



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Barry Wyson (Anniversary)**  
Requested by his wife & children

**Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM Danny Testa**  
Requested by Margaret Marrone

**10:30 AM Maria & Francesca Marabello & sons Frank & Tom**  
Requested by their family

**Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Martin Luther King**

**7:00 AM St. Anthony**  
Requested by a Devotee

**Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Fabian, pope and martyr**

**7:00 AM NO MASS**  
Fr. Bob Away

**Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**St. Agnes, virgin and martyr**

**5:30 PM NO MASS**  
Fr. Bob Away

**Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**St. Vincent, deacon and martyr**

**7:00 AM NO MASS**  
Fr. Bob Away

**Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:00 AM NO MASS**  
Fr. Bob Away

**Saturday January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Deceased of the Bodanza & LaLancette Families**  
Requested by the Macchio family

**Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM Robert J. & Angela A. (Posco) Goodnow**  
Requested by their daughter Carol-Ann & family

**10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Gendron Family**  
Requested by Grace & Mario Zarrella

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

Michael Fiorentino, Sr. &

Sister Clara Cerasia, MPV

who died recently. May their souls rest in peace.

# January 17 - 18, 2009

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Rabbi, where are you staying?"  
He said to them, "Come, and you will see."*

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Jonah 3:1 - 5, 10

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29 - 31

Gospel: Mark 1:14 - 20

### PREVIOUS WEEK OFFERINGS

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$3,022.50</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$9.00)</b>	<b>\$9.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$1,857.50</b>
<b>DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$1,137.50</b>

**The Catholic Home Missions Appeal**, which helps the most financially-strapped dioceses in the United States carry out their work of preaching the Gospel, **will be next weekend at all Masses**. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**Hospitality Committee meets Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 in the church hall**. All are invited to attend. Also, anyone interested in baking or making appetizers for the socials please contact Amy by Wed., Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> at 978-502-5540. We appreciate any and all help! **The next social weekend is Jan. 24 - 25<sup>th</sup>**.

**SAVE THE DATE!** - **St. Anthony Pot Luck Dinner** is scheduled for **February 21<sup>st</sup>** immediately after the 4:00 PM Mass. More information will follow. You do not need to be at Mass to attend!

**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.

**ST. ANTHONY CANDLE** - Since we have changed the location of the statue of our patron St. Anthony, we have added a vigil light to burn throughout the week in his honor. If you would like to make an offering to help defray the cost of the vigil light, please speak with Father Bob.

**A VERY SPECIAL TRIP TO ITALY** - Father Bob has joined with Nick Desimone's family to organize a trip to Italy to witness Nick's ordination to the transitional diaconate at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome this October. There will an informational meeting **THIS Sunday, January 18, 2:00 PM, in the church hall**. Go to: [www.travelillum.com/trc/dea](http://www.travelillum.com/trc/dea), or speak with Father Bob for more information.

Dear Friends,

How is the Lord calling you? Is it a persistent, gentle whisper in the night, like Samuel? Is it a dramatic invitation in the midst of the day like Andrew's call? Do we share the good news as Andrew shared with his brother Peter and with James and John, or is it something we keep quiet about? Do we hide our lamp underneath a bushel basket?

All of us, through Baptism, have received the call of discipleship. For some it is a religious vocation to the priesthood, the diaconate or the religious life. For others, it is a call to Christian marriage or the single state, sometimes including parenthood, sometimes not. Sometimes there is a call within a call, such as the invitation to associate oneself with a religious community while not taking vows, or the call to a fruitful widowhood after years of marriage.

A call is not a career, because a person can embrace any number of careers in the course of one's life, and they can be undertaken in any number of states: one can be a teacher, for example, and be single, married, a priest, a religious, a deacon, etc. We encourage young people to think about their career in life: are they talking the right courses, are they preparing well? Shouldn't we also be encouraging young people to think about their vocation in life, and to prepare for it by prayer, by reflection, and by listening to God's call?

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.

**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 January 18<sup>th</sup> through January 24<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Andre Dargis; Rev. Donald Baker; Rev. Michael Lavalley; Rev. Thomas Tokarz; Deacon Stanley Baczewski; Rev. Dennis O'Brien; Rev. Edward Lettic.

#### **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!

#### **Catholic Men's Conference Annual Mass & Planning**

**Breakfast** – All men who have been serving as parish representatives (and/or those who would like to do so this year) for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference are invited **NEXT Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, at Christ the King Parish in Worcester, for Mass at 8:00 AM with breakfast to follow.** To 'pre-register' for this planning breakfast, which is necessary, please contact Bob Haran at 508-852-0551 or bobharan@earthlink.net.

**Vacations That Give**, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Anne, invites you to join other adults of all ages in a return service trip to Mississippi where clean-up efforts continue from Hurricane Katrina. **We depart February 7 – 14, 2009.** Please contact Jo Belli immediately at 978-537-4802 if you are interested, she is returning for her second time to this area.

#### **2008 Tax Information**

Any parishioner who would like to receive an Annual Contribution Report for all money given during the 2008 year must call the office to request one. These reports will only be sent upon request. 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.

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. Also, when someone is admitted to the hospital please notify the office. Because of privacy laws the hospital can no longer notify us.

#### **ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2009-2010**

Registration will begin for Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten on **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**. Any parishioner interested should call the school office at 978-345-7785 prior to that date as registration will be open to the public beginning that day. Anyone interested in enrolling students for grades 1-7 should call to inquire about possible openings and information regarding acceptance for those grades. **OPEN HOUSE is scheduled for Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 10-2:00 PM.** All are welcome to come and see our school and meet our teachers!

**St. Joseph's Parish, Fitchburg** would like to invite all to come and experience Ivan Dragicevic, from Medjugorje on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a recitation of the rosary at 6:00 PM, Mass at 7:00 PM followed 8:00 PM by Ivan speaking about what Mary has said in her message.

**Relay for Life – American Cancer Society** – If you would like to join our Saint Anthony's "Angel Among Us" team, please plan to attend our kickoff meeting at 6:30 PM on Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the school cafeteria. For questions contact Linda Sordoni at the school at 978-345-7785. We hope to see some new faces at the meeting!

**POSTCARD SIGNING DAY!** **Next weekend** our parish will join Catholics across the country in sending a message to Congress: Please oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and retain laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. You will have the opportunity to sign postcards to your U.S. Representative and two U.S. Senators. Please plan to participate in this important event. Learn more about FOCA and how it affects all of us at: [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife) and [www.nchla.org](http://www.nchla.org).

**Respect Life Mass** – All are invited to attend the Respect Life Mass on **January 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30PM** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. Please join us in praying for and with those who will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to participate in the March for Life, and to begin the prayer vigil in observance of the **January 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of Penance and Prayer.** Please remember to pray in a special way for the unborn, for the healing of those who have suffered from the trauma of abortion, and for the conversion of hearts and minds.