign up!



*Bans of Marriage*  
 Christopher McFadden & Eliza Paul

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by:  
 Rene Berube for favors received

Dear Friends,

Luke's Gospel can seem harsh at times. Who wouldn't want to be invited to sit down and relax after having worked all day? "Give me a break!" we want to say. But Luke always challenges us to go just a little bit further.

At one time or another, we may see a sports figure who is "dogging it," as they say; not trying his hardest. We become angry and disgusted and say, "With the money he is making, he should be giving 100% on every play in every game!" But money, no matter how much, is a finite, temporal and limited thing. What Jesus offers us is infinite, eternal and unlimited. Shouldn't we also be willing to give Him 100% every time?

Sometimes the pressures of everyday life become so great that we put our faith and our relationship with Jesus Christ on a back burner. It's there, but it isn't a big priority right now. Has that happened to you?

Now is as good a time as any to "stir into flame the gift of God that you have." Now is the time to renew our ardor and joyfully share our faith in Jesus Christ, in word and in action.

Peace and Good Will,



### **ST. ANTHONY PARISH COUNCIL**

There are three seats open on our parish council. I personally am particularly hopeful that new parishioners will consider joining. As such, the council decided that this year there will not be an election, which can become a popularity contest. Rather, we will accept nominations and decide based on qualifications and diversity in original parish. Please call the office with nominations. You can nominate yourself or any other parishioner who you think would be interested.

### **FITCHBURG CATHOLIC PARISH COUNCIL**

Part of the effort to strengthen our new parish communities includes developing a Council of all four parishes. Each parish is asked to have four parishioners on this Council. Are you willing to serve on this Council? We will probably meet no more than four times a year to address issues that affect all parishes in Fitchburg. We are interested in beginning a publicity campaign for Advent and Lent to reach out to non-practicing Catholics for starters.

**Eucharistic Minister Training** for those who have expressed an interest as well as those individuals who feel that a "refresher course" would be helpful we will meet on **Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the church hall.** Please plan to join us.

**Won't You Help Us?** We are still in need of lectors for all Masses but particularly the 4 & 6:00 pm Saturday Masses. Anyone who has made their confirmation is eligible to serve as a lector or Eucharistic minister. Please contact the office immediately.

**RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** is intended for adult Catholics who have not been confirmed and for anyone who is interested in knowing more about Catholic Christianity. We meet once a month in the rectory. **Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** Call the office or just drop in if you're interested.

**Please Make a Note:** Our parish email has changed to [stanthonyfitchburg@comcast.net](mailto:stanthonyfitchburg@comcast.net) (for general office requests, bulletin notice requests etc.) and [fatherbob@comcast.net](mailto:fatherbob@comcast.net) for specific questions for the pastor.

**Please Continue to Help the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry**  
**New items added to the food pantry wish list are:** cereal, canned fruit, Pasta Roni & other pasta sides, mashed potato flakes, baked beans, beef stew, juice, spaghetti sauce, & jelly.  
**Please try to bring one item a week.** Remember, only canned items – nothing fresh as it may spoil. Thank you!

**Prince of Peach Parish, Princeton** annual Harvest Craft Fair & Bake Sale on **Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** in the church hall from 11:30 – 4:00 pm. The kitchen will be open for snacks and/or lunch.

### **October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**YWCA – Battered Women's Resources Candle Light Ceremony** to commemorate the lives lost to domestic violence locally and statewide will be held on **Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:30 pm** on the Leominster Center Common (rain location: Leominster City Hall Auditorium), 25 West Street, Leominster. For more information call 978-537-2306, Ext. 19.

**Day of Prayer for Women "The Lord is my Shepherd"** – The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary are holding this day of prayer on **October 16<sup>th</sup>** at Presentation Convent, 99 Church Street, Leominster. Sr. Christina Dougherty, PBVM will be the presenter. The day will begin at 9:30 am with refreshments and will end by 3:00 pm. There will be an opportunity for quiet reflection and sharing. Lunch will be included. Free will offerings are accepted. To register please contact Sr. Mary Anne Seliga 978-537-7108 or Sr. Maureen Hickey 978-790-0056. **Deadline for registering is October 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**SPRED** – Do you know of a person with special needs who would like to be involved in a group to build spiritual development without the traditional curriculum? This approach is called SPRED, for Special Religious Development, and consists of small groups of similar ages who learn differently. The groups will meet at the Madonna of the Holy Rosary Chapel in Fitchburg. Children and adults will be prepared to receive the sacraments. Each person will have an individual helper, and spiritual growth after receiving the sacraments is encouraged, as well as lasting friendships among the group members. Please pass the word to anyone who needs a different approach to religious formation. This program is not limited to Catholics. Please email Carolyn Oberhelman at [carolynprinceton@aim.com](mailto:carolynprinceton@aim.com), or call her at 978-422-8512 for questions.

**St. Bernard's High School Open House** for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade candidates will be held on **Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm and Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 pm** in the school Media Center. Parents and students are welcome. For more information contact Tara Gauthier at 978-342-3212, Ext. 236.

**The Office for Healing & Prevention** would like to remind you that if your or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk with someone about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, contact Frances Nugent, Victim Services Coordinator, Office for Healing & Prevention, 508-929-4363 (direct line). A 24 hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

