



April 18 - 19, 2009
 Second Sunday of Easter
 Divine Mercy Sunday

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, April 20th

7:00 AM **Deceased Members of the Gerante Family**
 Requested by their family

Tuesday, April 21st

St. Anselm, bishop and doctor of the Church

7:00 AM **Sr. Clara Cerasia, MPV**
 Requested by the Macchio Family

7:00 PM **St. Anthony Novena Week 2**
Preacher: Fr. Austin Fleming

Wednesday, April 22nd

5:30 PM **James DiConza (1st Anniversary)**
 Requested by Anthony & Janice Cristofono

Thursday, April 23rd

St. George, martyr

7:00 AM **Gerald C. Volpe**
 Requested by Fran & Annette Pandiscio

Friday, April 24th

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr

7:00 AM **Ida Montville**
 Requested by Charlotte Ruberti

Saturday, April 25th

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM **Mary Celona (1st Anniversary)**
 Requested by Grace & Mario Zarrella

Sunday, April 26th

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM **Mr. & Mrs. Louis Brasili**
 Requested by their family

10:30 AM **101st Anniversary – For our Founders**

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Acts 3:13 – 15, 17 – 19

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1 – 5a

Gospel: Luke 24:35– 48

PREVIOUS WEEK OFFERINGS

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offering	\$5,005.50
Children's Collection (\$20.68)	\$21.00
SURPLUS this week	\$137.50
EASTER COLLECTION	\$6,625.00
SURPLUS Year to Date	\$2,286.00

Partners in Charity – The in-pew collection was this weekend at all Masses. If you took your envelope home to consider your pledge/donation please return it promptly next week or mail in to the office. We hope many of you will take advantage of the "pledge" option which allows you to make minimal payments over 10 months. We will post updates as they become available.

The Venerini Collection taken up on Palm Sunday totaled \$6,758. A check will be presented to the Venerini Sisters during our annual **Venerini Day Celebration on May 8th** beginning with a Mass at 10:00 and followed by a luncheon in the church hall. This year marks the 100th Anniversary of service for the Sisters in the United States and 90 years of service to our St. Anthony Community. If you haven't had a chance to make a donation please consider it a way to show your thankfulness for the tremendous service they have been to our parish and the community!

*******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. If you did not get your "tickets" – free of charge – please check to see if any tickets remain. If so, we will have them on a first come, first serve basis during the week from the office and again at the Masses next weekend. 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 attend the first showing. 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!

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA continues this TUESDAY, April 21st at 7:00 PM. Our schedule of speakers remaining includes (in order): 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, Worcester; Seminarian Jonathan Slavinkas; Deacon Salvatore Tantillo and the last date, June 9th to be announced at a later date. **This year's theme is Evangelization.**

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle:
 In Memory of James G. DiConza.

Bake Sale to benefit the Dominican Sisters – Please come prepared to buy bread, brownies, apple and blueberry pies after all Masses next weekend! These goods are baked according to the Dominican community recipes. The proceeds from the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission in Haiti. The Dominican Sisters greatly appreciate your support!

Dear Friends,

This, the Sunday after Easter, has been celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday for several years now. We commemorate the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ. The love which led Our Savior to offer His life on the Cross is the same love we call upon as we acknowledge our own sins and failings yet depend of His love.

It is not part of God's plan for the human race that any soul ever be lost. St. Thomas More, writing to his daughter Margaret just days before his execution by King Henry VIII, stated, "I am convinced that, *without my willing it*, God will not allow my soul to be lost. That's the key: *without my willing it*. God's will is that all will be saved. Why else did He create us? All we have to do is believe and then submit our lives to the will of the Father, obeying His eternal plan. God does not renege on His promises. If we don't renege on ours, we need only place ourselves under His loving mercy.

This week, St. Anthony Parish unveils a beautiful image of the Divine Mercy, donated by Francis LeClair in memory of his wife Gloria. It will be solemnly dedicated at a later date this summer. Every day, as it hangs on the wall of the ell, it will be a reminder to us all that God loves us exactly as we are. His mercy is everlasting. We are the people of the Resurrection and in His mercy is our hope.

Pace e Bene,

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.

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 of call 978-840-2727. Come out and walk for a great cause!

BENEFIT FOR THE VENERINI SISTERS' NIGERIAN MISSION – The Montachusett Chorale will perform a concert of classical, patriotic and Broadway show tunes to benefit the Venerini Sisters' Nigerian Mission and celebrate 100 years of their ministry in the United States. **The concert will take place on Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 PM in Tata Auditorium, Leominster City Hall.** Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door; under 18 admitted free. For tickets call 978-534-9187.

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: April 19th through April 25th: Bishop McManus; Bishop Rueger; Bishop Reilly; Rev. John Doran; Rev. Frank Liistro; Fr. Bob; Deacon Sal Tantillo.

The Hospitality Committee meets on Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:00 in the church hall. If anyone would like to bake/cook for the socials on the weekend of April 25 – 26th please contact Amy Walsh at 978-502-5540. They always welcome new members and additional help!

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!

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.

One Woman Show: Friday, May 1st at 7:00 PM in Percival Auditorium, Center Stage at Fitchburg State College. Tickets are \$18 for the general public; \$5 for students. "**In Spite of Myself (or How to be a Good Italian Daughter)**" is written and performed by Antoinette LaVecchia, and examines the hysterical and universal struggles between an immigrant Italian mother and her Americanized daughter. Their dialogue is interrupted by colorful Italian-American characters that support and enlighten the universal mother/daughter relationship. Call Anna Mazzaferro at 978-537-9122 for information.

