



November 14 – 15, 2009

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels
In heaven nor the Son, but only the Father."*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 14th
Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 PM Alexander Nano (1st Anniversary)
 Requested by his wife & family

Sunday, November 15th
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 AM Msgr. Angelo Carpinella
 Requested by his nieces & family

10:30 AM Joseph Bodanza
 Requested by the Macchio family

Monday, November 16th
St. Margaret of Scotland, virgin
7:00 AM Elsie Lunetta
 Requested by Tony Janice Cristofono

Tuesday, November 17th
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious
7:00 AM NO MASS

Wednesday, November 18th
Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles
5:30 PM Dorothy T. Kelleher
 Requested by Erin Kelleher

Thursday, November 19th
7:00 AM Lucille Jollimore
 Requested by her family

Friday, November 20th
7:00 AM M. Joseph Battista
 Requested by his family

Saturday, November 21st
Vigil: Christ the King
4:00 PM Gloria LeClair
 Requested by her family

Sunday, November 22nd
Christ the King
8:00 AM James G. DiConza
 Requested by his wife Marianne family

10:30 AM Charles Johnson (Anniversary)
 Requested by his wife & family

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
 Fr. Brendan Nally
 who died this past week. May his soul rest in peace.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated:
 by Mary Robichaud
 In memory of her brother Leonard Pagnotto

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:
 First Reading: Daniel 7:13 – 14
 Second Reading: Revelation 1:5 – 8
 Gospel: John 18:33b – 37

November 15th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$4,503.50
Children's Collection (\$9.00)	\$9.00
DEFICIT this week	\$394.50
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$3,703.50

Parish Council meets on **Monday, Nov. 16th** @ 7:00 PM in the hall. All are welcome.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT SERIES concludes on **Wednesday** at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall.

DRIVERS WANTED – If you can help deliver Thanksgiving baskets to area homes on **Sunday, November 22nd** **immediately after the 10:30 Mass** please call Ellen DePatie at 978-345-7785 to sign up. This is also a great family volunteer opportunity!

Mass Intention Book

The Mass Intention Book for the first six months of 2010 is now open. **We are scheduling Masses for January 1st through June 30th 2010.** In June, we will begin scheduling Masses for the remainder of the year. **There are several weekend Masses remaining for January & February only (as of this printing).** All other months are full. There are plenty of 7:00 AM Masses for all months. Keep in mind that during Lent daily Mass is celebrated at both 7:00 AM & 5:30 PM. Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

A Winter Coat Drive has begun to help Catholic Charities. All gently worn winter coats and sweaters along with clean hats and gloves can be dropped off at the church office during regular office hours on in the entrances of the church on the weekends. Any adult with a car wishing to help deliver the coats to Catholic Charities please call the church office. Times are flexible and it will only require one trip of you. Thank you. **The coat drive ends, Friday, November 20th.**

ALL ADULT PARISHIONERS are invited to the Sparkling Seniors Christmas Party to be held in the church hall on **Wednesday, December 9th at 12:00 Noon.** Price is \$22 per person which includes hors d'oeuvres of cheese, crackers and fruit and a buffet with ziti & sauce; Italian meatballs and sausage; roasted chicken pieces; roasted potatoes; Italian sausage, peppers & onions; garden salad; bread & butter; coffee, tea and wine as well as an assortment of desserts. Event is catered by Liz & Joe's Home Cooking. **Please make check payable to St. Anthony Church** and mail to MaryAnn Michaelian (978-342-0791), 6 Boylston Street, Fitchburg or Lucy DiVito (978-348-1202), 126 Goodfellow Drive, Fitchburg. **Deadline is Tuesday, December 1st. Reserve your spot today!**

Interested in RCIA? Please call Matt Gauvin at 978-343-8552 for questions and general information.

Dear Friends,

Don't you just love those televangelists? They go crazy for the camera and make good money doing it. They speak the Word of God and only the Word of God. Yeah, right.

So much of the hysterical, fundamentalist television preaching is rooted in the assumption that the world will soon come to an end and the smart money is betting on sooner rather than later. And yet, what does Jesus tell us? "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." If Jesus Christ is unaware of the time of the end of the world, what makes these televangelists so sure? Or maybe they are just out to make a fast buck. After all, someone has to pay for their private jets and luxurious homes.

Padre Pio, a simple Franciscan friar, lived almost his entire life in the little mountain village of San Giovanni Rotondo, in Foggia, in the southeastern part of Italy. I doubt he ever boarded a plane in his life. Yet thousands of people from throughout the world thronged to listen to his words of wisdom and faith. St. Pio, as the Church now honors him, told those who came to him filled with worry, anxiety and doubt, "Trust in God." God's plan for us is only for our good.

His words to us are equally true today, with all of the threats of terrorism and violence around us, all of our economic worries and uncertainties. Trust in God. That trust is not rooted in hysteria and dire warnings because it brings us serenity, comfort and peace.

Pace e Bene,

ARE WE FORGETTING St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry?

New items added to the food pantry wish list are: canned meat, canned fruit, baked beans, jam or jelly, Jello or pudding, bathroom tissue, cereal, Rice-a-Roni, juice and coffee. Many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. **Please try to bring one item a week.** Thank you!

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

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL ANNUAL COUNTRY CHRISTMAS FAIR is on Saturday, November 21st! Once again we are in need of items for our Jar Deal and Chinese Auction booths. We ask for your help in donating a new item or gift certificate (valued at \$10 or more). Any donation of tickets to sporting or theatre events would go on our main auction booth. If you would like to bake our pastry booth is always in need of homemade goodies. Please drop off at the school on Friday, November 20th. As always your help is always appreciated.

You've struck GOLD! On **Saturday, November 21st from 1:00 - 6:00 PM in the school hall**, the annual **St. Anthony Country Christmas Fair** will be featuring the newest "cash-for-gold" event. Just bring in your old, unworn, mismatched or broken gold jewelry where it will be authenticated, weighed and a payout offered. If you accept the offer, you are paid on the spot. It's that simple. There's never been an easier way to make a little extra money this holiday season...and it's just one more reason to stop by the St. Anthony Country Christmas Fair on November 21st. See you there!

Christmas Fair hosted by the St. Francis Ladies Guild will take place on Saturday, November 21st from 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM at the parish hall (63 Sheridan Street, Fitchburg). Turkey basket raffle, crafts booth, Christmas booth, pot luck, lottery tree, bake sale and more. 1st prize money raffle is \$3,500, 2nd prize is \$1,000, 3rd prize is \$500. Come and enjoy the fun!

JOHNSONIA CULTURAL SERIES - Thursday, Nov. 19th at 7:00 P.M. - A lecture on "Maritime Radicalism in the 1790s" by Prof. Frank Mabee, Fitchburg State College, at the Johnsonia Art Gallery, 516 Main Street, Fitchburg. This series is free and open to the public, serving wine, cheeses, soft drinks, and sweets.

TODAY'S WOMEN IN FAITH – Our Christmas dinner will now be held on **Monday, November 30th at 6:30 PM** in the church hall. The cost will be approx. \$10 per person plus a \$10 grab to be exchanged (optional). **Please RSVP to Betty Anderson by Tuesday, November 24th** at 978-534-7544 or email banderson@buynesco.com. We will be discussing ideas for the new year. All are welcome.

Clean Saturday – Please come to the church on **Saturday morning, December 5th**, anytime from 9:00 AM – Noon to help give the church a good fall cleaning! Bring your own pails, dust cloths etc. Let's get the whole church – top to bottom – clean. Any amount of time will be appreciated. Please sign the sheets at the back of the church to indicate if and at what time you will be here. Thank you to all who respond!

Trip to Sorrento Italy for October 12 – 20, 2010 is planned. 9 days/ 7 nights featuring: Sorrento, Isle of Capri, the Amalfi Coast, Naples/Pompeii and more. Cost is \$2,500/per person twin occupancy (fuel surcharge may change this slightly) and includes round trip flight from Boston, 3 meals daily including wine and mineral water, 4 star hotel, expert local guides, transportation throughout the tour, all room & meal taxes and bellman gratuities. Deposit of \$250 will hold your spot. Contact Amy or Marty Walsh for a brochure or to answer questions call 978-502-5540 or amymarty13@msn.com

THANK YOU to the anonymous donor who left two big boxes of new, unopened, toys at the entrance of the church last week. These toys will be donated to Catholic Charities where they will benefit children in need of Christmas gifts.

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: November 15th through November 21st Deacon Jim Couture; Deacon Richard Desjardin; Rev. Joseph Dolan; Rev. Gerald Dorais; Msgr. John Doran; Rev. John Dwyer; Rev. Thomas Egan.

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-a-day confidential voicemail is available.**