



Mass Intentions

February 27 – 28, 2010

Second Sunday of Lent

*Then from the clouds came a voice that said,
"This is my chosen Son; listen to Him."*

Saturday, February 27th

Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM **Sr. Elisa Brasili, M.P.V.**
Requested by her family

Sunday, February 28th

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM **Nicola Volpe (Anniversary)**
Requested by his family

10:30 AM **Deceased Members of the Loriot Family**
Requested by Claire Rollo

Monday, March 1st

7:00 AM **Doris Desjean**
Requested by Phyllis & Doug Pirani

5:30 PM **Mary Celona**
Requested by Anne DiPietro

Tuesday, March 2nd

7:00 AM **Carmella Berube**
Requested by Robert & Rita Berube

5:30 PM **Leo & Alice Leclair**
Requested by John & Gina Fanelli

Wednesday, March 3^d

St. Katherine Drexel

7:00 AM **Alice Posco (7th Anniversary)**
Requested by her daughter Debra Posco

5:30 PM **Giuliano DiVito**
Requested by Archie & Nicolina Carbone

Thursday, March 4th

St. Casimir

7:00 AM **Edith Albert (1st Anniversary)**
Requested by her family

5:30 PM **Claire A. Testagrossa (5th Anniversary)**
Requested by her family

Friday, March 5th

7:00 AM **People of Haiti**

5:30 PM **Maryann (Ramondelli) Desgroseilliers**
Requested by her mother Carol & family

Saturday, March 6th

8:00 AM **All of the Parishioners of the
Parishes of Fitchburg**

Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM **Orazio & Immacolata DePiano**
Requested by the Pennetti family

Sunday, March 7th

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM **Jim Pandiscio**
Requested by his wife Judi & children

10:30 AM **Frank & Clara LeFray**
Requested by Claire Rollo

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Exodus 3:1 – 8a, 13 – 15

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1 – 6, 10 – 12

Gospel: Luke 13:1 – 9

February 21st Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$4,559.00
Children's Collection (\$9.00)	\$9.00
DEFICIT this week	\$321.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$4,731.50

Parish Council meets Monday, March 8th @ 7:00 PM - hall
Finance Committee meets Wednesday, March 10th @ 6:00 PM -
rectory. All are welcome to these meetings.

A NOTE OF THANKS – We received \$58,882.46 from the estate
of Frederick DiLucci. We appreciate his thoughtful generosity.
Not everyone can make such a significant donation but please
consider St. Anthony Parish in your will. We have placed this
money in our general savings account.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

October 7-17, 2010

Join Father Bob on a eleven day pilgrimage to the
Land of the Bible: Jerusalem – Bethlehem – Cana – Nazareth
Mass celebrated every day at the holiest shrines in the Christian
world. An informational meeting will be held on **Thursday, March
11th at 6:30 PM** in the church hall.

LOOKING FOR AN EVENING MASS DURING LENT?

Monday through Friday during Lent:

5:30 PM St. Anthony, Fitchburg

6:00 PM St. Joseph, Fitchburg

**Last Chance to get a 50% parish discount off the 10th
Anniversary Diocesan Men's Conference** at the DCU Center in
Worcester on **Saturday, March 20th**. All Parish men, as well as
their sons, brothers, fathers and friends are invited to join us. For
those of you who have signed up but have still yet to pay please
forward your \$20 fee to the office no later than this **MONDAY,
MARCH 1st**. **The parish will pay for half (\$20) of the \$40
registration fee if received BY the March 1st deadline.** After that
the registration price increases to \$50. Once again Fran Pandiscio
(978-348-1009) is our parish representative. For more information
please check out the web site at www.worcesterdiocese.com go to
the "What's Happening" tab and click on Men's Conference or
speak directly to Fran Pandiscio to receive the brochure with full
details on speakers and times. **Sign up by MONDAY to take
advantage of the parish offer to discount your registration by
50%!**

Church Contribution 2009 Tax Information

Call the office or email saintanthony@net1plus.com to get your
church contribution report for the 2009 tax season we do not mail
them unless you have specifically requested one from us.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Anthony Tocci & William Haggerty
who died this past week. May their souls rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

Transfiguration is a special type of change. It requires new eyes and deep faith.

There was nothing "wrong" with Jesus of Nazareth. He didn't need plastic surgery. Peter, James and John knew Him and loved Him as He was. When things are okay as they are, why do we need to change anything? Most of us resist change unless there's a real need.

And yet, once Peter, James and John had new eyes, they saw the transfigured Jesus and were amazed. Peter didn't say, "Hey, where's my old buddy the carpenter from Nazareth?" He said, "Master, it is good that we are here."

The reconfiguration of the parishes in Fitchburg is upon us. It will be a change, and change is always a challenge. May we have the grace to see this as a transfiguration and be able to rejoice that we can see the will of God in it.

Pace e Bene,

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: February 28th through March 6th: Bishop Reilly; Retired Priests and Religious; Rev. Francis Roberge; Bishop Rueger; The Seminarians; Deacon Court Shields; Rev. Robert Spellman.

Unique Ecumenical Pilgrimage This September - Bishop McManus and Greek Orthodox Metropolitan Methodios will lead a unique pilgrimage to the Ancient Sees of Ss. Peter and Andrew on September 15 – 26, 2010. For more information contact Msgr. Peter Beaulieu at peter.beaulieu@stvincenthospigal.com or call 508-363-6246. Information is also available on the diocesan website at www.worcesterdiocese.org (click on Departments and select Bishop's Office then "A Unique Spiritual Pilgrimage"). **Reservation deadline (\$1,000 non-refundable deposit) is March 15th.**

Jeanne d'Arc Circle #44 Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Monday, March 8th at 2:00 PM** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Fitchburg. Aline Brassard & Marie Boudreau are the co-chairs for this meeting.

March 20th, Saturday – Luncheon Seminar with Fr. Ralph DiOrio "A Day of Healing and Restoration in the Holy Spirit" with Fr. Ralph DiOrio on March 20th at the Southbridge Hotel, from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$55 and includes lunch and Sunday observance of Mass. For more information please call 508-832-7890.

SAVE THE DATE - The St. Anthony's Variety Show will take place on Saturday, April 24th and Sunday, April 25th at Fitchburg High School Auditorium. More information will follow as the date gets closer and the tickets become available. For information on being a sponsor for the show or placing an ad in the program booklet, please call Joanne Pagnotta at 978-502-6993 or 978-345-7853.

Operation Rice Bowl – Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey in Lent, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need. If you have not done so already, please be sure to take home a Rice Bowl. Visit orb.crs.org for more information.

Catholic Charities Homecare Program is looking for aides to care for elders in their homes. Duties include light housekeeping, laundry, and shopping. Paid training, mileage reimbursement and a schedule to meet your needs. Please call Catholic Charities Homecare Program at 978-537-7438. EOE/AA

Adult Volunteer Service Opportunities: Vacations That Give
Come together with other adults of all ages in service to those in need in **Appalachia**. We will work in conjunction with area churches in **Webster County, West Virginia** where those who are poor, physically disabled or alone and elderly rely on the kindness and compassion of others to repair their homes. **Our week of service will be April 24 - May 1, 2010.** If you would be interested in joining us **please contact us by March 27, 2010.** You can view more information about this service opportunity and our program in general on our website: www.vacationthatgive.org or please contact us at 508-881-4547 or e-mail us at: directors@vacationthatgive.org or call Jo Belli (978-537-4802) who has been on several "Vacations That Give" and she can tell you first hand of her experiences. **"Vacations That Give" is sponsored by The Sisters of Saint Anne.** We hope to hear from you so that, called together by our loving God, we can help to make our world "just a little bit better."

Parishioner to Celebrate 100th Birthday! – **Rose DiPietro will turn 100 years old on March 9, 2010,** just two short weeks away. Be a part of this wonderful event by sending along well wishes to Rose at: Golden Living Center, 1199 John Fitch Hwy., Fitchburg, MA 01420. How nice it will be for her to know that her St. Anthony family is thinking of her on this very special occasion!

SAVE THE DATE! – The **St. Anthony Golf Outing** will take place on **Friday, June 25th 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

Free Introduction to the Internet - Ever wonder what you are missing online? Here's your chance to check out the amazing resources using the internet. Find health and medical information, check out your ancestry, get free knit and crochet patterns or even play games like solitaire and hangman! No experience necessary. Individualized and self paced, this is an amazing FREE opportunity. Call Catholic Charities, 196 Mechanic Street, Leominster, at 978-840-0696 for more information and to reserve a time.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:
MaryAnn Michaelian for the sick & dying