



# July 4 - 5, 2009 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*He was amazed at their lack of faith.*

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Amos 7:12 - 15

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3 - 14 or 1:3 - 10

Gospel: Mark 6:7 - 13

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM** Orazio DePiano  
Requested by the DiVito family

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** Mr. & Mrs. Adolfo Baldarelli  
Requested by their family

**10:30 AM** Joseph Rollo  
Requested by his wife & family

**Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr**

**7:00 AM** Michael Marrone  
Requested by his wife Theresa & family

**Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM** NO MASS

**Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30 PM** Ida Montville  
Requested by M/M Alexander Ruberti & family

**Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Martyrs of China**

**7:00 AM** Laurette Cote (Anniversary)  
Requested by Fran & Annette Pandiscio

**Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM** St. Jude & St. Anthony  
Requested by a devotee

**Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM** Immacolata DePiano  
Requested by the DiVito Family

**Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** James DiPrima  
Requested by Angela Membrino

**10:30 AM** Gloria LeClair (Anniversary)  
Requested by her husband & family

### PREVIOUS WEEK OFFERINGS

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Children's Collection</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Due to our printers vacation figures were not available at time of this printing. We will update you next week.**

**Summer Religious Education Registration** - Our summer religious education program will be held the weeks of **July 20 - 24 and July 27 - 31 from 9:00 - 12:30 PM**. This year's theme is Creed. The program is for all children who have completed 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and who do not attend a Catholic School. Registration forms will be sent out. **If you have any questions or do not receive a registration form this past week, please call Ellen DePatie at the school at 978-345-7785.** The school year has ended but messages will be checked frequently. You may also email her at [edepatie@worcesterdiocesek12.org](mailto:edepatie@worcesterdiocesek12.org). We will be posting all information and forms on our web site within the next week. Go to [www.stanthonyfitchburg.net](http://www.stanthonyfitchburg.net) and follow the links. Students entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older will receive information in the early fall regarding their classes for religious education.

**YOUTH GROUP IS STARTING ANEW!** - Please join us in a party to celebrate the re-launching of the St. Anthony Youth Group **this Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 5:30 PM** in the church hall. All youth entering grade 6 through high school are welcome. If the weather is nice, wear clothes you can get wet in! We are interested to hear your ideas on what kind of social, spiritual and service activities you'd like to be involved in.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On **Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>** the Youth Group will be holding a Yard Sale from 8:00 - 2:00 PM in the school hall. Volunteers are needed to help set up the week before, work during and help clean up afterwards. If you are willing to volunteer for an hour or two please contact Lisa LeBlanc at 978-345-1696 or email at [lleblanc@annamaria.edu](mailto:lleblanc@annamaria.edu). More information will be coming on when you can drop off "gently used" items. No books please!

**Summer Office Hours:** Beginning Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup> the office will be open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 to 1:00 PM. The office will be closed all day on Tuesdays. These hours will remain in effect until after Labor Day.

### CAN YOU GIVE ME A RIDE TO MASS?

Some of our elderly parishioners would love to come to Mass if they only had a ride. Are you able to pick someone up in your neighborhood on your way to Mass? If so, call the office. Maybe a parishioner right on your way to church has been waiting for you to give them a ride.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:  
Residents of The Gables

Dear Friends,

Robert Frost's poem *The Gift Outright* has always seemed to me to be one of the finest appreciations of what it is to be a good citizen. He reminds his readers that citizenship is nothing to be taken for granted. It demands that we give ourselves to our nation.

*The land was ours before we were the land's./She was our land more than a hundred years/Before we were her people. ... Something we were withholding made us weak/Until we found out it was ourselves/We were withholding from the land of our living/And forthwith found salvation in surrender.*

It reminds me of the challenge in President John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address which defined the thinking of a generation: "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask that you can do for your country."

This is not a perfect country. We are not a perfect people. But maybe it's time for us to stop complaining constantly and start to pitch in to make things better. Love of country is the Christian virtue of patriotism. As we celebrate the 233<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the independence of our country, a nation which embraced our parents and gave them a home, let's take a moment to pray for our nation and for our leaders. Let us pray also for ourselves that we give of ourselves to build America's greatness.

Pace e Bene,

### **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 lotion.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

**Adult Volunteer Service Opportunities:** "Vacations That Give" invites adults of all ages to come together in service to those in need. We are excited about our up-coming trips and invite you to join us for one or more of the following:

- **Appalachia – West Virginia** for home repair and/or educational projects [Fall 2009 and Spring 2010]
- **Mississippi** - for continue Hurricane Katrina recovery work [November 2009]
- **Santiago, Chile** – for work with the people of the barrios [February 2010]

More information about the program in general and individual trips can be found on our website: [www.vacationsthatgive.org](http://www.vacationsthatgive.org) or call us at 508-523-5823/508-881-4547 or e-mail us at: [directors@vacationsthatgive.org](mailto:directors@vacationsthatgive.org)

"Vacations That Give" is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Anne and the directors are: Sr. Yvette Dargy and Sr. Pauline Laurence.

**Madonna della Cava Feast** meeting will be held on **Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM in the church hall.** If you would like to be involved in the planning for the Feast Day on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 Mass then please join us! More volunteers are needed to help the day of the feast or if you prefer donations of pastries or monetary gifts (to help defray the cost) are much appreciated. For information or to join the committee you may call Joe Albert @ 978-343-7744; Elena Valeri @ 978-343-3578 or Patty Vacca-Martin @ 978-345-5936.

**The Serra Club** invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: July 5<sup>th</sup> through July 11<sup>th</sup>: Deacon Richard Tatro; Rev. Gerald Dorais; Rev. John Welch, MS; Rev. John Hughes, MS; Rev. Laurie Leger, MS; Deacon James Couture; Rev. Thomas Egan.

**NEWLY UPDATED PARISH WEB SITE** – Do you own or have access to a computer? Do you want to stay informed of the latest happenings at our parish? Please check out our web site at [www.stanthonyfitchburg.net](http://www.stanthonyfitchburg.net) to see all the latest on news, programs and activities from the parish. We have links to the school, diocese and much more. Weekly bulletins and events and happenings as well as pictures from recent events held here such as the Festa, Memorial Day and even pictures from the evening of the debut viewing of Cent' Anni – the Centennial Video are all only a click away! Please use this web site to keep informed with comprehensive information unavailable in the bulletin. It is our goal to have all of the agendas and minutes from our parish meetings posted as we receive them. Information on religious education or any other programs run through the parish will be available for download as well as contact information for people in our many ministries. Please check it out weekly. Comments can be made to [saintanthony@net1plus.com](mailto:saintanthony@net1plus.com)

**MENTORS NEEDED** – Have you ever wondered how it feels to change a family's future? The Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network (MIHN), a homeless shelter for families in Leominster and Fitchburg wants to give YOU the chance to make a difference in the lives of a young Mom or Dad and a family. All it takes is your desire to help, your guidance and a couple of hours a month! YOU can change their lives forever. Want to? Call or email: Patty Grimm @ 508-527-2912 [pattyg56@verizon.net](mailto:pattyg56@verizon.net) or MIHN, P.O. Box 306, Fitchburg, MA 01420.

**Jeanne d'Arc Circle #44 Daughters of Isabella will meet at the King Buffet, 488 John Fitch Hwy, Fitchburg on July 13<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 AM.** A Chinese buffet will be featured. Jeannette Desjean is in charge of reservations. For more information on our group please call Anita at 978-345-5279.