

Mass Intentions

May 15 – 16, 2010 Seventh Sunday of Easter

"That they may be one, as We are one, I in them and You in Me."

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Genesis 11:1 – 9

Second Reading: Romans 8:22 – 27

Gospel: John 7:37 – 39

May 9th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$4,980.00
Children's Collection (\$15.00)	\$15.00
SURPLUS this week	\$106.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$2,280.00

Hospitality meets Wednesday, May 19th @ 7:00 in church hall.

Partners in Charity Appeal Exceeded Goal! We had 8 donors this past week, one of which was new, for \$1,565 which brings our total to \$32,432 from 194 donors submitted directly to our parish. **Reports from the diocesan level show a total of \$11,000.** This figure combined with the above figure brings us to a **grand total of \$43,432!** Thank you to all who have donated to this year's appeal. Your understanding and willingness to dig deep and support the many worthy organizations this appeal aides is truly appreciated! **We still have 43 outstanding donors from last year whose combined giving yielded more than \$8,600 (based on last year's giving figures).** Won't you consider continuing your support at some level? Remember, the Diocese gives every parish a goal but openly states that it is necessary for ALL to exceed their goal in order for them to continue their level of support to these organizations. We are entering our 7th week of collections. For the past three years we have finished our campaign in 8 weeks or less. Send in your pledge today. If you are in need of a pledge card and envelope they are available at the entrances of the church.

SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA - Our annual St. Anthony Novena continues **Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 PM** with Deacon Sal Tantillo followed by Fr. Edward Chalmers, Fr. Walter Riley and Bishop Daniel Reilly. **Our theme this year is: "Church as Community, Church as Communion."** This is the sixth week of our nine consecutive Tuesdays. Please join us.

COLUMBAN SISTERS: In accordance with the Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Plan, the **Columban Sisters will visit our parish on the weekend of May 22nd & 23rd at all Masses.** They will speak on behalf of their missionary work in Asia and South America. Your prayers and financial assistance will enable the Sisters to continue to serve the poor among whom they live and work.

Annual Women's Tea – Today's Women in Faith invite all women to their Annual Tea at St. Anthony Church Hall, Fitchburg on **Monday, May 24th at 6:30 PM.** Sr. Loretta Ciccarella, M.P.V., will be the guest speaker with talks titled: "Mother and Child" and "Modern Day Pietas". Bring a teacup and a friend! To RSVP call the church office at 978-342-4706 during regular office hours, email Betty Anderson @ banderson@buynensco.com or June Allen @ Jallenskin@aol.com by Friday, May 21st.



Banns of Marriage III

Anthony Zarrella & Elizabeth Richardson

Saturday, May 15th

Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

6:00 PM All Deceased of the Cormier & Orlando Families
Requested by their family

Sunday, May 16th

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Alfred & Lena Mittola
Requested by their daughters

10:30 AM Louis Buratti, Jr.
Requested by his family

Monday, May 17th

7:00 AM Peter Celona
Requested by his wife Marianne

Tuesday, May 18th

St. John I, Pope

7:00 AM NO MASS
Fr. Bob at Priest's Assembly

7:00 PM St. Anthony Novena: Week 6
Preacher: Deacon Salvatore Tantillo
St. Anthony, Fitchburg

Wednesday, May 19th

5:30 PM NO MASS
Fr. Bob at Priest's Assembly

Thursday, May 20th

St. Bernardine of Siena, priest

7:00 AM NO MASS
Fr. Bob at Priest's Assembly

Friday, May 21st

St. Christopher Magallanes, priest & martyr & his companions, martyrs

7:00 AM Carmella Berube
Requested by Lorraine Freeman

Saturday, May 22nd

2:00 PM Wedding:
Anthony Zarrella & Elizabeth Richardson

Vigil: Pentecost Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Chester & Jerry Vaillancourt
Requested by friend Connie

6:00 PM Louise & Ralph Alario
Requested by their children

Sunday, May 23rd

Pentecost Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM John & Ginger Fortunato
Requested by their family

10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Viola Family
Requested by their family

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Connie Scipione & Mary Lomaglio

who died this past week. May their souls rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

The final decision has been made by the parishioners of the closing and merging parishes in the City. As you know, St. Bernard and St. Camillus will be merged into a new parish to be called St. Bernard but located at the St. Camillus Church and rectory on Mechanic St. They will continue to own and operate St. Bernard Elementary School and St. Bernard's Cemetery. The people of Sacred Heart Parish in West Fitchburg have decided to join with them.

The communities of Immaculate Conception and Madonna of the Holy Rosary will join with St. Joseph's Parish, which will continue to operate St. Joseph's Cemetery.

St. Francis Parish and St. Anthony Parish will remain open as free standing parishes. I have been appointed by Bishop McManus to continue as pastor here at St. Anthony. On the face of it, you might say everything will be the same, but already we have received several new members, especially from St. Bernard's, who live in the neighborhood and think it is perhaps a better choice for them. Be aware of new faces and be welcoming. And especially remember: There are no reserved pews at St. Anthony's. Don't be a grouch! Push in and make room!

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 fruit, Spaghetti O's, Hamburger Helper, Pasta Roni, brown beans. **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.

Beacon Hospice, Inc. Seeks Local Volunteers – Beacon Hospice provides quality end of life care to terminally ill patients and relies on volunteers to ensure the delivery of extraordinary care to these patients. Volunteers can provide much needed support to patients and families in a number of way; including, visiting with patients on an ongoing basis, sitting vigils, organizing craft projects or providing administrative support for our office staff. If you believe you are the right person to be part of a qualified specialized hospice team, please call Beth Selinger, Volunteer Coordinator @ 774-245-2125.

Yard and Plant Sale to Benefit Boy Scout Troop 41 - Our annual Plant and Yard Sale on **May 22nd will be held from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM** in the parking lot of the Rollstone Congregational Church at 199 Main Street, Fitchburg. Please come and help support your local Boy Scout Troop.

MARRIED COUPLES - Plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so too does your marriage. Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and watch your love for each other grow. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in New England is June 11-13.** For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org

Diaconate Ordination in the Diocese of Worcester will take place on **Saturday, June 5th at 10:00 AM at St. Paul Cathedral, 15 Chatham Street, Worcester.** All are invited celebrate with Guillermo Ochoa Velez or "Memo" as we know him, along with two other seminarians as they are ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon. **A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Sunday, June 6th at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Church, 77 Mendon Street, Uxbridge.** Come and bear witness as yet another of "our" seminarians nears the completion of his journey to priesthood.

First Holy Communion

Saturday, May 15, 2010

Grace Adams	Emma Littlefield
Antonio Allen	Caleigh Millett
Nevin Arsenault	Rebecca Potter
Samantha Bergeron	Kimberly Quirk
Ethan Chandler	Samuel Robichaud
Gianna DeLisle	Logan Schluter
Lexis Emma	Abigail Shea
Riley Gorynor	Kaitlyn Shea
Emily Hoffman	Dominic Slack
Mary Margaret Howe	Shannon Slattery
Jacob Johnston	Brian Sweeney
Sean King	Emma Terho
	Olivia Triolo

Guess Who's Having a Birthday? - Please join us on **Sunday May 23rd anytime between the hours of 2 - 4 PM in the church hall to celebrate Fr Bob's 60th birthday.** Please call Linda Allaire at 978-345-1669 if you can make hors d'oeuvres or a dessert and/or help out in some way. Due to this celebration we will not have the May socials following each Mass on the weekend of May 22/23rd.

The Mass Intention Book for the months of July through December 2010 will be open on Wednesday, June 13th at 10:00 AM. Please remember that if you have already filled your quota of 4 weekend Masses you may not schedule any more for the year but instead will have to schedule weekday ones. Thank you for your understanding, this allows more individuals the opportunity to schedule.

The Madonna della Cava committee meets on Monday, May 17th at 7:00 PM in the church hall. Anyone interested in helping to plan the feast is welcome to attend. The feast will be held on Sunday, August 15th with a Mass at 10:30 AM followed by a reception in the church hall.

Johnsonia Cultural Series continues on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 PM - A Quilt Exhibit, "Slice House Quilts", by the Squannacook Colonial Quilt Guild of Pepperell, MA, will be on view 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.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle by:
Maria Costa for health & peace of mind