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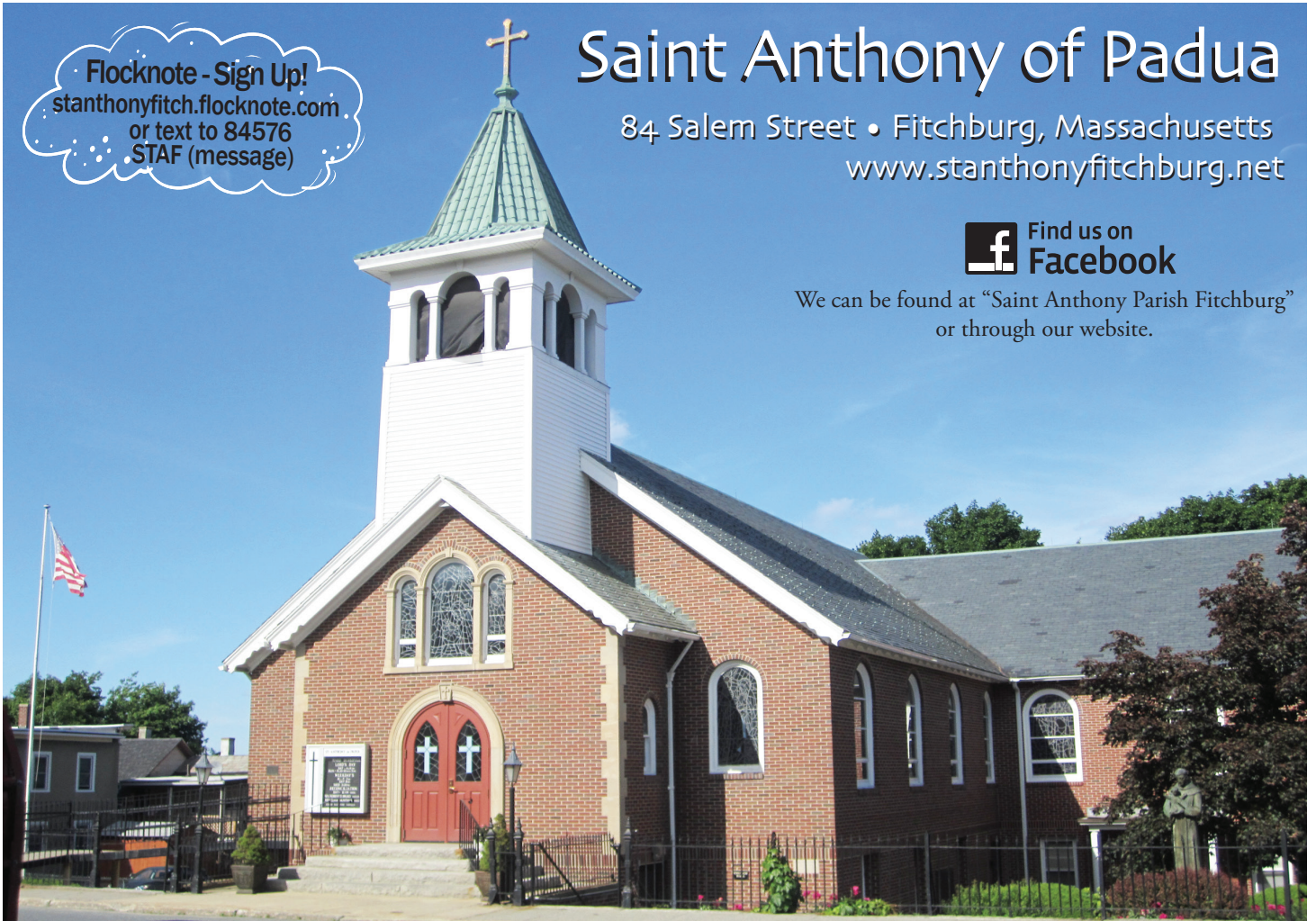
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WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

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. Jonathan 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 8th

Vigil: 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4:00 PM Josephine Deschenes
by Marie Carbone

Sunday, August 9th

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Parishioners

10:30 AM The Madonna della Cava Departed Members
of Society
from the Society Members
Michelina Burt
by a friend

12:30 PM Open Intention

Monday, August 10th

Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

Tuesday, August 11th

Saint Clare, Virgin

8:00 AM Cheryl Clouthier
for Good Health
By Leo & Rosalyn

Wednesday, August 12th

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:00 AM Former St. Anthony School Staff & Families
by the Less family

Thursday, August 13th

Saints Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyr

8:00 AM Frances Mary Addoriso (5th Anniversary)
by her sisters

Friday, August 14th

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

8:00 AM NO MASS

Saturday, August 15th

Vigil: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

4:00 PM Phil S. Salamone (Month's Mind)
& the Vincenzo Salamone Family
by Grace Salamone

Sunday, August 16th

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM Open Intention
by

10:30 AM Paul Joseph Hanney (1st Anniversary)
by his wife Maureen and family
Dr. Mark Rollo (4th Anniversary)
by his family

12:30 PM Parishioners



St. Anthony Candle Intention

Healing

Residents of the Gables

August 8-9, 2026

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." (MATTHEW 14:29) When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

READ AND PREPARE

Next Week's Scripture readings

First Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Second Reading Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

PARISH CALENDAR, NEWS EVENTS

August Collections

Building & Maintenance – 1st weekend of every month

Church in Eastern Europe – August 9th

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary– August 16th

Diocesan Collection This Weekend your support of the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** 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.

Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday, 9:00 – 1:00.



Collection Report for May 2026

Sunday Offerings	\$17,139
Building & Maintenance	1,619
Heating & Air Conditioning	256
Easter	20
*Other Income	6,314
TOTAL	\$25,348
**Expenses	30,453
Net Income or Deficit	-\$5,105

Collection Report for June 2026

Sunday Offerings	\$22,266
Building & Maintenance	1,941
Heating & Air Conditioning	315
*Other Income	72,744(inc. festa)
TOTAL	\$97,266
**Expenses	61,642
Net Income or Deficit	\$35,624

*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

My Friends,

This weekend as a parish we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of La Madonna Della Cava. Mary has numerous titles based on various apparition locations, but even more so we honor Mary for her virtues as being worthy of imitation. There has been in recent history confusion over how we express our affection for Mary and the Saints. We Honor the blessed Mother and the Saints and we Worship our Triune God.

Worship entails giving due to God what is rightfully His, it is the entire submission of will. Yet our worship of God does not add anything to him but rather benefits us. Worship is not transactional, meaning there is not cause and effect relationship, God can choose to give us something or not. Worship typically entails an offering or a sacrifice of sorts as in something given to the one who is worshipped. To avoid confusion the church uses the term latria to describe this worship. Latria essentially means adoration given to God alone. We first and foremost make an offering of our lives and prayers, but these must be done so from a spirit of thanksgiving for what the Lord has done for us.

In contrast we honor the saints as being worthy of imitation; to use the precise term we offer dulia to the saints. Yet we hold a unique term for the Blessed Mother as we honor her the most among the saints of, we offer her hyper dulia (the most honor) as she is mother of incarnate word, the word made flesh Jesus Christ. She has been given a distinct place of honor in the life of Heaven as she was chosen to bear Christ, and we come to her asking for her intercession just as she interceded for the bride and groom in Cana where Jesus performed his first miracle. May we trust that the intentions we bring this weekend to all our Masses will be brought to our Lord by our Lady.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Jonathan

Don't forget. Personal Hygiene Collection for Catholic Charities

is Ongoing Catholic Charities Worcester County is seeking volunteers and donations to support their work. Volunteer opportunities are available at their Emergency Services Office in Leominster volunteers assist with food, clothing distribution, organizing donations and stocking shelves. In addition to the personal hygiene items baby items are needed, including linens, blankets, diapers (size 4-6 URGENTLY NEEDED) these can be dropped off at our collection bin at the entrance of the church. Any questions or interest of volunteering, please reach out by phone 508-860-2233 or email mdickie@ccworc.org



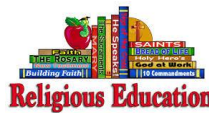
Food Pantry Collection for St. Francis chapter of St. Vincent de Paul is ongoing. Please bring any nonperishable items when you can. If this is something that you have never done before, please consider it. The collection bin is located at the entrance of the church.

Votive Mass in Shrewsbury in Honor of Blessed McGivney

Adelphi Council and Bishop O'Reilly Assembly cordially invite you to this historic celebration of the First Votive Mass in the Diocese of Worcester for Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney, this celebration offers Knights and parishioners an opportunity to honor the founder of the Knights of Columbus, reflect on his example of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism, and pray for his eventual canonization. Join us on **Thursday, Aug. 13, at 7:00 pm** at St. Anne Church, 130 Boston Turnpike Road, Shrewsbury. A light reception will immediately follow the Mass. Honor Guards visiting from other Assemblies please arrive by 6:30 PM (Color corps contact Sir Paul Gregory 508-410-2653)

International Food Festival – Leominster

Please join Holy Family of Nazareth & Capilla Santissima Trinidad parishes for a fantastic family fun festival featuring carnival games with prizes, a dunk tank, a bounce house with slide, exciting raffles, live entertainment, a yard sale, delicious food booths, and so much more! Don't miss the excitement on Saturday, Aug. 22 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm at 750 Union Street, Leominster.



Religious Education Registrations are now past due. Please turn them in this week. They can be found online and have previously been sent via Flocknote.

Information Night about Ignatian Prayer and Spiritual Exercises

If you are interested in deepening your prayer life or finding a clearer sense of God's presence in your life you may consider attending one of our information nights in August. We are offering a 30-week directed prayer experience led by a Jesuit trained team of people experienced in Ignatian prayer and the Spiritual Exercises beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 pm at St. Peter Church in Worcester. An information night will be held at St. Peter Church on **Tuesday, Aug. 11 at 6:30 pm** in the meeting room adjacent to Clark University and by Zoom on **Friday, Aug. 18 at 7:00 pm**. (If interested in attending the Zoom Information Night send an e-mail to WorcSpEx19@gmail.com requesting the Zoom link.) Questions can be sent to WorcSpEx19@gmail.com. Information and an application form are available at www.IgnatianSpiritualExercisesWorcester.com.



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John Fanelli
May God grant his family peace.

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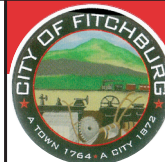
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