



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Vigil: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Nancy Flory (Anniversary)**  
Requested by Joe, Anita & children

**Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM Jimmy Pandiscio**  
Requested by Mike Dantini

**10:30 AM Pete Celona (Anniversary)**  
Requested by his wife & children

**Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Presentation of the Lord**

**7:00 AM Eugene St. Jean**  
Requested by his wife & family

**Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**St. Blaise, bishop and martyr**

**7:00 AM Gloria LeClair & son Francis**  
Requested by John & Gina Fanelli

**Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM Rev. Raphael Posco**  
Requested by his nieces & nephews

**Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Agatha, virgin & martyr**

**7:00 AM William & Josephine Muldoon**  
Requested by the Dwyer family

**Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Paul Miki, martyr, and his companions, martyrs**

**7:00 AM Rocco Robuccio**  
Requested by his children & grandchildren

**Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM Sofocle & Josephine Eringi**  
Requested by their sisters Lucy & Mary

**10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Loriot Family**  
Requested by Claire Rollo

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Gilda Catalini**

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

January 31, 2009

February 1, 2009

Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

*"What is this? A new teaching with authority."*

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Job 7:1 – 4, 6 – 7

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16 – 19

Gospel: Mark 1:29 – 39

### PREVIOUS WEEK OFFERINGS

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$4,591.50</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$12.00)</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$285.50</b>
<b>DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$3,262.00</b>

### **OOPS! CORRECTION**

Please note the correct time for Penance Service below:

**The Penance/First Reconciliation Service** that was postponed due to a December snowstorm **has been re-scheduled for Tuesday evening, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Church.** This is a wonderful way to start the New Year. Please plan to attend.

**SAVE THE DATE!** – **St. Anthony Pot Luck Supper** is scheduled for **February 21<sup>st</sup> immediately after the 4:00 PM Mass** in the church hall. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the evening with friends and fellow parishioners. Sign up sheets are available at the entrances of the church or you can call Linda Allaire 978-345-1669, Bonnie Hautala 978-343-3994 or Amy Walsh 978-502-5540. Come and enjoy, Mangia! You do not need to be at Mass to attend!

### **THANK YOU FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank the parishioners for the additional support we received for last week's socials. We had several people make food, buy food or donate to the groceries purchased. Thank you again and we hope you will join us for the Potluck Dinner on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>.

**DO YOU HAVE 4 WHEEL DRIVE?** - Sometimes in the winter, it's difficult to get around. For our Venerini Sisters at Rosemont, traveling up and down Prospect St. hill can be a challenge, especially during bad weather. There are times when the Sisters have appointments that they cannot make because they have no transportation.

If you have a 4 wheel drive vehicle and are willing to help the Sisters with a ride from time to time, please call the church office at 978-342-4706 and leave your name and telephone number so we can create an on-call list of those willing and able to help our Sisters in this way.

**ST. ANTHONY CANDLE** - Since we have changed the location of the statue of our patron St. Anthony, we have added a vigil light to burn throughout the week in his honor. If you would like to make an offering to help defray the cost of the vigil light, please speak with Father Bob.

Dear Friends,

“Who says so?” It’s a challenge you hear often enough, especially with children arguing among themselves. “Who says so?” By what right are you telling me what to do?

Jesus confronts a religious establishment eager to question His authority by the power of His own words and actions. He doesn’t need footnotes and references and He doesn’t have to “proof text” what He is saying by referring to the revealed word of God in Scripture. He, in His person, is the perfect revelation of God’s word. He is God’s message of salvation and hope standing there in the flesh.

We know that the powers and authorities in the religious and political world of Jerusalem would continue to question Him even to His death. But what was the strength and serenity that emanated from Him so that the simple people in the synagogues could feel it, yet the so-called experts missed it entirely? Was it the unmistakable goodness of His person? Was it the clarity of His teaching? Was it the love of God that flowed forth from Him?

Let’s allow the wonder of God, revealed in Jesus Christ, enter our hearts and transform our lives.

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.

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Catholic Men’s Conference** - All parish men are invited to the annual Conference, scheduled for Worcester’s DCU Center on **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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](http://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!

#### **ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2009-2010**

Registration will begin for Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten on **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Any parishioner interested should call the school office at 978-345-7785 prior to that date as registration will be open to the public beginning that day. Anyone interested in enrolling students for grades 1-7 should call to inquire about possible openings and information regarding acceptance for those grades

**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. These items take only a minute to cut and save and they bring in much needed extra revenue for the school at no additional cost to anyone. 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 “Angel Among Us” team please attend our **meeting on Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> (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!

**Scripture Class in Leominster** – Colossians and Ephesians, an 8-week course, will be offered at St. Cecilia’s Parish Hall, Third Street, Leominster. **Classes begin Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM, and end march 25<sup>th</sup>.** The instructor is Father Francis Goguen.

**Italian Book Club** – The Center for Italian Culture Library at Fitchburg State College is holding a book discussion on the book *La Bella Figura: A Field Guide to the Italian Mind* by Beppe Severgnini. This is the author’s lighthearted introduction to life in Italy and Italians. **The discussion will be on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Hammond Building, facilitated by Associate Professor Teresa Thomas.** This is a free event but if you plan to attend, kindly call 978-665-3031 to RSVP so they will have enough refreshments!

**St. Joseph’s Parish, Fitchburg** would like to invite all to come and experience Ivan Dragicevic, from Medjugorje on **Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**. There will be a recitation of the rosary at 6:00 PM, Mass at 7:00 PM followed 8:00 PM by Ivan speaking about what Mary has said in her message.

#### **2008 Church Contribution Tax Information**

If you would like to receive an Annual Contribution Report for all money given during the 2008 year you must call the office to request one. These reports will only be sent upon request. 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.