



October 17 - 18, 2009

# 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant: whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all."*

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

**Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

**St. John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & Martyrs**

**7:00 AM Robert Spencer**  
Requested by his daughter

**Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Paul of the Cross, priest**

**7:00 AM NO MASS**

**Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**

**5:30 PM Ida Montville**  
Requested by Grace Ruberti

**Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**St. John of Capistrano, priest**

**7:00 AM Paul DiBenedetto**  
Requested by his wife & children

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Lucia Salamone (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by her three daughters & family

**Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**8:00 AM Anthony V. & Mary (Carpinella) Posco**  
Requested by their children

**10:30 AM James G. DiConza**

Requested by his wife Marianne & family

*Wedding Banns II*

*Kristina Nicastro & Mark Picariello*

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

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7 - 9

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1 - 6

Gospel: Mark 10:46 - 52

### October 11<sup>th</sup> Offerings

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$3,887.00</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$2.00)</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$3,093.00</b>

The Collection for the Missions of St. James the Apostle totaled \$1,035. On behalf of Fr. Pashby, thank you to all.

**Hospitality** meets Wednesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM in church hall. **Please note the time change for this meeting only.** If you can bake/cook for next weekend, please call Amy at 978-502-5540.

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

**The Youth Group** is planning a **Halloween party on Sunday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> from 4-7 in the church hall.** Anyone in grades 6-10 interested in attending should RSVP to Lisa LeBlanc at 978-345-1696 or lisa.sadiya@gmail.com.

**Do You Know Someone who is Interested in 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.

**PARISH COUNCIL** - Nominations for a three year term on the Parish Council have now ended. Elections will take place next weekend, October 24-25<sup>th</sup> at all Masses.

**Safe Environment Training:** There are two training sessions left for the mandatory training available to you: **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Please call Our Lady of the Lake at 978-345-7469 to register ASAP. Everyone that has previously submitted a CORI **MUST** attend one of these sessions if you plan to remain as a volunteer in any capacity with the church or school.

### Mass Intention Book

The Mass Intention Book for the first six months of 2010 will open on **Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.** **We will be scheduling Masses for January 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2010.** In June, we will begin scheduling Masses for the remainder of the year.

You must come in person during the month of November to schedule Masses. From December on, if you can not come in to the office you may call to reserve a date. **Only four (4) total weekend Masses may be scheduled by any one individual for the year.** 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.

Dear Friends,

There's an old Protestant hymn that goes, "If you can't bear the cross then you won't wear the crown." It's a wise reflection.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, want to make sure that their investment in time and energy in this Jesus of Nazareth guy is going to pay dividends for them in his kingdom. "What's in it for us?" they seem to be saying. "Is it worth our while following you? When is the big pay off?"

Jesus doesn't want any of his followers to suffer under any illusions. If you are willing to be My disciple, He is saying to them, be prepared for rejection, disappointment, suffering and even death. It makes you think, doesn't it? I want to be a disciple. I want to follow Jesus. But do I want to follow Him because He will make everything easy for me, or do I want to follow Him because He is the Lord?

St. Teresa of Avila said we must strive to seek the Lord of all consolation, and not merely the consolations of the Lord. What do I seek?

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.

**The Serra Club** invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: October 19<sup>th</sup> through October 25<sup>th</sup>: The Trappists; Retired Priests and Religious; Bishop McManus; Bishop Rueger; Bishop Reilly; Msgr. John Doran; Ref. Frank Liistro.

**Prayer Shawn Ministry** – Calling all those who knit or crochet and wish to share this gift with others. 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 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Call or email Ann Parisi 978-324-9498 or [ann@irishcharms.com](mailto:ann@irishcharms.com) for more information. This is a great fall and winter ministry!

#### **Women's Conference Scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:lamp.lighter9@verizon.net) and Annette Pandiscio 348-1009, [sweetie.af@verizon.net](mailto: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 next week, Tuesday, October 27, 2009!**

**"Cent' Anni" our Parish History DVD** will be shown in its entirety on Fitchburg Access TV (Channel 8 on Comcast) on **Monday, October 19 at 1:00 PM and Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Good-Wil Sunday Music Brunch Series** to benefit five area non-profits will begin this **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Leominster High School from 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM.** Tickets are available at the door for \$15 adults, \$10 seniors and kids 5-12, under 5 eat free! Please come and enjoy a good breakfast along with some great music! Next date: Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at Fitchburg High School. Check the parish web site for a full listing of all of the upcoming dates and non-profit agencies.

**Daughters of Isabella** will meet on **Monday October 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Fitchburg at 2:00 PM. Installation of officers will be held. Marie Cormier-Boudreau & Aline Brasard are the Co-chairs.

**Mass Citizens for Life** will meet on **Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Living Center, 1199 John Fitch Hwy., at 7:00 PM.** Anyone interested in helping to promote a change in people's views on preserving the dignity of human life from conception to natural death is invited to join us.

**Are You in a Healthy Relationship?** One out of three women experience some form of abuse in an intimate relationship at some point in their lives. This could be physical or emotional. All are welcome to come to a presentation by Ms. Joanne Tulonen from the Battered Women's Resource to be held at **St. Boniface Parish, 817 Mass Ave., Lunenburg, on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** No registration is required and child care will be provided. Donations of toiletry items are being accepted. Call Allison at 978-582-7395 if you have questions.

**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Pauline Lincourt Memorial Dance** to benefit St. Joseph Church to be held on **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Fitchburg.** Dancing begins at 7:30 – 11:30 PM with music by Mo Co. There will be a light buffet. Tickets are \$10 per person. Reservations will be taken for groups of 8 or more. For tickets please contact Donna Lincourt Hiatt @ 534-5866 or Louise Cormier @ 342-0173.

**Parish History/Photo Book** – The following people's copies are still in the Sacristy: the Carriere's, the Connor's, Jack Femino, the Malouin's, the Medero's, Joyce O'Quinn, Concetta Piccolomini, and the Torres's. **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.