



## Mass Intentions

**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

**Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM Robert A. Saccone (Anniversary)**  
Requested by his family

**Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM NO MASS**

**Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Sts. Simon & June, apostles**

**5:30 PM Deceased Members of the DiVito Family**  
Requested by their family

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM Rosina Bizzotto**  
Requested by her family

**Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM Dominic James Ingemi**  
Requested by his wife Mary

**2:00 PM School Mass**

**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Vigil: All Saints**

**4:00 PM Mary Ruberti**  
Requested by Charlotte Ruberti

**Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

**All Saints**

**8:00 AM Anthony J. Champa**  
Requested by his family

**10:30 AM Nick Macchio (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by his wife & family

*Wedding Banns III*  
*Kristina Nicaastro & Mark Picariello*

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

# October 24- 25, 2009

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

*"Go your way. Your faith has saved you."*

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Revelation 7:2 - 4, 9 - 14

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1 - 3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1 - 12a

### October 18<sup>th</sup> Offerings

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$4,144.00</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$10.00)</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$734.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$3,827.00</b>

**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.

**Members of our RCIA team** will be available, **every Thursday evening at 7:00 PM** in the office lobby for those who wish to learn more about the Catholic Church. It's not expected that inquirers' come every week - just when and if they have questions. There is no pressure to join RCIA, just an opportunity to have questions answered.

**Safe Environment Training:** There is one training session left for the mandatory training available to you: **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 if you plan to remain as a volunteer in any capacity with the church or school.

### FOUR WEEK ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT SERIES

Pope Benedict's Encyclical - Learn and grow in your faith!  
Join us each Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall beginning October 28<sup>th</sup> for four weeks.

### 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.

BISHOP McMANUS has appointed *John Zarrella* of our parish to his Diocesan Pastoral Council for a three year term. We thank the Bishop for honoring our parish community by choosing one of our own for this important advisory position. You may be aware that *Lori Pandiscio* is also a member of this council and serves as its secretary. They are the only council members from Fitchburg and they are both from one parish. That is a tribute to the active and responsible laity of our parish community. Thank you John and Lori for your commitment and service to our parish and to our diocese.

Dear Friends,

Notice in today's Gospel how quickly the herd mentality takes an about face. Bartimaeus is calling to Jesus and the crowd is trying to shut him up. Jesus has more important things to do, in their estimation, than to be bothered by a roadside beggar. But Bartimaeus will not be silenced. In faith and perhaps in desperation he cries out all the more: "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!"

When Jesus hears his plea, he tells the crowd to bring Bartimaeus to Him. All of a sudden, the same people who were telling him to keep quiet are now saying "Come on down, old friend! Jesus wants to talk with you." How quickly their attitude changed when they realized that Jesus valued him and was willing to listen to him.

Where do I stand in the herd? Am I an encourager or a discourager? When someone is faced with an apparently insurmountable obstacle, do I join the crowd of nay-sayers and tell the troubled person to get lost? Or do I listen, support and encourage? In times of difficulty, do I point others to Jesus or do I turn them away?

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 26<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup> : Rev. Robert Bruso; Deacon Salvatore Tantillo; Rev. H. Edward Chalmers; Rev. Theodore Laperle; Rev. Joseph Jurgelonis; Deacon Richard Tatro; Rev. Gerald Dorais.

**Deadline is Fast Approaching for the Women's Conference Scheduled for November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009!** The theme for the **Gather Us In 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 for parishioners, which includes lunch (\$20 for students). 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 bring your registration form to the office so we can submit one check to the diocese. **The deadline is this 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 **Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM & 10:00 PM, Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM & 5:00 PM.** If you haven't had the opportunity to view this DVD don't miss out. There are a small number of DVD's still available for purchase for \$15. Call or stop by the church office.

**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.

**St. Anthony School 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Turkey Raffle** to be held on **Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:30 PM at St. Francis Church on Sheridan Street, Fitchburg** (due to the larger facilities there). Included in the raffle will be home made poutines, pies and baked goods. There will also be: roast beef, pork roast, hams, seafood and of course TURKEYS! Here's how it works: tickets are \$1.00 per round. Each ticket has 2 numbers on it and that means you have 2 chances to win on each round! There are only 60 tickets sold per round. There are 120 numbers on the turkey wheel (like a "jug a lug" wheel). The wheel is spun for each item of the raffle. Come enjoy the fun night out while helping to support St. Anthony School.

**Good-Wil Sunday Music Brunch Series** to benefit five area non-profits has begun. The next brunch is: **Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at Fitchburg High School.** 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 and help support local agencies! Check the parish web site for a full listing of all of the upcoming dates and non-profit agencies that benefit from this event.

**Holiday Craft Fair** to be held at St. Joseph's Church, 49 Woodland Street, Fitchburg on **Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Santa Claus will be there from 12 noon to 3:00 PM. Don't forget to bring a camera for pictures!

**Parish History/Photo Book** – The following people's copies are still in the Sacristy: the Carriere's, the Connor's, 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.

**Bryce William Duval,  
Olivia Marie Gabriele, Isabella Kathleen Gabriele  
& Ryan Gregory Casey**

were welcomed into our Christian community through baptism. May they, along with their parents, grow in faith, love and service to Jesus Christ.

**JOHNSONIA CULTURAL SERIES - Thursday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> 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.