

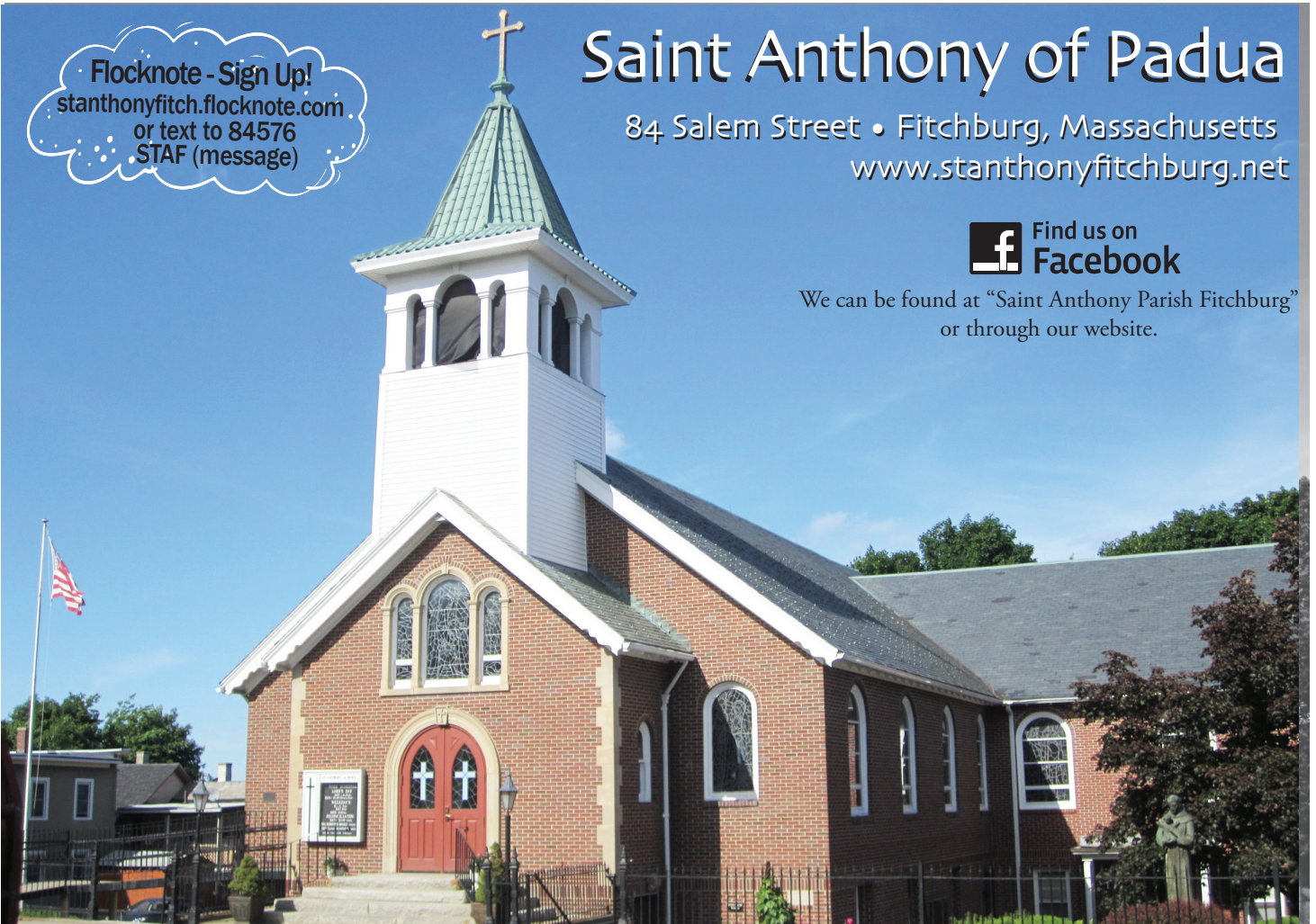
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WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

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, August 9th

Vigil: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Michelina Burt
by a friend
Francis & Irene Carbone
by their children

Sunday, August 10th

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Open Intention
by
10:30 AM In Honor of the Madonna della Cava
and IMO the Deceased Members

Carol Cali Kearns
by her daughter Karen & family

12:30 PM Parishioners

Monday, August 11th

Saint Clare, Virgin

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Tuesday, August 12th

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:00 AM Deceased of the McConville & McCormack
Families
by their family

Wednesday, August 13th

St. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Thursday, August 14th

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

8:00 AM Frances Addorisio
by her sister Rose Ann

Vigil: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 PM Annette & Giulio Balducci
by the Macchio family

Friday, August 15th

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, August 16th

Vigil: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Open Intention
by

Sunday, August 17th

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Open Intention
by
10:30 AM Wesley Boutelle, Sr. (3rd Anniversary)
by his granddaughter Carissa & Sophie
11:45 AM Baptism: Daisy Adelia Baldwin
12:30 PM Parishioners



St. Anthony Candle Intention:

August 9 - 10, 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

***"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."* (Luke 12:34)**

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

READ AND PREPARE

Next Week's Scripture readings

First Reading Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel Luke 12:49-53

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

Feast of the Assumption, Holy day of obligation. Vigil Mass only on Thursday, August 14th at 5:30 PM. No Mass on Friday

August Collections

Building & Maintenance – 1st weekend of every month
Central & Eastern Europe Aid – August 10th
Heating & Air Conditioning – August 17th

Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday, 9:00 – 1:00.

RCIA News

RCIA – A Journey in Faith. What do we mean by Christian Initiation? This is the process through which an unbaptized person over the age of 7 or a non-Catholic enters fully into the divine life of the Church.

The process includes stages marked by study, prayer and rites at the Mass.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Fr. Juan ASAP at frjuanstanthony@gmail.com. Classes begin in September.

Religious Education registration deadline has passed! We waited as long as possible and materials for this September's classes have been ordered.

If you have not responded to our requests, please do so this week with the understanding that your child will not have the necessary materials to start class. If you are new to the program, we need your registration today! Please pick one up from the front of the church or download it from our website. All are welcome. **In the coming weeks your teacher will reach out to you to inform you of when and what days & times classes are being held.**



Newly Baptized

Alina Romano

&

Meivelyn Esther Familia-Rodriguez

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,

Jesus' instructions on how to be ready for the coming judgment continue in the stories and sayings found in today's Gospel. We are not to be like the greedy rich man in last Sunday's Gospel who planned to store his great harvest in barns rather than share it. We are, rather, to share our wealth with those in need. The antidote for the anxiety brought on by the coming judgment is to relinquish our possessions and provide for the needs of others. Our treasure will be in heaven, where it will not wear out or be destroyed.

The other major way to be ready for the coming judgment is to be watchful. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about watchfulness to begin making this point. We must be like servants waiting for the master's return from a wedding banquet, which, even now, can last for a few days in the Middle East. We must be watchful so that even if the master comes after midnight, we will be ready for him. This is what the coming of the Son of Man will be like.

Peter asks if this parable is meant for the apostles or for the large crowd that has gathered to listen to Jesus. Without answering Peter's question, Jesus responds with another parable about servants awaiting the return of their master. It begins with a question: "Who, then, is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master will put in charge of his servants to distribute the food allowance at the proper time?" This parable contributes to the theme of watchfulness, explaining how to wait and reminding us of the reward for the faithful follower at the heavenly banquet after judgment. If it is addressed to the apostles, then it could also be addressed to leadership in the early Church. Either way, the parables remind us that we should be found doing our jobs when the master arrives. If we do our jobs well, our reward will be great. But if we relax, neglect our duties, and begin to act like the greedy rich man—eating, drinking, and making merry—we will not have a place in the kingdom. Watchfulness means living in such a consistently moral and obedient way that we are always ready to give an account to God of how we have lived.

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.



Bus Trip to the North End Planned! –Come celebrate the **Feast of St. Anthony on Sunday, August 31st**. The round-trip bus fare is **\$35** (includes drivers tip) – **paid in advance**. **The bus will leave from the Double Tree Hotel in Leominster at 8:45 AM and return at approximately 6:00 PM.** Breakfast pastries will be provided but please bring your own drink. Mass is available at 11:00 AM at St. Stephen's Church if you want to attend. If interested, please contact Patty Vacca-Martin at 978-407-9385 or Elena Morizzo Valeri at 978-413-2137 for further details. Don't delay, call today! **There will be only one bus. Rain or shine!**

Diocesan Collection This Weekend - Your support of the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe this weekend** is crucial to the success of ministries that affirm the dignity of children, youth, and other vulnerable people and show them the love and mercy of Jesus. Please be generous to the collection.

Fall Mini-Retreat for Women - The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester will be having a Mini-Retreat for Women with Kitty Cleveland on **Saturday, Nov. 15 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at St. Anne Parish, Shrewsbury. Kitty is a singer/songwriter, inspirational speaker, and artist from New Orleans. Kitty leads hundreds of people in praying the rosary each weekday morning at 5:45 a.m. (CT). Visit www.kittycleveland.com. For more information, please email worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com.

Mountain Top Mass - The Greater Gardner Area Young Adult Group together with the Knights of Columbus Council # 396 Young Men's Ministry invites men and women of all ages to join us for a hike and mountain top Mass with Father Luke Johnson on **Saturday, August 23rd**. Participants will meet at the Mt. Wachusett Ski area parking lot at 9 AM to hike the Old Indian Train and celebrate Mass at the Summit. Everyone is asked to wear proper hiking gear and is welcome to bring crosses and flags for our procession. For more information contact Jonah Kattau at jdkattau@gmail.com.



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Mary Morizzo

&

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May God grant their family comfort.

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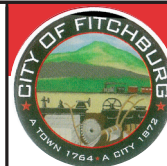
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