

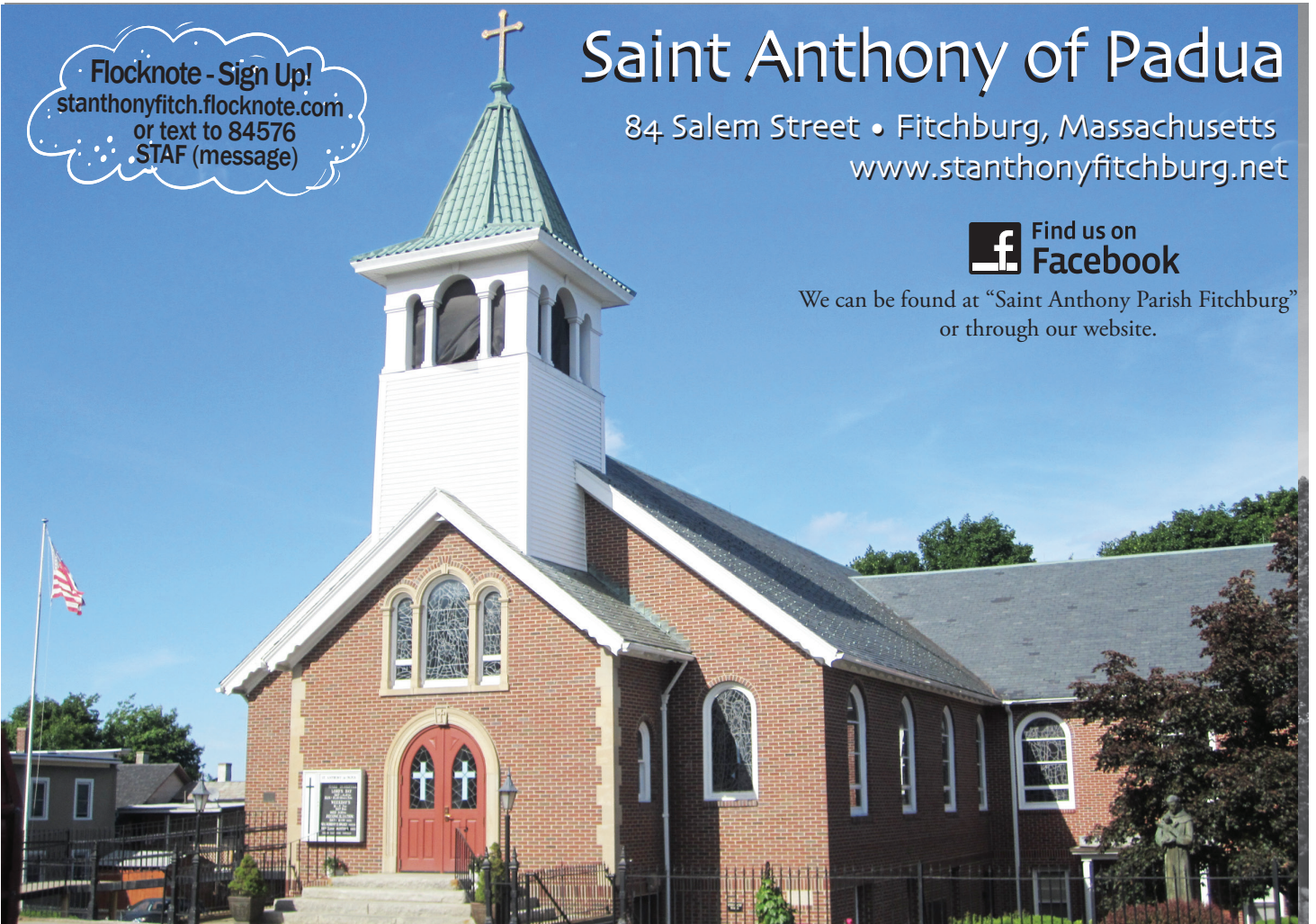
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WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

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, June 21st

Vigil: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

4:00 PM Deceased of the Geremia & Duval Families
by their family
In Honor of Fr. Juan
10th Anniversary of First Mass

Sunday, June 22nd

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

8:00 AM Marshall Carrier
by his wife Rita & family
10:30 AM In Honor of Fr. Juan
10th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination (6/20)

12:30 PM Parishioners

Monday, June 23rd

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Tuesday, June 24th

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:00 AM Mary & R. Frank Addorisio
by Rose Ann Addorisio

7:00 PM Novena-Conclusion Week Nine

Fr. Thiago Ibiapina
Associate, St. John's, Clinton
and Immaculate Conception, Lancaster

Wednesday, June 25th

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Thursday, June 26th

8:00 AM Frances Mercadante (Birthday Remembrance)
by Tony & Debbie Mercadante

Friday, June 27th

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, June 28th

WEDDING 2:00 PM Anne Saball & Sean Vincent

Vigil: Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

4:00 PM Deceased of the Brasili & Smith Families
by their family

Sunday, June 29th

Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

10:30 AM George Watts (Anniversary)
by Vinnie & Verna Celona

12:30 PM Parishioners



St. Anthony Candle Intention:

Fr. Juan

10th Anniversary of Ordination

June 21 - 22, 2025

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." (Luke 9:17) The story of Loaves and Fishes shows us that when you share what you have, even if it doesn't seem like that much, miracles can happen! Do not think that your gift is too small or insignificant! Each of us has a role in God's plan; you just need to place your trust in the Lord. Nothing is impossible with God. You just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

READ AND PREPARE

Next Week's Scripture readings

First Reading	Acts 12:1-11
Second Reading	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
Gospel	Matthew 16:13-19

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

June Collections

Building & Maintenance – 1st weekend of every month

Catholic Communications – June 1st

Peter's Pence – June 29th

Peter's Pence Collection. This annual collection provides essential support for the Holy See's activities and helps Pope Leo XIV assist the victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster around the world. The collection has ancient roots that go back to apostolic times. The early Christians provided material support so that the apostles—those preaching the Gospel—could distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today, the Peter's Pence Collection is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with those in need.

St. Anthony Novena Concludes

Novena prayers, sermon and Benediction with veneration of the relic of Saint Anthony of Padua. **7:00 PM. Tuesday,** Fr. Thiago Ibiapina is the final preacher.

10th Ordination Anniversary! – On June 20, 2015, Fr. Juan S. Ramirez celebrated his priestly ordination! The very next day, on June 21st 10 years ago, Fr. Juan celebrated his first Mass as a newly ordained priest, right here at St. Anthony Parish! Please keep Fr. Juan in your prayers that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide him in wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, courage and reverence as he continues his priestly ministry. Congratulations and Happy 10th Anniversary Fr. Juan and happy 8 years (and counting) as not only our pastor but a member of our family and our friend. God bless you in all ways!



Newly Baptized

Andrew R. Jean Baptiste & Elaysha Feliz Mejia
were welcomed into our Christian community through baptism.

*May they, along with their parents, grow in faith,
love and service to Jesus Christ.*

Dear Friends,

Today, the second Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate a second solemnity, which marks our return to Ordinary Time.

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. At one time, this day was called *Corpus Christi*, Latin for “the Body of Christ.” In the most recent revision of the liturgy, the name for this day is expanded to be a more complete reflection of our Eucharistic theology.

The feeding of the 5,000 is the only one of Jesus' miracles to appear in all four Gospels. Luke places it between Herod's question, “Who is this about whom I hear such things?” and Peter's response to Jesus' question about who he thought Jesus was: “You are the Messiah of God.” In Luke the feeding is not the result of Jesus' compassion for the crowd but is instigated by the disciples. They wanted Jesus to send the crowd away to town. Instead, Jesus tells the disciples to give them some food on their own.

The passage is meant to remind us of two feedings in the Old Testament: the feeding of the Israelites in the desert and Elisha's feeding of 100 people with 20 loaves in 2 Kings 4:42-44.

It is also connected to the institution of the Eucharist. As in the Last Supper accounts in Matthew, Mark, and Luke and in Paul's account in 1 Corinthians 11:23-24, Jesus takes bread, looks up to heaven, blesses the bread, breaks it, and then gives it to the disciples. In using this exact language, Luke is reminding his readers that in this miracle Jesus is doing more than feeding hungry people as God did for the Israelites and the prophet Elisha did as well. The bread he gives is his body, which he will continue to give as often as the community breaks bread in remembrance of him in the Eucharist.

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. Boniface Parish, 817 Mass Ave, Lunenburg, invites us to join the as they celebrate their **Diamond Jubilee** – 75 years as a community! **Sunday June 22nd from noon to 8:00 PM.** Tickets are \$50/person, \$75/2, \$100/family and include professional entertainment headlined by The Moipei Sisters. They have sold-out concerts with their Broadway tunes, jazz hits and sacred pieces and performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Many other local musical groups will be performing. Entertainment all day with a lunch buffet catered by Il Forno. **Live concert begins at 2 PM, second act at 6 PM.** Rain or shine (event under a wedding venue size tent). Call 978-582-4008 for tickets

Evening of Prayer, June 25 – In Honor of the “Jesus King of Nations”, you are invited to **St. Bernard's at St. Camillus**, 333 Mechanic St., Fitchburg for our **Holy Mass beginning at 6:00 PM** followed by prayers and veneration of the image of “Jesus King of All Nations”. Religious items will be available for purchase. Free-will offerings are graciously accepted. Petition basket will be placed before the image of Jesus. For questions contact Marline @ 978-400-6068.

School of the Holy Spirit – July 20-26th Live and in person event held at **Anna Maria College, 50 Sunset Lane, Paxton.**

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Speakers include Fr. Tom DiLorenzo, Maria Vadia, Patricia King, Tyler Johnson. Prayer & worship with Mike McDuffee and the worship team and other guests. For Questions contact days of glory at 520-414-8129 or 847-962-7307. Registration is in progress now, check out the website **www.daysofglory.org** for details.

Parish Giving

Collection Report for May 2025

Sunday Offerings	\$16,516
Building & Maintenance	2,082
Heating & Air Conditioning	3,083
Easter	133
*Other Income	5,422
TOTAL	\$27,236
**Expenses	27,624
Net Income or Deficit	\$388

*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

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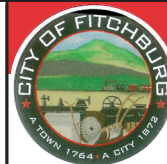
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