



October 3 - 4, 2009

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Let the children come to Me; do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 3rd
Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 PM **Lawrence Badagliacca (1st Anniversary)**
 Requested by his wife & children

Sunday, October 4th
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 AM **Giuseppina Volpe (9th Anniversary)**
 Requested by her family

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

Monday, October 5th
 7:00 AM **NO MASS**
 Fr. Bob Away

Tuesday, October 6th
St. Bruno, priest
 7:00 AM **NO MASS**
 Fr. Bob Away

Wednesday, October 7th
Our Lady of the Rosary
 5:30 PM **NO MASS**
 Fr. Bob Away

Thursday, October 8th
 7:00 AM **NO MASS**
 Fr. Bob Away

Friday, October 9th
St. Denis, bishop & martyr & his companions, martyrs
 7:00 AM **NO MASS**
 Fr. Bob Away

Saturday, October 10th
Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00 PM **Nancy Badagliacca (Anniversary)**
 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

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:
 First Reading: Wisdom 7:7 - 11
 Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12 - 13
 Gospel: Mark 10:17 - 30

September 27th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$4,055.00
Children's Collection (\$10.00)	\$10.00
DEFICIT this week	\$834.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$1,750.00

September "Restoration" Envelope money that goes towards paying down parish & Diocesan debt totaled \$754.00.

NOTICE: Weekday Mass Change - Fr. Bob will be away in Italy for Nick Desimone's Diaconate Ordination from Saturday, October 3rd through Saturday October 17th. **There will be no weekday Masses** (Monday - Friday) during his absence but Saturday & Sunday Masses remain the same.

DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND WHO IS INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY? Our RCIA team will be available, one on one, **every Thursday beginning October 1st at 7:00 PM** in the office lobby. Tell them about it. It's not expected that inquirers' come every week - just when and if they have questions. It's a different way of beginning RCIA, emphasizing every individual person's unique stage on their journey of faith.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Preparation Classes for Reconciliation have begun. Parents of children attending 2nd grade need to call Ellen DePatie at 978-345-7785 to register your child if you have not done so already.

Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday morning, October 4th from 9:00 - 10:15 AM at St. Anthony School. There is more information on both of these religious education classes at www.stanthonyfitchburg.net.

PARISH COUNCIL - Nominations for a three year term on the Parish Council are open. You may nominate yourself or someone else (with their permission!). 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. This is a mandatory step for your continued volunteer efforts here within the parish. Information on training sessions has been emailed or mailed to you. Call the office or host church to register for your training ASAP! If you have not received this information please call the office immediately. 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 for two hours.

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

Dear Friends,

"The closer people sit to each other at Mass, the better they understand the meaning of the Eucharist. Conversely, the farther apart people sit from each other, the less their understanding." Father Paul Bernier suggested that as a way of measuring a person's understanding of the meaning of the Eucharist, in an article in Emmanuel Magazine.

As we continue in the difficult but essential work of parish reconfiguration and pastoral planning for the City of Fitchburg, comments have been made that St. Anthony Church is too small. Yet we look at the other larger churches in the city with dwindling congregations. I would attribute a lot of the warmth and vibrancy of our parish to the fact that the church is not a cavernous building in which parishioners are separated from each other by rows of pews. Whether you want to or not, at St. Anthony's most of the time you're going to have to share a pew. Can we transmit that necessity into a virtue?

In many we have already. The strength of St. Anthony Parish is the commitment of its people. We are a community of faith and we worship as a community.

It is appropriate, at time of Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, to withdraw from all human contact and focus exclusively on our Eucharistic Lord. During Mass, however, the emphasis is always on community. We are a community of believers, united in faith and truth. That is our special gift, a gift we are called to share with one another and with the entire Catholic community of Fitchburg.

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 5th through October 11th: Deacon Benjamin Nogueira; Rev. Thomas Tokarz; Deacon Stanley Baczewski; Rev. Dennis O'Brien; Rev. Edward Lettic; Rev. James Caldarella; Deacon Mark Carrier.

St. Anthony School 5/10 Club September Winners

\$500	Tracy Pappas
\$100	M/M Wironer; Dave Guertin; Bria Arsenault
\$50	Jeanette Petrullo; Tom Johnson; Lisa Crawley Dorothy Giadone-Poirier
\$25	Mary Robinson; Jeannie Leger

Thank you so much for your overwhelming support of the Schools 5-10 Club. Only fifteen tickets remain! If you would like to purchase one please contact Pat DiConza by stopping by or calling the school office at 978-345-7785. Total cost for the remaining drawings is \$45, payable in full or \$5 monthly.

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.

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!

13th Annual Pauline Lincourt Memorial Dance to benefit St. Joseph Church to be held on **Saturday, November 7th @ 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.

Sorrento Italy – 9 Days/7 nights from **October 12th – 20th, 2010.** Deposit of \$250 will hold your spot. This trip is being organized by Amy & Marty Walsh. For information or a brochure call Amy or Marty @ 978-502-5540 email amymarty13@msn.com or look for more detailed information on the parish web site at www.stanthonyfitchburg.net under the Parish Life section.

SAVE THE DATE Sparkling Seniors Christmas Party to be held in the church hall on **Wednesday, December 9th at 12:00 noon.** All adult parishioners are welcome. This event is catered by Liz & Joe's Home Cooking. Cost is \$22 per person. More information with full menu will follow as the date nears.

Parish History/Photo Book – If you had your picture taken by Olan Mills and you still have not picked up your book you may check in the sacristy (books have names attached to them) or call the office during regular office hours to make arrangements for pick up. **We have a limited number of extra copies that we can now make 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.**

Reminder: Please check the parish web site weekly for full information contained here plus many other stories, pictures, calendar of events, copy of documents for religious ed. and much more. It is the best place to obtain up to the minute information for our parish. www.stanthonyfitchburg.net