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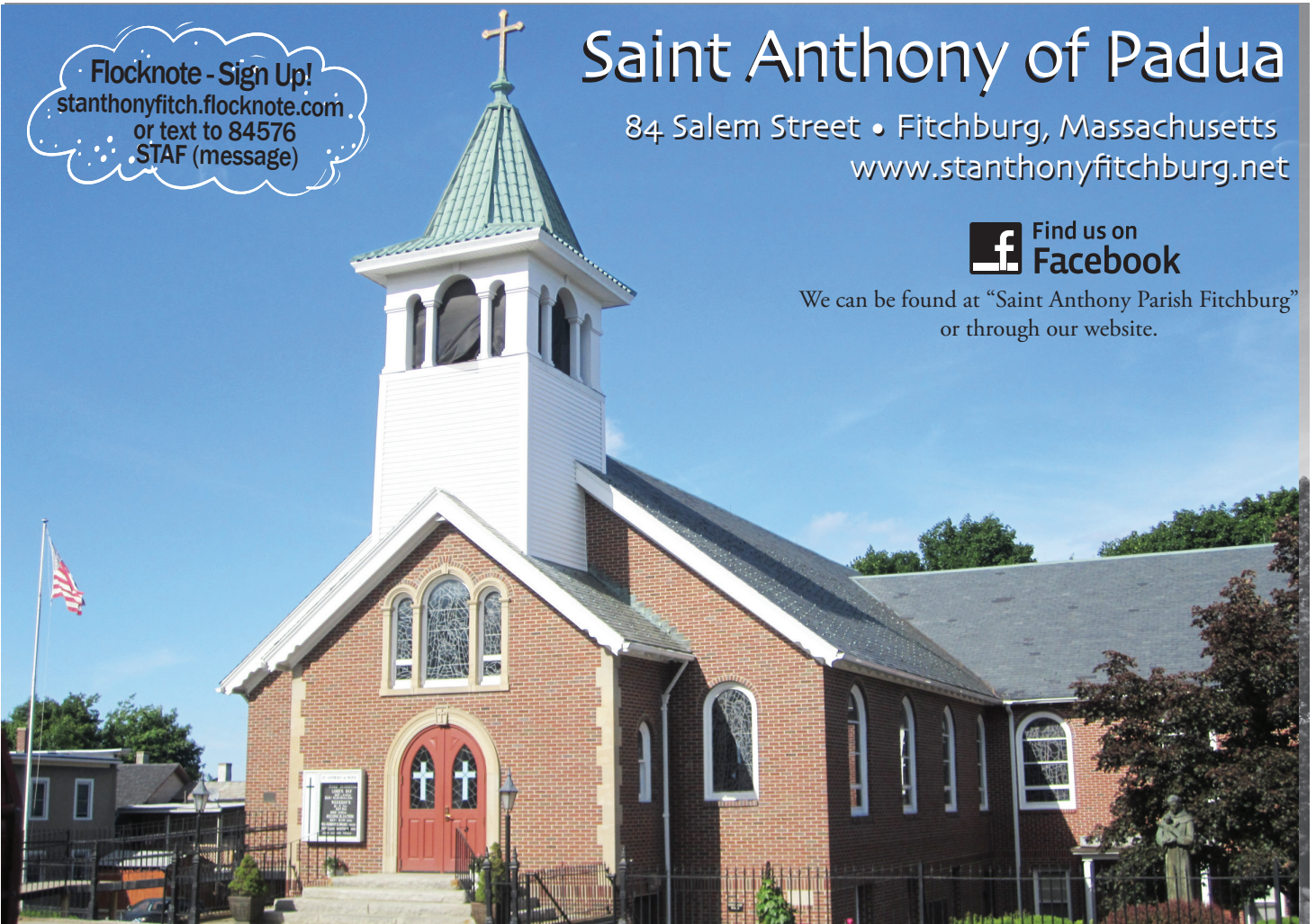
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WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

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, May 3rd

Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, May 5th

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Tuesday, May 6th

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

7:00 PM Novena-Week Two
Fr Juan Ramirez, St. Anthony

Wednesday, May 7th

8:00 AM Sr. Janet Badagliacca
by a friend

Thursday, May 8th

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Friday, May 9th

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, May 10th

Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Immacolata & Orazio (Anniversary) DePiano
by Connie & family
Regina Bouchard (1st Anniversary)
by her children

Sunday, May 11th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Frances Mercadante & Jane Austin
by their children Tony & Debbie
10:30 AM Carmela Greco & daughters
by Mary Altieri
12:30 PM Parishioners



St. Anthony Candle Intention:
Children Making First Communion

May 3 - 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

"...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, 'Do you love me?' and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17) How often do you actually say the words "I love you" to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all were made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

READ AND PREPARE

Next Week's Scripture readings

First Reading Acts 13:14, 43-52
Second Reading Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
Gospel John 10:27-30

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

May Collections

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

Annual St. Anthony Novena has Begun

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. Tuesday, eight preachers** remain in this order: Fr. Juan Ramirez, Fr. Javier Julio, Fr. Ronald Falco, Fr. James Mazzone, Deacon Mark Carrier, Fr. Jose Carvajal, Fr. Stephen Mullaney, Fr. Thiago Ibiapina. Check out the posters in the church to put a face to the name!



Religious Venerini Sisters Annual Collection –If you missed this last weekend, please consider a donation of any amount. The Sisters are always so very appreciative. Please help us to show our gratitude for their continued service and ministry. Thank you!



FIRST COMMUNION – This Sunday Melvin Albarado, Kerney Albarado, Kenneth Albarado, Karter Basilio, Sandino Brooks, Fernando Cordoba, John DiNatale, Bode Kendall, Peter Normandin, Vincenzo Petrucci, Celia Picariello, Alex Roy, Aria Roy,

Anthony Vicioso, Alexxa Vicioso, Jeremy Vicioso, Melany Vicioso, will receive their First Holy Communion at the 10:30 Mass. May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love & the joy of His life within you. Congratulations!

Dear Friends,

In Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe that chapter 21 has had an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel. It is quite like that story is from a different source. There are details in the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish (found in the Gospel of Luke, with parallels in the other Synoptic Gospels). The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the strangers' instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that John realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fish.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

Blessings,

Fr. Juan



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, call 508-474-8966 or visit the website at <https://svdpworcester.org> and click on the "How You Can Help" tab, then choose "Schedule a Home Pick-Up", complete the form, and you're done!



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

Prayer for the Intentions of the Church

(pray daily until the election of a new pope)

O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church who will please you by his holiness and to us show watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

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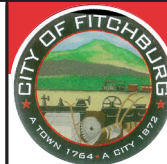
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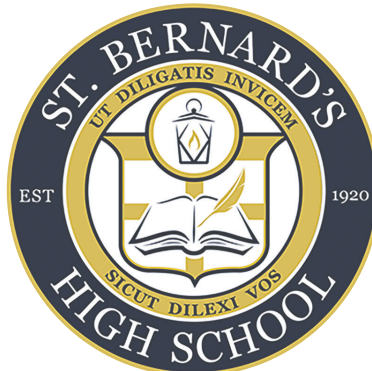
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