

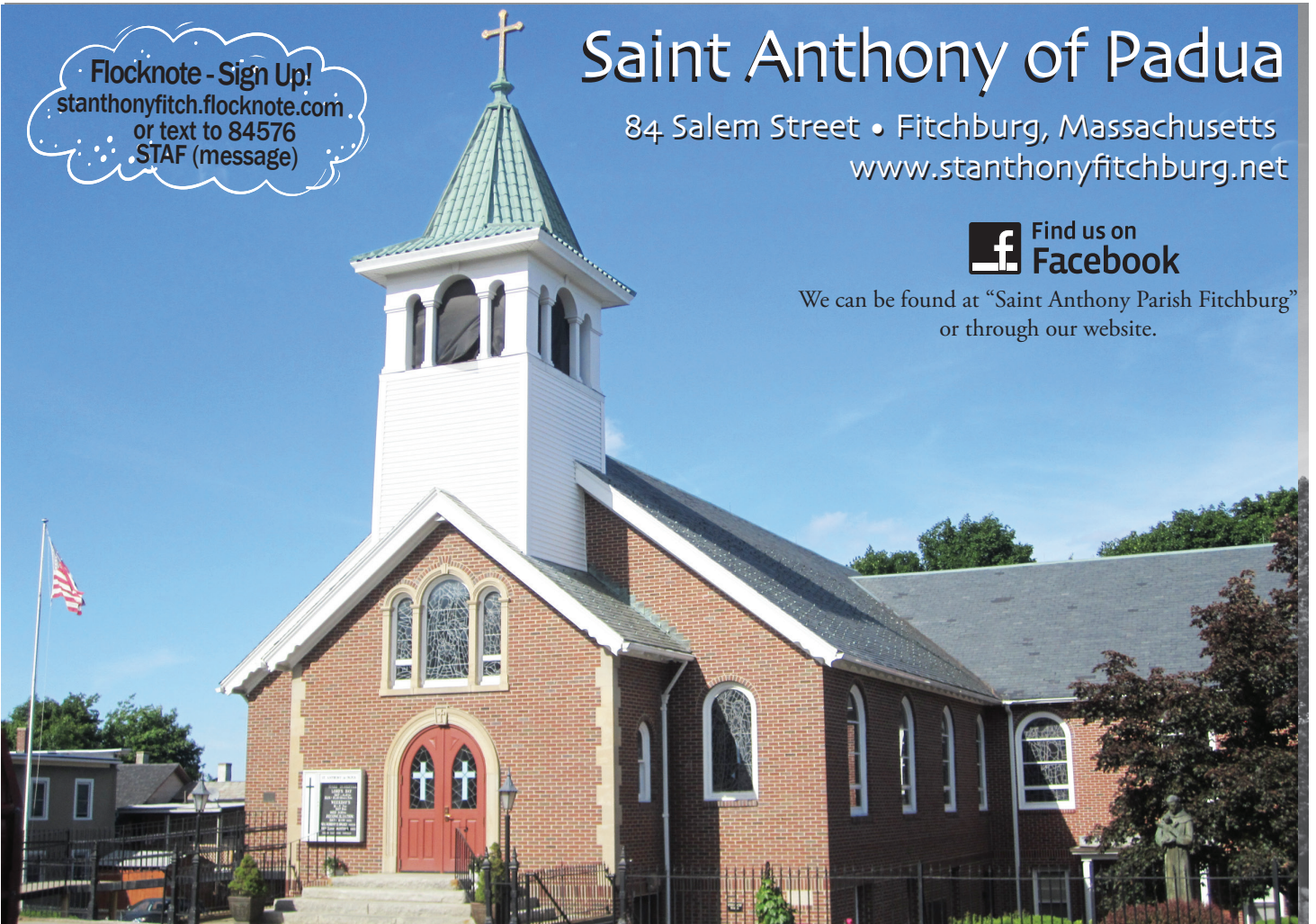
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WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

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 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

Monday, May 19th

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Tuesday, May 20th

St. Bernadine of Siena, Priest

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

7:00 PM Novena-Week Four
Fr Ronald Falco, St. Bernadette, Northboro

Wednesday, May 21st

St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and companion Martyrs

8:00 AM Sr. Loretta Chicarelli, M.P.V.
by a friend

Thursday, May 22nd

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Friday, May 23rd

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, May 24th

Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00 PM Thomas Ryall
by his family

Sunday, May 25th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Elaine Celona
by husband Frank & family

10:30 AM All Deceased American War Veterans
by the Italian American Veterans
Lou Morizzo (13th Anniversary)
by his wife Mary & children

12:30 PM Parishioners

May 17 - 18, 2025

Fifth 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 15:1-2, 22-29
Second Reading Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23
Gospel John 14:23-29

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

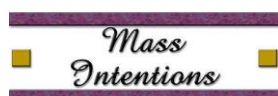
May Collections

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

Mass for all Deceased American War Veterans – Sunday, May 25th at the 10:30 Mass. 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. All are invited.

Annual St. Anthony Novena Continues

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, six preachers** remain in this order: 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!



The Mass Intention Book opens on Tuesday, June 3rd at 10am for the months of July – December 2025.

Phone requests are accepted any time after that date. It is not necessary for you to come in person. The office remains closed on Thursday or Friday.

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



Newly Baptized

Luca John Bovenzi; Zenaida Sofia Colosimo; Annabelle Marie Croteau; Cassidy Wanjiru Matara; Newton Mokaya Ngoge were welcomed into our Christian community through baptism. May they, along with their parents, grow in faith, love and service to Jesus Christ.

*** This bulletin was published a week in advance***



St. Anthony Candle Intention:
For the personal intentions of
Grace Salamone

Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel again comes from the Gospel of John. Like last week, today we hear words spoken by Jesus before his death and Resurrection. Jesus is teaching at the Last Supper.

John's Gospel does not include an institution of the Eucharist narrative; instead, Jesus washes his disciples' feet. Immediately after, Jesus predicts his betrayal by Judas. Today's Gospel follows that prediction. It can be read as a continuing explanation of Jesus' act of washing his disciples' feet. It begins with the announcement that this is the moment when the Son of Man will be glorified. This theme continues throughout John's Passion. Jesus will be glorified in his death on the cross and in his Resurrection, and the disciples will glorify Jesus in the love they show.

John's Gospel does not present a sentimental view of love. This is a type of love that is shown in service and sacrifice. It is difficult to choose to love when faced with hatred and anger. Jesus tells the disciples that all will know that they are his disciples because of the love they show for one another. This description of the early Christian community will be repeated in the Acts of the Apostles: "See how they love one another." Christian love is the hallmark of Christianity. We see it lived in the witness of the martyrs. We see it in the example of the lives of the saints. We see it in the holy women and men who live and love daily, making small and large sacrifices for others.

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, all women's feminine products.



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.



St. Anthony Italian Festa - Saturday, June 21st, 11:00 to 6:00 PM on the parish grounds,

Here is an easy way to help. **Be a "Friend of St. Anthony" in our Festa Booklet.** \$25+ gets your name or the name of a loved one acknowledged, under our "Friends of Saint Anthony" listing or a 1/3 (\$75) or half page (\$125), among other sizes are available. Please check out the flyer on our website and FB page. Contact debbiem@mercadante.com or wmcsheehy@gmail.com

Here are additional ways you can contribute to the Festa's fundraising and who to contact:

Festa Grand Raffle: Bob Lemay @ 978-764-6938 for tickets to purchase or sell. \$100 each. Grand Prize \$5,000!

Family Raffle Baskets: Gina @ 508-493-5701; Lorna @ 978-815-4123 or Courtney @ cb@brooksconsulting.com

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

Crafter Booths are available. Contact Courtney @ cb@brooksconsulting.com

Pastry/Dessert Booth: If you are willing to bake for us, please contact Gail @ 978-342-6910 or Patty @ 978-407-9385.

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!)

In case you missed it - 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 their email address it often looks "close" but it is not the actual parish or pastor email address!

May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, Mother of God

You can offer specific prayers that highlight her role as a loving mother and intercessor. These prayers often focus on her maternal care, her influence with her Son Jesus, and her help in spiritual growth and needs. Many incorporate themes of seeking her guidance, protection, and intercession for healing, peace in the world, and a deeper connection with God. Pray to Mary, our mother, often not just in May. She is always there to watch over us.



**JUNE 21ST
11 AM - 6 PM**

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Take a chance to win \$5,000 in our Grand Raffle!

This exclusive raffle is capped at only 300 tickets being sold at \$100 each.

Tickets are on sale now! Contact Bob Lemay to purchase at 978-764-6938.

First Place: \$5,000 Second Place: \$1,250 Third Place: \$750

RAFFLE BASKETS

Want to donate a gift basket to be raffled off at our Festa? Please contact
Lorna Brooks at 978-815-4123, Gina Giacomozzi-Hanley at 508-493-5701, or
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CRAFTER BOOTHS

Calling all Crafters & Artisans! Join the fun at our Festa by renting a 10x10
space for \$60. More info to come, follow us on Facebook for updates.

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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:

- \$400 Back Cover (Full Page)
- \$350 Inside Back Cover (Full Page)
- \$350 Inside Front Cover (Full Page)
- \$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.

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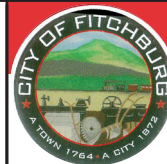
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