

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 4th

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Ralph, Fannie & Simone Romano**
Requested by their family

6:00 PM **All Deceased Priest and Religious Sisters & Brothers**

Sunday, February 5th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **IMO the Bodanza & Pisciotta Family**
Requested by their family

10:30 AM **John & Jack Jerszyk**
Requested by their family

Monday, February 6th

Martyrs of Japan

7:00 AM **Randy Pierce**
Requested by his Mom & Garrett

Tuesday, February 7th

7:00 AM **Flavio & Barbara DeBonis**
Requested by Nick & Francis Mercadante

Wednesday, February 8th

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

7:00 AM **Walter & Alice Lewis**
Requested by their nephew

5:30 PM **Anna Celona (Anniversary)**
Requested by Grace & Mario Zarrella

Thursday, February 9th

7:00 AM **For the Sick & Dying**

Friday, February 10th

St. Scholastica, Virgin

7:00 AM **Parishioners**

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

Saturday, February 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 AM **Adelias Cote (42nd Anniversary)**
Requested by her daughter Terrie

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Rita & Bob Hagen**
Requested by their children

6:00 PM **Julia Potts**
Requested by her nephew

Sunday, February 5th

Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Jerry & Terry Capone (Anniversary)**
Requested by their son & family

10:30 AM **Joseph Viola**
Requested by his daughter

February 4 - 5, 2012 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Rising very early before dawn, Jesus left
and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.*

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings

First Reading Leviticus 13:1 - 2, 44 - 46
Second Reading I Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1
Gospel Mark 1:40 - 45

January 29th

Sunday Offerings	\$5,478
Children's	\$19
Needed to Meet Budget	\$6,400
This Week's Deficit	-\$903
TOTAL Deficit (year-to-date)	-\$2,125

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS & EVENTS

Catholic Home Mission Appeal - If you forgot your donation please bring it with you next week. Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests to serve the poorer parishes. To learn more go to www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Today's Women in Faith will meet in the church hall on **Monday, February 13th at 6:30 pm**. All women are invited to join them.

Lenten Bible Study/Adult Enrichment Series - Plan now to spend Thursday evenings during Lent with Fr. Bob as we present the new TV series "Catholicism" as seen on PBS. Everyone is welcome every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the church hall **beginning Thursday, February 23rd**.

Pasta Supper to be hosted by St. Anthony School on **Saturday, February 11th, from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria** to benefit the 8th grade class trip to Pennsylvania. The cost will be \$6.00 per person and will include; pasta, meatballs, salad and bread. There will also be a bake sale for those with a sweet tooth!

St. Anthony School Open Registration Any parishioner interested in enrolling their children should call the school office immediately at 978-345-7785. Registration for new students is ongoing. Spaces fill quickly, especially in the lower grades. Don't be disappointed call soon!

Church Contribution 2011 Tax Information
All parishioners wishing to receive an Annual Contribution Report for money given during the 2011 year must call the office to request one. These reports will not be sent out unless a request is made. Requests can be made during our regular office hours of 9:00 - 3:00 Monday through Friday (except Tuesday when the office is closed) or by email at stanthonyfitchburg@comcast.net. Statements are being mailed as requests are made.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Palma Russo

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



This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by:
L. M. for Special Intentions

From the Pastor's Desk


Dear Friends,

What's your favorite book? Over the years, I've had many favorites, but there is one book that I realize I have turned to more often than any other over the years, except the Bible. It is a slim volume entitled *Abandonment to Divine Providence* by Jean-Pierre de Caussade, a Jesuit priest of seventeenth century France. There is a vast difference between thinking that we are the ones who must do everything and thinking that God will do everything and we just have to wait patiently. There is a much finer line between thinking that God will provide and we must wait and God will provide and we must cooperate with God.

It is about that fine line of distinction that Father de Caussade writes. "God's work on earth must truly be our own," as John F. Kennedy said in his Inaugural Address. But it is only through abandonment to God that we can discern if it is truly God's work given to us to do or merely our own personal agenda masquerading as God's work. A good tool to help determine the difference might be this: Anything that encourages you to ignore your legitimate duties and responsibilities is probably not what God is asking of you. As St. Augustine said, "Sing but keep moving," in other words, praise God but do your work.

Jesus knows the work assigned Him by His Heavenly Father. He must preach the Kingdom. But the "where" and "how" of that mission, He places entirely in God's hands, which is why, in today's Gospel, Jesus is free to move on to the next place, in spite of his celebrity status in Capernaum. Abandonment to Divine Providence is found in the willingness to follow God's will, not our own.

Peace and good will,

 **St. Anthony's 3rd Annual Variety Show** continues rehearsals every Wednesday night at 6:30 in the church hall right up until the weekend of performances - April 14 & 15th. If you are interested in being a part of the show please contact Valerie or Robert Gale at 978-502-7546 or just stop by the St. Anthony Church Hall, 84 Salem St., Fitchburg on **Wednesday at 6:30 pm**.

The Center for Italian Culture of Fitchburg State University is sponsoring a three-part film series, "*L'Italia Liberata*". The first film, "*Roma, Citta` Aperta*", is the story of Italian resistance fighters as the Nazis tightened the noose on Rome. This award-winning film will be shown on **Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012**, at 3:30 and 7: p.m., Ellis White Lecture Hall, Hammond Campus Center. Tickets: \$15 series pass; \$7 adults; \$5 students; (at the door).

12th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference - All parish men, as well as their sons, brothers, fathers and friends are invited to this important annual Conference, scheduled for Worcester's DCU Center, on **Saturday, March 24th**. Plan now for this annual event. For a Conference brochure, further information, or registration, call Fran Pandiscio at 978-348-1009. **Registrations received before March 15th pay ½ price (our parish will pay the other)**. Don't delay or be left paying full price. Visit our website www.firstmensconf.org for information and tickets purchases.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Bible Study Course - Come join Monsignor Goguen as he teaches a course on "The Book of Revelation" - an eight week study course will run on Wednesdays, **February 1st - March 21st** from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at St. Cecilia's Parish Center, Leominster. This course is free and open to all.

Free Parish Nursing Course to Be Offered - Carrie Whyte, a Parish Nurse at St. Joseph Church, is giving a 32 hour basic course in Faith Based/Parish Nursing **beginning the weekend of April 14 and 15th** at no cost. This course is open to anyone in the North Central Worcester area. It will be held at Madonna of the Holy Rosary Community Center located on Theresa Street, Fitchburg. Please contact Carrie Whyte by calling 978-870-4571 or emailing her at ccarrioke@aol.com expressing your interest and other questions about course.

The Next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in New England is **April 27 - 29**. Sometimes daily stresses can really have a negative impact on our marriages. Get away from all those worldly anxieties and take time to just focus on each other by making a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwme.org.

Seeking Business & Operations Manager at Our Lady of the Lake, Leominster. This is a full time position with benefits. Candidate's responsibilities include the day-to-day stewardship of the financial and physical resources of the parish. Applicant must have Bachelor's Degree in Administration/Finance or related field or equivalent experience and proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite and QuickBooks. Supervisory experience preferred. For a complete job description, please go to: www.ourladylake.org.

Sweetheart Cupcake Walk - Just in time for Valentine's Day, join St. Anna Parish for a Sweetheart Cupcake Walk on **Saturday, February 11th from 1-5pm and Sunday, February 12th from 9-1pm** in the church hall, 199 Lancaster St., Leominster. Try the St. Anna's 75th Anniversary Signature Yummy Rum Cupcake as well as classic Vanilla, Chocolate, Key West Key Lime, Espresso Chocolate Kiss and many more. Save money and preorder cupcakes. Drop by the Rectory to fill out an order form or go to www.stannaparish.org to order online. Pre-ordered is \$7.50/dozen, \$5/½ dozen \$1 for single. Regular order is \$10/dozen, \$7.50/½ dozen.

Joseph's House, 279 Daniels St., Fitchburg (978) 343-8563 - The "affordable" alternative to expensive senior housing is now accepting applications for 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% adjusted gross income depending on income. Annual income requirement cannot exceed \$30,200 for 1 person or \$34,500 for 2. Apartments include heat, hot water, all appliances, central AC, on-site laundry, tenant activities, courtyard patio, professional staff, off-street parking, controlled access building. This is an Elder Preference building. Contact Donna Coyle at 412-536-8048



Please don't forget THE ST. VINCENT de PAUL FOOD PANTRY - New items added to the food pantry are: canned meat, vegetables, fruit, tuna, baked beans, bathroom tissue, Jello, cereal, cranberry sauce, turkey gravy, stuffing, olives. **Please try to bring one item a week.** Remember, only canned items - nothing fresh as it may spoil and please, **no glass jars.**