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## WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

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### 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.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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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, February 4<sup>th</sup>

**Vigil: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Andrea Vacca-Brown** (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)  
by her Family  
**Anne Zarrella**  
by Ed & Sue Cronin

Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>

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

8:00 AM **Elaine Celona**  
by her husband Frank  
10:30 AM **John & Jack Jerszyk**  
by their family  
**Florence Zarrella**  
by her son Dominic  
12:30 PM **All Parishioners**

Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>

*St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs*

8:00 AM **Open Intention**  
by

Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>

*St. John Bosco, Priest*

8:00 AM **Open Intention**  
by

Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

*Josephine Bakhita, Virgin*

8:00 AM **Open Intention**  
by

Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

8:00 AM **Open Intention**  
by

Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

*St. Scholastica, Virgin*

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

**Vigil: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Emanuel Pagnotto** (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by his daughters  
**Nancy Flory** (20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  
by her Family

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

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

8:00 AM **Peter A. Gravelle**  
by Tim & Kayla Raheb  
**Jerry & Teresa Capone**  
by Mike & Patty Capone  
10:30 AM **Pat Hautila** (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
by the family  
**Wilfrido Macias**  
by Irene Rojas  
12:30 PM **Parishioners**

# February 4 - 5, 2023

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

**"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."** (MATTHEW 5:16) The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

READ AND PREPARE

Next Week's Scripture readings

First Reading Sirach 15:15-20  
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:16-23  
Gospel Matthew 5:38-48

## PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

**Catholic Home Mission Appeal** – will take place on the **weekend of February 12<sup>th</sup>** to help strengthen the Church at home. Your support will truly make a difference.

### February Prize-a-Day Cash Calendar

The lucky winners for this week's cash prize are as follows.

February 1,	Miriam Zarrella	\$25
February 2	Leo Roderick	\$50
February 3	Christy Foley	\$25
February 4	Cheryl Papa	\$75
February 5	Vincent Celona	\$100

Congratulations! You may pick up your prize money at the church office. Please call ahead 978-342-4706.

Good luck to the 270 entries received! Fr. Juan will draw more names on Monday.

Thank you to all of you!

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**ATTENTION!** – Church Budget Envelope Company, our weekly church donation envelope company, has informed us that you will NOT be receiving any February or March envelopes due to the paper shortage. Please place your check/cash in a marked envelope. We are sorry for this inconvenience, but it is out of our control. Thank you for your understanding.

Dear Friends,

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now-familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. We all have a social and spiritual commitment to the poor, the marginalized, and those in need of shelter and food.

Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Blessings,  
*Fr. Juan*

**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. **Even one or two items a month makes a huge difference to the people the pantry serves.** The collection bin is

located at the entrance of the church. The Food Pantry is open every week to the public so there is always much needed.

**Snow Policy** – For weekday Masses, (Monday – Thursday) if Fitchburg Public Schools are cancelled or delayed there will be NO Mass celebrated. This is done to keep all our parishioners safe and off the roads. Please check your local listings. If school is not in session – please use your judgement. Be Safe!



**Tax Contribution Statements** have been mailed out to all who requested them thus far. If you would like one, please don't forget to call or email the office.

If you contributed to Partners in Charity or Legacy of Hope, those statements are being sent directly from the Diocese. If you do not receive one, please contact them directly at 508-929-4366.



St. Anthony Candle Intention:  
**IMO Anthony & Rose Barbaro**  
by their daughter MaryAnn Michaelian

**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Catholic Men's Conference** - Come and join us on **Saturday, March 25** at Assumption University, Worcester. For information check the new website: [catholicmenworc.com](http://catholicmenworc.com). Looking forward to seeing you in person this year!

**Amplify – Diocesan High School Youth Night in Fitchburg** - Mark your calendars for the next Amplify night which will take place on **Saturday, February 11** at St. Bernard Parish at St. Camillus Church in Fitchburg! All high school youth are invited to join us for pizza, a trivia night (with prizes!), followed by some time of Eucharistic Adoration and confession! We will begin around 5:15 pm following the parish's 4:15 pm vigil Mass and conclude at 8 pm. **There is NO COST to attend.** However, to give us an estimated headcount for food, please sign up (group sign-up or individual) using the following link: [neworchester.org/amplify-2-11](http://neworchester.org/amplify-2-11) Please sign up by February 9.

**Diocesan Youth Retreat** - All high school youth and current 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Youth Retreat on **May 19-21** at Anna Maria College! The theme for the retreat is *Mysterium Fidei* (Mystery of Faith). Join for a relaxing and recharging weekend that will include fun & games (with prizes!), music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, and an experience into the ultimate mystery of Christ in the Sacraments through Eucharistic Adoration, confession, and Mass! The retreat will start Friday evening and will conclude Sunday around noon. Cost is \$125/person. **Deadline to register is April 25.** To sign up or to get more information, go to [neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat](http://neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat). If you have any questions contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at [tmessenger@worcederdiocese.org](mailto:tmessenger@worcederdiocese.org).



Please pray for the souls of  
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May God grant their families comfort.





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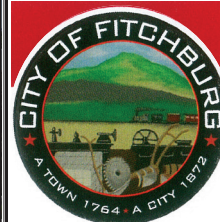
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