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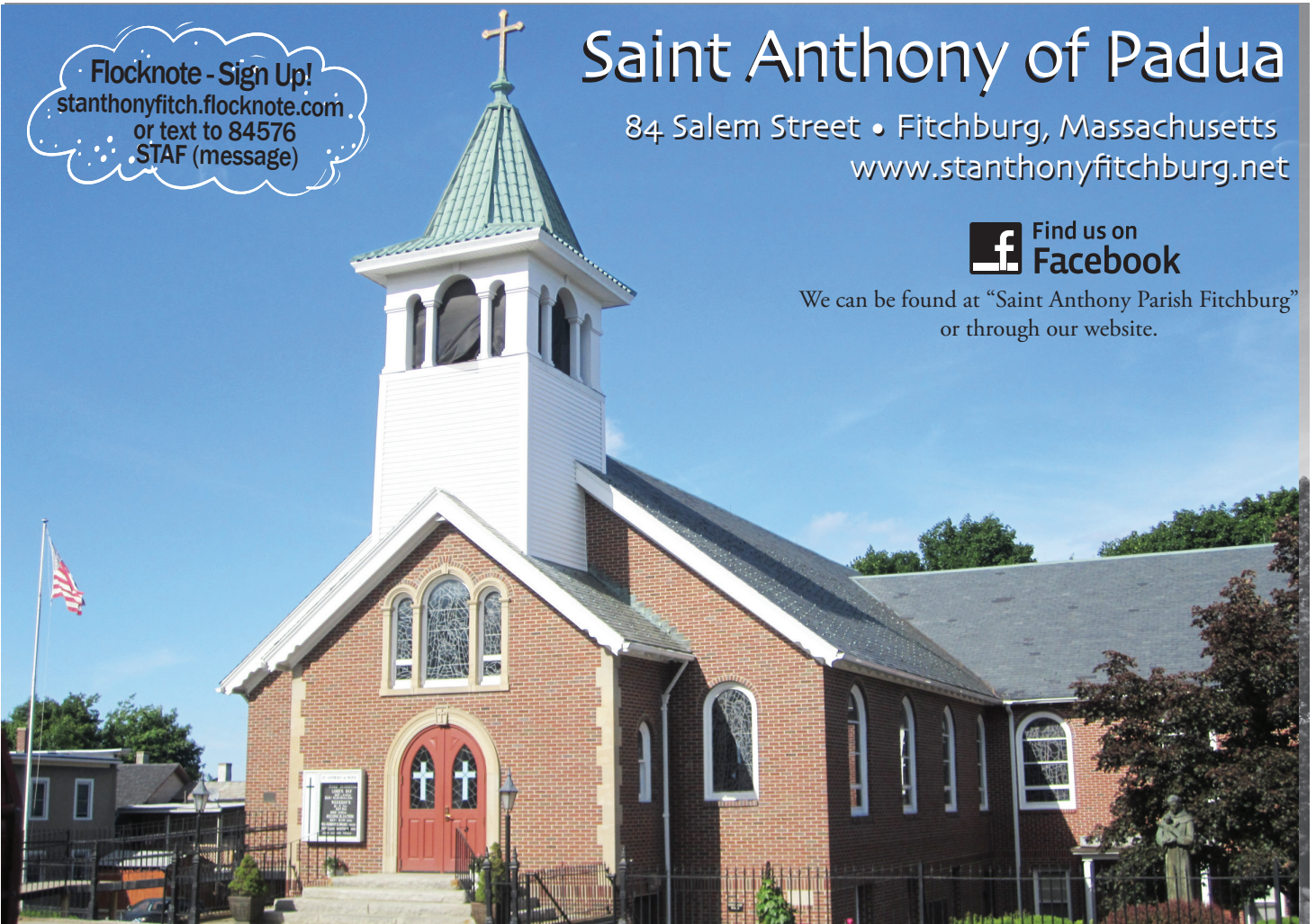
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## WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

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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, October 11<sup>th</sup>

**Vigil: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 PM Ken & Jackie LaFleur (67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)  
by Ken in Thanksgiving  
Jerry Horgan  
by his wife Joan

Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

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

8:00 AM Elaine Celona  
by her husband Frank & Family  
10:30 AM Natalie Lombardy-Curtis  
by her cousins Elena & Mary  
11:45 AM BAPTISM: Milani Alexis Morales  
12:30 PM Parishioners

Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

**Columbus Day**

8:00 AM Mark Rollo  
by his family

Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

*Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr*

8:00 AM Open Intention  
by

Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

*St Theresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

8:00 AM Gerald Regan & Peter Regan (Anniversary)  
by George & Patricia Carpenter

Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

*St Hedwig, Religious: St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*

8:00 AM Open Intention  
by

Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

*Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr*

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

11:00 AM BAPTISM: Callum Joseph Vettese  
**Vigil: 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 PM Deceased of the Guglielmi Family  
by Diane Gariepy  
Michael DiNardo  
by Terry & Patty Martin

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

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

8:00 AM Elaine Celona  
by her husband Frank & Family  
10:30 AM Beverly Jerszyk  
by her family  
Mary Morizzo  
by Christine & Jennifer Matera  
12:30 PM Parishioners



St. Anthony Candle Intention:

IMO Paul & Mary DiBenedetto  
and Paul Thibodeau  
by the Thibodeau family

# October 11 - 12, 2025

## 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" ( Luke 17:18)** Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, clothing, and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least number of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

READ AND PREPARE

**Next Week's Scripture readings**

First Reading Exodus 17:8-13  
Second Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2  
Gospel Luke 18:1-8

## PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

Monday is Columbus Day; the office will be closed all day.

**Our Annual Pew Count** will take place next weekend, October 18-19<sup>th</sup> at all Masses. Please try to be in attendance and be "counted". These numbers get reported to the Diocese. Thank you.

### October Collections

Building & Maintenance – 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of every month

**World Mission Sunday – October 19<sup>th</sup>.**

All Souls Day – October 26<sup>th</sup>

### RCIA News

**RCIA – A Journey in Faith.** Classes will begin soon.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Fr. Juan ASAP at [frjuanstanthony@gmail.com](mailto:frjuanstanthony@gmail.com).

### Happy 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Jackie & Ken LaFleur!

Jackie & Ken, as you celebrate another year of love, may your faith and love continue to grow. May God bless you and may you continue to be each other's shelter and warmth. Thank you for your living illustration of a strong marriage. Congratulations!

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** - Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, Oct. 26 at 3:00pm** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should need to **pre-register no later than October 14** so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass) or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email [aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org) to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.



Dear Friends,

**"Your faith has saved you."** (Luke 17:19)

Today's Gospel shows us ten lepers healed by Jesus—but only one returns to give thanks. Gratitude is more than good manners; it is a way of life that keeps us close to God. The grateful Samaritan not only received physical healing but also the deeper gift of salvation: "Your faith has saved you."

Like him, we too have countless reasons to give thanks—health, family, faith, creation, opportunities, and even the challenges that help us grow. Gratitude opens our eyes to God's presence and fills our hearts with joy. It also changes how we treat others: a grateful person naturally becomes more generous, forgiving, and attentive.

This week, let us practice faith through gratitude in very concrete ways:

- Begin each day with a short prayer of thanks.
- Name three blessings before going to sleep.
- Thank someone who has been kind, patient, or supportive.
- Remember that the Eucharist itself means thanksgiving—our greatest act of gratitude to God.

When we live gratefully, we discover that faith is not only believing in God's power but also recognizing God's goodness at work in our lives every day.

Blessings,

*Fr. Juan*

**Mass Intention Book** for the months of **January – June 2026** will open on **Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am**. You need not come in person; phone calls will be accepted AFTER this date. The donation for a Mass intention remains \$10.

**Kahama Diocese of Tanzania received more funds!** The grand total is now \$3,084. Thank you to all parishioners who donated.

**Part-time Parish Secretary** – Our parish, St. Anthony, is looking for a Parish Secretary. This is a part-time role (10–12 hours per week, two days per week) that's perfect for someone seeking flexible "mother's hours." A working knowledge of Microsoft Office is required. If you are interested, please contact Fr. Juan at [frjuanstanthony@gmail.com](mailto:frjuanstanthony@gmail.com) to schedule an interview and review the job description and expectations. Kindly note: we ask that you contact us by email only—no phone calls, please.

**St. John's Catholic Xaverian Brothers School for grades 7-12** will hold an open house on **Thursday, October 16 and Saturday, November 15**. To register or schedule a visit please go to [beapioneer.org](http://beapioneer.org).

**St. Bernard Cemetery Lot & Columbarium Sale Month of October.** Grave lots in the new Calvary section which was recently plotted with updated regulations pertaining to monuments and lot layouts. Plus, the newly constructed Columbarium with niches is also on sale. Please contact Jason Baldini, Cemetery Superintendent at 978-342-4820.

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrate Priesthood "Taste of the Diocese" Event to support Priests' Retirement Fund, Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup>** at St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. H.S., 144 Granite St., Worcester, 5:30pm to 7:30pm.

*A Benefit Evening to recognize diocesan priests and support the Priest Retirement Fund.*

Visit with priests and parishioners from around the diocese while enjoying tastings from dozens of vendors. Our Hospitality Group will have a food booth sponsored by our parish with delicious homemade calzones! All proceeds benefit Priests' Retirement Fund. To buy tickets or learn more visit [worcesterdioocese.org/celebrate-priesthood](http://worcesterdioocese.org/celebrate-priesthood).



**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 consider it. The collection bin is located at the entrance of the church.

**World Mission Sunday, the Weekend of October 19.** Our diocese joins with the worldwide church in supporting the work of the Holy Father through the various missionary societies. In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism. It also provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in nearly 1,200 mission dioceses. Thank you for prayerfully reflecting on your own baptismal call, and support World Mission Sunday in your parish. Your donation on the weekend of October 19 is critical.



**You're Invited to a Spooktacular Kids' Event  
Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 11:30am-12:30pm**

**Costume parade at 10:15 before the start of the 10:30 Mass.** Dance party for toddlers through middle school age children following Mass in the church hall until 12:30pm.

**Parents, please RSVP** and if you are interested in bringing a favorite dessert or helping with set-up and clean-up contact Carissa Leung ([carissa.r.leung@gmail.com](mailto:carissa.r.leung@gmail.com))

**Christmas Craft Fair in Leominster** - Friday, Oct 24 from 4:00 - 7:30 pm and Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9:00 am - 5:30 pm, join us for "Countdown to Christmas Craft Fair" at St. Anna Church Hall, 194 Lancaster St., Leominster. Featuring all your favorite booths like Chinese Auction, Crafts, Basket raffles & more. A great variety of delicious food! Sponsored by the St. Anna Society.

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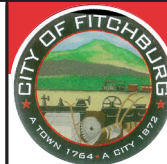
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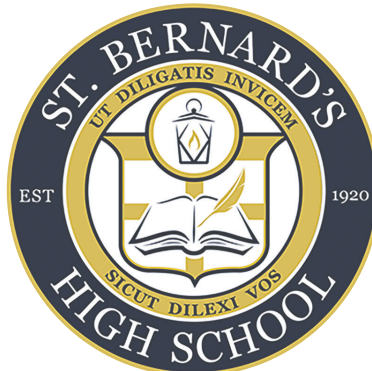
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