



May 9 – 10, 2009
Fifth Sunday of Easter – Mothers' Day

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 9th

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM **Michael DiNardo**
Requested by his family

Sunday, May 10th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM **Ginger Fortunato**
Requested by her family

10:30 AM **Frank & Clara LaFray**
Requested by their family

Monday, May 11th

7:00 AM **Virginia Anderson & Lillian Chausse**
Requested by Betty & Dennis Anderson

Tuesday, May 12th

7:00 AM **Eugene St. Jean**
Requested by his wife & family

7:00 PM **St. Anthony Novena Week 5**
Preacher: Sister Clare Fitzgerald

Wednesday, May 13th

Our Lady of Fatima

5:30 PM **Peter Michaelian**
Requested by his wife MaryAnn

Thursday, May 14th

St. Matthias, apostle

7:00 AM **Danny Testa**
Requested by Andrea McNulty

Friday, May 15th

St. Isidore

7:00 AM **Francesco & Anna Celona**
Requested by Mario & Grace Zarrella

Saturday, May 16th

10:00 AM **First Communion**

1:00 PM **First Communion**

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM **Antoinette Sacino (Anniversary)**
Requested by Mario & Angela Scaffichia

Sunday, May 17th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM **Peter Celona**
Requested by his wife Marianne

10:30 AM **Pauline Albert (4th Anniversary)**
Requested by her husband Joe & family

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Acts 10:25 – 26, 34 – 35, 44 – 48

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7 – 10

Gospel: John 15:9– 17

PREVIOUS WEEK OFFERINGS

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offering	\$4,567.50
Children's Collection (\$7.50)	\$7.50
DEFICIT this week	\$314.00
SURPLUS Year to Date	\$191.00

Partners in Charity Update – We only received Twenty-five additional donations for a total of \$3,480. We will never make our goal if we continue to have such a slow response so early in the collection process. There are individuals who have give \$10, \$20 or \$50 dollars. Please remember that ANY amount is appreciated and if all give some then we will achieve our goal of having more participation within our St. Anthony community. Please don't let the few of the parish pull the weight for all of us! Please plan to return your envelopes next weekend. If money is tight please consider a pledge over 10 months. Remember we have more than 450 active families. To date 126 families have contributed. Our diocesan goal is \$38,000. Grand Total to date is \$20,225. Please help us to reach our goal in the next few weeks!

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA continues this TUESDAY, May 12th at 7:00 PM. Our schedule of speakers remaining includes (in order): Sister Clare Fitzgerald, SSND; Fr. Miguel Pagan, St. Peter, Worcester; Seminarian Jonathan Slavinkas; Deacon Salvatore Tantillo and the last date, June 9th will be Bishop Rueger. **This year's theme is Evangelization.**

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Parish Meeting
Wednesday, May 27 at 7:00 PM
Church Hall

The annual combined meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish Finance Committee. All parishioners are urged to attend. We will be discussing, among other things:

1. Latest update on parish configuration in Fitchburg
2. Plans for school expansion
3. Physical plant improvements for church and rectory
4. Revision of Mass schedule

The decisions once made will effect everyone. Be a part of the decision making process.

ANNUAL TEA PARTY – Mark your calendars! Today's Women in Faith cordially invite all women of the parish to come to their **Annual "Tea Party" to be held on Monday, May 11th at 6:30 in the church hall.** The theme will be "Gospel Women as Friends, Mentors and Companions" presented by Sr. Yvette Dargy, SSA and Sr. Pauline Laurence, SSA. Both are Sisters of Saint Anne and co-directors of a service ministry for adults called "Vacations That Give". Please come and enjoy each other's company. Bring a tea cup, bring friends. Pretty or funny hats are optional!

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle:
Francis & Theresa Tata

Dear Friends,

"You look just like your mother." Have you ever heard that from an older neighbor who may have remembered your mother from years gone by? Or if you're a child, and someone says that, you look with amazement and think "What is she talking about? I'm just a kid!" Some of us have a remarkable resemblance to our mothers and some of us couldn't look more different. But all of us carry a big part of our mothers with us, no matter how old we are. There is a mother/child connection which neither time nor distance can sever.

Jesus, in today's Gospel, reminds us that we are connected to Him as well. The branches can have no life in them if the connection with the vine has been cut. We grow and blossom and bring forth remarkable fruit in our lives, but we remain rooted to that first gift of life which we received from our mothers. It is the same with the spiritual life which we first received in Baptism. Through Baptism we are reborn in Jesus Christ. As our mothers' blood flows through our veins, so does the life of Christ flow through our spirits, making us His in all things.

Today we celebrate Mothers' Day and honor all of our mothers, whether living or deceased. We are always connected to our mothers, and we are always connected to Christ. We have been doubly blessed.

Pace e Bene,

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: May 10th through May 16th: Rev. Kevin Hartford; Rev. John Dwyer; Deacon Anthony Fiore; Rev. John Horgan; Deacon Richard Desjardin; Rev. Stephen Johnson; Rev. Adam Reid.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Items

Please don't forget about the pantry! Items needed are: canned vegetables, canned soups, Spaghetti O's, jam or jelly, Hamburger Helper, Ramen noodles, pasta sides, mustard, relish, ketchup, mayonnaise. Many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. Continue to do what you can. 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 soap, both bar & liquid.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

March & April "5-10" Club Winners

\$500 Frances Mercadante, Debra Drew
\$100 Dee Sarasin, Leesa Glenny, Art Calvillo, Ed Ryan'
\$50 Doris Hosley, Dick & Margaret Allen, Patty Gendron,
Mary Robinson, Mary Lacki, Caren Lewis,
Rosemary Richard, Michelle Boudreau,
The Perla Family
\$25 James Hilton, Richard Hilton, Jr., Brian Robichaud,
Dino Giacomozzi

Jeanne d'Arc Circle #44 Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Monday, May 11th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Fitchburg, at 2:00 PM. Members will participate in a living rosary. A guest speaker will give a talk on pro-life. Anne Kastal & Dorothy Guadagnoli are co-chairs of this meeting.

"A Joyful Noise" – Please join Father Pat (Rev. Andre Patenaude), the "singing priest" from LaSalette when he visits St. Joseph Church, Fitchburg, on **Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 PM.** He will present a short concert followed by a Healing Mass. All are welcome. A free will offering will be taken.

PASTA SUPPER - Boy Scout Troop 44, Fitchburg, will be hosting a **Pasta Supper on Saturday, May 16th from 4:30 – 7:30 PM** at the South Fitchburg Social Club, 47 Duck Mill Road, Fitchburg. Take out is available.

If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk with someone about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, contact Frances Nugent, Victim Services Coordinator, Office for Healing and Prevention, 508-929-4363 (direct line). A 24-hour confidential voicemail is available.

Where IS the Parish Photo and History Book?

This seems to be the question of late. We had such a full calendar of wonderful events over this past centennial year that we wanted to make sure we included as much as possible. We also wanted to make sure that the history portion was accurate and as complete as we could make it. Because of these reasons and the desire to make this a true keepsake we held off sending it to the printer. We want to let you know that we have submitted all of our materials and are waiting for a final proof to come back to us. This book will be well over 200 pages and presented in a beautiful hardcover. This takes time. You can expect the finished copy sometime in early summer. To those of you who had your picture taken by Olan Mills or submitted one (as did some of our homebound), this book will be free. We will notify you well in advance on how and when you can pick up your copy. For those of you who did not have a portrait taken we will let you know the purchase price of the book as soon as we hear and will have order forms available in advance. Thank you for your continued patience. We hope when you see it you will think it was worth the wait!

On a similar note: **The Parish History DVD** that was shown two weekends ago is at the production center. We should receive the copies in approximately three weeks. This will be a three-disk set which includes the video that was shown and also a copy of the Centennial Mass that was celebrated last year. These will be on sale for \$15 and we will let you know when and how you can purchase these as the delivery date nears. Check the bulletin over the next two weeks for updates.