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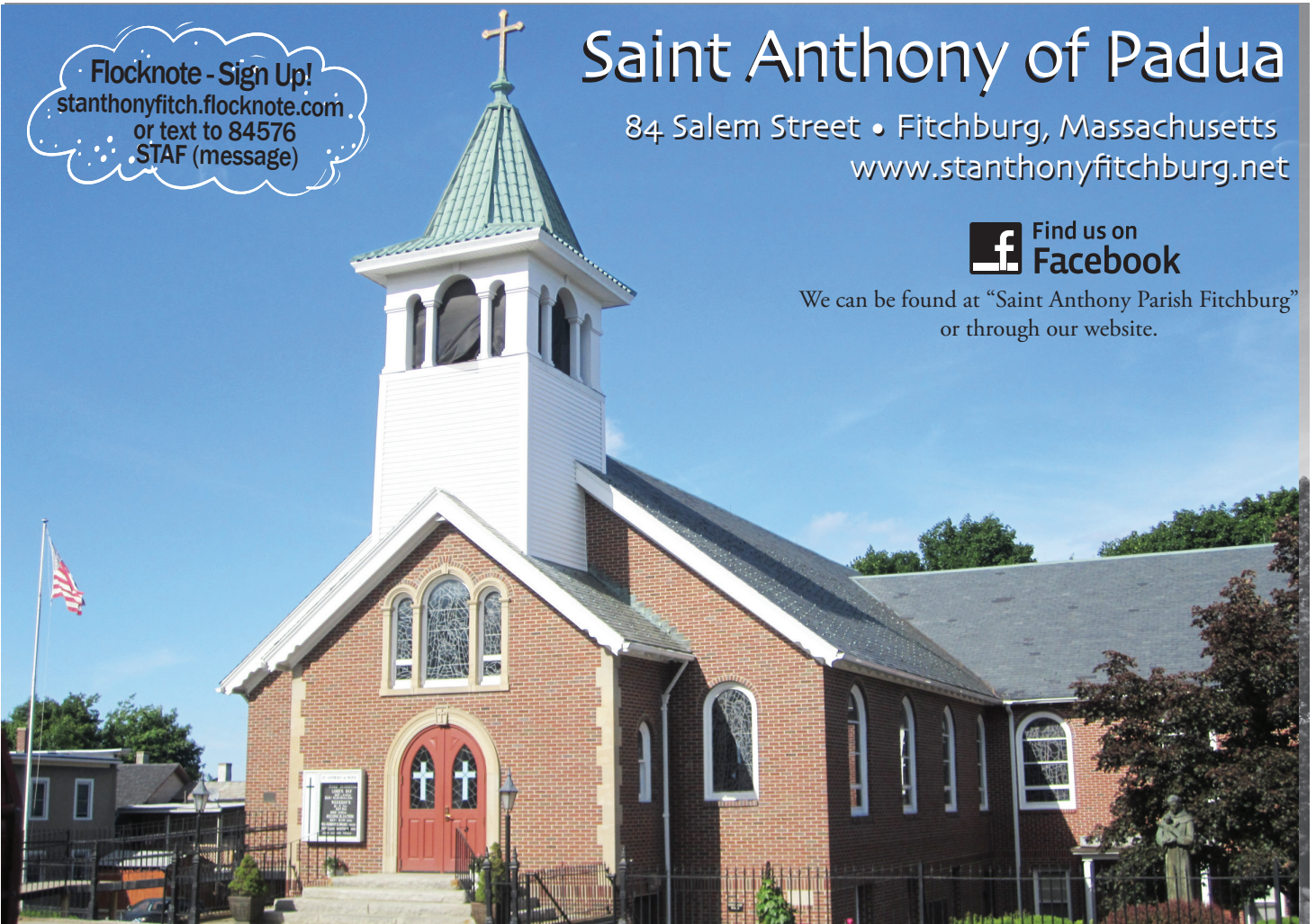
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WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM (livestream on FB)
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 anytime 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, April 26th

Vigil: Divine Mercy Sunday

4:00 PM **Letizia Pennetti** (Anniversary)
by Connie & family
Joseph Altieri, III (Birthday remembrance)
by his sister Jo-Ann

Sunday, April 27th

Divine Sunday

8:00 AM **Leo Roderick & son Will** (1st Anniversary)
by wife & mother, Tina
Rose Tantillo
by her family
10:30 AM **Nancy Howe**
by Leo & Rosaly Piro
Eternal Rest for the Souls in Purgatory
by Irene Rojas
12:30 PM **Parishioners**

Monday, April 28th

St. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr

8:00 AM **Dec. of the Perla & DiNatale Families**
by the Macchio family

Tuesday, April 29th

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM **Open Intention**
by

Wednesday, April 30th

St. Pius V, Pope

8:00 AM **Rev. Dominic Ingemi**
by Frank Celona

Thursday, May 1st

St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 AM **Mario & Grace Zarrella**
by their daughter Angela

Friday, May 2nd

St. Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

Saturday, May 3rd

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

1:00 PM **Baptism – Zenaida Sofia Colosimo**
4:00 PM **John Crawley** (1st Anniversary)
by his wife Lisa & family
Joseph Marabello, Sr. (10th Anniversary)
by his wife Rosalie & family

Sunday, May 4th

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM **Thomas & Patricia Walsh**
by son Marty & Amy Walsh
Mark Fanelli
by his three daughters
10:30 AM **FIRST COMMUNION**
12:00 Noon **Baptism – Luca John Bovenzi**
12:30 PM **Parishioners**

April 26 - 27, 2025

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (John 20:21) Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them

READ AND PREPARE

Next Week's Scripture readings

First Reading Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Second Reading Revelation 5:11-14
Gospel John 21:1-19

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

Annual St. Anthony Novena to begin on Tuesday, April 29th.

Saint Anthony's intercession is best known for helping find lost items. However, his intercession is also sought for many other causes. The novena can be prayed for any intention. Saint Anthony will listen! Spread the word and plan to join us.

Novena prayers, sermon and Benediction with veneration of the relic of Saint Anthony of Padua. **7:00 PM. Nine Tuesday, nine preachers** in this order: Deacon Sal Tantillo, Fr. Juan Ramirez, Fr. Javier Julio, Fr. Ronald Falco, Fr. James Mazzone, Deacon Mark Carrier, Fr. Jose Carvajal, Fr. Stephen Mullaney, Fr. Thiago Ibiapina.



Religious Venerini Sisters Annual Collection –is TODAY. We could not talk about the history of our Church without giving enormous credit and appreciation to the Religious Venerini Sisters! We ask you to kindly give what you can when the collection basket comes around. There are

still members of the Venerini Sisters, working & living in Rutland & Worcester, names that you would surely recognize. Please help us to show our gratitude for their continued service and ministry. Thank you!

May Collections

Building & Maintenance – 1st weekend of every month
Heating & Air Conditioning – May 18



LAST CALL FOR RICE BOWLS – Please return them to the sacristy ASAP. Do not place them in the collection baskets. Thank you.



St. Anthony Candle Intention:
Continued Prayers for the
Newly Baptized & Confirmed

Dear Friends,

Today's reading, from the Gospel of John, is proclaimed on the second Sunday of Easter in each of the three Sunday Lectionary cycles. This should let us know about the encounters with the resurrected Jesus described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. We do not know exactly what this form was like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize the figure standing before her until Jesus spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected body, Jesus was no longer bound by space; he appeared to the disciples despite the locked door. And yet, on this resurrected body, the disciples could still observe the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun. As Jesus was sent by God, so too does Jesus send his disciples. This continuity with Jesus' mission is an essential element of the Church. Jesus grants the means to accomplish this mission when he gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit binds us together as a community of faith and strengthens us to bear witness to Jesus' Resurrection.

Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgiveness and reconciliation are gifts to us from Jesus. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share these with others. This is another essential aspect of what it means to be Christ's Church. The Church continues Jesus' ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation.

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative who obtains this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan



Divine Mercy Sunday in Clinton

- Immaculate Conception, and St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Parishes invite you to celebrate **Divine Mercy**

Sunday at St. John's Church, 80 Union St., Clinton. A **Prayer Service will be held at 3:00 PM** which includes: a brief talk on the Divine Mercy Devotion, Procession of the Divine Mercy Image, Eucharistic Adoration, Diary Readings, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction, and Veneration of the Relics of St. Faustina and our newly canonized saint, St. Carlo Acutis! Please come join us in honoring the magnificent Mercy of God!

ONGOING DONATIONS

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 and other feminine hygiene items.



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.



FREE HOME PICK-UP!

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Worcester is now offering free curbside pick-up of clothing, shoes, books, and household items. The funds received go to

help our neighbors in need with (but not limited to) food, clothing, rent, and utilities.

If you can't get to the blue clothing bin located in the school parking lot, why not schedule a free home pick-up, visit the website at <https://svdpworchester.org> and click on the "How You Can Help" tab, then choose "Schedule a Home Pick-Up." Complete the form, and you're done! You may also contact their partner (CMRK) at 508-474-8966 or scan the QR code above which will direct you to their website.

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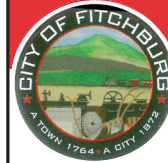
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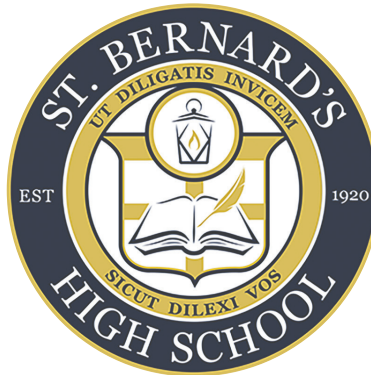
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