



MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL  
FOLK ARTS & HERITAGE PROGRAM

## FIELDNOTES

Fieldworker(s) [(Initials) Name]: (JF) , ( )

## Accession Numbers:

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Initial Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Date: 6/13/2003

Related Accession Numbers: - - , - - , - -

Individual/Group/Event: St. Anthony of Padua Parish 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: Berkshire

Phone: Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: Mark Rondeau

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Interview: See above

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs (including translation):

Traditions documented on visit (traditional art/skills, occupational experience, ethnic or religious community): Parish traditions and history

Traditions noted for follow-up: .

Other Possible Contacts:

Summary Description: This event was to be a 3-day event, beginning with a display of historical photos on Friday afternoon (6/13) and including a procession in honor of St. Anthony on Sunday, 6/15. The procession is an annual event, I believe. The photo display consisted of photo collages on tables in 2 rooms of the parish center across from the church. It showed the building of the new church, and also documented the importance of religious societies and family life in parishioners' lives. The display also included a section on the Venerini Sisters, who had a big presence in parishioner's lives. The religious societies are no longer active today. (As I understand it, the Sons of Italy is now the one active society for the city's Italian community.) As part of the celebration, Mark Rondeau (parishioner and chairman of the St. Anthony 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee), wrote a book, A People of Faith, Hope and Love: The First 100 Years fo the St. Anthony Parish. Mark is also the editor of the local newspaper, Advocate. Mark said the idea for the celebration was first brought up in Dec. of 2000. He has been working on the research for the book since December of 2001. The parish published the book; the printing was done by Eugene Micahalenko of Adams Specialty Printing, Adams. Despite the rainy weather, the display seemed to attract many people (adults of all ages), and provided an excellent opportunity for people to share memories.