



Saint Anthony of Padua

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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, May 13th

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Mario & Grace Zarrella & daughter Anne
by Ellen & Sarah DiGeronimo

Sunday, May 14th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Paul & Mary Morin
by their Family

10:30 AM Teresa Hernandez (1st Anniversary)
by Irene Rojas

12:30 PM Parishioners

Monday, May 15th

St. Isidore

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Tuesday, May 16

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

7:00 PM St. Anthony Novena – Fr. Daniel Mulcahy

Wednesday, May 17th

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

VIGIL: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

5:30 PM In Memory of Fr. Bob Bruso
by a friend

Deceased of the Duffy & DiGeronimo Families
by the Macchio Family

Thursday, May 18th

St. John I, Pope & Martyr

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Friday, May 19th

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, May 20th

Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Chris Bellabarba
by John & Cecile Russo
Joseph Mirabalie
by the MacKinnon Family

Sunday, May 21st

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Erwin & Bernadine Maruszewski
by their Family

10:30 AM Wayne Aho (8th Anniversary)
by his wife Mary

Lou Morizzo
by his wife Mary

12:30 PM Parishioners



St. Anthony Candle Intention:

All Mothers, Grandmothers,
and ALL women who show
great love and care in our lives.

May 13 - 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." (1 PETER 3:17) The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans. "Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated, or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times, we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right! "Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured; God has a better plan in store for you.

READ AND PREPARE

Next Week's Scripture readings

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel John 20:19-23

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

Holy Day of Obligation - Ascension of the Lord, Thursday May 24
Mass @ 8:00 AM, Vigil: Wednesday, May 23 @ 5:30PM.

Mass for all Deceased American War Veterans – Sunday, May 28th at the 10:30 Mass. If you are a Veteran, we invite you to sit in the front pews. A brief ceremony outside in front of the War Memorial Monument will begin at approximately 11:30 with refreshments to follow in the church hall. There will be a Memorial Table in the hall. If you have pictures or articles from family members that served, please bring them and we will include them in the display. You may also get them to Patty Martin previous to that day's events. All are invited.

Attention: The heating system has been shut down for the Spring/Summer in the church and hall. Please dress accordingly.

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA CONTINUES

All novena nights begin at 7pm on Tuesday evenings here at St. Anthony Church. Novena prayers, sermon, and Benediction with veneration of the relic of St. Anthony of Padua. Spread the word! Come and bring a friend. List of preachers is as follows:

May 16	Fr. Daniel Mulcahy St. Brigid, Millbury
May 23	Fr. Javier Julio St. Louis, Webster
May 30	Fr. Richard Lewandowski Retired
June 6	Deacon Salvatore Tantillo St. Anthony Parish, Fitchburg
June 13	St. Anthony Mass

*****CORRECTION:** There was a misprint on the Festa flyer from two weeks ago. The Second & Third Prize for the Raffle is \$1,000 each, not \$2,500. We apologize for the error and thank you for your understanding.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

Dear Friends,

Think for a moment of someone that means a lot to you, someone you really love. It might be your husband or wife, it might be an excellent friend. When you love someone you will do things they ask you, because you love them. They may ask you for a favor that doesn't really suit you, but you will probably do it anyway because you love them. Trying to please them is a way of showing them you love them.

Our relationship with the Lord works the same way. We try to follow the way of life that he taught us because we love him. We try to keep his commandments because we love him. It is a way of showing God that we love him. And not just because we love him but also because we believe that what God teaches us gives us life.

However, there is a struggle going on within us. And one of the effects of that is that we don't always see things as clearly as we should. We often find it difficult to choose even what we know is right. We are often suspicious of God and his teachings. We are not always convinced that God is trying to help us. We may see his commandments as a burden for us instead of a plan leading us to the most fruitful way of living. Because God is much wiser than we are because He can see the whole picture and journey that is ahead of us, he is going to help us, we just heard Jesus in the Gospel: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, I will not leave you, orphans". But Each of us still has that choice, we need to try and sometimes try very hard.

The Lord knows well how much we struggle to live by his teaching. Everyone who tries to live it struggles, almost all of their life. But the Lord is telling us not to be afraid of the struggle; it is the path that leads to real happiness, the only path worth following.

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.



CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center in Fitchburg has asked for our help. "All giving goes directly to this ministry of loving women, men, and families facing an unplanned pregnancy. Our mission is to love them with gentle compassion and to tell them the truth. We cannot do it without you." **Bottles will be available for pick up this weekend and next. Returns should be made on June 18th, Father's Day weekend.**



Newly Baptized

Lucy Rose Terrell

was welcomed into our Christian community through baptism.

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

St. Anthony Italian Festa - Please join us on **Saturday, June 10th, 11:00 to 6:00 PM on the parish grounds**, for the long-awaited return of our *Italian Festa*! Enjoy your favorite Italian dishes and desserts with music, raffle baskets, kids' games, as well as a vendor market featuring local artisan crafts and goods. For more info see www.stanthonyfitchburg.net or visit us on Facebook. For contact information on the various chairs heading the Festa Committee please see Fr. Juan or call the office during regular office hours.



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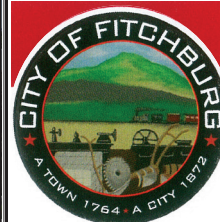
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Matthew 6:10

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