



July 24- 25, 2010 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21 - 23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1 - 5, 9 - 11

Gospel: Luke 12:13 - 21

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 24th

Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Louis & Maria Brasili**
Requested by their family

6:00 PM **The Paul Family**
Requested by the family

Sunday, July 25th

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Charles & Alice Cosentino**
Requested by John & Gina Fanelli

10:30 AM **Deceased of the Bruso & Driscoll Families**
Requested by their families

Monday, July 26th

Sts. Joachim & St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin

7:00 AM **Deceased of the DeLai & Dalla Via Families**
Requested by Ida DeLai

Tuesday, July 27th

7:00 AM **NO MASS**

Wednesday, July 28th

5:30 PM **Dorothy T. Kelleher**
Requested by her children

Thursday, July 29th

St. Martha

7:00 AM **Gus Lelli**
Requested by a boyhood friend

Friday, July 30th

St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor of the Church

7:00 AM **Parishioners**

11:00 AM **Summer Program Closing Mass**

Saturday, July 31st

Vigil: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Norman & Michael Weldon**
Requested by Betty & Dennis Anderson

6:00 PM

Sunday, August 1st

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM
Requested by

10:30 AM
Requested by

July 18th Offerings

Not available at the time of printing

Needed to Meet Budget \$4,889.00

Sunday Offerings

Children's Collection

DEFICIT this week

TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date

The Hospitality Committee meets this Wednesday, July 28th at 7:00 PM in the outer office. All those wishing to help out with the church cook-out are asked to attend. New members are always welcome! We meet once a month for a brief meeting and to plan the monthly socials that occur after all the Masses typically on the last full weekend of each month. Please join us!

Mass Schedule & Office Hour Change:

There are no Tuesday morning Masses. The office has switched to summer hours of 8:00 - 1:00 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The office remains closed all day on Tuesday. These office hours are in effect until after Labor Day.

The Mass Intention Book for the months of July through December 2010 is open.

Religious Education

Our summer religious education program concludes this week, **July 19th through July 24th**. If you didn't sign up please call Ellen DePatie to make arrangements to attend the program at St. Joseph Church. Check out our website for more information www.stanthonyfitchburg.net

The 3rd Annual Church Cook-out is next Saturday, July 31st from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM here in the church parking lot and hall. **This is your last chance to sign-up.** This event is free but you must sign-up so that we will have an accurate count for food. If you didn't sign-up on your way out of church today but would still like to attend please call Amy Walsh @ 978-345-0983 or Linda Allaire @ 978-345-1669. Your homemade goodies are welcome and anticipated and/or monetary donations to help fund the hamburgers and hot dogs. Don't miss out on a fun afternoon, plan to attend! We will be honoring our summer seminarian Jim Boland at the cook-out and after all Masses on Sunday as he returns to Seminary.

Madonna della Cava - There will be a **meeting on Monday, July 26th @ 7:00 PM in the church hall** for parishioners, friends and all those who would like to join in the planning of the feast which is to be held on Sunday, August 15th at the 10:30 Mass. Please come and see what this feast is all about. More volunteers are needed to help the day of the feast as well. If you prefer you may donate pastries or a monetary gift to help defray the cost. Please call committee members Joe Albert @ 978-343-7744, Elena Valeri @ 978-343-3578 or Patty Vacca-Martin @ 978-345-5936. Thank you.

Dear Friends,

Winners never quit and quitters never win. Did you ever have a coach or a teacher or a parent tell you that when you were a child? It's still great advice.

Perseverance is a powerful virtue but it is a tough one. It's hard to keep going when it appears that we're making no progress. But that is exactly the advice which Jesus gives to His disciples. Persevere in prayer. Never give up. Believe that God hears you and that God will answer when the time is right. It doesn't mean that God will answer in the way that we want, but that God *will* answer. We are not abandoned. We are not alone.

The breakthrough in humanity's understanding of our relationship to God was in the first words of the prayer which Jesus taught. *Our Father*. God is a loving father, not a fierce being detached from us and our concerns. *Our Father*. Not "my" Father, but "our" Father. We are a part of a community of believers. We are One in God through Christ and the Holy Spirit. It's never us against them, but all of us before the throne of a loving God who is our father.

Each word of this most perfect prayer is worthy of an extensive, prayerful study. In just the first two words, Jesus turns upside down the world's pattern of prayer and invites to see God in an entirely different light. No matter how bleak the circumstances, those two words alone give us the hope to persevere.

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: cereal, canned meat, Ramen Noodles, Pasta Roni, Suddenly Salad, relish, mayonnaise, bathroom tissues, baked beans tuna fish, and 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 item is men's shaving lotion.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

Italian for Travelers - Due to popular demand the Italian for Travelers informal classes have been extended and will continue through the months of July & August. You did not need to attend any of the previous classes to join in. **The classes or "sessions" are held weekly on Wednesday night from 6:00 – 8:00 in the church hall.** They are led by Dr. Joe Addante and Carol (Cali) Kearns and are filled with the basic language and culture of Italy. Please drop in at any time to any meeting, we welcome you!

Marriage Encounter - In today's Gospel Jesus said "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing." Take time away from all your worries and spend time focusing on the Lord and your spouse. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are July 23-25, September 17-19 and September 24-26. For more information and to register, call 800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org.

Leominster Electronic Recycling will be held from St. Cecilia's Church on Saturday, July 31st from 9:00 – 2:00 PM. Televisions \$10, TVs over 20 inches \$15, computer monitors \$5, appliances \$10 each, misc. electronics \$5. Keyboards, cell phones, small electronics and CAR batteries are FREE. By bringing your old unwanted electronics to be recycled you will not only be cleaning your house but helping to support St. Cecilia's Church!

St. Anthony's Bazaar - St. Anthony of Padua Church, 14 Phoenix St., Shirley is having their annual bazaar on **Friday & Saturday, August 6 & 7 from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM.** Lobsters, clams, corn on the cob, and seafood chowder will be served rain or shine on Friday, August 6th. A chicken barbecue dinner and also chili will be served on Saturday night. Hamburgers, hot dogs, French fries, sausages, fried dough and drinks will be available both nights. Bring family & friends for two fun-packed evenings.

A Taste of Italy – Come taste the robust, savory, sweet, and flavorful recipes of the Italian Kitchen. **St. Anna Parish** will host this event in their parish hall on **Saturday, August 14th from 5:00 – 8:00 PM** serving a 3 course meal with side dishes, fruit and dessert. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Wine is additional. **Reservations are requested by August 1st.** Call 978-537-5293 or 978-537-2172 for tickets. Proceeds to benefit the parish.

New Parishioners – We are happy to welcome new members to our parish family. Please introduce yourself after Mass to Fr. Bob. We invite you to stop by the parish office to register or to take a blue registration form from the back of the church (one for each member of your family) and return it/them in the collection basket or to the church office. If you have access to a computer please visit our parish web site www.stanthonyfitchburg.net where you will find useful information as well as current events and Mass listings. Welcome!

If you know of any parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive the Eucharist, please notify Jo Belli at 978-537-4802 or Fr. Bob at the rectory.

Job Opportunity for Religious Education Coordinator – Our Lady of the Lake Parish, 1400 Main Street, Leominster is looking to hire a Coordinator of Religious Education for grades 1-5 and some special needs students for 30 hours a week. Please send resume to Lisa Sciacca and or call 978-345-7469 for more information.

Become a Foster Parent - Change the future of a child in your community by becoming a Foster Parent. Help a child who needs a nurturing and supportive place to live until they can return to their family. Your love, patience, understanding and life experiences will give a child a brighter tomorrow. You won't be alone; there is support available 24 hours a day. Experienced Foster Parents and Social Workers are available to talk with you and answer your questions. Call 800-KIDS-508 today and make a difference.

The Serra Club invites you to include the following in your daily prayers and continue to pray for new vocations: Deacon James Connor, Deacon James Couture, Deacon Richard Desjardin, Fr. Nick Desimone, Fr. Joseph Dolan, Fr. Lowe Dongor, Fr. Gerald Dorais.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by:
In Thanksgiving – M.C.