



May 16 - 17, 2009
Sixth Sunday of Easter

"This I command you: love one another."

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Acts 1:15 - 17, 20a, 20c - 26

Second Reading: 1 John 4:11 - 16

Gospel: John 17:11b-19

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 16th

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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

Monday, May 18th

St. John I, pope and martyr

7:00 AM **Adele Briguglio**
Requested by her husband

Tuesday, May 19th

7:00 AM **Chester & Jerry Vaillancourt**
Requested by a friend

7:00 PM **St. Anthony Novena Week 6**

Preacher: Fr. Miguel Pagan

Wednesday, May 20th

Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord

5:30 PM **Mary DiPasquale**
Requested by Jay

Thursday, May 21st

The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 AM **Alexander Nano**
Requested by Linda Candelet

Friday, May 22nd

St. Rita of Cascia, religious

7:00 AM **Ethel Cascio**
Requested by her children

Saturday, May 23rd

Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM **Claudette Richards**
Requested by her family

Sunday, May 24th

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM **Mary Bambarola & Helen Cutter**
Requested by their family

10:30 AM **All Deceased American War Veterans**

Requested by the members of the Italian American Veterans

PREVIOUS WEEK OFFERINGS

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offering	\$4,786.00
Children's Collection (\$12.10)	\$12.00
DEFICIT this week	\$91.00
SURPLUS Year to Date	\$100.00

The Dominican Sisters Bake Sale collected \$599. The money will help them in their ministry in Haiti. Thank you!

Partners in Charity Update - We received twenty-one additional donations for a total of \$6,245. (Notice how so few doubled out last weeks collection). We have not even achieved 50% participation! 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 of all of us! If you plan to give then PLEASE 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 147 families have contributed. Our diocesan goal is \$38,000. **Grand Total to date is \$26,500. We would like to end this campaign by May 30th.** Please help us to reach our goal.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA continues this TUESDAY, May 19th at 7:00 PM. Our schedule of speakers remaining includes (in order): Fr. Miguel Pagan, St. Peter, Worcester; Seminarian Jonathan Slavinskas; 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 27th 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.

Reminder: The Hospitality meeting for May has been changed to **Thursday, May 28th @ 7:00 PM in the church hall.** All are welcome. Also if anyone wishes to bake/cook for the social on the weekend of May 30 - 31st, please contact Amy Walsh @ 978-502-5540 before Thursday, May 28th. Thank you.

Attention: Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers

This is the last week to hand in your Summer Request Forms before the schedule will be worked on. If your form is not received by **Thursday, May 21st** we will not be able to include your requests for time away. There are over 120 people to schedule, no easy feat for the summer months! Please hand them in.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle:
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Addante

Dear Friends,

The Easter season continues with its message of hope. That hope is rooted in the future promise of eternal life, but it is also founded on the belief that we can bring a small share of that joy into this world as well. Pope John Paul II, in an address to the United Nations in 1995, told the delegates not to be afraid of the future. His audience was made up of professional diplomats, many of whom had devoted their lives to working for international peace and justice in a century marked by almost continual warfare. It would be understandable if many of them questioned if their work had been beneficial to anyone, or if had just been a waste of time.

The readings of these last weeks before the Feast of Pentecost focus on Jesus' teaching of love. Love is the core of the Christian life. Love defines who we are as disciples. That is why Pope John Paul said it is our task to build a civilization of love. That is the highest human dignity. That's what separates those who love the Gospel from those who just listen.

If we take our faith seriously, we are called to act on that call: to be witnesses to peace, to be tireless prophets of justice, to be builders of a civilization of love.

Pace e Bene,

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: May 17th through May 23rd: Deacon Paul Mello; Deacon Scott Colley; Deacon James Linderman; Deacon James Connor, Rev. Francis Roberge; Rev. Thomas Hultquist; Rev. Ernest Allega.

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.

Area Fairs/Festivals:

Prince of Peach Parish in Princeton is holding their annual Mountain Holiday Fair on Sunday, May 31st from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM (rain date of June 7th) on the parish grounds. Barbeque lunch items as well as regular fair will be served from noon until 3:00 PM. Games, youth activities and a cash and gift certificate raffle are featured events. There is something for everyone!

28th Annual Garlic Festival will take place on Sunday, June 7th at Madonna of the Holy Rosary beginning at noon. Delicious home-made Italian food is the highlight of this festival! They will tempt your taste buds! Music and seating under a tent is available. Bring the whole family, neighbors and friends!

A BIG THANK YOU – Thanks to everyone who continues to clip the Campbell's Labels for Education. St. Anthony Parish and School collected a total of 17,890 this marking period alone! This would not have been possible without the generosity of Todd Peters. We would also like to thank Nancy Jollimore for all her hard work counting and sorting the labels. Because of your generosity the following items were ordered from the teachers' wish list: Grade 6: Paper cutter, Character Education Grades K-6 and Adventures in Ancient Egypt book; Grade 4: Crayola Oil Pastels Class pack, Mag-Neatos Intermediate Set; Grade 2: Cassette player & recorder, Food Smarts: My Food Pyramid for Kids DVD.

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.

Friday, May 29th is the day the Mass Intention Book for July – December, 2009 will be open. You were allowed a total of four (4) weekend Masses for the whole year. Please honor that so others may schedule Masses for their loved ones.