



February 7 -8, 2009

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rising very early before dawn, He left and went off to a deserted place, where He prayed.

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Leviticus 13:1 - 2, 44 - 46

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1

Gospel: Mark 1:40 - 45

Mass Intentions

Saturday February 7th

Vigil: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Simone, Ralph & Fannie Romano
Requested by the Romano family

Sunday, February 8th

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Sofocle & Josephine Eringi
Requested by their sisters Lucy & Mary

10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Loriot Family
Requested by Claire Rollo

Monday, February 9th

7:00 AM Christine Kosakowski
Requested by her family

Tuesday, February 10th

St. Scholastica, virgin

7:00 AM Sr. Clara Cerasia, MPV
Requested by Betty & Dennis Anderson

Wednesday, February 11th

Our Lady of Lourdes

5:30 PM Vincenza DiPerri (1st Anniversary)
Requested by her sister Grace Salamone

Thursday, February 12th

7:00 AM Employment

Friday, February 13th

7:00 AM Parishioners of St. Anthony Parish

Saturday, February 14th

Vigil: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Pellegrino DePiano (Anniversary)
Requested by the Penetti family

Sunday, February 15th

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Nicola & Giuseppina Volpe
Requested by Anna Pacetti & family

10:30 AM Grace & Ed Wheeler

Requested by John & Gina Fanelli

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

David J. Spinelli

who died this past week. May his soul rest in peace.

PREVIOUS WEEK OFFERINGS

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offering	\$5,248.00
Children's Collection (\$19.80)	\$20.00
SURPLUS this week	\$379.00
DEFICIT Year to Date	\$2,883.00

Catholic Home Missions Appeal totaled \$1,000

Congratulations to Jo Belli.

Jo was honored by Bishop McManus at the Ministry Awards Dinner this Friday at the DCU Center in Worcester. Jo was singled out for her tireless efforts on behalf of the homebound and nursing home residents in Fitchburg. She has coordinated the efforts of all of our parish's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who serve 118 people on a weekly basis and an additional 18 parishioners on a monthly basis. Thank you Jo, and thank you to all of our parish's Eucharistic Ministers, who serve so faithfully without any special acknowledgement. This is the very core of what it means to be a Christian disciple.

Today's Women in Faith invites you to join them for a Valentines Party on Monday, February 9th @ 6:30 in the church hall. A little prayer, a little snacking, a little socializing, and some fun line dancing! Pauline, a local line dancing instructor will be teaching us a few fun dance steps. Join us.....Bring a friend! No RSVP is necessary but if you have questions email jallenskin@aol.com or call June at 978-424-8584.

Attention:

All heads or representatives of parish ministries and groups are asked to attend a **one hour meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 11th at 7:00 PM in the church hall** in preparation of the upcoming Ministry Fair that will be held on March 28th & 29th. **This will be the second and last meeting.** If you didn't receive a phone call or email about this and are not sure if you should attend please contact Amy Walsh at 978-502-5540. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE! - **St. Anthony Pot Luck Supper** is scheduled for **February 21st immediately after 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 enjoy, Mangia! You do not need to be at Mass to attend!

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle is requested by Elizabeth DiPasquale. Thank you.

Dear Friends,

Job says, in today's first reading, "I shall not see happiness again." Sometimes the sorrows of the present moment blot out hope for the future. There doesn't seem to be any way out of the grief we know. This time of the year, especially with the winter we're having, can leave us feeling empty and alone, closed in on ourselves.

"So I have been assigned months of misery," Job says. It feels like we have been assigned months of misery, too. But winter only began a couple months ago and it will end, believe it or not, a couple months from now. One way or another we'll survive it, as we have in the past. Wouldn't it be great if we could guarantee that, like the spring, our sorrows and disappointments would also pass away on schedule?

Of course, that's not possible, but what is possible is hope, even in the face of the deepest sorrows. When tragedies befall us, like the death of a loved one, often enough people will try to comfort us by saying, "Everything will be the same." In fact, things wouldn't be the same, but they will get better. It will take time, and tears, and even sometimes moments of despair. But because of our faith in Jesus Christ and in His promises, no matter how difficult the situation, we also have hope.

Pace e Bene,

Item of the Month – The Youth Group is accepting donations for Our Father's House and the Veterans' Homestead. **This month's item is deodorant.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

9th Annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference - All parish men are invited to the annual Conference, scheduled for Worcester's DCU Center on **Saturday, March 28th**. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Bill Wegner, Brian Brown, Msgr. Frank Lane, Joe Klecko and Guy Doud. For a Conference brochure see or call Fran Pandiscio at 978-348-1009 or go to www.firstmensconf.org for more information.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Items

Please don't forget about the pantry. Items needed are: bathroom tissue, cereal, canned vegetables, beef stew & canned soups, spaghetti sauce, jam or jelly, canned fruit, tuna, macaroni & cheese, Pasta Roni, canned meat. Many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. Continue to do what you can. Thank you!

The Serra Club of Worcester North invites you to join us in offering daily prayer for priests and seminarians of our Diocese. The names for the week of February 8th through February 14th: Rev. John Connell; Retired Priests and Religious; Bishop McManus; Bishop Rueger; Bishop Reilly; Rev. John Doran; Rev. Frank Liistro.

ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2009-2010

Registration for grades pre-K 3 through grade 7 is now open. Any parishioner interested should call the school office at 978-345-7785 as soon as possible as registration is now open to the public.

St. Anthony School reminds you to please continue cutting out the "**Box Tops for Education**". In addition to this ongoing collection **could you please also cut out the labels from Campbell's Soup cans?** The UPC portion with the picture of the Campbell's Soup child and sometimes the point value is what they are looking for. If you are not sure then the whole label is fine. These items take only a minute to cut and save and they bring in much needed extra revenue for the school at no additional cost to anyone. Both items can be placed in the existing containers at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your continued support!

Relay for Life – American Cancer Society – If you would like to join our Saint Anthony's "Angels Among Us" team please attend our **meeting on Monday, February 23rd at 4:30 PM** at the school. Contact Linda Sordoni at the school at 978-345-7785 for more information. We hope to see some new faces this year!

ANGELS AMONG US FUNDRAISER TO BENEFIT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY – On Wednesday, February 25th (Ash Wednesday) 4:00 – 8:00 P.M., Il Ricordi Restaurant, 226 Westminster Street, West Fitchburg 978-345-4046, will donate 15% of all take out and dine in orders to our team! Just mention St. Anthony School and they'll take care of the rest! Their menu includes pasta, pizza, fish and more. Please help our team with this important cause while enjoying a great meal!

Scripture Class in Leominster – Colossians and Ephesians, an 8-week course, will be offered at St. Cecilia's Parish Hall, Third Street, Leominster. **Classes begin Wednesday, February 4th, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM, and end March 25th.** The instructor is Father Francis Goguen.

RESCHEDULED DATE! Italian Book Club – The Center for Italian Culture Library at Fitchburg State College is holding a book discussion on the book *La Bella Figura: A Field Guide to the Italian Mind* by Beppe Severgnini. **The new date is Wednesday, March 25th.**

2008 Church Contribution Tax Information

If you would like an Annual Contribution Report for money given during the 2008 year you must call the office to request one. You may call the office @ 978-342-4706 during regular office hours of 9:00 – 3:00 PM Monday through Friday with the exception of Tuesdays when the office is closed all day. Please do not call the rectory.

January "5-10" Club Winners

\$500	Tom Perla, Jr.
\$100	Tom Tramontozzi, Nancy & Eddie Torcoletti, Barbara Bouvier
\$50	MaryAnn Michaelian, Katy Beauvis, Gloria Bacener, Sam Boudreau
\$25	Joanne Hilton, Diane Maynard



DO YOU HAVE 4 WHEEL DRIVE? - Sometimes in the winter, it's difficult to get around. For our Venerini Sisters at Rosemont, traveling up and down Prospect St. hill can be a challenge, especially during bad weather. There are times when the Sisters have appointments that they cannot make because they have no transportation.

If you have a 4 wheel drive vehicle and are willing to help the Sisters with a ride from time to time, please call the church office at 978-342-4706 and leave your name and telephone number so we can create an on-call list of those willing and able to help our Sisters in this way.