



# September 19 - 20, 2009

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Whoever receives one child such as this in My Name, receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but the One who sent me."*

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM** Stephen J. Rajcula, Sr. & all Members of the Sciabarrasi Family  
Requested by Lena Rajcula & family

**Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>**

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** Silvio Petrucci  
Requested by his wife Frances & children

**10:30 AM** John J. Belli

Requested by his children & family

**Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

**St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist**

**7:00 AM** John & Florinda Sacino (Anniversary)  
Requested by their family

**Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**7:00 AM** NO MASS

**Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest**

**5:30 PM** Anthony & Rose Barbaro  
Requested by their daughter MaryAnn

**Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM** Deceased Members of the Addorisio & Nitti Families  
Requested by Rose Anne Addorisio

**Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM** James G. DiConza  
Requested by his wife Marianne & family

**Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM** Deceased Members of the Bellabarba Family  
Requested by their family

**Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM** Silvio Petrucci (Anniversary)  
Requested by Ellen Mulcahy

**10:30 AM** Ida Montville

Requested by Grace Ruberti

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
*Theresa Tata & James Parrott*  
who died this past week. May their souls rest in peace.

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Numbers 11:25 - 27

Second Reading: James 5:1 - 6

Gospel: Mark 9:38 - 43, 45, 47 - 48

### September 13<sup>th</sup> Offerings

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$4,222.00</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$10.90)</b>	<b>\$11.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$656.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$369.00</b>

**Finance Committee** Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 in the rectory.

**Hospitality** meets Wednesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 in the hall. If any one wishes to help with baked goods or food for the socials please contact Amy Walsh in advance @ 978-502-5540.

**UNVEILING THE CENTENNIAL PLAQUE** - The Centennial Plaque commemorating donors to our Centennial Capital Campaign will be unveiled **after the 10:30 Mass on September 27<sup>th</sup>** everyone is invited. A reception will follow in the Church Hall.

**DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY MEMBER OR FRIEND WHO IS INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT CATHOLIC CHRISTIANITY?** Our RCIA team will be available, one on one, every Thursday beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM in the office lobby. Tell them about it. It's not expected that inquirers' come every week - just when and if they have questions. It's a different way of beginning RCIA, emphasizing every individual person's unique stage on their journey of faith.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS:** Any boy or girl who is a member of St. Anthony Parish and is in the Fourth Grade or older may be an altar server. **There are two practice sessions on Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 remaining.** Francis and Annette Pandiscio (978-348-1009) will be leading the training sessions.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**First Reconciliation Mandatory Parent Meeting** for parents of students from both public and Catholic schools will be held on **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM in the church hall.** At least one parent or guardian must attend.

**Preparation Classes for Reconciliation** will begin Sunday, **September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 10:15 AM at St. Anthony School.** Parents of children attending 2<sup>nd</sup> grade THIS year need to call Ellen DePatie at 978-345-7785 to register your child. The fee is \$25 which includes the cost of the books to be used. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate to the first class if your child was not baptized at St. Anthony Church.

**A Confirmation Mandatory Preparation Meeting** for parents and student candidates from both public and Catholic school for program years I, II, III (grade 9-11) will begin promptly **at 9:15 AM on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> in the school hall.**

**Confirmation classes** will begin on Sunday morning, **October 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 - 10:15 AM at St. Anthony School.**

Dear Friends,

What makes you feel important? Is it a fat bank account? Name recognition wherever you go? A front row seat? Power and authority over others? The ability to be of service? The love of family and friends?

The disciples had spent quite a bit of time in intimate contact with Jesus, but in many ways they still failed to grasp what Jesus and His message was all about. They still sought power and influence as the world defines them. Jesus' idea of what is truly important is the power of love, not the love of power. That is why he placed a child, the most powerless of all, in their midst as the model of what is important in the Kingdom of God. Love, innocence, dependence upon God alone, gives us a different perspective and a different set of values.

What makes us feel important? Is it the love of God in our lives, a love we are always free to share, or is it something infinitely less?

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 razors and shaving cream.** 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: September 20<sup>th</sup> through September 26<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Francis Roberge; Deacon James Connor; Rev. Thomas Hultquist; Rev. Kevin Hartfort; Rev. Ernest Allega; Rev. Timothy Brewer.

**FAITH AND NETWORKING EVENT:** *Where is God in this current economic crisis? Are you unemployed and need help preparing for future employment? Are you employed but want to prepare yourself in case of future unemployment? Whether employed or unemployed, please consider attending the Faith and Networking Event Sponsored by the Diocesan Pastoral Council's Social Justice Subcommittee on **Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:00 PM** in the parish hall of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, 1400 Main Street, Leominster. There will be a faith talk followed by a facilitated networking session for those unemployed. This program is free and open to all. Advance registration is not required. For further information please contact Ray Griffin, [ray.j.griffin@gmail.com](mailto:ray.j.griffin@gmail.com), 508-304-1745.*

**Parish Mission to be held at St. Joseph Church, Fitchburg** "Beginning Today...how to refresh our call to Christ" with presider Fr. Kevin MacDonald, C.Ss.R. a Redemptorist priest from Woburn, MA. **The mission will be held Monday September 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 – 7:45 each night.** Check the bulletin board for complete information.

**St. Anthony School 5/10 Club** – There are still tickets left. Don't be left out, join now! **The first drawing is Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact the school office at 978-345-7785 to purchase tickets. Total cost of the ticket is \$50, payable in full or \$5 monthly. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> is \$100, 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> is \$50 and 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> is \$25. Thanks for supporting our school and good luck to all!

**Parish History/Photo Book** - If you did not get your book you may check in the sacristy (books have names attached to them) or call the office during regular office hours to make arrangements for pick up. Previously we had stressed pre-ordering a book so that you would not be disappointed if extra copies were not available. Currently there are no extra books for sale. If that changes we will let you know with a notice here in the bulletin.

**A GIFT FROM THE PRESENTATION SISTERS** - A Presentation Sister has donated several books on adult faith and spirituality. They are in the vestibule and are free to anyone who will benefit from them.

**HELP SUPPORT ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL** – The Diocese of Worcester is holding its 2009 Annual Appeal for Catholic Schools next weekend, Sept. 26-27<sup>th</sup> at all Masses. These funds are used to support tuition assistance, special educational projects and technology improvements. If you wish to make a gift please drop a check in the collection basket made payable to "Annual Appeal for Catholic Schools." All money collected here at our parish will go towards St. Anthony School unless otherwise noted in the memo area of your check. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Schools.

**Mass Citizens for Life** will meet on **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Golden Living Center, 1199 John Fitch Hwy., at 7:00 PM.** Anyone interested in helping to promote a change in people's views on preserving the dignity of human life from conception to natural death is invited to join us.

**Daughters of Isabella** will meet on **Monday September 21<sup>st</sup>** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Fitchburg **at 1:00 PM.** Election of officers will be held. Carol Bressette & Jean Cabana are the Co-chairs.

**PARISH COUNCIL** - Nominations for a three year term on the Parish Council are open. You may nominate yourself or someone else (with their permission!). Nominations must be submitted by Sunday, October 11 and the election will be on the weekend of October 24-25. All nominees must be registered members of St. Anthony Parish and have been confirmed as Catholics.

**ATTENTION:** This is the time of the year that we get many requests for inserts into our weekly bulletin. Some requests can not be fulfilled do to space allocation. Please be sure to check the bulletin boards for a complete picture of all the happenings within our communities throughout the Diocese.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:  
M/M Rene Berube for a special intention