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**20TH
SUNDAY
OF ORDINARY TIME**

*I have come to set the
earth on fire,
and how I wish it were
already blazing!*

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Masses

Sunday: (Saturday, 4 and 7 PM)
7:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 Noon
Holy Day: (Eve 4 PM) 7 AM, 12 Noon & 7 PM
Daily: 7AM and 12:00 Noon except Tuesdays 7 & 8 Adoration until
4:00 PM, Saturdays 9 AM

Saint Anthony Devotions:

The 13 Tuesdays
Every Tuesday: Holy Mass 8:00 AM
Adoration after the 8:00 AM Mass until 3:30 PM
Devotions & Benediction: 3:30 & 7:00 PM

Sacrament of Penance:

Saturdays: 3:00-3:45, 6:30-6:45 PM or by appointment.
Please call the rectory.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptism is done on the second Sunday of every Month. Classes
for Parents and Godparents are held on the First Sunday of every
month at 1:30 PM in the Chapel.
Please call the Rectory to register.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Preparation for Christian Marriage begins at least one year prior to
the planned date of the Wedding. Couples contemplating marriage
please go on-line to www.bostoncatholic.org to find out date and
time for Transformed in Love.

Pray for All the Soul in Purgatory:

Masses this Week

John Porrazzo and Maria Fruziano

Sunday, August 18, In Church

7:30

10:00 **San Giovanni DiMonte** by Mr. & Mrs. Fred DeLisio, Mr. & Mrs. Fred M. DeLisio, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony DeLisio, Mr. & Mrs. Fred J. DeLisio, Mr. & Mrs. Domenico DeLisio, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph O'Connor, Mr. & Mrs. Achille Mongiello and Mr. & Mrs Robert Casoli

12:00 Josephine Moschella by family

Monday August 19, In Chapel

7: AM Anthony DeSimone (Birthday) by mom & dad

12:PM

Tuesday August 20, In Chapel

7: AM Special prayers for Laurie Babbin

8: AM In Honor of St. Anthony – In Church

Wednesday August 21, In Chapel

7: AM Special prayers for Laurie Babbin

12:PM

Thursday, August 22, In Church

7: AM Special prayers for Laurie Babbin

12:PM Angela Roberto by family

Friday, August 23, In Chapel

7: AM Special prayers for Laurie Babbin

12: PM Joseph Mirasolo by family

Saturday, August 24, In Church

9: AM Community Mass

4: PM Helen (31st Anniversary) and Joseph (25th Anniversary) Botticelli by son Joe

7: PM Parish Mass

Masses next Sunday August 25, In Church

7:30 Anthony & Rose Borghetti by family

10:00 Robert Marra Sr. (17th Anniversary) by family

12:00 Rosemarie and Albert Brandano by children

News from the Wheel-House

Hello Everybody,

God bless you all!

Last week was a little rough for me. On Monday, Aug. 5, 2019 I had to go to MGH to fix my heart issue. I was at the hospital for four days. I came back to the rectory on Friday. I feel good now though I am with some prescriptions. During the time of my stay at the hospital and even now as I am recuperating, I am humbled by the loving thoughts and prayers of our faith community. I sincerely thank and appreciate the visits, prayer cards, phone calls, and food that were offered to me. I am extremely thankful to our north region bishop Mark O'Connell, Fr. George, Maryann, all the priests who celebrated the Masses and deacon Joe who right away stepped in to run our parish smoothly in my absence. God bless you all!

Faith Formation Students' Enrollment has started. Soon we will be starting the Faith Formation Program for this year. Kindly enroll the kids and help them to have the strength of their faith. It is our Christian responsibility to do that. I thank and appreciate all who have already done this great job. Mrs. Donna Felzani, our parish Faith Formation Administrator is taking a lot of initiatives to make the program meaningful and lively. We are blessed to have her. Kindly cooperate and encourage her with your great support. I appreciate it. Thank you.

Last week on Friday by the initiative of DeFlumeri Family "the Melito Irpino Boston Association" made a donation of \$3,500 to our parish. The Money that they made and saved through the statue of our blessed Mother from Immaculate Conception Church to St. Anthony's in the month of April 2019. I thank and appreciate on behalf our parish community both the DeFlumeri Family and "the Melito Irpino Boston Association" for their generosity and support. God bless them all!

Lending Library of Faith Nourishing Books Box: In order to enkindle and nourish the faith and make people to come around the church I thought about this program and talked to Mrs. Rita Sorrento, who in her kindness and love for our community has obliged to do it in memory of her late husband Jim Sorrento. Soon we will have the box and books next to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton statue in front of our Church. As I thank Mrs. Rita Sorrento for this beautiful expression of faith, I encourage our faith community to make use of this program.

Kindly encourage the youth in your family to be a part of our parish youth group. I strongly believe that it will add more life to our parish. Mrs. Donna Felzani is the contact person to get enrolled into youth group of our parish. Yes, I don't hear the bells for Macaroni and Meat Balls but the call to hold the wheel of St. Anthony's!

**Your administrator,
Fr. Xavier.**

TWENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Offertory Collection

Saturday Community Mass August 24, 2019 at 9: AM

1. Vincent & Catherine Napoli
2. Lucy DeMasse
3. Rev. Edward J. Gaudette
4. Galla Family by son William
5. Gina Pepe by husband Gerardo & family
6. Carol White by family
7. Bobby & Vinnie and All Souls In Purgatory
8. Prayers for recovery for Joel Colegrove by family
9. Anthony Polidoro (Birthday) by Chickie
10. Dino DeSalvo by mother Margaret
11. William Faughnan by Francis & family
12. Charlotte Linehan by Gail & Lisa
13. Michael "Mickey" Casoli by Joanne Giannino and family
14. Geraldine DeSisto by Susan Carbone
15. Vincent J. Piro by George Cashman
17. George Anastos by Joe & Crissa Nichinello
18. Christine Cataldo by The Penta Family
19. Judith Contardo by Melrene & Allen Stone
20. Mavourneen "Marvie" Procopio by St. Anthony
21. Sammy Russo by Peter Martino & family
22. For All The Souls in Purgatory by Steve
23. In Honor of The Sacred Heart Of Jesus by family
24. Thomas V. Lavery by Linda Redding & family
25. Antonio & Pellegrina Basso by Maria
26. John Porrazzo by St. Anthony
27. Loretta June (McCaffrey) Andreotta by Peter Martino and Dan Rizzo
28. Nicholas Geary by Mother Sally
29. John, Rita, Guerino, Stefanina Manganaro by Philip
30. Gina D. Soldano & Frank B. Soldano by The Soldano Family

The Offertory Collection for August 11, 2019 was (\$4432.56). Candle Revenue was (\$740.00).

Thank you

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

What a beautiful weekend! The weather was picture perfect! I've been seeing a lot of back to school ads and in a couple of weeks, the new school year will begin!

Faith Formation registration for all grades 1 through Confirmation 2 is ongoing. Thank you to the families that have already registered. Letters were sent home last weekend. If you didn't get one, please let me know. Forms are also available at the parish office, on the table in the vestibule of the church, and at the Faith Formation office on Saturdays from 9 until 11. Stop by and visit!

Here at St. Anthony's, Faith Formation classes are available for all grades from 1 through Confirmation. We welcome back all of our last year's First Communion class this year.

**Some upcoming dates for this year:
Now: Registration for Faith Formation classes continues**

Sunday, September 15: Blessing Mass for all Faith Formation teachers at 10:00 in the main church. Meeting after for teachers in Room C from 11:00-12:00.

Sunday, September 22: Opening Family Mass at 10:00 and "Meet the Teachers" in the hall at 11:00.

Sunday, September 29: First day of classes for grades 1-8. Grades 1-2 from 8:45 until 9:45. Grades 3-8 from 11:00-12:00

Please register your child/children early so that we may order materials for this year! Spread the word and invite other families, friends and neighbors to join us!

God bless you!

Donna Felzani

TWENTITH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Once in a village a horse race was about to be held and the contestants were being lined up. A man came with an ox and asked that it be included in the race. "Have you gone mad? What chance does an ox have against horses?" said the organizers. The man said, "You say that because you do not know anything about my ox. When it was a mere calf it could run almost as fast as a pony. Now that it is older it should be able to run even faster. Don't you think so...?"

In today's second reading we read not about a horse race but a Christian race in which every believer can and must be an active participant to obtain the reward awaiting each of them at the finish line.

Last week, in the letter to the Hebrews, the writer commended the strong faith of their forefathers particularly Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and encouraged the persecuted Hebrews to follow them. The message for us was that our faith must be like that of Abraham, who took God at His Word and in obedience acted on His commands, and who saw himself as a foreigner or a pilgrim on earth and looked forward patiently to his heavenly home, the Promised Land. Today's text is a part of the exhortation and encouragement to the Hebrew Christians who were struggling in their faith and perhaps contemplating to quit.

In the New Testament of the Bible, the writers use many illustrations and figures of speech to help us understand our faith, and in particular many analogies to make us appreciate the richness and fruitfulness of Christian life. For instance, in the gospel of Matthew (10:16) Jesus says, "I am sending you out like sheep among wolves; so be cunning as snakes and yet innocent as doves." Saint Paul compares a Christian to a faithful soldier, a diligent farmer, a member of a great body and so on. All of these analogies and metaphors reflect the different aspects of Christian life. In today's text the writer sees Christian life as running a race which requires inspiration, endurance to overcome obstacles and faith to reach the goal where the reward awaits.

First of all, the goal of Christian life is to conform to the image of Jesus Christ, and to be like Jesus Christ. In other words the goal of a believer in Christ is nothing less than to attain the likeness of Christ. A Christian joins the race to live, proclaim, serve, worship and make sacrifices like Christ. God became human in the person of Jesus so that we all can learn from him.

Second, Christian life is not a onetime event that begins and ends with the sacrament of baptism but a long race; a lifelong endeavor. Therefore a Christian must run the race with steadfastness, perseverance and determination.

Third, Christian life is surrounded and enriched by a "so great cloud of witnesses". A Christian can derive inspiration, courage, hope, encouragement and strength from the testimony and witnesses of many saints who have triumphantly completed the race. Particularly the writer reminds us that a Christian must "look up and ahead Jesus to the leader and perfecter of faith".

Jesus stands out as the greatest of all the witnesses in faith. How did he run the race? The writer says that Jesus ran the race by "enduring the cross, despising its shame and shedding blood". There is a big difference between the sacrifice of Christ and that of a Christian struggling to be faithful in a hostile world.

Fourth, Christian life demands self-denial, discipline, tremendous effort and sacrifice. A Christian must run the race without any baggage. The writer urges a Christian to "rid himself of every burden and sin that clings to him". In other words, whatever sin or obstacle keeps a Christian from the goal of becoming like Christ needs to be dealt with and laid aside.

Fifth, Christian life prepares us for eternal blessings and fulfillment. Jesus "for the sake of joy that lay before him" endured suffering and thereafter, "took his seat at the right hand of the throne of God". Jesus looked beyond the pain of the present moment and embraced the joy of the final outcome. Likewise, a follower who fixes his eyes on Jesus and perseveres to the end, will share in his joy.

Friends, all of us run the same race. However our course may appear to be different or more difficult than others, or the course of others may seem more pleasant and easier than ours because of the many circumstances and conditions before us. But certainly following the way of Jesus to the end, and be like Jesus in every step of the way, is not easy for any of us, no matter who we are.

Why do some of us stop running our race? And why do some others continue to run? It all depends on their goal. If their goal is earthly and momentary then they give up easily. If their goal is heavenly and eternal then they will strive to complete the race. Sadly, hundreds of thousands of people who had started off well but found their path too difficult, quit. They are so discouraged and disheartened because they have to run through the narrow lanes and rough paths and the finish line is too far from sight. Some, in fact, the vast majority of Christians, are in the race but perhaps they are taking it lightly. They do bits here and bits there. They can offer forgiveness to some people but refuse the same to others. One day they express so much love for one person and on another day they show so much hatred. They lack enthusiasm and desire to wholeheartedly follow Jesus's command of loving God and neighbor to obtain the reward. Some others are already in the race but perhaps going nowhere as if they have plenty of time to reach the finish line. They are completely indifferent and lukewarm to God and His commands. Saint Paul in his second letter to Timothy (4:3-4) says of such people, "will not accept sound teaching, but their ears will be itching for anything new and they will collect themselves a whole series of teachers according to their own tastes; and they will shut their ears to the truth and will turn to myths." And finally some Christians probably are going backwards. They have lost the faith to follow Jesus or in the reward awaiting them.

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ST. ANTHONY MINISTRIES

**Please fill the slip out and mail it back to us
or you may place it in the collection basket.**

____ Lector:

____ Extraordinary Minister

____ Usher

____ Greeter

____ Altar Server

____ Church Linens

____ Church Decorators

____ Catechist

____ RCIA Team

____ Baptism Team

____ Ladies' Sodality

____ Holy Name Society

____ Counter

____ Bus Driver

____ Bingo Volunteer

____ Flea Market Volunteer

____ Good Samaritan

____ Home bound

____ My Brother's Table

____ Liturgy Committee

____ Parish Council

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Thank you Fr. Xavier

STEWARDSHIP

In their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship, a Disciple's Response, the U.S. bishops state:

The Christian steward is one who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

Stewardship involves all of life

While pastors and others usually only speak of stewardship in terms of Time, Talent and Treasure, the truth is that stewardship involves all of life – body, mind and spirit, our material possessions, friendships, etc. All we are and have is a gift from our Creator for us to use wisely to build up God's kingdom here on earth.

Time

Time is a very precious gift. Most of us feel we don't have enough time for all the things we want to do. Everyone is given the same amount of time: 24 hours each day, 168 hours each week. The question is: How do we choose to use our time? Henry David Thoreau once said:

"It is not enough to be busy, so are ants.

The question is what are we busy about?"

Talent

All of us have been blessed with various talents, whether we are aware of it or not, or whether we have developed our talents or not. Of course, it is usually not possible to develop all of our talents. But, ideally, we can and should develop some of them and use them wisely to bless the communities we belong to.

Treasure

There are over 2,300 verses in the Bible about money, possessions and the right use of them. Why is this? Perhaps because God knows our propensity to misuse money or allow it to distract us from keeping our eyes on him.

Tithing. When it comes to financial support of our church family, the biblical ideal is a tithe—or 10%—of one's income. Our Catholic Church leaders suggest giving 5% to church and 5% to charity. Most Catholics who tithe reach this ideal gradually. In this area of stewardship, one of the most important steps to consider is to become an 'intentional giver'—as opposed to a 'loose change giver.' An intentional giver is one who has the willing diligence to 'do the math,' that is, to look at his/her annual income and then prayerfully and intentionally decide what percentage should be set aside for the support of the church and for charity.

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My Brother's Table



**For
August, 2019
Donated**

**In Loving Memory
Of
Antonio & Antoinette DeFilippo
&
Ferdinando Sr. & Ferdinando Jr.
D'Angelo
&
Theresa D'Angelo
by
children & grandchildren**

Sanctuary Candle

**August, 2019
Donated**



**In Loving Memory
Of
Cella, Manzo, LaBella
&
Rolli Families
by
Connie & Al Rolli**



**Missals
For
August, 2019
Donated
In Loving Memory
Of**

**Mary, Peter D. & Peter Lattanzi
&
Dieso Family
by
daughters, Celeste Lattanzi &
family**



**Eucharistic Hosts
For
August, 2019
Donated
In Loving Memory
Of
John Joseph Seager Sr.
&
John Joseph Seager Jr.
by
family**

Sunday, August 18, 2019

8:45 – 12:00 No Faith Formation
7 PM- AA-room C-lower rectory

Monday, August 19, 2019

7 AM Mass -Chapel
12 Noon Mass- Chapel
4 PM to 10 PM- Bingo-Hall
6:30 PM Hispanic Prayer Group - Chapel

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

7AM Mass – Chapel
8:00 AM St. Anthony Mass
3:30 PM and 7:00 PM St. Anthony Novena

Wednesday, August 21, 2019

7 AM Mass - Chapel
12 Noon Mass – Chapel
6-8 PM - Prayer Group, Adoration, Rosary and
Benediction- Chapel

Thursday, August 22, 2019

7AM Mass -Church
12 Noon Mass – Church
Church
Padre Pio Prayer Group
Meets the Fourth Thursday of every month
from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM in the Chapel

Friday, August 23, 2019

7 AM Mass -Chapel
12 Noon Mass – Chapel

Saturday, August 24, 2019

9:00 AM Community Mass
4 & 7 PM Mass – Church

Confession – Church

at 3 – 3:45 PM and 6:30 – 6:45PM

Flea Market is Closed until October
Sandy - 339-532-7665