



November 21 – 22, 2009

Christ the King

“Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to My voice.”

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 21st

Vigil: Christ the King

4:00 PM **Gloria LeClair**
Requested by her family

Sunday, November 22nd

Christ the King

8:00 AM **James G. DiConza**
Requested by his wife Marianne family

10:30 AM **Charles Johnson (Anniversary)**
Requested by his wife & family

Monday, November 23rd

St. Clement I, pope & martyr

7:00 AM **Claire Testagrossa**
Requested by her children

Tuesday, November 24th

The Martyrs of Korea

7:00 AM **NO MASS**

Wednesday, November 25th

St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr

5:30 PM **Theresa Capoccia**
Requested by her family

Thursday, November 26th

Thanksgiving Day

8:00 AM **In Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings**

Friday, November 27th

7:00 AM **Mary Celona**
Requested by Anne DiPietro

Saturday, November 28th

Vigil: 1st Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM **Robert A. Saccone (Anniversary)**
Requested by his family

Sunday, November 29th

1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM **Umberto & Valerie Catalini**
Requested by the Catalini family

10:30 AM **Peter & Rosanna Levanti**

Requested by their daughters & family

Christian Thomas Cordio

&

Katarina Cherolyn Pelkey

were welcomed into our Christian through baptism.

May they, along with their parents, grow in faith,
love and service to Jesus Christ.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated:
In memory of Amy Czernicki

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14 – 16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25 – 28, 34 – 36

November 15th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$4,552.00
Children's Collection (\$10.00)	\$10.00
DEFICIT this week	\$327.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$4,030.50

The Thanksgiving Collection totaled \$1,267. Thank you!

Mass Intention Book

We are scheduling Masses for January 1st through June 30th 2010. In June, we will begin scheduling Masses for the remainder of the year. **All weekend Masses are filled.** There are plenty of 7:00 AM Masses for all months. Keep in mind that during Lent daily Mass is celebrated at both 7:00 AM & 5:30 PM. Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17, 2010.

The Winter Coat Drive has ended. If you forgot your donation, please bring it to the office no later than Monday. After that day you will need to bring it directly to Catholic Charities. Thank you.

TODAY'S WOMEN IN FAITH – Our Christmas dinner will now be held on **Monday, November 30th at 6:30 PM** in the church hall. The cost will be approx. \$10 per person plus a \$10 grab to be exchanged (optional). **Please RSVP to Betty Anderson by Tuesday, November 24th** at 978-534-7544 or email banderson@buynensco.com. We will be discussing ideas for the new year. All women are welcome.

ALL ADULT PARISHIONERS are invited to the Sparkling Seniors Christmas Party to be held in the church hall on **Wednesday, December 9th at 12:00 Noon**. Price is \$22 per person which includes hors d'oeuvres of cheese, crackers and fruit and a buffet with ziti & sauce; Italian meatballs and sausage; roasted chicken pieces; roasted potatoes; Italian sausage, peppers & onions; garden salad; bread & butter; coffee, tea and wine as well as an assortment of desserts. Event is catered by Liz & Joe's Home Cooking. **Please make check payable to St. Anthony Church** and mail to MaryAnn Michaelian (978-342-0791), 6 Boylston Street, Fitchburg or Lucy DiVito (978-348-1202), 126 Goodfellow Drive, Fitchburg. **Deadline is Tuesday, December 1st. Reserve your spot today!**

Interested in RCIA? Please call Matt Gauvin at 978-343-8552 for questions and general information.

Eucharistic Ministers – if you are scheduled to minister the Eucharist, which includes set-up or clean-up, please report to the sacristy to speak to Fr. Bob before each scheduled Mass until further notice. Thank you.

Thanks to the outgoing Parish Council members: Kevin Maynard, Lori Pandiscio and Jo Belli. Jo has agreed to stay on as an at-large member to represent the homebound. Thanks to all of you for your service to St. Anthony Parish. Remember, ALL parishioners are welcome to attend the meetings. Stay informed, get involved with your parish!

Dear Friends,

The annual celebration of the Feast of Christ the King challenges us to reconsider what we think of as power, authority and kingship. Is it all about earthly power, authority *over* others, kingship with riches and wealth? Jesus does not deny His royal prerogatives before Pilate but He rephrases things in such a way that Pilate is dumbfounded.

His kingship does not belong to this world. The Church has to always reassess its priorities in light of this statement. While living in this world, the Church's focus must be on the world to come. It is a kind of dichotomy, a split existence, with one eye on the present and one eye on the future.

Sometimes, in the realm of politics, it isn't a bad thing to compromise, to give a little in order to get a little. Everyone is happy. That's how things get done. The Church, on the other hand, doesn't have to "play ball." It doesn't have to get too close to the political process. Sometimes the Church is at its best standing a little bit apart from politics, even if the goals are noble. And sometimes the Church has to stand in contradiction to the political process.

Jesus' goal was not to "win over" Pontius Pilate, but to stand as a witness to the truth. It is the Church's task today as well. Standing witness to the Truth can often be a lonely stance to take. We know it led Jesus to Calvary, but it also led Him to the Resurrection and the promise of eternal life for those who follow in His way.

Pace e Bene,

ARE WE FORGETTING St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry?

New items added to the food pantry wish list are: canned meat, canned fruit, baked beans, jam or jelly, Jello or pudding, bathroom tissue, cereal, Rice-a-Roni, juice and coffee. Many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. **Please try to bring one item a week.** 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 shampoo and conditioner.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

St. Camillus Youth Group invites you to "Illuminate". Mark your calendar for "Illuminate" which is coming to St. Camillus Parish on **Sunday, November 29th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.** They are sponsoring this program to foster a greater awareness of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and to spread the Hope of Christ. The main speaker will be Jed Heneberry, Youth Minister of a Life Teen parish and now working with the Boston Arch Diocese. He is a wonderful young man who was heavily involved with St. Mary's Life Teen in Dedham and played in LIFT band and graduate of Amherst College. This program is open to all – young and old and everyone in between. Upbeat modern praise music, inspirational talks, thought provoking videos and of course, Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Come see what all the fuss is about!

Concert of Advent and Christmas Music to be held at St. Cecilia's Church, featuring some of the area's finest singers and instrumentalists on **Sunday, November 29th** beginning at 3:00 PM. The concert will feature sopranos Claire Garrity and Elizabeth Fiedler, tenor Jonathan Wright, baritone Paul Grautski, The Brass Revelation brass quartet, flutist Nicole O'Toole, St. Cecilia's parish choir and organist David Lasky. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased in advance at St. Cecilia's rectory Monday thru Friday between 9 and 4 PM, or may be purchased at the door on the day of the concert, doors will open at 2:00 PM. For more information call 978-537-6541.

Jeanne d'Arc Circle #44 Daughters of Isabella will hold their annual Christmas luncheon on **Thursday, December 3rd at The Old Mill Restaurant, at 11:30 AM.** Members are asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a man, woman or child which will be donated to charity. Please call Betty Baldarelli @ 978-514-8882 for reservations. Please note that there will be no meetings in January or February.

Clean Saturday – Please come to the church on **Saturday morning, December 5th**, anytime from 9:00 AM – Noon to help give the church a good fall cleaning! Bring your own pails, dust cloths etc. Let's get the whole church – top to bottom – clean. Any amount of time will be appreciated. Please sign the sheets at the back of the church to indicate if and at what time you will be here. Thank you to all who respond!

Sisters of the Presentation Day of Prayer for Women Entitled "Advent Hope" at Presentation Convent, Leominster or **Saturday, December 5th from 9:30 – 3:00 PM.** Sr. Katherine McKenna PBVM will be the presenter. Lunch will be included. Free will offerings are accepted. **Registration deadline is Friday, November 27th.** Call 978-537-7108 or 978-790-0056. There will be an opportunity for quiet reflection and sharing.

MARRIED COUPLES: Just as we celebrate Thanksgiving by gathering together with family, why not celebrate your Marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? It's a positive, simple, common sense, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes your marriage. Make your reservation now! **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are December 4-6 and January 8-10.** For more information call Ralph & Jane Becker at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our webpage at www.wwmeMA.org

Holiday Concert – The Montachusett Chorale will present its Holiday Concert on **Sunday, December 6th at 2:00 PM** in Tata Auditorium, Leominster City Hall. The concert will benefit the Montachusett Interfaith Hospitality Network. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Under 18 are free. For tickets call Kathy Cullinan at 978-342-3363, Colonial Florists 978-534-9187 or MIHN 978-840-9500.

Festival of Lights at LaSalette Shrine – St. Camillus parish will sponsor a bus trip to the LaSalette Shrine on **Sunday, December 6th** to see the beautiful Christmas lights and displays. Tickets for the bus will be \$10 each. Travel by motor coach, leaving St. Camillus parking lot at 3:30 PM and returning at 9:00 PM. Tickets are on sale each weekend after all Masses at St. Camillus. Only 47 seats in all!

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: November 22nd through November 28th Deacon Anthony Fiore; Rev. Frederick Fraini; Deacon Steven Gendron; Msgr. Francis Goguen; Deacon James Graves; Deacon William Griffin; Deacon Frederick Harkins.