

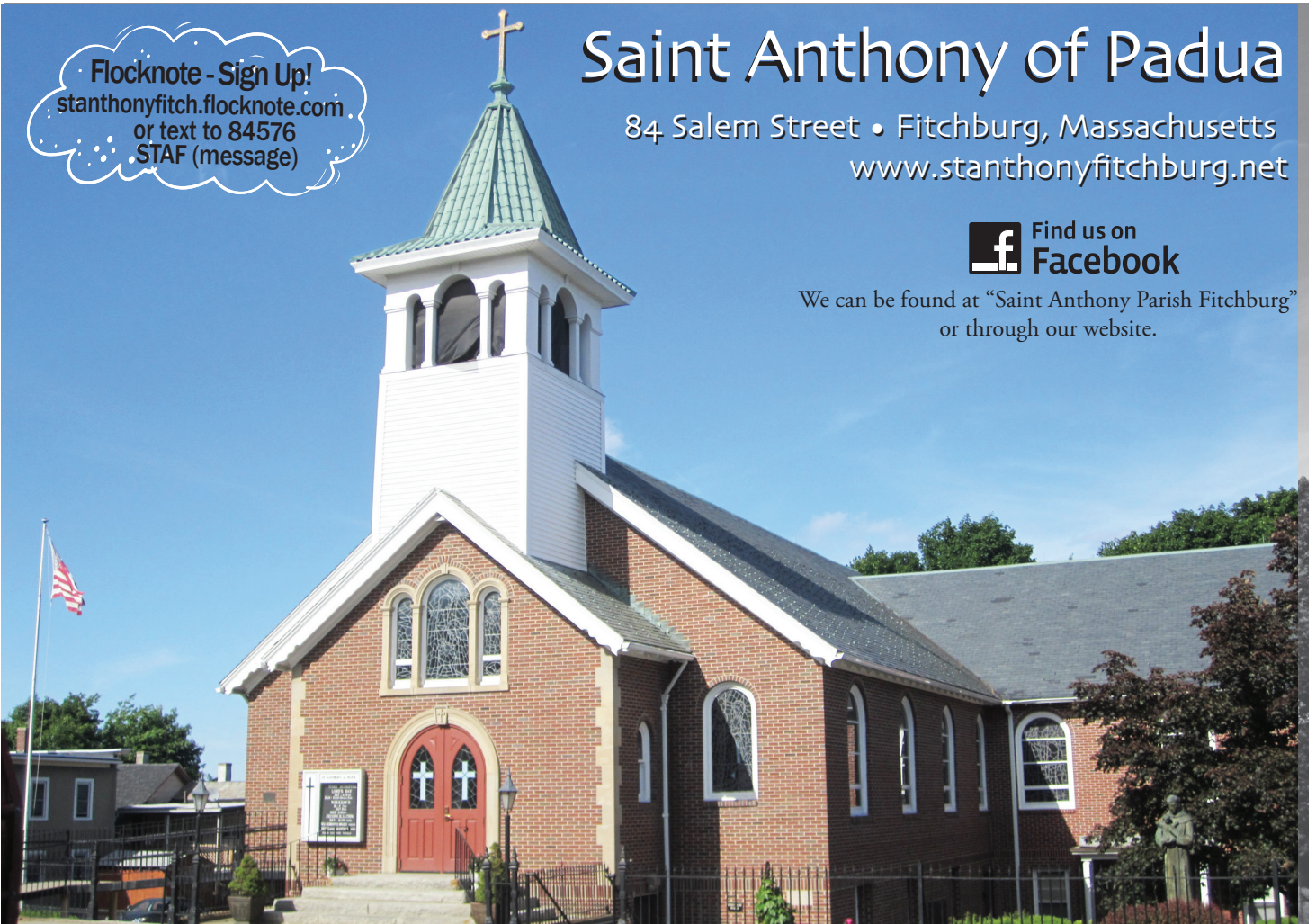
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**Vicky Zarrella**, Office Manager

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## WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

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### 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.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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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 28<sup>th</sup>

**Vigil: Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles**

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

Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

**Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles**

8:00 AM Open Intention  
by

10:30 AM **George Watts (Anniversary)**  
by Vinnie & Verna Celona  
**IMO Rene & Carmella Berube & son Rene, Jr.**  
by their family

12:30 PM Parishioners

Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

*First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

8:00 AM **NO MASS**  
Fr. Juan away

Tuesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>

*St. Junipero Serra, Priest*

8:00 AM **NO MASS**  
Fr. Juan away

Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 AM **NO MASS**  
Fr. Juan away

Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Saint Thomas, Apostle*

8:00 AM **NO MASS**  
Fr. Juan away

Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>

*Independence Day*

8:00 AM **NO MASS**

Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

**Vigil: 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM **Harold Herlihy (Birthday Remembrance)**  
by Geroge & Marianne Baho

Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup>

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM Open Intention  
by

10:30 AM Open Intention  
by

12:30 PM Parishioners



St. Anthony Candle Intention:

## June 28 - 29, 2025

### *Saints Peter & Paul Apostles*

**"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith."**  
(2 Timothy 4:7) How many of us can say this? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful." How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith? Matthew Kelly says, "Take one minute each day to remind yourself that you are just passing through this life and will die one day; you will live more intentionally with a passion and purpose."

READ AND PREPARE

**Next Week's Scripture readings**

First Reading Isaiah 16:10-14c  
Second Reading Galatians 6:14-18  
Gospel Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

## PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

**Summer Office Hours are in Effect**

**Monday – Wednesday, 9:00 – 1:00.**

**The office is closed on Thursday & Friday.**

Father Juan will be away on vacation **from Monday June 30<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**. In Father's absence there will be no weekday morning Masses. Please plan accordingly for your morning Masses. For emergencies, call a priest from a local parish. Please keep Fr. Juan in your prayers. The office will be open **next week only** for regularly scheduled summer hours, 9:00 -1:00.

**\*\*Beginning Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> the office will be closed for two weeks. It will reopen Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.**

## July Collections

Building & Maintenance – 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of every month  
Heating & Air Conditioning – July 20<sup>th</sup>

**Peter's Pence Collection, June 29<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**Saint Anthony Novena has ended.** What a tremendous outpouring of support and honor to Saint. Anthony. We saw the largest attendance that the parish has seen in many years! The preachers were outstanding. Special thanks and appreciation go to all of you who faithfully attended all nine weeks as well as those of you who came when you could. St. Anthony hears all of you! May St. Anthony bless your devotion with the fulfillment of your special intentions and petitions.



Dear Friends,

Mark places this incident at Caesarea Philippi.

Because of the importance he wishes to give to prayer in his Gospel, Luke places it in the context of Jesus praying. But Matthew keeps it at Caesarea Philippi. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a "field report" by asking what people say about him. He refers to himself as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the book of Daniel and other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that "Son of Man" is best understood to mean "human being."

As Jesus turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe, Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ. "Christ" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for "messiah," which means "the anointed one." At the time of Jesus, the image of the "messiah" was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation.

Because Jesus has referred to himself a number of times in Matthew by Christological titles, this moment is not the revelation of who Jesus is, as in Mark. Instead, it marks an important moment in the development of the Church. Jesus uses this occasion to bless Peter, who represents all the disciples but also has a unique role to play in the founding of the new community. Peter is blessed not because of a personal insight but because God revealed to him who Jesus is. Peter is the rock on which Jesus will build the Church.

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.



Do you do online banking? Why not consider adding St. Anthony to your weekly or monthly bill pay service? Don't already pay bills online? You could give our "WeShare" online donation program a try. It's simple, it's flexible, it's secure, it's free, and you are in control. Just go to the St. Anthony website, [www.stanthonyfitchburg.net](http://www.stanthonyfitchburg.net), and click on the "Donate" button, then follow the easy instructions. Once it's set up you don't have to think of it each week! Although electronic giving may not appeal to all of you, some of you may appreciate having an alternative to frequent check writing, trying to remember your envelope each week, or playing catch up with missed weeks. The ability to add your parish donations as weekly or monthly automatic donations may be right for you. Please go to [www.stanthonyfitchburg.net](http://www.stanthonyfitchburg.net) to check out the donation options or contact your local bank for their bill pay options. Electronic banking is easy, offers many options and helps us greatly with financial planning. Of course, you can continue to use the weekly envelopes as well, the choice is yours!

#### **Charitable Contributions**

**Leaving a Legacy** – If you would like to name St. Anthony Church as one of the beneficiaries of you will, life insurance policy or IRA account, please ask your lawyer to use the following form: **"I give, devise, and bequeath (amount, article, stock, etc.) to St. Anthony Catholic Church, Fitchburg, MA".** Please consider leaving a legacy for the good of our church and for the future of our parish family!

**July 5th Super Bingo in Leominster** - St. Cecilia's 5th of July Super Bingo will be held, **Saturday**, at 188 Mechanic Street in Leominster. **Games start at 6:30pm and doors open at 4:30pm.** There will be (2) \$1,199 Games\*, (9) \$500 Games\* and (3) Mystery Game Payouts\*. Three packages are available for purchase (12) Cards \$70, (18) Cards \$100 and (24) Cards \$135. Advance purchasers will be entered into a drawing prize valued at \$150. Must be 18 Years of Age or Older. There will also be a \$10 complete meal deal. Call BettyAnn at the parish office 978-537-6541 for more information. \*Prizes are subject to attendance.



**St. Anthony Festa** – **Grand Raffle Winners are:**  
**1st. Prize \$5,000 - Baby Zepeda, 2nd Prize \$1,250 - Shane McCormack, 3rd Prize \$500 - Shawn Keating.**  
Congratulations and thank you to all who participated and contributed in any way! Financial updates will be available when Fr. Juan returns.



#### **Newly Baptized**

**Luca James DiGeronimo**

*was welcomed into our Christian community through baptism.  
May he, along with his parents, grow in faith,  
love and service to Jesus Christ.*

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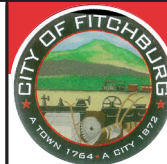
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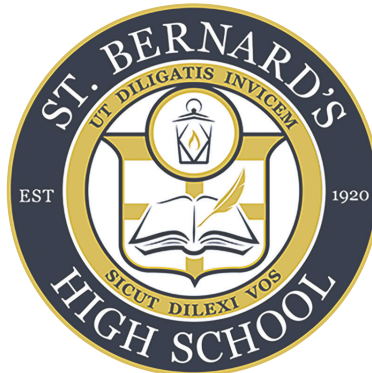
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