



January 16 – 17, 2010

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My hour has not yet come."

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2 – 4a, 5 - 6, 8 - 10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 30

Gospel: Luke 1:1 – 4; 4:14 – 21

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 16th

Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Deceased Members of the
Vincent Salamone Family
Requested by Vincenzo Salamone & family

Sunday, January 17th

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Francis Giguere
Requested by Phyllis & Doug Pirani

10:30 AM Dave Hosley
Requested by his mother & family

Monday, January 18^h

Martin Luther King, Jr.

8:00 AM Joseph M. & Rose G. Secino
Requested by Bob & Florence Secino

Tuesday, January 19th

7:00 AM NO MASS

Wednesday, January 20th

St. Fabian, pope & martyr; St. Sebastian, martyr

5:30 PM Bridget Curran
Requested by her family

Thursday, January 21st

St. Agnes, virgin & martyr

7:00 AM Haitian Earthquake Victims

Friday, January 22nd

St. Vincent, deacon & martyr

7:00 AM Anthony Romano
Requested by Lori Gaetz & family

Saturday, January 23rd

Vigil: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Nancy Flory & Deacon Francis Carbone
Requested by Joe & Anita Carbone & family

Sunday, January 24th

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Robert & Angela A. (Posco) Goodnow
Requested by her daughter Carol Ann & family

10:30 AM Francesco & Maria Marabello &
sons Tom & Frank
Requested by their family

January 10th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$6,162.00
Children's Collection (\$9.00)	\$9.00
SURPLUS this week	\$1,287.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$2,199.00

Parish Council meets Monday, January 18th @ 7:00 PM in hall.

Hospitality Committee meets Wednesday, January 27th @ 7:00 PM in the office lobby. Everyone is welcome. Anyone interested in bringing something or baking for the socials on the weekend of January 30 & 31st should call Amy Walsh @ 978-502-5540.

EMERGENCY RELIEF EFFORT FOR HAITI UNDERWAY!

The bishop has sent a letter urging us to give to an emergency relief collection taken up at all Masses this weekend. If you did not come prepared please consider a donation for next week. The Haitian people already have a majority of their population that experiences hunger and neglect even in normal times. The tremendous damage and staggering loss of life from the earthquake is said to affect at LEAST three million people! Many of the survivors of this disaster have lost everything they owned. Many remote towns and villages have been either severely or totally destroyed. Please help these people who have suffered so many losses. Imagine how you would feel in their place.

St. Anthony's Variety Show! Rehearsals and sign-ups are underway! If you have not had the chance to stop by please check it out. There is no special talent involved, just a willingness to meet weekly with others who want to have fun and ultimately be part of a show that will not only entertain the community but will raise money for various organizations. Rehearsals will be held weekly on **Wednesday, at 7:00 PM in the church hall** and continue every Wednesday until the show in April. Adults with various levels of talent and ability are welcome but must sign-up soon if you intend to be included in the performance. We are looking for cast members as well as stage crew assistants. If you would like to have fun during the long winter season ~ join us! For more information please call Joanne Pagnotta at 978-502-6993 or 978-345-7853. Hope to see you there!

St. Anthony School Registration for 2010- 2011

Registration for current parish families will begin for Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten on **Tuesday January 19th**. Any parishioner interested should call the school office at 978-345-7785 as soon as possible as registrations will be open to the public beginning February, 9th. Paris families interested in enrolling students from grades 1-8 should call to inquire about possible space and information regarding acceptance for those grades. **OPEN HOUSE for new families is scheduled for Thursday, February 4th from 10:00 – 2:00 PM.**

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:
Millie Zichelle IMO of the Zichelle Family

Dear Friends,

We enter into the second week of ordinary time and we begin a Gospel cycle which is not specific to the liturgical year (not Advent or Christmas or Lent or Easter). Rather, it is a cycle which focuses us on the universal teachings of Jesus Christ. We begin with an account of a miracle and of all of the recorded miracles of Jesus, this has got to be the most unimportant. So, they ran out of wine at a wedding reception. Is that the end of the world?

And yet this, the first recorded miracle of Our Lord has an important lesson to teach us. It is Mary's mother's concern and her attentiveness to the needs of the most insignificant that catches our attention. She approaches her Divine Son and shows her concern. His response, that it is not yet the time for Him to reveal His Divinity, is logical. She doesn't argue or plead. She knows her Son will respond to her heartfelt request, as trivial as it may seem.

The account of the miracle at Cana teaches us three important lessons. First, Mary was aware of the divine nature of Jesus Christ before any of the disciples and she knew what that meant. Second, her maternal care reaches out to everyone. Third, Jesus responds in love to the petitions of His all-loving Mother.

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 and fruit, bathroom tissue, canned vegetables; brown beans; corn beef hash; tuna and Raman noodles. The number of people in need is always increasing and many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. **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.

Bereavement Support Group in Leominster - Compassionate Companions Bereavement Support Group meets at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 1400 Main St., Leominster on Wednesdays at 7 PM from **Jan. 20 through Feb. 24**, facilitated by Elaine Hackett and Cathy Pimley. This faith-based group provides a safe and confidential environment for expressing sadness and learning ways to cope while grieving. Pre-registration is required. You may email ehackett1098@comcast.net or call the parish office at 978-342-2978.

JOHNSONIA CULTURAL SERIES - Thursday, January 21st @ 7:00 PM, "Snake Cults, Charlatans, and Burning Books: Lucian of Samasota's Ancient Rome" by Fitchburg State College Professor Dan Sarfield, at the Johnsonia Art Gallery, 516 Main Street, Fitchburg. This event is free and open to the public. Wine, cheese, soft drinks, and sweets will be available. Join us and bring a friend along.

Healing Service in Ashburnham - Richard Bingold, known for his miraculous Pilgrim Rosary, is coming to St. Denis, Ashburnham on **Monday, Jan. 25th at 7:00 PM** to conduct a healing service. All are welcome.

Cardinal Sean to visit Holy Cross - Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. will visit the College of the Holy Cross on **Monday, January 25th** and celebrate Mass at **4:15 PM** at St. Joseph Memorial Chapel. The Mass is open to the public.

Who doesn't like Girl Scout Cookies?! – Girl Scouts will be selling cookies after all Masses on the weekends of **January 23/24 & 30/31**. You will also have an opportunity to buy a box or two for our soldiers overseas to be packed and mailed out by a Blue Star mother. Listen for the announcements after Mass and remember to come prepared to buy some delicious cookies!

The Rain Forest is Coming! – Arrangements have been made for an appearance of **Understanding Wildlife's "LIVE ON STAGE, THE RAIN FOREST"** to appear at **St. Anthony School on Thursday, January 28th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM**. This non-profit organization explains how energy conservation and recycling will help save the beautiful animals the children are seeing and other ways we can help save our rain forests. It is a wildly entertaining program for the entire family. Alligators, flying macaws, talking amazons, and very mischievous monkeys will keep you laughing. The cost is \$5 per person (children under 3 are free). Plan now to attend!

When All The Hustle-bustle of the Holidays are Over..... Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are **January 29-31, February 12-14 and March 5-7**. For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline - Rediscover a loving marriage with a Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vy) weekend. If your marriage is tearing the two of you apart, if there is little or no meaningful communication, if you are considering separation or divorce, we believe Retrouvaille can help you. The next New England Retrouvaille marriage renewal weekend will be held **April 16-18, 2010**. To register for the weekend or for more information, visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 800-470-2230.

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: January 17th through January 23rd : Rev. Edward Chalmers; Deacon Joseph Clonan; Deacon Scott Colley; Deacon William Colon; Deacon James Couture; Deacon Richard Desjardin; Rev. Joseph Dolan.

Attention all parents of children: Boxed children's offertory envelopes have been distributed. When using them, please be sure to include YOUR current envelope # on their envelope so that we may add to your family contribution totals. If you as an adult do not currently receive weekly envelopes and would like to start please call the office to request they be sent to you. If you currently receive envelopes please use them as this makes it easier for recording your contributions.

Church Contribution 2009 Tax Information

Requests for contribution statements for the 2009 year can be called in to the office or emailed to saintanthony@net1plus.com. We will be happy to mail them out however we do not mail them unless you have specifically requested one from us. We will start to mail them out in mid January. Thank you.