



Mass Intentions

September 26, 2010 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad."

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2 – 3; 2: 2 – 4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6 – 8, 13 – 14

Gospel: Luke 17:5 – 10

Saturday, September 25th

Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Deceased Members of the Bellabarba Family
Requested by their family

6:00 PM Deceased of the Addorisio & Nitti Families
Requested by Rose Anne Addorisio

Sunday, September 26th

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Gerald Volpe
Requested by his sisters Ann & Florence

10:30 AM John J. Belli
Requested by his children & family

Monday, September 27th

St. Vincent de Paul, priest

7:00 AM NO MASS
Fr. Bob in Israel

Tuesday, September 28th

St. Wenceslaus, martyr

7:00 AM NO MASS
Fr. Bob in Israel

Wednesday, September 29th

St. Michael, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael, archangels

5:30 PM NO MASS
Fr. Bob in Israel

Thursday, September 30th

St. Jerome, priest & doctor of the Church

7:00 AM NO MASS.
Fr. Bob in Israel

Friday, October 1st

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor of the Church

7:00 AM NO MASS
Fr. Bob in Israel

Saturday, October 2nd

Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Lawrence Badagliacca (2nd Anniversary)
Requested by his wife family

6:00 PM Paula Goguen
Requested by her husband

Sunday, October 3rd

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Giuseppina Volpe (10th Anniversary)
Requested by her family

10:30 AM Mike Orlando (6th Anniversary)
Requested by his wife & family

September 19th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,886.00
Sunday Offerings	\$7,099.00
Children's Collection (\$37.25)	\$37.00
SURPLUS this week	\$2,253.00
TOTAL SURPLUS	\$2,719.00

Annual Catholic Schools Appeal was this past weekend. If you forgot your envelope please bring it next week and thank you for your continued support to St. Anthony School.

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.

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 has step-by-step instructions as well as a user guide to get you started. Please contact the parish office at 978-342-4706 if you have questions or pick up a printed version of the users guide at the entrances of our church. We hope many of you will find this a convenient and easy way of contributing to our parish.

Attention All Students in Grade 3 or Older Have you ever thought about getting more involved at Mass? Have you ever thought about becoming an altar server? Any boy or girl in grade 3 or above who is a member of St. Anthony Parish is invited to come to practice on three **Wednesdays** (for one hour) right after **school at 3:30 on September 29, October 6 & 13 OR three Saturday's at 12:30 on October 2, 9 & 16.** Have your parents call the office to sign up!

St. Anthony Church Blessing of the Animals to take place on **Saturday, October 2nd at 12 noon.** Please have your animals on a leash or in a pet carrier. The blessing will take place outside by the St. Anthony Shrine or if the weather is bad we will have it in the church hall.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by:
MaryAnn Michaelian for the sick & dying

Please join us in wishing Lena Rajcula a Happy 90th Birthday!
May your Birthday be filled with the blessings of God!

Dear Friends,

Do we really believe in eternal life? Do we take seriously the final judgment? Is it something we say unthinkingly? Is it just a nice thought to comfort ourselves when a loved one dies?

If we do believe in the promise of final judgment followed by eternal life, listening to this Gospel passage of Lazarus and the Rich Man should give us some serious food for thought. Have we become, as the Prophet Amos says, "the complacent of Zion"? Do we think that being a Christian, being a member of "God's team" is enough? We are saved by our faith in Jesus Christ, but what does that mean? What is faith without works, as the Apostle James asks?

We cannot be saved by righteousness according to the Law, a blind obedience to ritual and custom. We are only saved by Jesus Christ and that faith must be made real by our actions and attitudes. Obeying Christ's commandment is not about law, it is about love.

Lazarus is at our gates. Do we love him?

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 5th 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 6th 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 (for general office requests, bulletin notice requests etc.) and 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 – no fresh as it may spoil. Thank you!

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

JOURNEY WITH ME IN THE HOLY LAND

While I am on pilgrimage in the Holy Land, I will have the privilege of celebrating Mass at some of the holiest shrines in Christendom. I will bring you and your intentions with me at every Mass. Some of you may want to join with me in a spiritual communion during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. For your convenience, I have included an itinerary of Masses with a suggested Scripture reading associated with the place where the Mass will be celebrated.

Saturday, Sept. 25
Mass in Jericho
(Luke 11:25-37; 19:1-10)

Sunday, Sept. 26
Mass at the Jordan River
(Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-13)

Monday, Sept. 27
Mass at the Chapel of the Beatitudes
(Luke 6:20-26; Matthew 5:1-12)

Tuesday, Sept. 28
Mass at the Church of the Annunciation, Nazareth
(Luke 1:26-56)

Wednesday, Sept. 29
Mass on Mount Carmel
(Luke 9:28-36)

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 5th 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 16th** 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 8th.**