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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 6th

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Orazio & Immacolata DePiano
by the DiVito Family
Craig Madigan
by his Family

Sunday, May 7th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Elaine Celona
by Marty & Amy Walsh
10:30 AM Open Intention
by
11:45 AM **BAPTISM: Lucy Rose Terrell**
12:30 PM Parishioners

Monday, May 8th

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Tuesday, May 9th

8:00 AM Open Intention
by
7:00 PM St. Anthony Novena – Fr. Enoch Kyeremateng

Wednesday, May 10th

St. John of Avila, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM Sr. Janet Badagliacca, MPV
by a Friend

Thursday, May 11th

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Friday, May 12th

St. Nereus & Achilleus, Martyrs; St. Pancras, Martyr

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, May 13th

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Sunday, May 14th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Open Intention
by
10:30 AM Teresa Hernandez (1st Anniversary)
by Irene Rojas
12:30 PM Parishioners



St. Anthony Candle Intention:
*All Mothers, Grandmothers,
and all women who show
great love and care in our lives.*

May 6 - 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." (1 PETER 2:7). Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

READ AND PREPARE

Next Week's Scripture readings

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18
Gospel John 14:15-21

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

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

The Hospitality Committee will hold a meeting on **Monday, May 8th** in the church hall beginning at 6:00 pm. All are welcome!

Venerini Sisters Annual Collection –The **St. Rosa Venerini Feast Day is today May 7th**. For those who may not have had the chance to contribute, we ask you to kindly give what you can (in a marked envelope). There are still members of the Venerini Sisters, working & living in Rutland & Worcester. We will present them with a check next week to show our gratitude for their continued service and ministry. Thank you!

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:

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| May 9 | Fr. Enoch Kyeremateng Chaplain, African Ministry |
| 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 |



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.

Dear Friends,

There are times when we wish for a less troubled life. There are serious matters that trouble us. Many people are so poor, they are anxious about where to obtain their next meal. Parents worry about sending their children to school. Owners of businesses worry about the survival of the enterprise during hard times. In war-torn areas, people worry for their lives. Farmers worry about their crops. Teenagers worry about their friendships. Old people worry about their security and health. There is no end to our worries.

Jesus' words in this Sunday's gospel address our worries, "Do not be troubled; trust in God, and trust in me".

These words do not guarantee that we will be exempt from troubles and difficulties. Instead, the words of the Lord show us the proper attitude to take, "Trust in God". This means God is bigger than our worries. God's grace is there for us to be able to face our difficulties. We can turn over to God whatever troubles us.

Trusting in God does not mean hiding our heads in the sand, ostrich-like, and denying the existence of problems. Trusting in God means accepting and facing reality. It means dealing with our problems knowing that even in worst-case scenarios, God will not allow us to be crushed and lost. We do our best with the proper means available, and God will take care of the rest.

There are those who seem to be always anxious about their lives, even if they are well off. There are people who live calm and focused lives despite some insufficiencies. There are those who are fortunate to be well off and at the same time are not too anxious. There are the really unfortunate who are very poor and are constantly worried about their daily existence.

At some point in our life, we could belong to any of these categories. As an action starter, we can ask ourselves, "What often worries me? Is it real or imagined? If real, what resources do I have to deal with it? What decisions have to be made? Then do it, with trust in God

Humor can be a good antidote for anxiety. It might be worthwhile to end with the sticker I read, "If you are worried about your face, face your worries."

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.

The Wisdom of the Saints (DynamicCatholic.com)

Generosity: "Be generous to the poor orphans and those in need. The man to whom our Lord has been liberal ought not to be stingy. We shall one day find in Haven as much rest and joy as we ourselves have dispensed in this life." –St. Ignatius of Loyola

Save the Date for Catholic Women's Conference this Fall - The next Women's Conference will be on October 7, 2023. All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "Male & Female He Created Them", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster. Hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders, Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register early!



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.



Saint Anthony Parish

ITALIAN FESTA

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**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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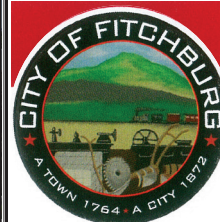
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Matthew 6:10

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