



November 7 - 8, 2009

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents."

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 7th

Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Erminia & Emanuel Morizzo**
Requested by their family

Sunday, November 8th

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Pellegrino DePiano**
Requested by the DiVito family

10:30 AM **M/M Rocco Rollo & Family**
Requested by Claire Rollo & family

Monday, November 9th

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

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

Tuesday, November 10th

St. Leo the Great, pope & doctor

7:00 AM **NO MASS**

Wednesday, November 11th

St. Martin of Tours, bishop

Veterans' Day

8:00 AM **Louis (Butch) Buratti, Jr.**
Requested by his family

Thursday, November 12th

St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr

7:00 AM **Kenneth Paul**
Requested by MaryAnn Michaelian

Friday, November 13th

7:00 AM **Nicholas Pandiscio**
Requested by the Macchio family

Saturday, November 14th

Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **Alexander Nano (1st Anniversary)**
Requested by his wife & family

Sunday, November 15th

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Msgr. Angelo Carpinella**
Requested by his nieces & family

10:30 AM **Joseph Bodanza**

Requested by the Macchio family

October "5-10" Club Winners

\$500 MaryAnn Michaelian
\$100 Kelly Santucci, Marianne Bourgeois, Joan LaFleur
\$50 Iris Martin, Joseph Albert, John Sweeney,
Frances Mercadante
\$25 Bob Mattia, David Merrial

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated:
In memory of Alexander Nano

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Daniel 12:1 - 3

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11 - 14, 18

Gospel: Mark 13:24 - 32

November 8th Offerings

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offerings	\$4,796.50
Children's Collection (\$9.00)	\$9.00
DEFICIT this week	\$83.50
All Souls	\$877.00
TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date	\$3,309.00

Parish Council meets on **Monday, Nov. 16th** @ 7:00 PM in the hall. All are welcome.

Members of our RCIA team are available, **every Thursday evening at 7:00 PM** in the office lobby for those who wish to learn more about the Catholic Church.

FOUR WEEK ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT SERIES

Pope Benedict's Encyclical Charity in Truth - Learn and grow in your faith! **Join us each Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Church Hall.** There are two remaining sessions.

Mass Intention Book

The Mass Intention Book for the first six months of 2010 is now open. **We will be scheduling Masses for January 1st through June 30th 2010.** In June, we will begin scheduling Masses for the remainder of the year. You must come in person during the month of November to schedule Masses. From December on, if you can not come in to the office you may call to reserve a date. **Only four (4) total weekend Masses may be scheduled by any one individual for the year.** 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.

A Winter Coat Drive has begun to help Catholic Charities. All gently worn winter coats and sweaters along with clean hats and gloves can be dropped off at the church office during regular office hours on in the entrances of the church on the weekends. Any adult with a car wishing to help deliver the coats to Catholic Charities please call the church office. Times are flexible and it will only require one trip of you. **The coat drive ends, Friday, November 20th.**

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!**

Dear Friends,

My first pastor taught me so much about being a priest; things that they never teach in the Seminary. He had a firm grasp of the everyday practicalities of running a parish and he knew human nature. He could spot a phony at twenty paces. He always told me to be wary of overly pious priests. He used to say they have something to hide, so they hide behind a façade of holier-than-thou.

I remember working with a priest who was so very saintly in everything that he did. He never told a joke. He always insisted that we begin and end every meeting with prayer. He rigidly adhered to the rules and looked with a withered eye on anyone who did not meet up to his standards. He is not a priest today. He was living a double life. Once again, my first pastor was right. Beware of the "too good" and those who make a show of their spirituality.

So it was with the scribes and the Pharisees at the time of Jesus. For them, religion was all for show. For the widow in today's Gospel, religion was what was in her heart. Don't be fooled by appearances. Only God knows what is in the human heart.

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.

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: November 8th through November 14th Deacon Jim Couture; Deacon Richard Desjardin; Rev. Joseph Dolan; Rev. Gerald Dorais; Msgr. John Doran; Rev. John Dwyer; Rev. Thomas Egan.

Good-Wil Sunday Music Brunch Series to benefit five area non-profits has begun. The next brunch is: **Sunday, November 8th, at Fitchburg High School.** Tickets are available at the door for \$15 adults, \$10 seniors and kids 5-12, under 5 eat free! Please come and enjoy a good breakfast along with some great music and help support local agencies! Check the parish web site for a full listing of all of the upcoming dates and non-profit agencies that benefit from this event.

Jeanne d'Arc Circle #44, Daughters of Isabella will meet on **Monday, November 9th** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Fitchburg. Members will participate in a recitation of The Divine Mercy Chaplet. The annual Charity Raffle will take place following the meeting. The co-chairs for this meeting are Frances Mercadante and Theresa Belli-Murchie.

St. Cecilia's Church, 188 Mechanic Street, Leominster will be holding its **Annual Holiday Fair on Friday, November 13th and Saturday November 14th from 11:00 AM – 7:30 PM.** A spaghetti & meatballs dinner will be served on Friday and a beef stew dinner will be served on Saturday. The "Twin City Fiddlers" will be performing on Saturday night.

Holiday Craft Fair to be held at St. Joseph's Church, 49 Woodland Street, Fitchburg on **Saturday, November 14th** from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Santa Claus will be there from 12 noon to 3:00 PM. Don't forget to bring a camera for pictures!

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 52 Spruce Street, Winchendon will hold its **Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, November 14 & Sunday, November 15th.** There will be the usual festival activities and booths along with a meatloaf supper on Saturday, from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$8 for

adults and \$5 for children under 10. A full breakfast will be offered on Sunday, November 15th from 8:00 – noon. Tickets are \$5 per person.

St. Bernard's High School Placement Test will be held **Saturday, November 14th at 8:00 AM.** Call the school at 978-342-3212 X225 for questions. Ask for Nancy Woolfrey.

AND REMEMBER... The best of all Christmas bazaars is our "Country Christmas Fair" sponsored by St. Anthony School on **Saturday, November 21st!** Once again we are in need of items for our Jar Deal and Chinese Auction booths. We ask for your help in donating a new item or gift certificate (valued at \$10 or more). Any donation of tickets to sporting or theatre events would go on our main auction booth. If you would like to bake our pastry booth is always in need of homemade goodies. Please drop off at the school on Friday, November 20th. As always your help is always appreciated.

Rollstone Church, 199 Main Street, Fitchburg presents one stop Christmas shopping with proceeds to benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life on Saturday, **November 21st from 12:30 – 4:30 PM.** Check out brand name items from Avon, Pampered Chef, Discovery Toys, Princess House, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Osborne Books, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, and more) handcrafted items as well as homemade soup and sweets. Stop by and help a great cause!

JOHNSONIA CULTURAL SERIES - Thursday, Nov. 19th at 7:00 P.M. - A lecture on "Maritime Radicalism in the 1790s" by Prof. Frank Mabee, Fitchburg State College, at the Johnsonia Art Gallery, 516 Main Street, Fitchburg. This series is free and open to the public, serving wine, cheeses, soft drinks, and sweets.

TODAY'S WOMEN IN FAITH - The December gathering of TWIF will be a Christmas dinner at a local restaurant on **Tuesday, December 1st.** We will each pay for our own meals. You may also bring a \$10 grab to exchange (optional). **Please RSVP to Betty Anderson by Tuesday, November 24th** at 978-534-7544 or email banderson@buynesco.com. We will be discussing ideas for the new year. All are welcome.

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!