



Love
One Another
Mass Intentions

February 14-15, 2009
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God.*

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:
First Reading: Isaiah 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1:18 - 22
Gospel: Mark 2:1- 12

PREVIOUS WEEK OFFERINGS

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offering	\$5,424.00
Children's Collection (\$16.00)	\$16.00
SURPLUS this week	\$551.00
DEFICIT Year to Date	\$2,332.00

The Collection for the Church in Latin America is next weekend. This collection helps support our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean in the practice of their faith including ministry formation of priests, religious, and lay leaders; catechesis for all age groups; sacramental preparation and evangelization. Visit www.usccb.org/latinamerica to learn more.

The "Souper" Bowl of Caring church collection of \$525 combined with the St. Anthony School collection of \$475 made a grand total of \$1,000. This money will be sent to the Venerini School in Nigeria to help support their lunch program. Thank you to all who gave!

POT LUCK SUPPER - This is the last weekend to sign up for the St. Anthony's Pot Luck Supper **next Saturday, February 21st after the 4 PM Mass.** Sign up sheets are available at the entrances of the church. If you are unable to sign up after Mass, you can call Linda Allaire 978-345-1669, Bonnie Hautala 978-343-3994 or Amy Walsh 978-502-5540 **before Wednesday.** Come and enjoy the evening with friends and fellow parishioners.

Hospitality News - If anyone would like to help with the socials after both Masses on Sunday, February 22nd please call Amy Walsh at 978-502-5540.

Pasta Supper on Saturday, March 28th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the St. Anthony School cafeteria. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children and can be purchased at the door. Proceeds from this event will go to the 8th grade students to help them finance their class trip.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle is requested by MaryAnn Michaelian for the sick and dying. Thank you.

2008 Church Contribution Tax Information

If you would like an Annual Contribution Report for money given during the 2008 year you must call the office to request one. You may call the office @ 978-342-4706 during regular office hours of 9:00 - 3:00 PM Monday through Friday with the exception of Tuesdays when the office is closed all day. Please do not call the rectory.

Saturday, February 14th

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Pellegrino DePiano (Anniversary)**
Requested by the Pennetti family

Sunday, February 15th

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Nicola & Giuseppina Volpe**
Requested by Anna Pacetti & family

10:30 AM **Grace & Ed Wheeler**

Requested by John & Gina Fanelli

Monday, February 16th

Presidents Day

8:00 AM **Frank J. Ingemi**
Requested by Theresa David

Tuesday, February 17th

The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, religious

7:00 AM **Joseph & Rose Secino**
Requested by Parishioners

Wednesday, February 18th

5:30 PM **Joseph & Maria Perrone**
Requested by John & Gina Fanelli

Thursday, February 19th

7:00 AM **Joe Rollo**
Requested by Ray Gastonguay

Friday, February 20th

7:00 AM **The Parishioners of St. Anthony Parish**

Saturday February 21st

Vigil: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **All Deceased of the Perla & DiNatale Families**
Requested by the Macchio family

Sunday, February 22nd

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **John Fortunato**
Requested by his family

10:30 AM **Lou Buratti, Jr.**

Requested by his family

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Joseph F. Bodanza

who died this past week. May his soul rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

The people of the Old Testament and the people of Jesus' time lived in fear of infectious diseases of any kind. There were no antibiotics, not even sulfur drugs. Ideas of sanitation and clean bandages were primitive. The only thing they understood was quarantine. Healing from leprosy or any other visible form of infection also meant the possibility of being restored to community and family life.

Do you remember the movie *Ben Hur*? In it, Ben Hur's sister and mother were infected with leprosy and had to live away from the family. Because they were afraid to taint anyone else with their disease, they lived hidden lives, refusing anyone's help. When the shadow of Jesus on the way to Calvary passed over them, they were cured and life could begin again.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if everyone who felt themselves alienated from family and friends and the broader society could be identified so easily? Most of us carry our scabs on the inside. It's not so easy to tell. But we are called to be healers like Jesus. We are called to reach out in love to all those who harbor hurts and resentments and anger which separates them from others. Look around. Who do you know who seems to have backed off from human contact? Who used to call you that you haven't heard from in a while? Can you be a healer? Can you erase their scabs and their pain?

Pace e Bene,

Item of the Month – The Youth Group is accepting donations for Our Father's House and the Veterans' Homestead. **This month's item is deodorant.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

9th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference - All parish men are invited to the annual Conference, scheduled for Worcester's DCU Center on **Saturday, March 28th**. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Bill Wegner, Brian Brown, Msgr. Frank Lane, Joe Klecko and Guy Doud. For a Conference brochure see or call Fran Pandiscio at 978-348-1009 or go to www.firstmensconf.org for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Items

Please don't forget about the pantry. Items needed are: bathroom tissue, cereal, canned vegetables, beef stew & canned soups, spaghetti sauce, jam or jelly, canned fruit, tuna, macaroni & cheese, Pasta Roni, canned meat. Many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. Continue to do what you can. Thank you!

The Serra Club of Worcester North invites you to join us in offering daily prayer for priests and seminarians of our Diocese. The names for the week of February 15th through February 21st: Fr. Bob; Deacon Sal; Rev. H. Edward Chalmers; Rev. Theodore Laperle; Rev. Joseph Jurgelonis; Deacon Richard Tatro; Rev. Gerald Dorais.

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2009-2010

Registration for grades pre-K 3 through grade 7 is now open. Any parishioner interested should call the school office at 978-345-7785 as soon as possible as registration is now open to the public.

The Gospel According to John – Performed by Leonardo Defillippis. Join in this wonderful Lenten program on **Friday, March 6th, from 7:30 – 9:30 PM at Fitchburg High School**, 140 Arn-How Farm Road. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and can be purchased by contacting Fran Pandiscio @ 978-348-1009 or at all I-C Federal Credit Union branch locations. A dramatic presentation of the entire Gospel brought to life in a gripping 110 minute one-man drama with a 15 minute intermission. Suitable for ages 7 and up. Families are encouraged to come. Sponsored by Serra of Worcester North.

St. Anthony School reminds you to please continue cutting out the **"Box Tops for Education"**. In addition to this ongoing collection **could you please also cut out the labels from Campbell's Soup cans?** The UPC portion with the picture of the Campbell's Soup child and sometimes the point value is what they are looking for. If you are not sure then the whole label is fine. Both items can be placed in the existing containers at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your continued support!

Relay for Life – American Cancer Society – If you would like to join our Saint Anthony's "Angels Among Us" team please attend our **meeting on Monday, February 23rd at 4:30 PM** at the school. Contact Linda Sordoni at the school at 978-345-7785 for more information. We hope to see some new faces this year!

ANGELS AMONG US FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY – On Wednesday, February 25th (Ash Wednesday) 4:00 – 8:00 P.M., Il Ricordi Restaurant, 226 Westminster Street, West Fitchburg 978-345-4046, will donate 15% of all take out and dine in orders to our team! Just mention St. Anthony School and they'll take care of the rest! Their menu includes pasta, pizza, fish and more. Please help our team with this important cause while enjoying a great meal!

Below is an excerpt from the homily Deacon Sal gave several weeks ago. It is quite fitting as we draw closer to the Lenten Season.

"How do we work to claim Christ's destruction of evil in our lives? St. Ignatius Loyola offers us nine tips for working out the good Spirit and the falsehood of the bad Spirit. It's called Christian Discernment."

- 1) Trust the commonplace, the ordinary, the everyday.
- 2) Live in the here and now.
- 3) Don't make a decision when we are down; allow the crisis to pass.
- 4) Be suspicious of "the urgent".
- 5) Be humble enough to take wise advice wisely.
- 6) Learn the patterns of the good and bad spirit – follow one, train the other.
- 7) The good spirit connects us. The bad spirit divides, isolates, locks us in our fears.
- 8) Get your head and heart in dialogue – we need both.
- 9) No work for the coming of the kingdom is too small, irrelevant, or inconsequential.