



August 22 - 23, 2009

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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are the Holy One of God."*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 22nd

Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Beatrice Provenzani (1st Anniversary)**
Requested by Claire Campbell

Sunday, August 23rd

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Maryanne Gabis**
Requested by her friend Elena

10:30 AM **Ray & Marie Cormier**
Requested by the Cormier family

Monday, August 24th

St. Bartholomew, apostle

7:00 AM **Jack Mulcahy**
Requested by his wife Gloria & family

Tuesday, August 25th

St. Louis of France

7:00 AM **NO MASS**

Wednesday, August 26th

5:30 PM **Mike Orlando (5th Anniversary)**
Requested by his wife & family

Thursday, August 27th

St. Monica

7:00 AM **Joseph Pandiscio (Anniversary)**
Requested by Fran & Annette Pandiscio

Friday, August 28th

St. Augustine, bishop & doctor

7:00 AM **Mary Lawler**
Requested by Pat O'Donnell

Saturday, August 29th

Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Deceased members of the
Octave Chabot Family**
Requested by Rene & Carmella Berube

Sunday, August 30th

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Jeanette Mercadante (Anniversary)**
Requested by Nick & Frances Mercadante

10:30 AM **Dominic Dantini**
Requested by the Dantini family

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1 - 2, 6 - 8

Second Reading: James 1:17 - 18, 21b - 22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21 - 23

AUGUST 16 OFFERINGS

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$5,134.50
Children's Collection (\$9.00)	\$9.00
SURPLUS this week	\$254.50
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$12,600.50

The Hospitality Committee meets on Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00 PM in the church hall. All are invited. Any one wishing to bake or make an appetizer for the social on the weekend of August 29 - 30th please contact Amy Walsh at 978-502-5540.

Attention Sparkling Seniors: Time is running out for you to join our **Annual Slattery's Luncheon on Monday, September 14th at 12:00 noon.** Cost per person is \$18.00. Reservations must be made by September 7th. Please send your check (payable to Betty Anderson) to Betty Anderson, 513 Johnny Appleseed Lane, Leominster, MA 01453. Remember to include your meal choice of either Baked Atlantic Haddock or Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast. If you have any questions, please call Betty at 978-534-7544.

St. Anthony's Variety Show will be scheduled in the Spring of 2010 with rehearsals beginning in January. The Spring date is due to the availability of a large enough performance auditorium. It will be a fun time for all and the rehearsals will be something fun during the winter months. Joanne Pagnotta will be the coordinator of this effort and she will schedule an informational meeting in the fall so you can come and hear what this is all about and decide for yourself if it is something you would like to be a part of. Think about it. We hope you will join us!

ST. ANTHONY PARISH IS BLOGGING! What is a blog and why might you care? A Blog is traditionally a diary of sorts. It allows the "poster" or writer to talk about anything they think you might be interested in. Fr. Bob is blogging about the pastoral planning meetings! Here he can share with you in written form the most up to date information he has. We are now set up for you to post your comments and therefore contribute feedback. Please go to our website @ www.stanthonyfitchburg.net to check out Fr. Bob's blog and the many photos (including the recent Madonna della Cava feast) and informational pages on ministries and events that we have to offer. **New things are constantly being added so why not make it a place you check out weekly?** Don't have a computer? Local libraries have computers available free of charge. Feedback on the web site is most appreciated and can be sent by clicking on the webmaster button at the bottom of the home page.

NEWS ON THE PARISH HISTORY/PHOTO BOOK!

Olan Mills has recently informed us that they expect to ship the parish history/photo book to us around September 2nd. It is currently in its final stages of production. Look here in the weeks ahead for the dates when distribution days/times will be.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:
Lucy DiVito for health and school

Dear Friends,

Faith has three stages. There is infantile or childlike faith. You believe everything you have been told because it is what you were told. God, Santa Claus, the Easter bunny, are all rolled up into one.

Then there is adolescent faith, which typically begins in the teen age years, but for some it comes later, and for some it never comes at all. Adolescent faith is characterized by rebellion and disbelief. If my parents said it, it's probably wrong because they don't know anything. Everything has to be proven. Everything has to be rediscovered or discarded. Authority is always wrong. Some people never get past this stage.

Finally, there is mature faith. We acknowledge that everything is not clear cut. There is always some questioning, some doubt; yet there is the conscious choice to believe based on the evidence of who Jesus Christ is. St. Peter did not tell Jesus he understood everything He was trying to explain in His teaching. What Peter did say was this: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

When we "come to believe" in Jesus Christ, we embrace our faith, even with its ambiguities and unanswered questions, confident that in Christ there is a wisdom and a peace which comforts and enlightens us all.

Pace e Bene,

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Items

Please don't forget about the pantry! Items needed are: canned meat, tuna, jam or jelly, Hamburger Helper, Suddenly Salad, pasta sides, mustard, relish, ketchup, juice & coffee. 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 items are toothbrushes and toothpaste.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: August 23rd through August 29th : Retired Priests and Religious; Bishop McManus; Bishop Rueger; Bishop Reilly; Msgr. John Doran; Rev. Frank Liistro; Rev. Robert Brusio.

Summer Office Hours in Effect: The office will be open on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 to 1:00 PM. The office will be closed all day on Tuesdays.

VACATIONS THAT GIVE... UPCOMING TRIP

Webster County, West Virginia (9/26/09- 10/3/09). Physical labor is required. **Registration deadline is August 31, 2009.** Later trips to think about:

Biloxi-Gulfport, MS (October 31, 2009 - November 7, 2009). Helping repair KATRINA damage.

Chile (February 5, 2010 - February 13, 2010). Physical labor. Extended time is available.

West Virginia (April 24, 2010 - May 1, 2010). Tutoring Children, adult education, computer education.

For more information and deadlines Call Jo @ 978-537-4802 or Vacations that Give @ 508-881-4547.

4th Annual St. Francis of Assisi International Festival, 63 Sheridan Street, Fitchburg will be held on **Sunday, August 30th from noon to 8:00 PM (rain or shine)**. We will have live music an entertainment including DJ Zayas, Irish step dancing, Christian singer S.O.S. and much more. Come join us for a full day of family fun, food, raffles and games!

Out Lady of the Lake's Annual Parish Bazaar begins on Friday, September 11th from 5:00 – 10:00 PM and Saturday, September 12th from Noon – 10:00 PM, at 1400 Main Street, North Leominster. Free show by Animal Adventures at 3:00 PM on Saturday. Come join in the typical bazaar events such as great food, games of chance and live music nightly.

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.

A PRAYER SHAWL WORKSHOP presented by Janet Bristow and Victoria Cole-Galo, co-founders of *The Prayer Shawl Ministry*, will be hosted by The Praying Hands Shawl Ministry of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 111 Worcester Street, W. Boylston, MA, on **Saturday, September 19, from 11:00 – 2:00 PM**. The cost is \$20 per person but St. Anthony parish will pay the fee for any parishioner interested. The registration deadline is September 2nd. All attendees should bring their knitting/crocheting supplies, a journal and a bag lunch. Drinks and desserts will be provided. For more information or questions contact Ann Parisi @ 978-342-9498 or ann@irishcharms.com.

Attention: UMass-Amherst Students and Parents!

As you begin to prepare for school this fall we want to make sure that you know that the Newman Catholic Center at UMass-Amherst is available to you and that our staff is eager to help in any way that we can. Newman offers a home-away-from home environment where students can pray, study, relax and meet other students. We also have the best cafeteria in Amherst and we are located right on campus! Please visit our website www.newmanumass.org to learn more about us.

Notre Dame Prep in Fitchburg has limited openings for day students grades 7-12 for the 2009-2010 school year. Notre Dame is a small coed Catholic College Prep school offering individualized education with an average class size of 5 students. Tuition for day students is \$3,950 per year. For more information, contact admissions at 978-343-7635 or email to ndpfa@hotmail.com

Remembering and Honoring all those lost on 9/11

Please join St. Rose of Lima Church, 244 West Main Street, Northborough, on **Thursday, September 10th at 7:00 PM** as we welcome Fr. John Dear, SJ, Prophet, Peacemaker and Author as he speaks on "The Culture of Peace and Nonviolence". There is no cost for admission but they will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items for local food pantries.