



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 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

Monday, May 22nd

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Tuesday, May 23rd

8:00 AM Open Intention
by
7:00 PM St. Anthony Novena – Fr. Javier Julio

Wednesday, May 24th

8:00 AM Sr. Loretta Chicarelli, MPV
by a Friend

Thursday, May 25th

St. Mar Magdalene de Pazzi, Virgin

8:00 AM Elaine Celona (8th Anniversary)
by her husband Frank & Family

Friday, May 26th

St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, May 27th

Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

4:00 PM Claudette Richards (30th Anniversary)
by her husband Don & Family

Sunday, May 28th

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 AM Leo & Kathryn McManus
by their Family
10:30 AM All Deceased American War Veterans
by The Italian American Veterans
Ellen Feigenbaum
by her Family
12:30 PM Parishioners



St. Anthony Candle Intention:

May 20 - 21, 2023

Seventh Sunday of Easter

"I am praying for them..." (JOHN 17:9) Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation - not just our last resort. Pray for friends and family, and especially for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank, and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. Teach others how to pray. It has been said that teaching someone how to pray is the best gift you can give someone.

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

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.

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 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

In Case You Missed It

*****CORRECTION:** There was a misprint on the original Festa flyer. 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.



**Marriage Banns are announced for
Jacquelyn Kuffel & Chansina Souvannadeth
on June 3, 2023**

Dear Friends,

A common question among some Christians is What would Jesus do?

Maybe we need to start asking ourselves What would we do?

We find the answer to that question again and again in Pope Francis' trip first trip to the Holy Land. Before leaving Rome, he visited the Basilica of St. Mary Major for a few minutes to do something very simple—but important. He prayed. After arriving in the Holy Land, while traveling through the West Bank, he asked his motorcade to stop, and he got out of his car. He walked over to the concrete separation wall, and he placed his hand against the concrete and bowed his head. And he prayed.

Visiting the memorial to the victims of the Holocaust and the wailing wall, he prayed. Pope Francis made his pilgrimage a prayer. And in doing that, he was doing something that reaches back to the very beginning of our faith. As the scripture reminds us today, in the days between Christ's Ascension and Pentecost, the disciples went back to Jerusalem and "devoted themselves with one accord to prayer."

Do we really get what prayer is?

Sometimes, we look at prayer as a sacred wishing-well. We toss in our hopes and desires and wait for God to give them to us. "God, help me get a raise...help me pass this test...make the lump benign."

And then we are angry or disappointed when we don't get what we wanted – thinking that God has not heard us or not answered us.

He does hear. He does answer. Sometimes, it's just not the answer we wanted. Sometimes, he gives us desires that can't be fulfilled, plans that can't be carried out, and ideas that will never be what we hoped. The raise doesn't come through. We failed. The lab tests tell us what we didn't want to hear.

The most important prayer we can offer is exactly that: God, help me to accept what you want for me. Help me to live the life YOU want for me—not the one I want. Take me, dear Lord, and set me in the direction I am to go."

I can think of no prayer more plain, more beautiful, or more universal. It is another way of saying, "Thy will be done." Which, I think, was undoubtedly the prayer of the apostles in the days before Pentecost, as they waited in the Upper Room for something, and someone, they couldn't really name or explain.

All of us, in one way or another, are in our own Upper Room. All of us are waiting, anxious for a future we can't see. We huddle together, wondering what God has planned.

What would Jesus do? What would we do?

Blessings,
Fr. Juan



St. Anthony Italian Festa - 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.

CONTACT INFO FOR THE FESTA

Festa's Grand Raffle: Bob Lemay @ 978-764-6938 for tickets to purchase or sell.

The Church Office for purchase of tickets.

Festa's Sponsor/Advertising Booklet: Bob Lemay @ 978-764-6938 or Debbie Mercadante @ 978-342-0647. Full Page is \$250; ½ page is \$125; ¼ business card page is \$50. Friends of Saint Anthony is an amount under \$50.

Family Raffle Baskets: Gina @ 508-493-5701; Lorna @ 978-815-4123 or Courtney @ 978-855-3807.

Gift cards can be donated by dropping in the collection basket in envelope marked "Gift Cards for Festa" or drop off at the office.

Pastries drop off is Thursday, June 8 between 1 and 4 p.m. and Friday, June 9th between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Crafter Booths are still available. Contact Annie Saball @ 978-866-8620. (No crafts are being accepted; these are individual crafters purchasing a booth to sell their crafts.)

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.



CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center "Baby Bottle Drive" is underway and continues thru Father's Day Weekend. If you didn't take a bottle yet, there are still some at the entrance to the church. You may also make a donation in any amount if you do not use the bottle. **Returns should be made on June 18th, Father's Day weekend.**



Saint Anthony Parish

ITALIAN FESTA

FOOD • KIDS GAMES • RAFFLES • MUSIC

Andiamo!

**JUNE 10TH
11 AM - 6 PM**

Join us on Saturday, June 10th for the long awaited return of our Italian Festa! Enjoy your favorite Italian dishes and desserts with music, raffle baskets, kids games, local vendor market, and more!

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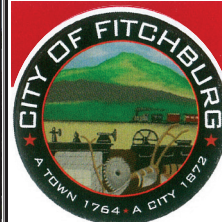
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Matthew 6:10

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