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WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & 12:30 PM (African)

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Vigil at 5:30 PM, 8:00 AM day of

RECONCILIATION

Saturday afternoon 3:00-3:30 PM, or by appointment.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

All are welcome! Please call the church office to schedule an appointment.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION FOR ADULTS

RCIA welcomes all those interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith.
Please contact Fr. Juan with questions.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Please contact us at least ONE YEAR in advance to begin preparation.

MISSION STATEMENT

As members of the Roman Catholic Church, we believe that God is alive and head of our parish family. We endeavor to be a welcoming, inclusive, charitable and socially responsible faith community. We offer our hearts, our gifts and our time, as we strive to give witness to Jesus' command to love one another. Through the example of our patron Saint Anthony of Padua, we desire to be peacemakers, living the gospel in word and action.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 28th

Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nicholas Macchio (16th Anniversary)
by his Family
Helen O'Connor
by her daughter Diane

Sunday, October 29th

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **Dec. of the Blackwelder & Banahan Families**
by Don & Teresa Pierce
In Thanksgiving
by the Nogueira Family
10:30 AM **Deceased of the Emanuel Morizzo Family**
by Mary Morizzo
Paula Kraszyk
by the Panagiotidis Family
12:00 PM **Parishioners**

Monday, October 30th

8:00 AM **Deceased of the Revolti & Sasano Families**
by Joyce Moretto

Tuesday, October 31st

8:00 AM **Joseph Thibodeau**
by his Family

Wednesday, November 1st

ALL SAINTS

8:00 AM **Leo Roderick**
by Kathy Catalfamo

Thursday, November 2nd

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
All Souls' Day

8:00 AM **Frances Santagelo**
by her daughter Maryann (Santagelo) Streater

Friday, November 3rd

St. Martin de Porres, Religious

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

Saturday, November 4th

Vigil: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM **MASS FOR ALL FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Sunday, November 5th

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM **June Roy**
by Kathy Catalfamo
Leo Roderick
by his Friends
10:30 AM **Rose Champa**
by Elena Valeri
Lynne Romano Martignetti
by her brother Doug & Family
12:30 PM **Parishioners**



St. Anthony Candle Intention:

IMO Gary Sicard
by his Family

October 28 - 29, 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37) Do you put other "gods" before God? Is your love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

READ AND PREPARE

Next Week's Scripture readings

First Reading Malaki 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10
Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13
Gospel Matthew 23:1-12

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE IN FULL SWING! – Classes have begun. This includes RCIA as well. If you still haven't registered, please call the office immediately. Thank you!

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed – Fr. Juan has invited the family members of those who have died this past year to join us for a celebration of Mass for The Faithful Departed to be held at the **4pm Mass on Saturday, November 4th**. This Mass is to remember ALL our loved ones but in a special way, the individuals who have died this year. If you received a letter from Fr. Juan and have not returned your reply, we urge you to do so today so that Father will know approximately how many to expect. Thank you.



Please pray for eternal peace for
Filomena Orsalock
&

Margaret Membrino

May God grant their families comfort.



The Mass Intention Book will open on Wednesday, November 8th beginning at 10:00 for the months of January – June 2024. You may call in your requests after November 8th. **It is not necessary for you to come to the office.** Any messages received will be returned promptly. Reminder: The office is closed on Thursday and Friday.

NEXT WEEKEND: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
Turn your clocks back 1 hour!

Dear Friends,

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel last weekend. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection. The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan

Care Net Pregnancy Resource Center of Fitchburg cordially invites you to their **21st Annual Fundraising Banquet** to be held on **Thursday, November 9th beginning at 6:00 PM** at the Double Tree by Hilton, 99 Erdman Way, Leominster. Adults only. Reservations are required, RSVP to 978-342-4244 or online at friendsofcarenetchitchburg.org. They are happy to seat parishioners together. If you plan to go, please contact the church office to give your name as well as registering with them.

Care Net has been serving communities in North Central Mass and beyond since 1976. Being a medical clinic is costly. All the services we provide are free. We do not receive government funding, so it is our hope that you will consider attending this free will offering event or send a donation directly to us at PO Box 511, 515 Main Street, Fitchburg. Thank you!

Personal Hygiene Collection for Catholic Charities is Ongoing.

Please bring one or two items and place them in the collection bins at the entrances of the church. Suggested Items Needed: Shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, soap, body wash, small packs of tissues, deodorant (men & woman's), toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, hand sanitizer, lotion, toilet paper, diapers, baby wash, baby lotion.



Food Pantry Collection for St. Francis chapter of St. Vincent de Paul is ongoing. Please bring any nonperishable items when you can. If this is something that you have never done before, please strongly consider it. The collection bin is located at the entrance of the church.



4th Annual Pie Fundraiser! St. Anthony Hospitality Committee is again offering a selection of boxed homemade pies for purchase just in time for Thanksgiving! Order one for you, a neighbor or friend. **Pie Choices** include Apple, Dutch Apple, Blueberry, Pumpkin, Ricotta. Sugar free & gluten free are also available! **Cost:** \$20 each. **Deadline to order:** **Wednesday, November 15th!** To order call: Gail Lassila 978-342-6910 or Patty Vacca-Martin 978-407-9385. **Please plan to pick up your pies on Tuesday, November 21 from 12-4pm or Wednesday, November 22 from 10-2pm.** Please call the numbers listed to give an estimate of when you will arrive so they will have your pies waiting for a quick delivery! **All proceeds go directly to the church. Don't be left out. Plan accordingly to get your order placed before the November 15th deadline.**

Christmas Craft Fair in Leominster - St. Anna Society at St. Anna Church in Leominster Annual Christmas Fair on **Friday, November 3 from 4 to 8 pm and Saturday, November 4 from 9 am to 5:30 pm.** Come join the fun!

Thanksgiving Collection - Last year we tried a new method of donating for the food baskets that Catholic Charities supplies to those in need around our communities. It worked great so they are asking us to continue in this way.



Catholic Charities is asking us to donate **\$20 Market Basket or Hannaford gift cards** (so families can purchase their own turkeys) **and/or cash** (in any amount), to supplement the purchase of food to round out the meals for baskets given to the families they serve.

To that end, we are taking up a special collection of cash/checks or \$20 gift cards **on the weekend of November 11-12th**. 100% of all donations will go to Catholic Charities to help them in their efforts. We ask that you please give in relation to the gifts you have received. Place your donation in a marked envelope if you want it to be counted toward your charitable giving for the year. You may also bring your donation earlier next weekend if you prefer. Thank you!



Francesca June Tramontozzi

was welcomed into our Christian community through baptism.

*May she, along with her parents, grow in faith,
love and service to Jesus Christ.*

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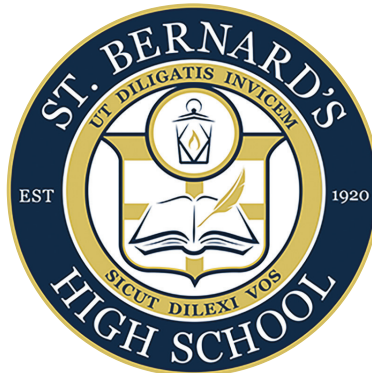
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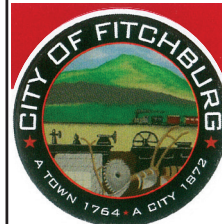
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