



# September 5 - 6, 2009 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"He has done all things well.  
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."*

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Margaret Pandiscio**  
Requested by Mary Macchio

**Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM Gerald & Theresa Capone**  
Requested by their son Michael G. Capone  
& family

**10:30 AM Joseph Rollo**  
Requested by his wife & family

**Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Labor Day**

**8:00 AM Mrs. Donalda Boudreau**  
Requested by the Rene C. Berube family

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM NO MASS**

**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**

**St. Peter Claver, priest**

**5:30 PM Gerald Volpe**  
Requested by Mardy, Joe & Donna Madonia

**Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM Antoinette Addorisio**  
Requested by Concetta & Fred Ayles

**2:00 PM School Liturgy**

**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM Gloria LeClair**  
Requested by Joseph A. Bodanza

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

**8:00 AM John Pacetti, Sr.**  
Requested by his wife Ann

**10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Balderelli Family**  
Requested by their family

**Office Hours Labor Day Week:** The office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday. The office will be open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 to 1:00 PM. **Regular office hours of 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM will resume the week beginning September 13<sup>th</sup>.** Please remember that the office remains closed on ALL Tuesdays.

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5 – 9a

Second Reading: James 2:14 – 18

Gospel: Mark 8:27 – 35

### AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup> OFFERINGS

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>\$5,631.50</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$10.50)</b>	<b>\$10.50</b>
<b>SURPLUS this week</b>	<b>\$753.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$12,941.50</b>

### PARISH HISTORY/PHOTO BOOK HAS ARRIVED!

The Centennial Parish History/Photo Book has arrived! More than 75% of the parishioners who had their picture taken or submitted one to us have already picked their copy up. If you did not get yours you may come to the **office Wednesday & Friday of this week from 9:00 AM – 12:00 noon.** If you ordered a book or additional copies you may pick them up at these times also. Your names have to be checked off a master list of all those who should receive a copy of the book and we need to be sure that everyone receives their books in a timely manner so please help us by only coming at the specified times. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Attention Sparkling Seniors:** Time is running out for you to join our **Annual Slattery's Luncheon on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.** Cost per person is \$18.00. **Reservations must be made by September 7<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

### RCIA TEAM

Do you like to share your own faith with others? Do you want to help others in their own journey of faith?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for adults who are interested in knowing about Catholic Christianity, especially for non-Catholics and for Catholics who have been baptized but have not received the other sacraments (First Eucharist, Confirmation). We need active parishioners who would be interested in joining the Team. We meet once a month for discussion and fellowship. Stop by the Team meeting on **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** at the Rectory and see if it's something you're interested in. You don't have to be a theological scholar to be a Team member; just be willing to talk about your faith and to listen to others.

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle donated by:  
Residents of The Gables for a special intention

Dear Friends,

Just to clarify things, which isn't all that easy at times:

Effective September 1, I have been appointed Administrator of St. Joseph's Parish. I remain pastor of St. Anthony Parish. I'm not going anywhere (I don't know if that disappoints you or makes you happy). This does not mean that St. Anthony Parish and St. Joseph's Parish are merging; not does it mean that either one of the parishes is going to be closed.

The LaSalette Missionaries, who have served the people of Cleghorn for over a century, have reached a point where they do not have sufficient personnel to cover the parish. Father Welsh is being sent to the LaSalette Shrine in Attleboro. Father Hughes and Father Leger, who have served at St. Joseph's for many years, will continue to be the sacramental ministers at the parish. I will help where I can. Since they are both in their 80's, they need our prayerful support and commendation for continuing on at a time when most of us would prefer to be retired.

My primary responsibility will be the financial and physical plant administration of the parish. Whatever schedule I need to employ to get the work done shouldn't impact on my time here at St. Anthony's. The process of parish consolidation continues, but this assignment isn't part of it. This is just a coincidence. Whatever Bishop McManus decides about the parishes in Fitchburg has no connection to this, except that it will mean that ultimately a diocesan priest will be appointed at every parish in the City of Fitchburg.

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 6<sup>th</sup> through September 12<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Laurie Leger, MS; Deacon James Couture; Rev. Thomas Egan; Rev. Thien Nguyen; Deacon John Aleskevicz; Rev. James Callahan; Rev. Edward Michalski.

### **Remembering and Honoring all those lost on 9/11**

Please join St. Rose of Lima Church, 244 West Main Street, Northborough, **on Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Annual Flea Market** to be held at Immaculate Conception Church, Walnut Street, Fitchburg on **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.** Please stop by.

**St. Denis Parish Bazaar.** Route 12, 85 Main Street, Ashburnham will be on **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 – 6:00 PM.** Come join the fun, there's something for everyone. Great family fun with food, music, entertainment, games and much more! Rain or shine.

**The Montachusett Chorale** presents The Hot Fugue Sundaes in a night of sundaes, sweets and swing. Come make your own sundae at Leominster City Hall on **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.** Sundaes and sweets from 7:00 – 7:45 PM, song at 8:00 PM. Diabetics welcome. Tickets are \$12 in advance only. Call 978-534-9187

**The Madonna della Cava Sodality** would like to express our sincere thanks to all who came and in any way helped to make this year's festivities such a wonderful success. Just being in the church for Mass or if you came downstairs for the meal, your presence is appreciated and because of the outpouring of generosity by everyone, we were able to donate half of our proceeds to St. Anthony Church. The committee will continue in this tradition and our planning for next year begins in May of 2010. New members are always welcome. Mille grazie a tutti. Viva Madonna della Cava!

### **The Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

are holding a day of prayer for women at Presentation Convent, 99 Church Street, Leominster on **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.** Sr. Julia Ciccolini, PBVM will be the presenter. The day will begin at 9:30 AM with refreshments and will end by 3:00 PM. There will be an opportunity for quiet reflection and sharing. Lunch will be included. Free will offerings are accepted. To register please contact Sr. Mary Anne Seliga 978-537-7108 or Sr. Maureen Hickey 978-790-0056. **Space is limited and the registration deadline is September 11, 2009.**

### **The Bishop is Coming on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM!**

St. Joseph Parish invites all Fitchburg parishes to join them as Bishop McManus comes to concelebrate Mass with priests and parishioners from the eight churches in Fitchburg honoring Pope Benedict XVI's proclamation of "A Year for Priests." This Mass is also intended for all Christians in the Fitchburg parishes to unite in prayer for the changes to come. Let us use this Mass as gateway for local priests and parishioners to unite in the spirit of Christ to honor the men who have sacrificed their lives in service to God and in service to us. There will be a time for fellowship in the downstairs hall with desserts, coffee and soda immediately following the Mass.

### **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.