



# April 3 – 4, 2010 The Resurrection

*“They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we don’t know where they put Him.”*

## READ AND PREPARE

Next week’s Scripture readings:

First Reading: Acts 5:12 – 16

Second Reading: Revelation 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19

Gospel: John 20:19 – 31

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**EASTER VIGIL**

7:30 PM Liturgy of the Resurrection

Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

**EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 AM Liturgy of the Resurrection

10:30 AM Liturgy of the Resurrection

Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM Raffaele Sacino  
Requested by his family

Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM **NO MASS**  
Fr. Bob Away

Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

5:30 PM **NO MASS**  
Fr. Bob Away

Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM **NO MASS**  
Fr. Bob Away

Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM **NO MASS**  
Fr. Bob Away

Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

**Vigil: Divine Mercy Sunday**

4:00 PM Carmello Lemmo  
Requested by his wife Louise

6:00 PM Rita Hagan  
Requested by Alfred & Florence Zarrella

Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

8:00 AM Gloria A. LeClair  
Requested by the LeClair family

10:30 AM Dominic & Rosalia Bellia  
Requested by their daughter Connie

## March 28<sup>th</sup> Offerings

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$4,923.50</b>
<b>Children’s Collection (\$31.15)</b>	<b>\$31.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS this week</b>	<b>\$65.50</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$5,950.00</b>

**Our Partners in Charity Annual Appeal has begun.** The Diocese has sent letters to each registered household. If you did not receive a letter and need a pledge card and envelope they are available at the entrances of the church. Prayerfully consider your pledge, that can be paid over 10 months, and deposit it into the weekly collection baskets or mail it to the office beginning immediately. **We will have our PLEDGE SUNDAY IN-PEW collection next weekend on April 10-11<sup>th</sup>** at which time we will take time out for all attending Mass to fill out a donation card and place it in the collection basket that same day. If you can not pledge please consider a one time gift no matter what the amount. Again, please take some time to consider what you can donate and come prepared on Pledge Sunday! **Our goal this year is \$38,000.** Once again we ask your cooperation so that we may conduct this appeal in a timely manner. We here at St. Anthony’s Parish have been blessed in so many ways. “Let us open our hearts...Our good God will open His!”

**SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA** - Our annual St. Anthony Novena **begins on Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** and continues for nine weeks. Our theme this year is: “Church as Community, Church as Communion.” Our novena preachers this year include both Bishop Reilly and Bishop Rueger. A full list of preachers and dates will follow.

**St. Anthony’s Variety Show** – We are preparing for our first annual variety show **Good Vibrations!** The show will be held at **Fitchburg High School Auditorium on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM and Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.** Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors, children and students. Tickets may be purchased from any cast member, the church office, or by calling Joanne Pagnotta @ 978-502-6993. **Last chance! Forms & money for your name or personal message for the program booklet need to be returned Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**THANKS TO THE LOYAL FEW** - The Church was cleaned for Easter by a loyal and faithful group of volunteers: Louie Bellabarba, Theresa DiPasquale, Lucille Maynard, Frances Mercadante, Angela, Joe, Bill and Stephanie Saball, Mark Uusitalo and Amy Walsh. Ten people did a tremendous amount of cleaning in a couple hours. Imagine how much more we could have done if you had come to help!

**SAVE THE DATE!** – The **St. Anthony Golf Outing** will take place on **Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM** at the Townsend Ridge Country Club. Fun, food, drawings and prizes! More details will follow as the date nears but plan to be a part of this fun filled afternoon! Check out the photos from last years’ event on our web site @ [www.stanthonyfitchburg.net](http://www.stanthonyfitchburg.net)

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:  
*Hubert Davis & Madeleine Siciliano*  
who died this past week. May their souls rest in peace.

This week’s St. Anthony Devotional Candle:  
IMO Deceased Members of the Ruberti Family

Dear Friends,

The rain that we've had has filled our basements and turned our back yards into swamps. The refrain, "Well, at least it's not snow" isn't much consolation if you've been pumping out your cellar and surveying the water damage that insurance doesn't cover. Springtime doesn't always come as a bursting forth of tulips and daffodils. Sometimes it overtakes us violently.

So it is with the Resurrection. It wasn't just a walk in the garden for Mary, Peter and John. It was a shocking revelation which they struggled to comprehend. It challenged everything that they knew was true about human life. Dead people are supposed to stay dead. They had seen His dead body. They had wrapped it in linen and placed it in the tomb. They had a quiet, introspective Sabbath day, awaiting the time they could return to the tomb and finish their burial work. But the body wasn't there!

We have celebrated many Easter Sundays and we have heard the same Gospel proclaimed year after year. Then we go home and have a big Easter dinner with the family and celebrate the first spring holiday. Winter is over, spring is here. But do we really understand what we have professed? Jesus Christ is risen from **the dead!** Death's dominion over us is broken. The long and lonely night of human alienation is ended. We walk into a new light, a light that no darkness can overtake.

To understand the message of Easter is to be changed forever. May the violent and unsettling hope of Easter lift your spirits and transform your lives.

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 pineapple; canned beans; corned beef hash; jam & jelly; Jello; peanut butter; spaghetti sauce. **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 items are toothpaste and toothbrushes.** 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 4<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>: Fr. John Dwyer; Fr. Thomas Egan; Deacon Anthony Fiore; Fr. Frederick Fraini; Deacon Steven Gendron; Fr. Francis Goguen; Deacon James Graves.

**Operation Rice Bowl** – Please return your Rice Bowls with the contents to the church office or to the Sacristy before Masses. If you would rather count up the change and just include a check that is acceptable also. If you want your donation to be recorded please be sure to put your name ON or IN the box. We would like to have all "bowls" returned to us no later than **Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.**

An excerpt from Bishop McManus Easter letter printed in the Catholic Free Press:

Easter proclaims that God will roll back the stone! For Easter is a day of hope reborn, of courage renewed and of faith restored. The foundation of this enduring hope and renewed faith is our deep conviction that Jesus is truly risen from the dead, and that He now reigns as the Lord of life, who will unite all of us with God.

At Easter, it is good for each of us, worried as we might be about our personal problems, as well as those of our nation and our world, to recall these truths, and to savor the great *mystery* that restores our courage and rekindles our hope. Easter is the proof that the discouragement we face in the world will give way to the bright promise of the Lord's victory over sin and death.

Hear the Easter proclamation with joy in your hearts this year! Let the *good news* roll the large stones of your burdens away, and allow the bright light of Christ's glorious victory to shine. For that victory invites us to share in the Lord's risen and everlasting life.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** will be held on **Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Camillus Church**, 333 Mechanic St., Fitchburg beginning at 12:45 with confession followed by Mass at 2:00 PM, Adoration and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM and Benediction and the veneration of the Divine Mercy image. After Devotions there will be refreshments in the church hall. This event is sponsored by the Divine Mercy Perpetual Adoration Chapel. All are invited.

**Help New Refugee Families** Catholic Charities is seeking assistance for newly arrived refugee families. The most immediate need is for full, queen or twin-size beds with frames, box springs and mattresses, if possible, in good condition. Also very much needed is furniture of all kinds, in good solid condition, as well as bedding, towels, dishes, pans and other household items. If you have any of these to contribute please contact Kaska Yawo or Debra Spangler at 508-798-0191. Thank you so much!

**Is the Blessed Mother Calling You?** Learn how to make rosaries. Call Rosemarie at 978-345-2602 for an appointment right here at St. Anthony Church in the office area. Now is the time to show your love for the Blessed Mother. Rosaries are so needed throughout the world. Won't you help?

#### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

**October 7-17, 2010**

Join Father Bob on an eleven day pilgrimage to the Land of the Bible: Jerusalem – Bethlehem – Cana – Nazareth and more. Check out the full itinerary at [www.ProximoTravel.com](http://www.ProximoTravel.com) (including costs) or call or email Fr. Bob at [frbob@net1plus.com](mailto:frbob@net1plus.com).

**Our American Cancer Society Relay For Life Team** is still looking for volunteers to be part of our Angels Among Us Team. You simply need to raise \$100 and walk a couple of hours (total) at Ayer High School on **June 18<sup>th</sup> and/or 19<sup>th</sup>**. Contact Linda Sordoni at the school (978-345-7785) for more information.

**Additional Mass Begins Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>** - We will have an additional Vigil Mass at **6:00 PM** (not 5:30 as was previously printed). There are still several days remaining that are in need of ministers, if interested please call the office.

**Would you consider being a Greeter for Mass?** The Hospitality Committee is looking for 5-7 greeters for the additional 5:30 PM Saturday Mass. If you think you might be interested give Amy (978-502-5540) a call and she can tell you what it entails.