

Mass Intentions

April 24 – 25, 2010 Fourth Sunday of Easter

"The Father and I are one."

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Acts 14:21 – 27

Second Reading: Revelation 12:1 – 5a

Gospel: John 13:31 – 33a, 34 – 35

April 18th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$3,723.50
Children's Collection (\$11.50)	\$11.50
DEFICIT this week	\$1,154.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$1,653.00

The Parish Council meets on Monday, April 26th @ 7:00 in the church hall. All are welcome.

The Venerini Sisters Collection that was taken on Palm Sunday weekend **totaled \$4,583.50.** We would like to present a check for \$5,000 to the Sisters on May 6th when we have our annual Venerini Day. If you did not give a donation and would like to help us to reach our goal of \$5,000 please consider a gift to the Sisters and put your donation in an envelope and place it in any collection basket over the next two weeks. Thank you!

Attention all Senior Parishioners: We are once again holding our annual Mass and dinner to celebrate our seniors as well as honor our Venerini Sisters. **The annual Venerini/Senior Day will be held on Thursday, May 6th beginning with a Mass at 10:30 followed by dinner in the church hall.** All seniors including those homebound, along with their caregivers, are invited to attend and celebrate with us. There is no cost but **you must register before Friday, April 30th** so that we can have a count for our preparation of food. Please call Jo (978-537-4802) Betty (978-343-7789) or Rosemary (978-345-0110) to reserve your spot. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Partners in Charity Appeal Continues. We had 35 donors this past week for a total of \$5,570 which brings **our grand total to \$26,612 from 149 donors.** Of those donors 6 are new this week. **We have 81 outstanding donors from last year.** If you are one of them please mail or drop off your donation to the office this week or bring it to church and place it in any collection basket. We feel confident that with your continued support we can reach our goal. If you are not one of them we welcome you to be counted among the "new" donors. We need all of you to make this a successful campaign. Remember a pledge, no matter what the amount, can be paid in 10 months or quarterly. If you plan to give please don't wait. Send in your pledge today. If you are in need of a pledge card and envelope they are available at the entrances of the church.

SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA - Our annual St. Anthony Novena continues **Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00 PM** with Fr. Joseph Dolan followed by, Fr. Kenneth Cardinale, Fr. Michael Lavalee, Deacon Sal Tantillo, Fr. Edward Chalmers, Fr. Walter Riley and Bishop Daniel Reilly. **Our theme this year is: "Church as Community, Church as Communion."** This is the third week of our nine consecutive Tuesdays. Please join us even if you can not make all dates.

Saturday, April 24th

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Anthony & Rose Barbaro
Requested by their daughter MaryAnn Michaelian

6:00 PM Hubert Davis
Requested by Amy & Marty Walsh

Sunday, April 25th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Michael Antonio Orlando (5th Anniversary)
Requested by his mother & family

10:30 AM Letizia Pennetti
Requested by the DiVito family

Monday, April 26th

102nd Anniversary of St. Anthony Church

8:00 AM All Deceased Parishioners of St. Anthony Parish

Tuesday, April 27th

7:00 AM Irving & Mary Smith
Requested by the Dwyer family

7:00 PM St. Anthony Novena: Week 3
Preacher: Fr. Joseph Dolan
Pastor of St. Camillus, Fitchburg

Wednesday, April 28th

St. Peter Chanel, priest and martyr

5:30 PM Antonio & Teresa Cristofono
Requested by their family

Thursday, April 29th

St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Mary Celona (Anniversary) & Francesco Celona
Requested by Mario & Grace Zarrella

Friday, April 30th

St. Pius V, pope

7:00 AM Paula Goguen
Requested by her family

Saturday, May 1st

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM James DiNardo
Requested by his family

6:00 PM Sam Bodanza
Requested by the Boudreau family

Sunday, May 2nd

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Molly DiConza
Requested by Joseph & Phyllis DiConza

10:30 AM Dominic Dantini
Requested by his wife & children

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Frank Montuori & Elaine Bisson
who died this past week. May their souls rest in peace.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by:
Jennie Gallant IMO of Al Gallant

Dear Friends,

Monday, April 19 was Confirmation Day for young men and women of the parish. Our bishop, Bishop Robert J. McManus, confirmed candidates from St. Anthony Parish as well as candidates from Immaculate Conception, St. Francis, St. Joseph and Madonna of the Holy Rosary Parishes at a ceremony held at St. Francis Parish. It was a joy-filled and beautiful liturgy, celebrating both the individual candidates who have chosen to take this step forward in their faith, but also the increased unity among the parishes of Fitchburg. We are One Church. We are One Body of Christ. We are called to give a unified witness to Jesus Christ and to His Church to our city and beyond.

As you know, St. Bernard and St. Camillus DeLellis Parishes will merge into one, new St. Bernard's Parish, worshipping on Mechanic Street. Immaculate Conception, Madonna of the Holy Rosary and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parishes are in the process of determining with whom they wish to merge. Soon after that the Bishop will be announcing pastors for the four new parishes. It is an exciting time for all of us.

With the excitement comes anxiety and also a well-founded sorrow over what has been lost. One cannot drive through the streets of Fitchburg and look upon these magnificent edifices built for the glory of God without sadness thinking some of these church buildings will be closed. Some will be put to other uses, some may be torn down. We do not know what the future holds.

Like the Confirmation candidates who walked forward confidently to the Bishop to be confirmed, we, too, can be filled with confidence and hope. We don't need to know everything that the future holds. We only need to trust in God and walk together.

Peace and Good Will,



Please Continue to Help the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
New items added to the food pantry wish list are: canned meat, canned fruit, Hamburger Helper, tuna, macaroni & cheese, jam & jelly, juice, beef or vegetable broth and cereal. **Please try to bring one item a week.** Remember, only canned items – no fresh as it may spoil. 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 men's deodorant.** 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: April 18th through April 24th: Fr. Joseph Jurgelonis, Fr. Terrence Kilcoyne, Deacon Loren King, Fr. Theodore Laperle, Fr. Laurie Leger, MS, Fr. Edward Lettic, Fr. Frank Liistro.

GODSPELL – On **April 30, May 1 & 2nd** St. Bernard's High School will present the inspirational Broadway musical GODSPELL. Based on the Gospel According to St. Matthew, and featuring a sparkling score by Stephen Schwartz, GODSPELL boasts a string of well-loved songs, led by the international hit, "Day by Day". GODSPELL is directed by Bod Healy with choreography by Nicole Couture. Performances on April 30th & 1st are at 7:30 PM with a matinee on May 2nd at 2:00 PM, which is free for all senior citizens. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door and may be purchased by calling 978-342-3212.

St Paul Catholic Schools Consortium invites you to join the pastors, principals, teachers, students and parents for a **Mass celebrated by Bishop McManus on May 7th at 10: AM at St. Cecilia Church, Leominster.** Celebrate with the children from our six elementary schools and St. Bernard High as they culminate their successful Community Outreach Food Drive which collected thousands of canned goods for food pantries in the Montachusett region!

ONE PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT - You're invited to be a part of the 1st Annual One Pitch Softball Tournament **on the weekend of May 8th & 9th at Coolidge Park.** Registration for a team is \$100.00 and this year's proceeds will go to St. Anthony School. Gather some men, women and young adults and come have some fun while supporting a good cause! For detailed information please call Sean Potter @ 978-235-6790.

Annual Mother's Day Rose Drive - The annual Pro-Life Rose Drive will again be held during Mothers Day weekend, **May 8 and 9.** Proceeds will benefit Massachusetts Citizens for Life [MCFL]. The traditional silk roses in red, white, yellow, and pink will be available for sale after all Masses. Your participation is greatly appreciated. These organizations depend on donations in order to continue to meet the needs of mothers and their babies, and to help them choose life for their unborn child.

In the United States 3,300 women wake each day saying "Today is the day of my abortion." 78% of these women claim to have a religious affiliation. 17% of these women will be teens. (source, www.guttmacher.org) We at CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center present life-affirming options to women, men and families experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, focusing on adoption and parenting. For information call 978-342-4244 or email me gail.carenet@verizon.net. We are available M-F from 10 to 4.

Unique Pilgrimage with Bishop McManus and Metropolitan Methodios - Have you ever considered being part of a pilgrimage to the lands of Saints Peter and Andrew? Bishop McManus and Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Methodios will lead a unique spiritual pilgrimage together this September to Italy and Turkey to rediscover our shared roots as Roman Catholics and Greek Orthodox faithful. Learn how you can be a part of this "once in a lifetime" journey at an **Information Night** to be held at Saint Spyridon Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 102 Russell Street, Worcester (behind Elm Park) on **Monday, May 17 at 6:30 PM.** An informational brochure highlighting the itinerary and first-class accommodations is available at www.worcesterdiocese.org/bishop or call Msgr. Peter Beaulieu at 508-363-6246.

St. Anthony's Golf Outing at Townsend Ridge C. C. will be on **Friday June 25th, with a 1:00 PM tee off.** More information is included in flyer available at the back entrances of the Church.

March "5-10" Club Winners

\$500	Hector Boucher
\$100	Gloria Bacener, M. Lucy, Frank Marabello
\$50	Dora Saari, Dino Giacomozzi, Linda Desmarais, Rosalyn Piro
\$25	Paul DiPerri, David Merrial