

Mass Intentions

March 13 – 14, 2010

Fourth Sunday of Lent

*"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said,
"Who is He, sir, that I may believe in Him?"*

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16 – 21

Second Reading: Philippians 3:8 – 14

Gospel: John 8:1 – 11

March 7th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$5,045.00
Children's Collection (\$17.40)	\$17.00
SURPLUS this week	\$173.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$5,147.50

Catholic Relief Service Collection was taken this weekend. If you forgot your donation please bring it with you next weekend. There are so many people in so many areas that need our help. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to Jesus in disguise. Please be charitable.

MRS. CLAIRE ROLLO HONORED BY DIOCESE OF WORCESTER

Bishop McManus and the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Worcester have honored Mrs. Claire Rollo of St. Anthony Parish with the Mother Teresa Respect Life Award for 2010. The award will be given to Claire at the annual Pro-Life Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral in Worcester on Thursday, March 25th at 10:00 AM. This award is in recognition of Claire's selfless and faithful work in defense of human life. Consider attending the Mass to share in congratulating her.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE POT LUCK SUPPER ON MARCH 20th AFTER THE 4:00 PM MASS IN THE CHURCH HALL - Sign up sheets are available at the entrances of the church or you can call Linda Allaire 978-808-0763, Bonnie Hautala 978-343-3994 or Amy Walsh 978-502-5540. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the evening with friends and fellow parishioners. Join us!

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 (including costs) or call or email Fr. Bob at frbob@net1plus.com.

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. We are approaching the fourth week in Lent. Now is the time to show your love for the Blessed Mother. Rosaries are so needed throughout the world. Won't you help?

LOOKING FOR AN EVENING MASS DURING LENT?

Monday through Friday during Lent:
5:30 PM St. Anthony, Fitchburg
6:00 PM St. Joseph, Fitchburg

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:
Lucy DiVito for Health & School

Saturday, March 13th

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM Peter Michaelian
Requested by his wife MaryAnn

Sunday, March 14th

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM William D. West
Requested by his family

10:30 AM Filippo & Lucia Salamone
Requested by their three daughters & family

Monday, March 15th

7:00 AM Rita Hagen
Requested by Rene & Frances Fluet

5:30 PM MaryAnn (Ramondelli) Desgroseilliers
Requested by Florence, Bob & Ginger

Tuesday, March 16th

7:00 AM Virginia Anderson
Requested by the Dwyer family

5:30 PM Bob Jollimore
Requested by his family

Wednesday, March 17th

St. Patrick, bishop

7:00 AM Anthony Cerasia
Requested by Paul & Rosemary Thibodeau

5:30 PM Elisabeth LeMay
Requested by a Friend

Thursday, March 18th

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor of the Church

7:00 AM Sr. Clara Cerasia, M.P.V.
Requested by Mary & Diane Macchio

5:30 PM Deceased of the Antonio Ingemi Family
Requested by Rene Berube

Friday, March 19th

St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 AM Joseph Pandiscio
Requested by Fran & Annette Pandiscio

2:00 PM School Mass

5:30 PM Eleanor Membrino
Requested by her family

Saturday, March 20th

8:00 AM Sam Bodanza
Requested by his twin sister Mary Bodanza

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:00 PM John B. O'Connor
Requested by his wife Helen

Sunday, March 21st

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Gerald Volpe (1st Anniversary)
Requested by his sisters Florence Volpe & Ann Pacetti

10:30 AM Elena Pasciuto
Requested by her friends Rita & Elena

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.

Dear Friends,

The proof is in the pudding, so they say. At least that was the blind man's attitude. The religious leaders had already condemned Jesus, so they were convinced that anything He did was bound to be bad. They were not open to persuasion of any kind.

The blind man had no preconceptions. He was not prepared to judge anyone. He simply knew what had happened to him and he was grateful. "If He is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

There are all kinds of blindness. Jesus was able to cure the physical blindness of this young man. He was not able to cure the spiritual blindness of the Pharisees. As we live these days of Lent, we ask the Lord for the courage to see our own blindness, our own prejudices, and our own stubbornness which is not open to God's persuasion.

The young man born blind wasn't limited by what other people said. He was open to his own experience, to see the power and mercy of God in the world, and was willing to let God change him. Can we say the same?

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: March 14th through March 20th: Deacon John Aleskevicz; Fr. Ernest Allega; Deacon Ronald Aubuchon; Deacon Stanley Baczewski; Fr. Thomas Borkowski; Fr. Timothy Brewer; Fr. Bob Brusio.

JOHNSONIA CULTURAL SERIES will hold an Art Exhibit entitled "Preserving a Sense of Place" from the Fitchburg Public School students on Thursday, March, 18, at 6:00 PM, at the Johnsonia Art Gallery, 516 Main Street, Fitchburg. This event is free and open to the public. Pizza, cheeses, soft drinks, and sweets will be served. For those who can't make it on 3/18, the Gallery will also be open for the Students' Art Exhibit on Saturday, 3/20, and Sunday, 3/21, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Easter Passion Musical "All I Have Done For You" is a Musical Production of the last days of Christ using narrative and music performed by teenagers from Lawrence, MA. It will be held at St. Anna Church, 199 Lancaster St., Leominster on **March 20th at 7:00 PM.** Free Admission. Excellent for all ages. . . Families, Youth Groups, and CCD Classes are encouraged to attend.

Lenten Mission in Leominster - You are invited to a multi-parish Lenten Mission in Leominster on **March 21 – 24 at 7:00 PM** each evening. Speakers will reflect on the Year of the Priest Theme and it will take place as follows: Sunday: Adoration at St. Leo Church; Monday: Mass at St. Anna; Tuesday: Penance Service at St. Cecilia; Wednesday: Mass and Collation at Holy Family of Nazareth. For more information contact any of the parishes.

Center for Italian Culture at Fitchburg State College Lecture "Venice, Verona and Urbino: Visual History through Architecture", **Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 3:30 PM**, at Fitchburg State College – Kent Recital Hall (Conlon Music). The speaker is Professor Susan Wadsworth – 2009 recipient of the Faculty Research and Scholarship Award. This event is free. For more information contact Michèle Wronski at 978-665-3031.

The 33rd Annual Spaghetti & Meatball Supper to Benefit Our Lady of the Holy Rosary School **Wednesday, March 31st, from 5 – 7:00 PM** in the lower church hall of Holy Rosary Church, Nichols St., Gardner. Tickets for adults are \$6, children - \$3. There will also be a **Spring Flea Market held in the church hall on Saturday, March 20th from 8 – 12 noon.**

Operation Rice Bowl – The story of the Prodigal Son helps us refocus on the meaning of Lent. This is a time to change our ways, to turn back to God our Father, and to appreciate and share the gifts we have received. Remember that we are called to be stewards of what God has given us, and we connect our prayers and fasting with our giving. Visit orb.crs.org for more information.

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 email us at: directors@vacationthatgive.org, call 508-881-4547 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.**

"Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." (Today's Second Reading)
Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help you renew your marriage/priesthood. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are **March 19-21, April 23-25 and May 21-23.** For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org

Project Rachel Know someone hurting from a past abortion? We can help. Our services are free and strictly confidential. Call project Rachel at (508) 791-HOPE. Come home to God's mercy!

The Office of Healing and Prevention Would Like to Remind you of the Procedures for Reporting Sexual Misconduct - If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to the Diocese of Worcester. The report can be made by phone, contact Frances Nugent, Director of the Office for Healing and Prevention, (508) 929-4363 or in writing, and sent to Office for Healing and Prevention, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609.