



# May 23 - 24, 2009 Seventh Sunday of Easter

*"As You sent Me into the world, so I send them into the world."*

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**4:00 PM Claudette Richards**  
Requested by her family

**Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**8:00 AM Mary Bambarola & Helen Cutter**  
Requested by their family

**10:30 AM All Deceased American War Veterans**  
Requested by the members of the Italian American Veterans

**Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Memorial Day**

**St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, virgin**

**8:00 AM James G. DiConza**  
Requested by his wife & family

**Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Philip Neri, priest**

**7:00 AM Doris Desjean**  
Requested by her son Michael

**7:00 PM St. Anthony Novena Week 7**  
**Preacher: Jonathan Slavinkas**

**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop**

**5:30 PM Peter, Sr. & Helen Lakutis**  
Requested by Pete & Jean Lakutis

**Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM All Deceased of the Gerante Family**  
Requested by their family

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM Leo J. Roux**  
Requested by his daughter Amy & Marty Walsh

**9:30 AM Living Rosary**

**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: Pentecost Sunday**

**4:00 PM Paul Bellabarba (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by his parents

**Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**8:00 AM All Deceased of the Buratti Family**  
Requested by the family

**10:30 AM All Deceased Members of the Cali, Kearns & Sasseville Families**  
Requested by their families

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Genesis 11:1 - 9

Second Reading: Romans 8:22 - 27

Gospel: John 7:37 - 39

### PREVIOUS WEEK OFFERINGS

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$3,392.00</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$9.00)</b>	<b>\$9.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$1,488.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$1,588.00</b>

**Pro-Life Rose Drive** – Thank you to everyone who purchased a rose on the weekend of Mother's Day in support of Pro-Life. We collected \$350 which will go directly to on going efforts to promote Pro-Life.

**Partners in Charity Update** – We received sixteen additional donations for a total of \$1,855. (Notice the decrease in donations and the dramatic decline from last weeks' collection.) **We still have not achieved even 50% participation!** For those 63 parishioners that gave last year but haven't made a pledge to date, please try to find it in your heart and budget to give even some small amount. And for our other parishioners, if you plan to give then PLEASE return your envelopes this week. Remember we have more than 450 active families. To date 163 families have contributed. Our diocesan goal is \$38,000. **Grand Total to date is \$28,355. We would like to end this campaign on a successful note!** Please help us to reach our goal.

**ST. ANTHONY NOVENA continues this TUESDAY, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Our schedule of speakers remaining includes (in order): Seminarian Jonathan Slavinkas; Deacon Salvatore Tantillo and the last date, June 9<sup>th</sup> will be Bishop Rueger. **This year's theme is Evangelization.**

**SAVE THE DATE: Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
**Church Hall**

The annual combined meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Finance Committee. All parishioners are urged to attend. We will be discussing, among other things:

1. Latest update on parish configuration in Fitchburg
2. Plans for school expansion
3. Physical plant improvements for church and rectory
4. Revision of Mass schedule

The decisions once made will effect everyone. Be a part of the decision making process.

**ATTENTION: The Hospitality meeting** for May has been changed back to **Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM in the church hall.** All are welcome. Also if anyone wishes to bake/cook for the social on the weekend of May 30 - 31<sup>st</sup>, please contact Linda Allaire @ 978-345-1669 before Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle:  
In Memory of Robert Hayseman

Dear Friends,

This is an exciting and challenging time for all of the Catholic parishes in the city of Fitchburg. Big changes are on the way which, with God's help, will enable us to remain strong while increasing our outreach to those in need in our city, as well as reaching out to lapsed and lukewarm Catholics. In addition to the overview, there are particular communities of faith which need to address their own concerns.

Every year, the Parish Council and the Finance Committee meet together and invite all parishioners to join them. Of course, all parish meetings are announced and are open to everyone, but this is a unique opportunity. Last year the turn out was very disappointing. It is my hope that this year will be different. This is a time to present new ideas, to see what we're doing well and what needs improvement. Even if you have no ideas to offer, someone else might and they might carry the day and change things that you don't want changed. If you don't voice an opinion, someone else will.

Turn off the television, let the Red Sox win or lose without your help, and come to the parish meeting. Everyone is an important member of our community. Everyone should be informed on what's happening. Everyone's opinion is worth listening to. Be an active parishioner, not a passive one. Be a part of the "everyone" which is St. Anthony Parish.

Pace e Bene,

**The Serra Club** invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: May 24<sup>th</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Timothy Brewer; Deacon Frederick Harkins; Rev. Tomasz Borkowski; Deacon Steven Gendron; Rev. Thomas Walsh; Rev. Emerito Ortiz; Deacon William Colon.

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Items**

**Please don't forget about the pantry!** Items needed are: canned vegetables, canned soups, Spaghetti O's, jam or jelly, Hamburger Helper, Ramen noodles, pasta sides, mustard, relish, ketchup, mayonnaise. Many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. Continue to do what you can. Thank you!

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

#### **Area Fairs/Festivals:**

**Prince of Peach Parish in Princeton is holding their annual Mountain Holiday Fair on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (rain date of June 7<sup>th</sup>)** on the parish grounds. Barbeque lunch items as well as regular fair will be served from noon until 3:00 PM. Games, youth activities and a cash and gift certificate raffle are featured events. There is something for everyone!

**28<sup>th</sup> Annual Garlic Festival will take place on Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at Madonna of the Holy Rosary** beginning at noon. Delicious home-made Italian food is the highlight of this festival! They will tempt your taste buds! Music and seating under a tent is available. Bring the whole family, neighbors and friends!

If you 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 and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (direct line). A 24-hour confidential voicemail is available.

#### **A Note from the Centennial Parish History Committee:**

With the anticipated delivery of our Centennial Parish History & Photo Book, the Centennial Parish History Committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank all of the parishioners who shared pictures and memories for that portion of the book. We are grateful for the overwhelming response received. One hundred years is a long time and we wanted very much to write and present a fair account of all that has happened in our Parish. The selection of pictures was difficult and we tried our best to use those that best told our story as a community. We were unable to use all of the photographs that were submitted and we hope no one is offended. We are expecting the delivery of the book in July. When we receive a firm date we will relay that information to you through this bulletin and announcements at Mass. Thank you.

**Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** is the day the Mass Intention Book for July – December, 2009 will be open. You were allowed a total of four (4) weekend Masses for the whole year. Please honor that so others may schedule Masses for their loved ones.

#### **VOLUNTEER COOK NEEDED!**

Our Father's Table, located at 40 Boutelle Street, Fitchburg, is praying for someone who can cook, willing to volunteer once a week, either on a Tuesday or Thursday. The time commitment would be from noon to 6:00 PM. We have many helpers who can assist the cook in preparing the meal. You will meet many other committed volunteers and your payment will be in the great joy that will come to you from helping others who are in need of a good meal. To volunteer, please contact David Sciabarrasi @ 978-874-5270 or call Our Father's Table @ 978-345-6950.

**RED SOX RAFFLE** – MIHN will again be raffling off Red Sox Tickets. **This years' winner will receive four (4) third base grandstand tickets vs. Tampa Bay on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> along with \$100 spending money!** The drawing will be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> but it's not too early to buy your chances now. Chances are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and can be obtained by calling Kathy Cullinan at 978-342-3363. Chances will also be on sale at all Masses at a later date this summer. Buy your chances now and "Go Sox"!