



Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 25th

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Mary Celona (1st Anniversary)
Requested by Grace & Mario Zarrella

Sunday, April 26th

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Louis Brasili
Requested by their family

10:30 AM 101st Anniversary – For our Founders

Monday, April 27th

7:00 AM Dominic J. Ingemi
Requested by his wife Mary & family

Tuesday, April 28th

St. Peter Chanel, priest and martyr

7:00 AM Vincenzo DeCaria
Requested by Catherine DeCaria

7:00 PM

St. Anthony Novena Week 3
Preacher: Fr. Francis Goguen

Wednesday, April 29th

St. Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the church

5:30 PM John Brasili
Requested by his family

Thursday, April 30th

St. Pius V, pope

7:00 AM Lucy Carfaro
Requested by her family

Friday, May 1st

St. Joseph the Worker

7:00 AM Mike & son Michael A. Orlando
Requested by wife & mother Gen Orlando

Saturday, May 2nd

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Dominic Dantini (Anniversary)
Requested by his wife Mary & family

Sunday, May 3rd

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Anthony Marotta
Requested by his family

10:30 AM

Nicola & Giuseppina Volpe
Requested by their family

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle:
An anonymous donor.

April 25 - 26, 2009

Third Sunday of Easter

"Repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in His Name to all the world, beginning from Jerusalem."

READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Acts 4:8 - 12

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1 - 2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

PREVIOUS WEEK OFFERINGS

Needed to Meet Budget	\$4,889.00
Sunday Offering	\$4,169.50
Children's Collection (\$17.50)	\$17.50
DEFICIT this week	\$702.00
SURPLUS Year to Date	\$1,584.00

Partners in Charity Update – The in-pew collection taken up last weekend was a very positive start to our campaign. **Forty-five people gave their donation at Mass for a total of \$9,165.** If you took your envelope home to consider your pledge/donation please return it promptly! We hope many of you will take advantage of the "pledge" option which allows you to make minimal payments over 10 months. A \$50 - \$100 a year donation is very attainable for most. Remember, the emphasis this year is on increasing our parishioner participation. Every new donor we have takes the burden off our loyal contributors who bear the burden of our parish goals each year! Surely with over 450 active families we can have more than the 177 families who contributed last year.

BENEFIT FOR THE VENERINI SISTERS' NIGERIAN MISSION

The Montachusett Chorale will perform a concert of classical, patriotic and Broadway show tunes to benefit the Venerini Sisters' Nigerian Mission and celebrate 100 years of their ministry in the United States. **The concert will take place on Sunday, April 26th at 2:00 PM in Tata Auditorium, Leominster City Hall.** Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door; under 18 admitted free. For tickets call 978-534-9187.

Annual Venerini Day Celebration: All seniors, homebound parishioners and their caregivers are cordially invited to come join us at our annual Venerini Day celebration and luncheon to be celebrated on the **Feast of St. Rosa Venerini, Friday, May 8th.** **Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 AM followed by a luncheon in the church hall at 11:30 AM** including a short program led by students of St. Anthony School. Seating in the hall is limited so respond quickly. In order to prepare meals for those attending we ask that you please call Jo Belli (978) 537-4802 or Betty Pagnotta (978) 343-7789 **BEFORE Monday, May 4th.**

The Bake Sale to benefit the Dominican Sisters has been postponed to a later date.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA continues this TUESDAY, April 28th at 7:00 PM. Our schedule of speakers remaining includes (in order): Fr. Francis Goguen, St. Cecilia, Leominster; Fr. Fred Fraini, Our Lady Immaculate, Athol; Sister Clare Fitzgerald, SSND; Fr. Miguel Pagan, St. Peter, Worcester; Seminarian Jonathan Slavinskis; Deacon Salvatore Tantillo and the last date, June 9th to be announced at a later date. **This year's theme is Evangelization.**

Dear Friends,

When I look back on the winter just past, it occurs to me that it isn't the cold or even the snow that makes winter in New England so tough. The cold you can dress for and the snow, though inconvenient, is beautiful. It's the dark that can be depressing. The early sunsets, the bare brown branches, the grey skies, all combine to cover New England with a somber pall. Think about it: even on the coldest day of winter a bright sunny day lifts our spirits.

Just as sunshine can transform our mood and attitude, our relationship with God also opens up to us new life and new hope. When we know God is with us, God hears us, God responds to our concerns, we feel uplifted, strengthened and no longer alone. We become Easter people.

And so it is with the psalmist today. "Lord, let your face shine on us." It's late April and winter has finally passed. We open our windows, put away our winter clothes and haul the lawn furniture out from the cellar or the shed. Lent is over. Easter is here. The sun, and the Son, shine on us.

Pace e Bene,

The Serra Club invites you to pray for the following priests and deacons during the week of: April 26th through May 3rd: Rev. H. Edward Chalmers; Rev. Theodore Laperle; Rev. Joseph Jurgelonis; Deacon Richard Tatro; Rev. Gerald Dorais; Rev. James Mazzone; Rev. John Connell.

Advertise with us! If you own a business or work for one that might be interested in advertising on the back of our bulletin please call the office during regular hours. We have one spot available for the remainder of the year. Your advertisement will get noticed by over 400 families each week! It is an inexpensive way to promote your company and help us defray the cost of our weekly bulletin as well. Inquire ASAP.

INTERESTED IN A DAY OF GOLF JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT? St. Anthony School is inviting everyone including parish members, alumni and friends to join them for a **Golf Outing on Thursday, June 25th**. This will be a fun, scramble format outing at the Townsend Ridge Country Club and beginners are welcome! Brochures containing all details along with an application are located at both entrances of the church. Call your friends, family or old classmates and get a foursome together! Entry fee is \$85.00 per person and includes greens fees, cart, buffet dinner and prizes. Get your applications in early as this event is limited to 32 foursomes. Deadline is fast approaching! For questions please contact Kristine Caravella @ 978-353-0842 or Kcaravella@comcast.net.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Items

Please don't forget about the pantry! Items needed are: canned vegetables, canned soups, Spaghetti O's, jam or jelly, Hamburger Helper, Ramen noodles, pasta sides, mustard, relish, ketchup, mayonnaise. Many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. Continue to do what you can. Thank you!

Mass Citizens for Life will meet on **Tuesday, April 28th 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.

John Vito Vignola, Vincent Reilly Vignola, Isabelle Kathryn Vignola & Ethan James Dionne were welcomed into our Christian community through baptism. May they along with their parents grow in faith, love and service to Jesus Christ.

Item of the Month – The Youth Group is accepting donations for Our Father's House and the Veterans' Homestead. **This month's item is toothpaste & toothbrushes.** Items can be placed in the marked boxes at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your support.

One Woman Show: Friday, May 1st at 7:00 PM in Percival Auditorium, Center Stage at Fitchburg State College. Tickets are \$18 for the general public; \$5 for students. "**In Spite of Myself (or How to be a Good Italian Daughter)**" is written and performed by Antoinette LaVecchia, and examines the hysterical and universal struggles between an immigrant Italian mother and her Americanized daughter. Their dialogue is interrupted by colorful Italian-American characters that support and enlighten the universal mother/daughter relationship. Call Anna Mazzaferro at 978-537-9122 for information.

*******PARISH VIDEO SHOWING TONIGHT*******
Please don't forget that the first viewings of "**Cent' Anni – 100 Years of St. Anthony of Padua Church**" – the Parish History Video will be shown at **7:00 PM this Saturday & Sunday evening, April 25th & 26th in the church hall.** You must have a ticket to gain entrance. The Saturday showing is full but as of this printing there are still tickets remaining for the Sunday evening show. Please call the rectory TODAY for a ticket. We will have information on how to order a copy of this historic DVD in the weeks to come.

\$10,000 Raffle – On Saturday, May 30th, St. Denis Parish, Ashburnham, will sponsor their **Third Annual Spring Giveaway.** Grand Prize is \$10,000. 2nd Prize is \$1,000; 3rd and 4th prize is \$500; 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th prize is \$250. Tickets are \$100 each and only 300 tickets will be sold. Partial tickets will be available. This is a great opportunity to win a lot of money!

Tickets will sell fast so don't wait. For tickets call; Deacon Rich at 978-343-6367; Dorene Francis at 978-827-4857, or Kim Nolan at 978-827-5428. Hurray while tickets last