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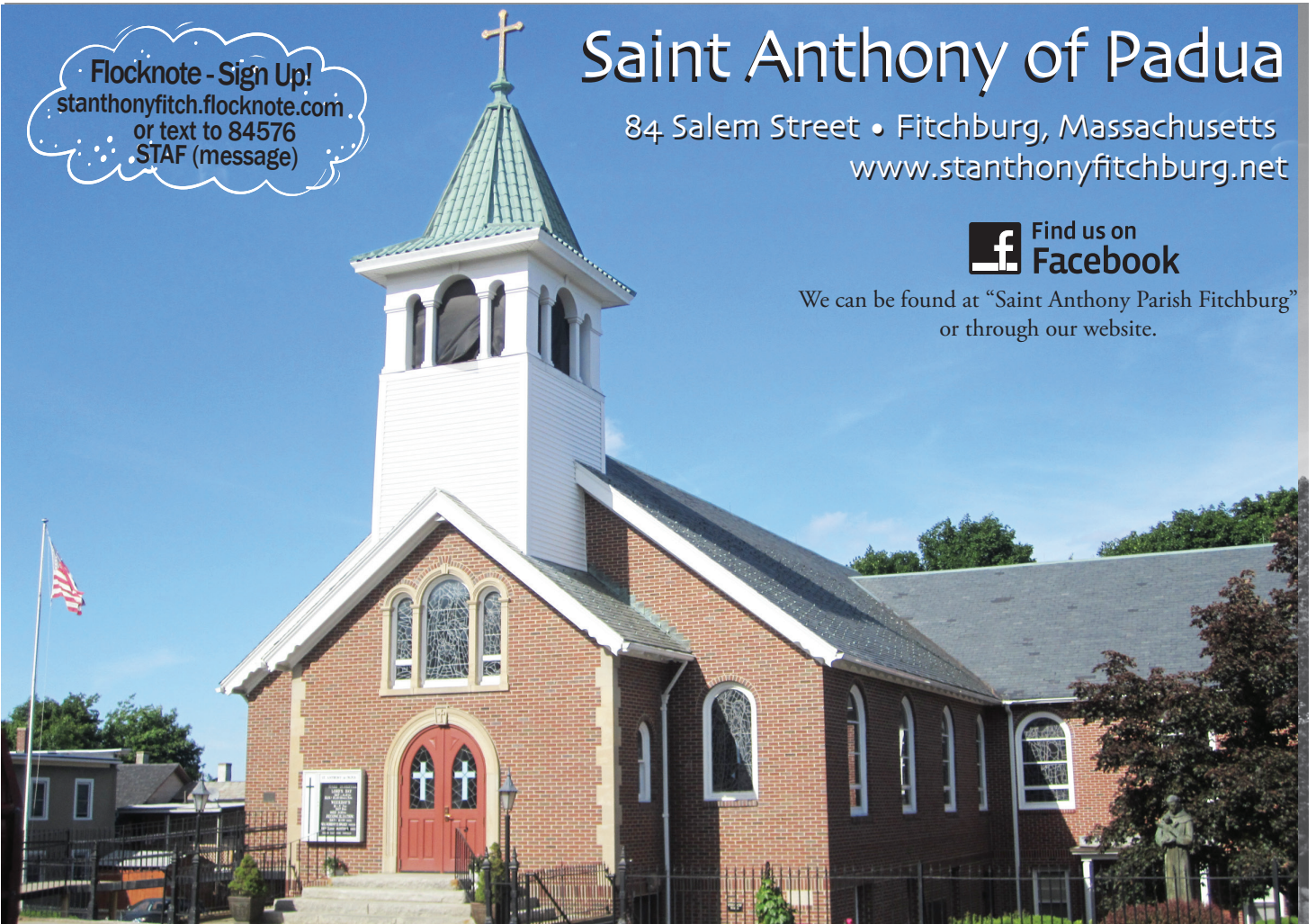
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WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

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 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

Monday, May 12th

Saints Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras, Martyrs

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Tuesday, May 13th

Our Lady of Fatima

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

7:00 PM Novena-Week Three
Fr Javier Julio, St. Louis, Webster

Wednesday, May 14th

Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Thursday, May 15th

Saint Isidore

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Friday, May 16th

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, May 17th

Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Fr. Bob Bruso (Birthday Remembrance)
by a friend
MaryAnn Michaelian
by the Serra Club Members

Sunday, May 18th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Elaine Celona
by Amy & Marty Walsh
10:30 AM Wayne Aho (10th Anniversary)
by his wife Mary
Victor Gallon (Birthday Remembrance)
by Chris, Jackie & Vicki
11:45 AM Baptism: Lorenzo Paul Tramontozzi
12:30 PM Parishioners

May 10 - 11, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Easter

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52) The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

READ AND PREPARE

Next Week's Scripture readings

First Reading Acts 14:21-27
Second Reading Revelation 21:1-5a
Gospel John 13:31-33, 34-35

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

May Collections

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

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, seven preachers** remain in this order: 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!

Parish Giving

Collection Report for March 2025

Sunday Offerings	\$19,008
Building & Maintenance	2,094
Easter	34
*Other Income	5,657
TOTAL	\$26,793
**Expenses (includes \$5,145 snow)	34,935
Net Income or Deficit	-\$8,142

Collection Report for April 2025

Sunday Offerings	\$18,060
Building & Maintenance	2,171
Easter	3,367
*Other Income	5,868
TOTAL	\$29,466
**Expenses (includes \$6,190 snow)	25,026
Net Income or Deficit	\$4,440

*Other Income = Gifts, Mass Stipends, Bulletin Ads, Rental, all other

**Expenses = Utilities, Repairs/Maintenance (including snow/grounds), Property & Health Insurances, Salaries, Church Supplies, Parish Administration, Religious Education, all other



St. Anthony Candle Intention:

Gary Sicard
by his family

Dear Friends,

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel is taken from the tenth chapter of the Gospel of John. This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge to his authority by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders. Already, the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angered that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus.

This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is set in a moment of tension and conflict. It is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then, Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. After these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are ONE, not just close, but actually ONE. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father; Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

Blessings,
Fr. Juan



Please pray for the eternal joy and peace of

Richard Palmi

&

Jonathan Roy

May God grant their family's comfort.

Attention: The heating system in the church and hall has been shut down for 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.



Let your US Senators and Reps know we need our priests and nuns! - We need your help. An increasing number of priests, religious sisters and brothers, and others serving the Church throughout the United States will be forced to abandon their ministries and leave the country for a lengthy period of time under the terms of their Religious Worker Visa if policymakers do not act soon. Please check the link and send a message to your representative:

www.votervoice.net/mobile/USCCB/home (NOTE: This affects all religions and has bi-partisan support. Spread the word and ask people you know to act as well!)

AVOID BEING SCAMMED!

You will **never** receive an email or text from our parish, our pastor, or anyone associate with us looking to "reach out to you personally" for gift cards or cash - other than the official programs we administer for our charitable giving programs. **DO NOT RESPOND TO EMAIL OR TEXT REQUESTS.** Either **delete them** or call the parish office to check. ****Hint:** if you look at the actual email address it often looks "close" but it is not the actual parish email address!



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11 AM - 6 PM**

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Want to donate a gift basket to be raffled off at our Festa? Please contact
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Calling all Crafters & Artisans! Join the fun at our Festa by renting a 10x10
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on the back of this page for more details.

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We're thrilled to announce that advertising opportunities for the Festa Booklet are back for 2025! Following the success of last year's campaign, we're eager to build upon that momentum with more sponsors this year.

Available advertisements are as follows:

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- \$350 Inside Back Cover (Full Page)
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- \$250 Full Page
- \$125 1/2 Page
- \$75 1/3 Page
- \$25+ *Friends of Saint Anthony Line Listing*

If you or someone you know is interested in advertising or would like to include an "In Memory Of" advertisement, fill out the information below and email to debbiem@mercadante.com or wmcshuehy@gmail.com. You can also drop in the collection basket or at the church office. Debbie or Bill will be in touch with you to confirm the details of your advertisement.

Drop in collection basket, send to office, or email Debbie

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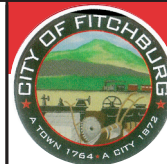
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