

From the Pastor's Desk

Bishop's Appeal 2008
Assessment: \$53,908.00
Pledges: \$43,727.00
Balance: \$10,181.00

Pledge envelopes are located in the pews and can be placed in the offertory collection. In this time of Pastoral Planning, we need to stay financially viable. May our pledges towards the Bishop's Appeal represent our continuing commitment towards our beloved parish of St. Anthony. Many thanks to all who have made a pledge. Whatever you can give is a great help to our parish.

Upcoming Parish Projects that need attention:

- New Boiler (at school)
- Repair brick-work on facade of church
- Repair front stairs of church
- Repair flagstone area in front of Grotto

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

A Happy Mother's Day to all of our Mothers whose selfless love and dedication are an expression to us of God's infinite love. We pray for all of our Mothers who have passed to the other side of life, may they know the peace and joy of God's eternal embrace.

Thank You

Many and sincere thanks to Carmen Caruso, Bunny Pedone, Richard Pedone and David Fusco for installing a new metal backing in our kitchen. Also thanks to David and Phyllis Fusco for donating a fan for our church kitchen.

Congratulations to our Second Grade Students who received their First Communion this weekend. May this be the first of a life-time of Holy Communion on their journey of faith. Many thanks to Sr. Maria Rosa, their teacher, and Sister Dolores, our Faith Formation Director for our Elementary Grades, for preparing our young people for this very special day.

May Crowning

Our First Communion students will participate in our May Crowning at the 10am Mass this weekend.



Flowers for Life Sale

On Mother's Day we honor all mothers for the love, strength and support which they provide children and the family.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all babies were welcomed into this world with joy and love? At Birthright, we strive daily to help mothers choose life for their babies. Volunteers offer

loving guidance and practical help to pregnant women and mothers who are in crisis, whatever the reason may be.

On May 10th and May 11th, volunteers will be selling flowers following church services to support Birthright activities. Please help support Birthright by purchasing one or more of these flowers. Your donation will be much appreciated by many mothers and their newborns in our community.

Sacred Heart League Mass- Sunday, May 11th at 10:00am.
Sacred Heart League Meeting- Monday, May 12th at 7pm.

Reminder: Gospel of Matthew Bible Study- on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.



St. Anthony's Faith Formation

Registration for students in Kindergarten and Grade 1, for the 2008-2009 School year will be held at St. Anthony's on Van Vranken Avenue.

Last year we started a Kindergarten Program and we had two students attending. Hopefully, we can have more attending this year.

Students in Grades 1-6 and 7-12, registration forms will be sent or mailed to each family. Forms must be returned no later than June 30th

New families are also welcome and may register their child/children at St. Anthony's Faith Formation or Youth Ministry Offices on Van Vranken Avenue.

Registration Dates: Monday through Friday
10:00am-12:00pm or 2:00pm-4:30pm

Week of: May 19-23, May 26-30, June 2-6, June 9-13



May - The Holy Rosary

This May, we will pray the Rosary every Sunday at 9:30AM, that Our lady of Fatima will bring us closer to Jesus, especially in the Blessed Sacrament, through the intercession of Jacinta, Francisco and Sister Lucia.



Looking for all youths in the Parish! Need a place to grow with the Lord? Do you want to do something ...but don't know what? Get involved with the Youth Ministry Program ages 12 and up. Call 847-3044.

If there is anyone in our parish who is looking for a young person to help around the house or to do yard work, call Onnie Nappi at the Youth Ministry Office 847-3044.

Festa News!

The Lucky Dollar Booth needs prizes. All prizes must be new. We will pick them up from your house or they can be brought to the church office. We can use anything large or small. Please call Ann Tracy 372-4929.

Mark Your Calendars

On June 11th, Fr. DeFranco will celebrate his 70th Anniversary of ordination to the priesthood. Due to the Festa preparations, we will celebrate Fr. DeFranco's anniversary on Sunday, September 28th with a Mass at 2pm followed by a reception at Mallozzi's. More details will follow.

Weekly Suggestion for Living your Faith:

Serve someone today with love.



PRAYERS * PRAISE* PETITIONS

COME JOIN US IN OUR WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

TUESDAYS 11AM

Our Lady of the Eucharist Cenacle- We pray the Rosary with love for all our Priests, and especially for our Pastor, Father John. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy, for an end to abortion and respect for all life, will follow.

WEDNESDAYS 11AM

Prayer Group for peace- We pray the Rosary for peace in the world and for our servicemen and women. We bring our petitions to the Miraculous Medal and St. Anthony novenas'.

THURSDAYS 2:55PM

Mother Cabrini Intercessory Prayer Group
We pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary for the sick, dying, vocations, and all other needs.
Bring your petitions and come join us in prayer.

ALL ARE WELCOME * LET US PRAY TOGETHER

Prayers for our Parishioners Serving in the Military

Please pray for all of our military personnel throughout the world especially Lt. Colonel Richard Sloma who has been sent to Afghanistan.

Prayer for the Safety of our Military Personnel

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect our military personnel as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care, We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Around The Diocese

DOMINICAN RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER

1945 Union Street, Niskayuna NY 12309

May 13, 2008, Senior Day of Reflection, "Live in the Light!-Let's not stop living yet! Presenter: Fr. Joe Busch, Pastor of Our Lady of Annunciation, Glens Falls. He will guide you through the day as you listen to what God desires for you and help you to capture the excitement of living today to the fullest! Info/reservations, call 393-4169 Mon.-Fri., 8:30AM- 4:30PM, e-mail dslcny@nycap.rr.com or visit www.dslcny.org.

May 17, 2008, 10am-4pm, Spring Retreat Day, "Heaven and Nature". Presenter: Claudia Gregoire, a local nature photographer, "professional observer", and a volunteer at DRCC. Our world constantly reflects the beauty and bounty of our God. The Book of Genesis tells us that everything was created "good" – created for *us*. This presentation utilizes music, quotes and original photography – all God-given gifts – to help open our eyes and hearts to the "ordinary miracles" that surround us every day. Bring your journal, sketchbook, and camera or just come on along for a break from your busy routine. \$30.00. Info/reservations, call 393-4169 Mon.-Fri., 8:30AM- 4:30PM, e-mail dslcny@nycap.rr.com or visit www.dslcny.org.

**Bus Trip to Our Lady of Fatima
West NJ**

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

For information call Maria DeMatteo 377-9174 or Angela Palmieri 377-8668.

Attention prayerful single men!

The Legionaries of Christ in Thornwood, NY and the St. Mary's Benedictine Monastery in Morristown, NJ are hosting Exciting Live-in Vocational Retreats. The dates are May 23rd-26th, June 20th-22nd, and July 2nd-6th. Pray and work with the community and hear the informative vocational talks. These retreats are very popular so make your reservations soon. There is no cost but space is limited. If you take a bus or plane to the nearest major city they will pick you up. Call 1-800-221-1807 for more dates and info.

Vocation Discernment Retreat

A Vocation Discernment Retreat will be offered on November 21-23, 2008 for men and women, ages 18-40, interested in discerning religious life. You will find more information at both entrances of our church. For additional information, contact Sister Rosemary at our diocesan vocation office at 674-3818 or email her at rosemary.cuneo@rcda.org.

MAY 11, 2008



Monday, May 12 Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs Pancras, Martyr

7:00am Angelina Fiorillo (Living)/ By Family

Tuesday, May 13 Our Lady of Fatima

7:00am Richard Mavente/ By Joe Marcello
Carmena Polsinelli/ By Angelo Serafini
Kathaleen Nolin/ By Ed MacDermott

Wednesday, May 14 Matthias, apostle

7:00am Nicola Danise/ By Mary
Armond Mastroianni/ By DiLeva Children
Ettore Perri/ By Family

Thursday, May 15 Isidore

7:00am Deceased Members Sperduti & Bonacquisto
Families/ By Mary Bonacquisto

Friday, May 16 Weekday

7:00am In Honor of the Holy Trinity/ By Lucy P.

Saturday, May 17 Weekday

8:00am Friends & Benefactors St. Anthony's Bread/
By St. Anthony's Bread
Marianna D'Elia/ By Michael D'Elia & Family
Mary Bounanno (Living)/ By Family

4:00pm Rae & Tony Friello/ By daughter Mae
Peter Marinucci/ By Mary
Filomena LaPorta/ By Children
Deceased Members Tiscione Family/ By
Jenny

Sunday May 18 Most Holy Trinity

7:30am Angelo DeMarco/ By Paul & Felicia
Concetta DiCocco/ By Ersilia DiCarlo
Anna Potente & Stella Smith/ By Alan &
Ann
Gabrielle West/ By Family

10:00am For the People of St. Anthony
Frank DeMasi/ By Family
Augie DiDonna/ By Family
Angelo DeMatteo/ By Family

ALTAR SERVERS – May 17/18, 2008

Saturday, 4:00pm- Johnathan Delf & Jimmy Pierce

Sunday, 10:00am- Dustin Spataro, Andrew Cyr, Anastasia &
Christian Olsen

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MINISTERS
May 18, 2008

Altar Linens

Camille DelMonico

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Joe Marcello

Audit Team

Team 1 (May 19)

Fred & Sylvia Coppola, Ray & Betty Cote, Rena Nicodemi,
Bill Kaehler

Lectors

Saturday 4:00pm Sharon Ferro, Pat DeSimone

Sunday 7:30am Dave Phelan, Gioia Ottaviano
10:00am Dave Ditoro, Matt Spataro

Ushers

Saturday
4:00pm Onnie Nappi, Bill Civile
Paul Freudigman, Robert Tower

Sunday
7:30am Tony Popolizio, Vince Lecce,
Vince Bianchi, Carmen Caruso
10:00am Tom Marotta, John Clark,
Joe Marcello, Gene Falcone

Parish Support

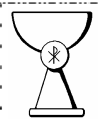
April 26/27, 2008 \$5,177.00



Sanctuary Lamps for the week of
May 18th – May 24th

**Deceased Members Fagan & Budel Families/
By Christina Fagan**

Mary Maiello/ By Florence Corsi



Bread and Wine for the week of
May 18th – May 24th

**Living & Deceased Members of Perrino,
DiLorenzo, Maniaci & Tariello Families**

ST ANTHONY BREAD

St. Anthony's Bread is an organization here at our parish that helps people in need. It would be akin to the St. Vincent DePaul Societies that parishes had in years past. As an effort to support this organization in its ministry, there will be free-willing offering baskets at our 8am Mass on Saturday.