



September 12 - 13, 2009

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 12th

Vigil: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Gloria LeClair
Requested by Joseph A. Bodanza

Sunday, September 13th

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM John Pacetti, Sr.
Requested by his wife Ann

10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Baldarelli Family
Requested by their family

Monday, September 14th

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 AM Gerald Volpe
Requested by Louise Lemmo

Tuesday, September 15th

Our Lady of Sorrows

7:00 AM NO MASS

Wednesday, September 16th

St. Cornelius, pope & St. Cyprian, bishop, martyrs

5:30 PM John & Natalie Quarterone
Requested by Rene & Carmella Berube

Thursday, September 17th

St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor

7:00 AM Bertha Piro
Requested by Robert Doucette

Friday, September 18th

7:00 AM Virginia Sacino & Robert Saccone
Requested by Peter & Mary Gravelle

Saturday, September 19th

Vigil: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Stephen J. Rajcula, Sr. & all Members of the Sciabarrasi Family
Requested by Lena Rajcula & family

Sunday, September 20th

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Silvio Petrucci
Requested by his wife Frances & children

10:30 AM John J. Belli

Requested by his children & family

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Paul Caputi

who died this past week. May his soul rest in peace.

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17 - 20

Second Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30 - 37

September 6th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$5,166.50
Children's Collection (\$10.50)	\$9.50
SURPLUS this week	\$287.00
TOTAL SURPLUS Year to Date	\$287.00

Parish Council meets Monday Sept. 14th at 7:00 PM in hall.

UNVEILING THE CENTENNIAL PLAQUE - The Centennial Plaque commemorating donors to our Centennial Capital Campaign will be unveiled **after the 10:30 Mass on September 27th** everyone is invited. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? Our "Inquirers' Group" meets **every Thursday at 7:00 PM beginning October 1st**. It's a relaxed environment to go and find out more about Catholic Christianity. There will be one member of the RCIA team in the office lobby (downstairs) to answer any questions.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Any boy or girl who is a member of St. Anthony Parish and is in the Fourth Grade or older may be an altar server. **There are three practice sessions on Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 beginning this Wednesday, September 16th**. Francis and Annette Pandiscio (978-348-1009) will be leading the training sessions.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

First Reconciliation Mandatory Parent Meeting for parents of students from both public and Catholic schools will be held on **Monday, September 21st at 7:00 PM in the church hall**. At least one parent or guardian must attend.

Preparation Classes for Reconciliation will begin Sunday, **September 27th from 9:00 - 10:15 AM at St. Anthony School**. Parents of children attending 2nd grade THIS year need to call Ellen DePatie at 978-345-7785 to register your child. The fee is \$25 which includes the cost of the books to be used. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the first class if your child was not baptized at St. Anthony Church.

A Confirmation Mandatory Preparation Meeting for parents and student candidates from both public and Catholic school for program years I, II, III (grade 9-11) will begin promptly **at 9:15 AM on Sunday, September 27th in the school hall**.

Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday morning, **October 4th from 9:00 - 10:15 AM at St. Anthony School**.

Regular Office Hours Resume: The office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Please remember that the office remains closed on ALL Tuesdays.

Dear Friends,

At some point in each one of our lives as Christians, we have to confront Jesus' question in today's Gospel. "But who do *you* say that I am?" The answers the apostles had given had been what other people had said. That was acceptable as a starting point, but it didn't address the issue clearly enough. The question is personal; the answer must be also.

We have been raised to know and understand certain things about Jesus Christ. That information is an important part of the process of coming to know the Savior, but information in and of itself is not sufficient. We must have a true knowledge which leads to understanding and wisdom. We live in the information age. Google a name and you'll get 1,456 references in an instant. But what good is all that information, all those "factoids," if it isn't synthesized into a meaningful answer for you personally?

And so every Christian is confronted with the same question, and the answer is not what Google references or what some scholar has written. It is as personal as each individual heart. "Who do *you* say that I am?"

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 & 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 13th through September 19th: Rev. John Dwyer; Deacon Anthony Fiore; Rev. John Horgan; Deacon Richard Desjardin; Deacon Paul Mello; Deacon Scott Colley; Deacon James Linderman.

The Montachusett Chorale presents The Hot Fugue Sundaes in a night of sundaes, sweets and swing. Come make your own sundaes at Leominster City Hall on **Saturday, September 19th**. Sundaes and sweets from 7:00 – 7:45 PM, song at 8:00 PM. Diabetics welcome. Tickets are \$12 in advance only. Call 978-534-9187

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 29th, 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, 508-304-1745.*

The Bishop is Coming on Friday, September 18th at 6:00 PM! St. Joseph Parish invites all Fitchburg parishes to join them as Bishop McManus comes to concelebrate Mass with priests and parishioners from the eight churches in Fitchburg honoring Pope Benedict XVI's proclamation of "A Year for Priests." This Mass is also intended for all Christians in the Fitchburg parishes to unite in prayer for the changes to come. Let us use this Mass as gateway for local priests and parishioners to unite in the spirit of Christ to honor the men who have sacrificed their lives in service to God and in service to us. There will be a time for fellowship in the downstairs hall with desserts, coffee and soda immediately following the Mass.

St. Anthony's Hospitality will be partnering with St. Joe's Hospitality for the social after the Bishop's Mass on Friday, September 18th. If you are able to bake or help in another way please contact Amy Walsh at 978-502-5540 ASAP.

Parish Mission to be held at St. Joseph Church, Fitchburg "Beginning Today...how to refresh our call to Christ" with presider Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R. a Redemptorist priest from Woburn, MA. **The mission will be held Monday September 21st – Thursday, September 24th, from 6:30 – 7:45 each night.** Check the bulletin board for complete information.

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

PARISH HISTORY/PHOTO BOOK HAS ARRIVED!

More than 90% of the parishioners who had their picture taken or submitted one to us have already received their copy. If you did not get yours you may call the office during regular office hours to make arrangements for pick up. Previously we had stressed pre-ordering a book so that you would not be disappointed if extra copies were not available. Currently there are no extra books for sale. If that changes we will let you know with a notice here in the bulletin.

A GIFT FROM THE PRESENTATION SISTERS - A Presentation Sister has donated several books on adult faith and spirituality. They are in the vestibule and are free to anyone who will benefit from them.

Presentation Health Care Center (PHCC) is a small, nonprofit, 11 bed rest home, serving the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Leominster, MA. We are presently seeking to fill the following per diem position: C.N.A./Responsible Person, Medication Pass Certified. Please come in and fill out an application or call nurse manager, Sr. Maureen Hickey, R.N.,C. at: PHCC, 99 Church Street, Leominster, MA, 978-537-7857. E.O.E.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:
Betty Anderson for prayers answered