



March 28- 29, 2009

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

*"Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."*

### READ AND PREPARE

Next week's Scripture readings:

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4 – 7

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6 – 11

Gospel: Mark 14:1– 15:47

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**4:00 PM** **Letizia Pennetti (Anniversary)**  
Requested by the Pennetti family

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**8:00 AM** **Mary & James DiConza & son Nicholas**  
Requested by Connie & Tony Tessi

**10:30 AM** **Deceased Members of the Cali, Kearns & Sasseville Families**  
Requested by their families

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 AM** **Parishioners**

**5:30 PM** **Oreste & Carmela Guglielmi**  
Requested by their daughters

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**7:00 AM** **Rosie Bizzotto**

Requested by her family

**5:30 PM** **Louis, Grace & Louis, Jr. Cioffi**  
Requested by their family

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

**7:00 AM** **Mark Gambaccini**

Requested by his wife and daughter

**5:30 PM** **Antonio & Teresa Cristofono (Anniversary)**  
Requested by their family

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**St. Francis of Paola, hermit**

**7:00 AM** **Michael Fiorentino, Sr.**

Requested by his family

**5:30 PM** **Joseph Morizzo (Anniversary)**  
Requested by his family

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**7:00 AM** **Sr. Clara Cerasia, MPV**

Requested by Betty & Dennis Anderson

**5:30 PM** **Raffaele Sacino**  
Requested by his family

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 AM** **Vocations**

**Vigil: Palm Sunday**

**4:00 PM** **Carmello Lemmo**  
Requested by his wife Louise

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Palm Sunday**

**8:00 AM** **John R. Pacetti**

Requested by his wife Ann

**10:30 AM** **Margaret Pandiscio**  
Requested by Mary Macchio

### PREVIOUS WEEK OFFERINGS

<b>Needed to Meet Budget</b>	<b>\$4,889.00</b>
<b>Sunday Offering</b>	<b>\$4,109.50</b>
<b>Children's Collection (\$10.50)</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>DEFICIT this week</b>	<b>\$769.50</b>
<b>DEFICIT Year to Date</b>	<b>\$5,052.00</b>

**Movie Series:** This week is the last movie in the series. We will be showing "Murder on the Orient Express" with an all-star cast featuring Lauren Bacall, Ingrid Bergman and Sean Connery. When the legal system fails, do we ever have the right to take justice into our own hands? Bring a beverage and we'll supply the popcorn. **Friday @ 7:00 PM in the church hall.**

**Adult Faith Enrichment** concludes this week in the rectory @ 7:00 PM.

**Clean Saturday** – Please come to the church on **Saturday morning, April 4<sup>th</sup>, anytime from 9:00 – Noon** to help give the church a good spring cleaning! Bring your own pails, dusting cloths etc. Let's get the whole church – top to bottom – cleaned. Any amount of time will be appreciated. Please sign the sheets in the back of the church to indicate if and at what time you will be here.

### **Attention all Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar servers:**

Sign up sheets are in the sacristy for Holy Week and Easter Sunday services. Please sign up for the time(s) you would like to serve.

**Sr. Angelina Pannetti** is recuperating after surgery at Presentation Health Care, 99 Church Street, Leominster, MA 01453 (for those of you who might want to send your well wishes along).

This week's St. Anthony Devotional Candle is requested by Florence Volpe in thanksgiving for a favor received. Thank you.

**FAITH IN ACTION**, featuring the new Partners in Charity video for 2009, will air on Fitchburg TV 8 on Thursday, **April 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM, and Friday, **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 9:30 AM. Leominster LATV can view this video on Mondays at 9:30 AM, Wednesdays at 3:30 PM, Thursdays at 9:00 AM and Sundays at 9:00 AM.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Items**

**Please don't forget about the pantry!** Items needed are: bathroom tissue, cereal, canned vegetables, beef stew & canned soups, Spaghetti O's, jam or jelly, canned fruit, tuna, Hamburger Helper, baked beans. Many people rely on this weekly service that St. Francis provides. Continue to do what you can. Thank you!

Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

**Eleanor Membrino**

who died this past week. May she rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

After Jesus called Lazarus forth from the tomb, He told the bystanders "Untie him and let him go." Of course, Jesus was referring to the burial bands with which he was bound, but it is an injunction which Jesus imposes upon us all.

With what am I tied? What holds me back from the new life that Jesus offers? Is it addictive behavior around food or tobacco or alcohol? Is it a quick temper that we let loose when we are frustrated, hurting those closest to us? Is it a love of gossip? Is it resentment from the past that we refuse to let go of? Is it obsessing over the stock market and other investments when, in spite of losses on paper, we still have enough to meet our needs? Is it living vicariously through movie stars and sports teams? I could write this list for pages and you could add even more to the list.

Where does it get us? It doesn't help us to closer to the Lord and to one another. On the contrary, the one thing that is a constant in all kinds of addictive and obsessive behaviors is that they tend to separate us from God and from one another, to drive us even further into ourselves. When we are free to live the new life of Jesus Christ we can let go of all that keeps us isolated and embrace the love that God has in store for us, in Jesus and in our brothers and sisters.

Pace e Bene,

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

**The Serra Club of Worcester North** invites you to join us in offering daily prayer for priests and seminarians of our Diocese. The names for the week of March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup>: Rev. Michael Lavallee; Rev. Thomas Tokarz; Deacon Stanley Baczewski; Rev. Dennis O'Brien; Rev. Edward Lettic; Rev. James Caldarella; Rev. Thomas Garlick.

**During the Month of March** the Youth Group and Women's Guild of **St. Camillus will be collecting items** to put in shoe boxes **to send to our men and women overseas**, including playing cards, gum, toothpaste/brush, Kleenex, disposable razors, stationary w/stamps, soap, deodorant, shampoo, batteries, phone cards, baby wipes, etc. and we need shoe boxes to send them in...no candy. Items can be left at the back of the church on the tables. For more information on these items, contact Kathy Jordan @ 978-874-5472.

Don't forget:

**Additional Masses:** Monday – Friday @ 12:30 in the Alumni Room in the Hammond Building at Fitchburg State College as well as here at St. Anthony's @ 5:30 PM.

**Stations of the Cross** on Fridays at St. Camillus Church @ 3:00 and also on Wednesday evenings @ 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church.

**Outdoor Way of the Cross** – A citywide Christian Witness on Good Friday @ 1:00 PM with procession route to be determined.

**World Famous Fish Dinners!** – Every Friday in Lent at Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church beginning @ 4:30 PM. Dine in or take-out available.

**Italy for the Gourmet Traveler** – A scrumptious sampling of foods as authentic as those in various regions of Italy: Marche, Abruzzo, Sicilia, Calabria etc. will be presented by gastronomical Italian expert Fred Plotkin in his delightful raconteur style on **Friday, April 17, 2009 at 5:30 PM at The Fay Club, Fitchburg.** Tickets are \$25 and must be purchased in advance as seating is limited. Call Anna Mazzaferro for more information at 978-537-2172.

**Walk for Hope - Beacon of Hope Community Services announces its Walk for Hope on Sunday, April 26** beginning at the Knights of Columbus, 484 Lancaster Street, Leominster. Spring is here! Get out your walking shoes and join us for our annual WALK for HOPE to benefit programs for people with developmental disabilities at Beacon of Hope Community Services. The walk is a 5 mile journey through the neighborhood. You can walk the entire route, a few miles, or part of a mile. Registration starts at 8:30 AM. The first 100 walkers to register will receive a free T-shirt. The walk begins promptly at 9:30 AM – rain or shine. Please check the flier at the entrances of the church for detailed information or call 978-840-2727. Come out and walk for a great cause!

**St. Leo PTO "Men Who Cook" Tasting** - Please join us on **March 29, 2009 from 5pm-8pm** in the St Leo Auditorium and taste the delicious cooking of the men from St Leo School. Tickets are \$20 for families or \$5 for individuals.

**Lecture Invitation:** You are cordially invited to a lecture by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Arinze, Prefect Emeritus of the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments at the Vatican, on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at Assumption College. The lecture will take place at 7:00 PM in the Hagan Campus Center Hall. Due to limited seating, RSVPs are encouraged. Please call 508-767-7322.

**Seminar for Engaged Couples** – The "Today's Plan for a Joy-Filled Marriage" Seminar is a one-day program for engaged couples that uniquely presents the "why's behind the what's" of Catholic teaching, helping couples understand God's plan for marriage and the joy of living it. The next seminar will be held on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Download our brochure and registration form at [www.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org) (click on "Marriage and Family" under the Departments tab; information can be found on the Marriage Preparation page), or call the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311.

**Last Call for 2008 Church Contribution Tax Information** April 15<sup>th</sup> is looming ahead. It's not too late! If you would like an Annual Tax Contribution Report for money donated during the 2008 year you must call the office to request one ASAP.