



# September 26 - 27, 2009

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

"For whoever is not against us is for us."

### Mass Intentions

#### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Genesis 2:18 - 24

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9 - 11

Gospel: Mark 10:2 - 16

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Deceased Members of the Bellabarba Family**  
Requested by their family

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

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

**8:00 AM Silvio Petrucci (Anniversary)**  
Requested by Ellen Mulcahy

**10:30 AM Ida Montville**

Requested by Grace Ruberti

**Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions, martyrs**

**7:00 AM Victoria P. Elcewich**  
Requested by her children

**Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**The Archangels, Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**

**7:00 AM NO MASS**

**Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Jerome, priest & doctor**

**5:30 PM Lillian Chausse**  
Requested by Betty & Dennis Anderson

**Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin & doctor**

**7:00 AM Ida Montville**  
Requested by M/M Alexander Ruberti

**Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Guardian Angels**

**7:00 AM Mildred & Annie Spencer**  
Requested by their daughter

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Vigil: 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Lawrence Badagliacca (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by his wife & children

**Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

**8:00 AM Giuseppina Volpe (9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**  
Requested by her family

**10:30 AM Joseph Rollo**

Requested by his wife & family

#### September 20<sup>th</sup> Offerings

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$4,333.00</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$9.00)</b>	<b>\$9.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$547.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$916.00</b>

**School Advisory Board meets on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM in the Venerini Building.**

**DID YOU FORGET THE SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS?** - It's not too late. The Diocese of Worcester held its 2009 Annual Appeal for Catholic Schools this weekend, Sept. 26-27<sup>th</sup> at all Masses. If you wish to make a gift please drop a check in the collection basket next weekend made payable to "Annual Appeal for Catholic Schools." All money collected here at our parish will go towards St. Anthony School. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Schools.

**NOTICE: Weekday Mass Change** - Fr. Bob will be away in Italy for Nick Desimone's Diaconate Ordination from Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> through Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>. **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 begin Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 10:15 AM at St. Anthony School.** Parents of children attending 2<sup>nd</sup> grade THIS year need to call Ellen DePatie at 978-345-7785 to register your child.

**Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday morning, October 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 11<sup>th</sup>** 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
*Leonard Pagnotto*  
who died this past week. May his soul rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

As we dedicate our centennial plaque, the series of events commemorating the first one hundred years of St. Anthony Parish of Fitchburg come to an end. We take a moment to thank those whose generosity in time, talent and treasure made this centennial year so joyous. We remember as well those founders and their descendants through the years, many of whose family names are recorded on the plaque, who made this parish community possible. May those who have proceeded us through the gates of eternal life be forever blessed.

We call to mind as well as those families who have entered into our parish community and have enriched it by their commitment and love. We cannot be, nor were we called to be, a static community, a private club. We have always been called to give witness to Jesus Christ to all of Fitchburg and to the world.

2008-2009 was a year to celebrate the past with confidence and pride. In 2009-2010, we are being called to look forward to a future which may be unfamiliar but to which we can enter with hope. God's love has brought us to where we are today. God's love guides us still.

Pace e Bene,

### **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Items**

**Please don't forget about the pantry!** Items needed are: canned meat, tuna, jam or jelly, Hamburger Helper, Suddenly Salad, pasta sides, mustard, relish, ketchup, 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: September 27<sup>th</sup> through October 3<sup>rd</sup>: Deacon Frederick Harkins; Rev. Tomasz Borkowski; Deacon Steven Gendron; Rev. Thomas Walsh; Rev. Emerito Ortiz; Deacon William Colon; Rev. Joseph Dolan.

**FAITH AND NETWORKING EVENT:** *Where is God in this current economic crisis? Are you unemployed and need help preparing for future employment? Are you employed but want to prepare yourself in case of future unemployment? Whether employed or unemployed, please consider attending the Faith and Networking Event Sponsored by the Diocesan Pastoral Council's Social Justice Subcommittee on **Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:00 PM** in the parish hall of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, 1400 Main Street, Leominster. There will be a faith talk followed by a facilitated networking session for those unemployed. This program is free and open to all. Advance registration is not required. For further information please contact Ray Griffin, [ray.j.griffin@gmail.com](mailto:ray.j.griffin@gmail.com), 508-304-1745.*

**St. Anthony School 5/10 Club** – There are still tickets left. Don't be left out, join now! **The first drawing was Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact the school office at 978-345-7785 to purchase tickets. Total cost for the remaining drawings is \$45, payable in full or \$5 monthly. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> is \$100, 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> is \$50 and 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> is \$25. Thanks for supporting our school and good luck to all!

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

**SAVE THE DATE** Sparkling Seniors Christmas Party to be held in the church hall on **Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> 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 did not get 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.**

**ATTENTION:** This is the time of the year that we get many requests for inserts into our weekly bulletin. Some requests can not be fulfilled do to space allocation. Please be sure to check the bulletin boards for a complete picture of all the happenings within our communities throughout the Diocese.

**A Special Thank You** – The St. Joseph Parish community would like to thank the St. Anthony Hospitality Committee for help with the city wide Mass honoring the "Year of the Priest" held at St. Joseph's Church last Friday evening. Many parishioners from surrounding parishes joined us for Mass and afterwards for refreshments in the church hall. The help of the St. Anthony Hospitality Committee was most appreciated as they welcomed people into the church; helped with the set up, serving and clean up of the social that followed, and also organized the donations of food from the St. Anthony parishioners. Thank you for your willingness to help and your service to the community.

**Sorrento Italy** – 9 Days/7 nights from October 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:amymarty13@msn.com) or look for more detailed information on the parish web site at [www.stanthonyfitchburg.net](http://www.stanthonyfitchburg.net).

**CLASS OF 1969 40<sup>TH</sup> REUNION** - St. Anthony's Grammar School Class of 1969 40<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion will be held on **Saturday, October 10, 2009.** For more information call Luann Burke at 978-870-3778.

**Annual Sacred Heart Parish Fair** to be held at the British American Club on **Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from Noon to 6:00 PM.** A pasta dinner will be served at the end of the fair. Tickets are available at the door at \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and kids under 10 for \$4. Come enjoy the fair!

**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](http://www.stanthonyfitchburg.net)

