



April 11 - 12, 2009

Easter Sunday

He saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead.

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Acts 4:32 - 35

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1 - 6

Gospel: John 20:19 - 31

PREVIOUS WEEK OFFERINGS

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offering	\$6,311.50
Children's Collection (\$13.50)	\$13.50
SURPLUS this week	\$1,436.00
DEFICIT Year to Date	\$4,476.50

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 11th

Vigil: Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord
7:30 PM Parishioners of St. Anthony Parish

Sunday, April 12th

Easter Sunday: The Resurrection of the Lord
8:00 AM Parishioners of St. Anthony Parish

10:30 AM Parishioners of St. Anthony Parish

Monday, April 13th

7:00 AM Sarah Celuzza
Requested by Rose Anne Addorisio

Tuesday, April 14th

7:00 AM Joseph & Luisa Corbo
Requested by their family

7:00 PM St. Anthony Novena Week 1
Preacher: Fr. Bob Bruso

Wednesday, April 15th

5:30 PM John B. O'Connor (Anniversary)
Requested by his wife Helen

Thursday, April 16th

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Anthony Parish

Friday, April 17th

7:00 AM Dorothy Thibodeau
Requested by MaryAnn Michaelian

Saturday, April 18th

Vigil: Second Sunday of Easter
4:00 PM Anthony & Rose Barbaro
Requested by their daughter MaryAnn

Sunday, April 19th

Second Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM Lou Buratti, Jr.
Requested by his family

10:30 AM Gloria LeClair
Requested by her husband & family

Partners in Charity - Please remember and come prepared for the **in-pew collection next weekend at all Masses**. We hope many of you will take advantage of the "pledge" option which allows you to make minimal payments over 10 months. Please give careful consideration to helping this very worthy cause.

*****PARISH VIDEO SHOWING*****

Please join us for the first viewing of "Cent' Anni - 100 Years of St. Anthony of Padua Church" - the Parish History Video. **It will be shown on Saturday, April 25th @ 7:00 PM in the church hall.** This is a two hour video documentary of the parish from its earliest days in the 1900's until the present time. Included are over 40 personal interviews with parishioners and former priests of the parish. Next weekend after all Masses we will be handing our "tickets" - free of charge - to all who would like to view this DVD. You must have a ticket in order to gain entrance. This allows us an accurate count of how many will be in attendance. We will only hand out as many tickets as our hall will comfortably & safely hold. If we are so lucky as to have a capacity crowd we will choose another day to view the DVD again for those that were unable to gain entrance. Please plan to join us in celebrating the rich history of St. Anthony Parish as we enter our 101st year and move forward into the future!

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO A VERY FEW PEOPLE

Every year, we have had volunteers to prepare the church for Holy Week and Easter. Traditionally, that was on a Monday, but with more and more two income families, last year we changed it to Saturday, hoping more of the young families would come out and help. The more people who can take a bit of time, the more quickly the job is done. The church is gleaming and it has that distinctive aroma of Murphy's Oil soap, thanks to the hard work and dedication of: Giulio Balducci, Louie Bellabarba, Rose Bisol, Lucille Maynard, Frances Mercadante, Raymond Nunez, Betty Pagnotta, Beth Ann Romano, Angela, Annie & Stephanie Sabal, Donna Uusitalo and Amy & Marty Walsh. Next year, I hope even more people will be able to devote a little bit of time to help.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle is requested by Sue Marabello for the health of a sick boy.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA begins this TUESDAY, April 14th at 7:00 PM for nine (9) consecutive Tuesday evenings. Our schedule of speakers includes (in order): Fr. Bob Bruso, Pastor; Fr. Austin Fleming, Holy Family Parish, Concord; Fr. Francis Goguen, St. Cecilia, Leominster; Fr. Fred Fraini, Our Lady Immaculate, Athol; Sister Clare Fitzgerald, SSND; Fr. Miguel Pagan, St. Peter in Worcester; Seminarian Jonathan Slavinkas; Deacon Salvatore Tantillo and the last date, June 9th to be announced at a later date. **This years theme is Evangelization.**

Item of the Month - The Youth Group is accepting donations for Our Father's House and the Veterans' Homestead. **This month's item is toothpaste & toothbrushes.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

Dear Friends,

We see in today's Gospel that even those closest to Jesus didn't yet fully comprehend the reality of the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene thought tomb robbers had stolen his body. Simon Peter was flabbergasted and didn't know what to think. John believed but he did not understand what was happening.

We have heard the story of the Resurrection many times, we've seen it painted by the great artists of the world, it is a foundation of our Christian faith. We hear it, we believe, but do we understand?

For me, Easter is God's Great Eraser. In the new life of Jesus Christ, all the sins and sorrows and disappointments of the past are wiped clean. His Resurrection is our hope. His new life is our promised future. He has erased the past. Aren't we called to do the same?

Easter is a perfect time to be reconciled with anyone who has hurt us. This is not all about what he did to me, what she said to whom, what they think about me. It's not about who started it and whose fault it is. This is about the One who ended all hatred and division and gave the world new birth. This is the time of the Resurrection. Believe it. Buy into it. Become it.

Pace e Bene,

Jeanne d'Arc Circle #44 Daughters of Isabella will meet on Monday, April 13th at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Fitchburg, at 2:00 PM. Members should bring an unwrapped gift for a Baby Shower for Pro-Life which will take place at this meeting. Jeannie Farineau & Alice Therriault are co-chairs for this meeting.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held on **Sunday, April 19th at St. Camillus Church, 333 Mechanic St., Fitchburg.** Devotions will start at 12:45 PM with confession followed by Mass at 2 PM, Adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM followed by Benediction and the veneration of the Divine Mercy Image. After the devotions there will be refreshments in the church hall. This event is sponsored by the Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel. All are invited.

A Tasty Way to Raise Dough - Please use the coupon below to help the St. Anna Youth Ministry to raise money for a trip to Stubenville (a week long retreat for teens). One of our own youth from the parish plans to attend and other youth from area parishes will join St. Anna as well. Keeping young adults involved in their faith is a very worthy cause. Please plan to attend Uno Chicago Grill anytime during the day or evening on April 16th or 17th and be sure to present the coupon!

Ham & Bean Supper – Sacred Heart Parish of West Fitchburg will hold its annual parish Ham & Bean Supper and Auction at the British American Club (Simonds Road & Rt. 31) for one night only on **Friday, April 17th beginning at 5:30 PM.** The auction will start at 6:45 PM. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for children for dinner. Come and enjoy our supper and the fun of a live auction!

Walk for Hope - Beacon of Hope Community Services announces its Walk for Hope on Sunday, April 26th beginning at the Knights of Columbus, 484 Lancaster Street, Leominster. Spring is here! Get out your walking shoes and join us for our annual WALK for HOPE to benefit programs for people with developmental disabilities at Beacon of Hope Community Services. The walk is a 5 mile journey through the neighborhood. You can walk the entire route, a few miles, or part of a mile. Registration starts at 8:30 AM. The first 100 walkers to register will receive a free T-shirt. The walk begins promptly at 9:30 AM – rain or shine. Please check the flier at the entrances of the church for detailed information or call 978-840-2727. Come out and walk for a great cause!

INTERESTED IN A DAY OF GOLF JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT? St. Anthony School is inviting everyone including parish members, alumni and friends to join them for a **Golf Outing on Thursday, June 25th**. This will be a fun, scramble format outing at the Townsend Ridge Country Club and beginners are welcome! Brochures containing all details along with an application are located at both entrances of the church. Call your friends, family or old classmates and get a foursome together! Entry fee is \$85.00 per person and includes greens fees, cart, buffet dinner and prizes. Get your applications in early as this event is limited to 32 foursomes. For questions please contact Kristine Caravella @ 978-353-0842 or Kcaravella@comcast.net.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Items

Please don't forget about the pantry! Items needed are: canned vegetables, canned soups, Spaghetti O's, jam or jelly, Hamburger Helper, Ramen noodles, pasta sides, mustard, relish, ketchup, mayonnaise. Many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. Continue to do what you can. Thank you!