



October 10 - 11, 2009

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"How hard it is for those who have wealth
to enter the Kingdom of God."*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 10th

Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Nancy Badagliacca**
Requested by her family

Sunday, October 11th

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Jim Pandiscio**
Requested by his wife & children

10:30 AM **Deceased Members of the
Order Sons of Italy**
Requested by their fellow members

Monday, October 12th

Columbus Day

7:00 AM **NO MASS**
Fr. Bob Away

Tuesday, October 13th

7:00 AM **NO MASS**
Fr. Bob Away

Wednesday, October 14th

St. Callistus I, pope and martyr

5:30 PM **NO MASS**
Fr. Bob Away

Thursday, October 15th

St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin & doctor

7:00 AM **NO MASS**
Fr. Bob Away

Friday, October 16th

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

7:00 AM **NO MASS**
Fr. Bob Away

Saturday, October 17th

Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Anna & Angelo Casella**
Requested by the LeClair family

Sunday, October 18th

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Vincent Anderson (Anniversary)**
Requested by Betty & Dennis Anderson

10:30 AM **Lucy & Gus Lombardy**
Requested by their family

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10 - 11

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14 - 16

Gospel: Mark 10:35 - 45

October 4th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$4,538.00
Children's Collection (\$8.00)	\$8.00
DEFICIT this week	\$343.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$2,093.00

The Catholic School Appeal Collection Totaled \$1,653.00

ALL SOULS DAY -Memorial envelopes can be placed in any collection. **They must be in by October 24-25th.**

NOTICE: Weekday Mass Change - Fr. Bob will be away in Italy until Saturday October 17th. **There will be no weekday Masses** (Monday - Friday) during his absence but Saturday & Sunday Masses remain the same.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Members of our RCIA team will be available, **every Thursday evening at 7:00 PM** in the office lobby. We welcome anyone interested to join us. It's not expected that inquirers' come every week - just when and if they have questions. It's a casual and low-key way of beginning RCIA. There is no pressure to join, just an opportunity to have questions answered.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation classes have begun and are held on **Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:15 AM at St. Anthony School**. More information on all religious education classes can be found at www.stanthonyfitchburg.net or by calling the school office.

PARISH COUNCIL - Nominations for a three year term on the Parish Council are open. You may nominate yourself or someone else (with their permission!). This is your last chance to nominate someone. Place your nomination in the collection basket in an envelope or paper marked Parish Council. **Nominations must be submitted by Sunday, October 11th** and the election will be on the weekend of October 24-25. All nominees must be registered members of St. Anthony Parish who have been confirmed.

Attention all Parish Volunteers: The third step of the Diocese CORI process is Safe Environment Training. **Call the office or host church to register for your training ASAP! Training session dates include Tuesday, October 13th; Wednesday, October 14th, Sunday October 18th and Monday, November 2nd.** You are required to go for one of these dates, training is approximately two hours.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:
Catherine Ciccone
who died this past week. May her soul rest in peace.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated:
In memory of Wilfred Lavallee

Wedding Banns:
Kristina Nicastro & Mark Picariello

Dear Friends,

On Thursday, October 8, Nicholas Desimone was ordained to the transitional diaconate at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. It was my privilege to vest him on this, the last step in his journey to the priesthood. (I'm assuming all this will happen according to schedule. I am writing this before I leave for Rome.)

St. Anthony Parish has hosted ten seminarians so far in their pastoral experience preparation for priesthood. This parish is unique insofar as we have a substantial bequest from a parishioner to pay the expenses of a seminarian from St. Anthony Parish, but where are the young men prepared to take advantage of this donation? Will it just continue to gather interest into the future?

Seven men from St. Anthony Parish have been ordained priests in our 101 year history, all of them in a fourteen year period between 1938 and 1952. Since then, no one. That is a 57 year drought! I have been pondering why. Was it because there were fewer opportunities for advancement in those days? Was it just a different culture?

I think the reason why vocations to the priesthood (and to the religious life) flourished at this time was because that was a generation of people who grew up in the Depression and World War II. They knew what sacrifice and hardship was, but they also knew what Jesus says in today's Gospel: "There is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or lands for my sake and for the sake of the Gospel who will not receive a hundred times more in this present age ... and eternal life in the age to come."

Pace e Bene,

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Items

New items added to the food pantry wish list: Items needed 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. 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 items are razors and shaving cream.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: October 12th through October 18th: Rev. Terence Kilcoyne; Deacon Roderick Cashes; Rev. Francis Goguen; Deacon Ronald Aubuchon; Rev. James Mazzone; Msgr. Thomas Sullivan; The Seminarians.

Mass for the Unborn hosted by Bishop Beaven Assembly, Knights of Columbus and the Daughters of Isabella on **Sunday, October 18th at 9:45 AM at St. Cecilia's Church in Leominster.** Bishop Daniel Reilly (retired) State Chaplain will be the celebrant for this most important Mass. Please join us.

Spaghetti Supper hosted by the American Legion Cleghorn Post #429 and its Ladies Auxiliary on **Thursday, October 15th from 4:00 – 7:00 PM**, 200 Daniels Street, Fitchburg. Tickets are available at the door for \$6.00. Take-outs are available as well as a bake sale. Taking orders for the holidays – Home-made pork pies, fruit baskets and Italian cookies. Call Patricia Vacca-Martin at 978-235-7527.

Prayer Shawn Ministry – Calling all those that knit or crochet and wish to share this gift with others. This is an opportunity to wrap someone in God's love and comfort during sad times of sickness and death or happy times of birth, weddings etc. The shawls will be given with love and the additional gift of prayers from our group. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is flexible in its membership, recognizing that you may wish to join us as we meet monthly or work in the quiet of your home. Please come and bring a friend to find out what this ministry is all about. **The next meeting will take place in the St. Anthony Church hall on Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 PM.** Call or email Ann Parisi 978-324-9498 or ann@irishcharms.com for more information. This is a great fall and winter ministry!

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Parish, Nichols St., Gardner will hold its 55th Annual Bazaar to benefit the Holy Rosary School from **October 16 – 18th**. Meals will be starting at 11:30 AM on Friday, Saturday & Sunday. There is much to do with various booths, raffles, flea market and many different kinds of food. Turkey Raffle begins at 6:30 PM and money raffle at 7:00 PM on Sunday evening. Come and support our school!

Women's Conference Scheduled for November 7th, 2009
The **Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester** is an advisory group for the Bishop of Worcester, focusing on issues affecting women in the church and in society. The Commission's main event is the **Gather Us In Conference**, which is held every other year at the DCU Center in Worcester. **Gather Us In 2009** is designed to bring women of the Catholic faith together for a day of reflection, learning, discussion, and enlightenment, all in the service of enriching our spiritual lives. The theme for the 2009 conference is "**The Triumph of Forgiveness: Sharing Stories of Compassion**" with keynote speakers **Paula D'Arcy and Immaculée Ilibagiza**. St. Anthony Church will pay half of the \$45 registration fee (\$20 for students) that includes lunch. The parish representatives are Lori Pandiscio 353-8754, lamp.lighter9@verizon.net and Annette Pandiscio 348-1009, sweetie.af@verizon.net. Please speak to them for information or go to the diocesan website (link is on our parish website) to download registration forms and a brochure. Please bring your registration form to the office so we can submit one check to the diocese. **The deadline is in two weeks, October 27, 2009!**

"Cent' Anni" our Parish History DVD will be shown in its entirety on Fitchburg Access TV (Channel 8 on Comcast) on **Tuesday, October 13th at 9:00 AM, Thursday, October 15th at 11:00 AM, Monday, October 19 at 1:00 PM and Tuesday, October 27th at 10:00 PM.** If you haven't had the opportunity to view this DVD don't miss out. It's a part of Fitchburg's history at its best!

Parish History/Photo Book – The following people's copies are still in the Sacristy: Eileen Badagliacca, the Carriere's, the Connor's, Jack Femino, the Madigan's, the Malouin's, the Medero's, Joyce O'Quinn, Concetta Piccolomini, the Torres's, Lawrence Zarrella, and Alfred Zarrella. **For those of you who would like to purchase a copy we now have a limited number available to you. Cost is \$20 per book.** Please stop by the office during regular office hours to purchase. **No phone calls will be taken for orders.**