



Mass Intentions

March 6 – 7, 2010

Third Sunday of Lent

*"Come see a man who told everything I have done.
Could He possibly be the Christ?"*

Saturday, March 6th

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

Monday, March 8th

St. John of God, religious

7:00 AM **Those Suffering With Cancer**
5:30 PM **Deceased of the Marabello & Thibodeau Families**
Requested by the Macchio family

Tuesday, March 9th

St. Frances of Rome, religious

7:00 AM **Eva DiNardo**
Requested by her family
5:30 PM **Marie McCormack (11th Anniversary)**
Requested by her daughter Ann

Wednesday, March 10th

7:00 AM **Claire E. Testagrossa (5th Anniversary)**
Requested by her children
5:30 PM **John Pacetti, Sr.**
Requested by his wife Anna & Family

Thursday, March 11th

7:00 AM **Peace in the Holy Land**
5:30 PM **Dorothy Kelleher**
Requested by her children

Friday, March 12th

7:00 AM **Continued Success of MIHN**
5:30 PM **Carmella Berube**
Requested by Brian & Gerri Gionet

Saturday, March 13th

8:00 AM **Nancy & Guy Badagliacca**
Requested by their family
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

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10 – 12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17 – 21

Gospel: Luke 15:1 – 3, 11 – 32

February 28th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$4,292.00
Children's Collection (\$8.00)	\$8.00
DEFICIT this week	\$589.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$5,320.50

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.

Catholic Relief Service Collection will be taken next weekend.

Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to Jesus in disguise. Please be charitable next week.

SAVE THE DATE! St. Anthony's Pot Luck Supper will be **March 20th following the 4:00 PM Mass** in the church hall. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the evening with friends and fellow parishioners. Sign up sheets are available at the entrances of the church or you can call Linda Allaire 978-345-1669, Bonnie Hautala 978-343-3994 or Amy Walsh 978-502-5540. Come and join us for an enjoyable evening, Mangia!

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

ATTENTION: All men who signed up for the **10th Anniversary Diocesan Men's Conference** at the DCU Center in Worcester on **Saturday, March 20th that have not paid their registration fee** please submit to the office or Fran Pandiscio as soon as possible. The parish has submitted and paid for your registrations in full. For directions to the conference and details on speakers and times please contact Fran for a brochure.

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:
Samuel Bodanza & Lois Pizzicone
who died this past week. May their souls rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ... The hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship Him."

The age old battle between the Samaritans and the Jews was rooted in whether it was best to worship God on the mountaintop or in the Temple. Jesus says that it is not about *location* it is about *the Spirit*. Change is upon us in Fitchburg. Change is a challenge for us all. This process is not about winning or losing. This is about the willingness to change and to become even more courageously the People of God for a city in desperate need of leadership, confidence and hope.

Regardless of how the details are worked out, the essence of our Faith remains the same. We do not worship buildings. We worship God the Father, in the Son, through the Holy Spirit. That does not change. Indeed, as Jesus said, our heavenly Father seeks those who worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

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 7th through March 13th: Rev. James Steuterman; Msgr. Thomas Sullivan; Deacon Sal Tantillo; Deacon Richard Tatro; Rev. Thomas Tokarz; The Trappists; Rev. Thomas Walsh.

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.

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.

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 third 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?

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:
Mary Robichaud IMO Rose & Dominic Pagnotto & Ken Robichaud

Operation Rice Bowl – Today we hear the call of Moses to lead his people from oppression to freedom. God promises to be with them as they journey to a new life. Our participation in Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice bowl unites us in prayer, fasting and giving with the millions of people throughout the world who are oppressed by poverty, injustice, war, disease and lack of education and other opportunities. Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, 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.vacationsthatgive.org or please email us at: directors@vacationsthatgive.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.**

"Therefore, whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall." (Today's Second Reading) Marriage erodes when we take each other for granted. Hear more about the choices to love that keep marriage strong. **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

February "5-10" Club Winners

\$500	The Renda family
\$100	Gerard Lewis, Barry & Cathy Walker, Marty & Amy Walsh
\$50	Sarah Vergari, Patricia Walsh, Sally Hosley, Nenay Schultz
\$25	Scott Ross, Rose Anne Addorisio