

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY
5:00 PM Rhea Schlichter by her sister, Lillian Robinson
SUNDAY
8:00 AM Val Boudreau (5th Anniv.) by his wife, Anita
9:45 AM Edward T. Donnelly by his family
11:30 AM Al Baldarelli (1st Anniv.) by his family
 Baptism: Emerson Rose & Celia Jane Plourde

MONDAY
8:00 AM Richard Morley by Aimee Perkins

TUESDAY
8:00 AM Henry Ross by John & Connie O'Dea

WEDNESDAY
8:00 AM Charles Dumont by his wife

THURSDAY
8:00 AM **Communion Service**

FRIDAY
8:00 AM **Intention of the Celebrant**

SATURDAY
5:00 PM Alberta Allain by her daughter
 Dean Pickett (1st Anniv.) by his wife

SUNDAY
8:00 AM Rita & Louis LeBlanc by Louise/Richard Parent
9:45 AM Robert Cook by Sandy & Michael
 1st Communion of Alivia Marie Croteau
11:30 AM Jean Gendron by her husband

COFFEE SHOP will be open after the 8:00 and 9:45 AM Liturgies. Join us for coffee, donuts and friendship.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN will be celebrated during the 9:45 AM Mass this Sunday. These liturgies are for children five years of age and older.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS for the week will be Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

BABYSITTING DURING THE 9:45 AM MASS is provided downstairs for the little ones. There are toys and adult supervision.

THE ROSARY is prayed at 7:30 AM each morning before Mass. The Litany of the Blessed Mother is prayed after Mass on Tuesdays and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed after the Communion Service on Thursdays. All are welcome.

PARISH SUPPORT

275 Sunday Envelopes@	\$5131.00
16 Paid Ahead Envelopes@	142.00
110 Make Up Envelopes@	1349.00
Loose cash @	1075.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$7697.00
DEFICIT:	(2207.00)
DEFICIT YEAR-TO-DATE	(16370.00)
Monthly Maintenance	\$419.00
Fuel	\$25.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



In today's Gospel, Jesus prays, "I have given You glory on earth by finishing the work You gave Me to do." Good stewards follow

His example by using their time and talents for the glory of God.

PARISH TITHE: Thanks to your generosity, \$250.00 will be sent to the Hunger Task Force through the efforts of Kaitlin Coutreau and Kate Major who are Freshmen working to help families across the world. Also \$250.00 will be sent to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk, walkers will be Brianna Giacoppe and Brittney Tait who will need to raise \$2200 to walk.

Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us.

The burning candle in front of our Blessed Mother's statue is invoking her intercession for peace throughout the world and for protection of our loved ones serving in the military.



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends, Last weekend Pat Cronin, the chair of our parish finance committee, shared with us the good news that we have recently paid off our debt for the construction of our Parish Family Center. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of so many of you, we were able to pay off the debt 18 months ahead of schedule. I am grateful to all those who made this endeavor possible. Generations to come will be the beneficiaries of your generosity.

I also share with you the good news that beginning the first week of June that our parishioner, Joan Burns, will join us part time as a Pastoral Minister. Joan has worked as a Director of Religious Education, Pastoral Associate, teacher and principal as well as having experience in the business world. We look forward to welcoming Joan as a member of our parish staff.

God Bless,
 Father Tim



Pro Life Rose Drive

Next weekend, Mother's Day, May 11th, we will have silk roses available at the entrances to the Church after all Masses. A donation of \$1.00 each is requested. All proceeds will directly benefit Pro Life efforts of Mass. Citizens for Life. The rose has long been a symbol of love and of life...life whether vibrant or vulnerable, whether competent or in need of special care, whether born or unborn. Show your love of life by supporting the **ROSE FOR LIFE DRIVE!**

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Last weekend many of our parishioners were able to make their pledged gift to the *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. Thus far, our parish family has raised \$30,908 toward our goal of \$52,500. Many have still not had the opportunity to make their gift but we hope you will do so, by making a gift today. Pledge envelopes are available in each pew, as are golf pencils. Once completed, please place them in the collection basket.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

2008-2009 RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION forms were mailed out. If you did not receive yours, please contact the Rel. Ed. Office. If you have a child or know of a neighbor entering first grade next fall, please contact the Religious Ed office so we can mail a registration or you can pick up an extra form on the table at the entrance of the Parish Family Center. We ask that children enrolled in Catholic Schools also register at this time. PLEASE HELP US TO ENJOY A SUMMER BREAK BY RETURNING YOUR REGISTRATION FORM RIGHT AWAY SO THAT WE CAN PREPARE AND PLAN FOR YOUR CHILD NOW. **MAY IS RELIGIOUS ED. REGISTRATION MONTH!**

FIRST EUCHARIST Please pray for our fifty-three children who have come around our Lord's Table for the first time this weekend and their families, that they may continue to come to the Table to be nourished by the Body and Blood of our Lord all through their lives.

BACCALAUREATE MASS Our Parish Family is looking forward to this year's High School graduation with much excitement and pride. Because our seniors mean so much to us, we are celebrating a Baccalaureate Mass for our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 18 at the 9:45 AM Mass. Christian Service Scholarships will be awarded at this time. We invite our seniors to gather to thank God for His blessings in their lives and ask for His help and guidance for their future.

TEACHER APPRECIATION GATHERING: You will be SO, SO happy to have given your time and talent to this ministry. Please save the date: Our Cruise Ship starts boarding at 5:30 PM on Monday, May 19! We sure hope to see you dockside for this year's amazing destination!

Bands for Cans III: Our thanks to all the teens and adults who supported this year's Band Fest! Because of your generosity, over 100 canned goods were collected for our food pantry and \$540 was raised to help defray the cost of attending the Steubenville Youth Conference.

PARISH PRAYER LINE this powerful ministry raises up those who pray and those who ask for prayer. If you are in need of prayer support for yourself or someone you know or if you are interested in being added to the list of those who pray you only need to call **Beth Souza at 978-534-6704.**

CHRISTIAN SERVICE SCHOLARSHIPS

Once again this year, through the generosity of parish tithing the Stewardship committee is pleased to announce the availability of Christian Service Scholarships for the young people in our parish who have demonstrated significant voluntary service to our parish family and their community. These one-time scholarships are intended to be used to help defray the cost of post-secondary education. Applications, with a cover sheet explaining eligibility, are available in the Parish Office or in the Sacristy. **Deadline for submission is May 4th.** Scholarships will be awarded at the 9:45 AM Baccalaureate Mass on May 18th.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY: Dominican Sisters Bake Sale after all Masses
 MONDAY: 7 PM Scholarship Committee Meeting
 WEDNESDAY: 7 PM 12 Steps
 7 PM Folk Group
 7 – 9 PM Women's Guild Penny Social
 THURSDAY: 7 PM Boy Scouts
 7:30 Montachusett Singles
 7:30 PM Overeaters Anonymous
 FRIDAY: 7:30 PM Al Anon



The Working Hands Ministry needs two people to clean the Church Hall kitchen, one on Monday's and one on Thursday's. This would greatly help all of our many ministries that make use of the kitchen facilities. If you can help, please call the parish office.



WOMEN'S GUILD The Guild will hold their meeting and Annual Penny Social this Wednesday, May 7th at 7 PM. Plan to come and join the fun. New or used items may be brought for the Penny Social prior to the meeting. Everyone is welcome!



THE DOMINICAN SISTERS will be selling their breads, brownies, apple and blueberry pies this weekend after all the Masses. These are all baked accordingly to the Dominican community recipes. The proceeds from the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers. Your support of this worthy cause would be greatly appreciated.



Our Food Pantry is in need of donations of Spaghetti sauce, canned soups, canned vegetables, cereal, canned meat, canned fruit, juices, peanut butter and jelly, mayonnaise, coffee, tuna fish, pancake mix and syrup, rice and pasta. Donations may be left at the entrances of the Church or at the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support.



Because of the large volume of Mass Intention requests, we will begin scheduling two Mass intentions, when necessary, beginning in May.

We would ask that if there are two family's intentions scheduled that only one person from each family come forward to bring up the gifts for Communion. Thank you for your understanding.

St. Joseph's 51st Annual Variety Show "DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN?" will be presented on Saturday, May 3rd at 7 PM and Sunday, May 4th at 2 PM at the Fitchburg High School Auditorium. Tickets: Adults \$10.00/Children & Seniors \$8.00. For tickets call: Cherri @978-632-0132 or Jo @ 978-345-7853.