



SAINT ANNE PARISH

20 Boston Road Southborough MA 01772

ST. ANNE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Anne Parish, Southborough, in the Diocese of Worcester are called through Baptism to become one faith family. We commit ourselves to embody the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament; by using our ministries to welcome all who are seeking Jesus and to share in the life and work of our Catholic faith. In the spirit and truth of the Holy Trinity, we will use our time, talents and treasure to answer God's command to love one another as He has loved us, in holy worship, prayer, Catechetical formation for all, evangelization and service to others.

DECEMBER 9, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We welcome all visitors to St. Anne parish. If you would like to join our faith community please call the Parish Office to register, 508-485-0141.



"FAITH"

The "Bethlehem Candle", reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

God helps us change our lives today.
Philippians 1:6

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & PARISH DINNER

NEXT Saturday, December 15 at 6:00pm
Dinner will be served after the Pageant. Still time to Sign-up, RSVP sheets are in the Parish Office and after the weekend Masses in the church.



2019 Religious Calendars are available for all parishioners to have. They are in the foyers of the church. We thank the Morris Funeral Home for their kindness in donating these nice calendars.

Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm
Sunday ~ 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 5:30 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word
10:30 am Mass during school year

Filipino Mass:

Third Sunday of the month - 12 pm

Daily Mass Schedule:

Week Day Mass,
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am (during this Advent season Mass will be celebrated on Fridays at 9:00am)
First Friday: 9:00 am

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 4:15 pm,
or anytime on request

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday ~ 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism.

Baptisms are generally celebrated at any of the Masses on the first weekend of the month so that the child may be welcomed and received in the presence of the parish community.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements with a Priest required at least one year prior to the wedding date.

Visitation of the Sick

Fr. Albert and St. Anne's Ministers of Communion are pleased to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. Please call the Parish Office to arrange a time.

Parish Contact Information

Office Hours, Monday ~ Thursday

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Friday ~ 9:30 am to noon

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Parish Information



COFFEE HOUR

This weekend, Sunday, December 9 after the 8:30am & 10:30am Masses. Please join other parishioners to kick off the season of Christmas.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

This weekend, Sunday, December 9th 6:30 pm after the 5:30pm Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend this beautiful Festival of Lessons and Carols which origins dates back to the 19th century. Each Scripture Lesson is followed by a Carol or other song that reflect on the Scripture lesson's message.



SHARING ADVENT TRADITIONS

Dear Parishioners, Greetings. We are in the season of Advent (Second Sunday) I wish you all a meaningful preparation. I have been asking you all for the past few weeks to volunteer and share about the Christmas preparation that you do in your families. It is a wonderful opportunity to introduce yourselves to our brothers and sisters at St. Anne's and move one step further to deepen your relationship with us. As Son of God reached out to the human race two thousand years ago, may we also reach out to others by sharing both traditional and spiritual preparation for Christmas. Your family tradition might inspire many people and help them to have meaningful celebrations of Christmas. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Few families have already signed up and I hope others will sign up soon. **There is a sign-up sheet at the ramp entrance of the church.** God bless, Fr. Albert

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saturday, December 8: God the Father wanted the best possible mother for His Son, and so He granted the grace to Mary which would make her, for Jesus, a mother who would physically and spiritually give nothing to her Son but the same fullness of love which God means all of us humans to have. Furthermore, because Mary is the Mother of Jesus, she is our mother as well. She is the Immaculate Conception, through whom Jesus entered the world. Through her each of us is healed, if we accept in faith the gift of healing that God wants to give us. In this season of Advent we meditate on the truth that God's gift of the Immaculate Conception has made Mary, for each of us, not only the Mother of the Church. She is the model of what it means to accept Christ into our lives: through Him and in Him to be "full of love", which is to be "full of grace".



PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR:

December 1 and 2, 2018

Weekly Offering\$3,708.00
Capital Development.....\$ 650.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING GENEROUS SUPPORT.

Diocesan and Special Collections in DECEMBER ~ 2018

Immaculate Conception	December 8
Christmas Flowers	During the month
Retirement Fund for Religious	December 9
Special Collection for Haiti	December 16



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: All the Christmas gifts should be in this Sunday, December 9. The agencies will pick up the gifts from St. Anne's on Monday, December 10th. **THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN BUYING A GIFT OR GIFTS FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE.** Your generosity is unbelievable. You have made many adults and children very happy this Christmas. We also extend a thank you to our parishioner Orla Wages who organized all aspects of the Christmas Giving Tree Ministry project. As usual, she has done an excellent job.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORIAL OFFERINGS are welcomed and will be used for decorating the church for the Christmas season. Please list all the names of those you to remember and honor with your donation. Donation envelopes are found in the weekly envelope packet and extra envelopes are in the foyers of the church.



Adult Choir rehearsals continue on **Tuesdays at 7:30pm** to prepare for the Christmas Eve 11pm mass. You can join the choir at anytime. If time and numbers of people permit, we'll also prepare some selections for Advent. **Any questions, contact Paul @ 508-254-1254 or prcivello04@gmail.com**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Faith Stephens, Jan & Charlie Mangana, Danielle Taylor, Jamie Farley, Stephanie McMahon, Rachel Knoll, Brad Arsenault, Paine Family, Lavallee Family, Marilou A. Custodio, Melinda O'Connor, Susan Davis, Scott Broussard, Paul Brodeur, Kenny Cassidy, Colleen Manning, Simone Almeida, Pat Austin, Phil Auzenne, Gayle Dufour, Alexandra Barr, Carolyn Green, (Red) Weir, Zenta Franz, Denise Perrin, Katie Lutz, Judi Shea, Laroche Family, Barbara Peterson, Isabel Chesak, George Wood, Gertrude Wallace, Judy Christian, Jeanne Walker, Dianne Higgins, Millie Garden, Brian K., Mark S. Tootalian, Milton Rattet, Dorothy Reid, Yvonne Allain, Dewey Morton, Michael Santella, Carol Dunn, Stephen Brown, Elaine Taylor, Kristine Livingstone, Joan Pinsky, 4 year old, Sean MacDonnell, Rita Babino, Carolyn Connors, Pat Moran, Jan Peterson, Josephine Cushing, Reno Morra, Trent Vaughn, Arron Anderson, Peter Pino, Amy Richardson, Kathy, Andrea Furtado, Jim Davis, Jane Bradstreet, Donald Eustis, Fran



Parish Information continued...

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Beautiful prayer shawls are available in the Parish Office during office hours. Anyone who is ill or suffering will welcome a blessed, warm, and comforting prayer shawl. The ministry members meet every Monday at 10:00am to noon in the Conference Room at the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome.

Annette Buhsmer, Chair

UNITED PARISHERS OF SOUTHBOROUGH FOOD PANTRY: Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) are Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. and Fridays from 10-11 a.m.

Pat Draper, St. Anne Parish Coordinator

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION CLASS: SERVICE INITIATIVE FOR THIS ADVENT SEASON:

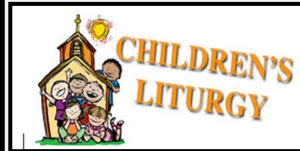
As a Community Service initiative this Advent season, the 1st Communion Preparation class is displaying a "Caring Heart" banner in our sanctuary the weekend of December 15/16. The "Caring Heart" tags on the banner were written by the children with suggestions on how the recipient may prepare their hearts for the coming of Christ. All parishioners are invited to take a tag. The children wish you a caring Advent season.

PARISH WIDE SOAP BAR COLLECTION FOR OUR FATHER'S TABLE PATRONS: Parishioners of St. Anne Church were asked to donate new bars of hand soap for the toiletries gift bags that are being assembled for the patrons of Our Father's Table, the local kitchen that provides hot meals to over 100 people several nights a week. **THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 IS THE FINAL SUNDAY FOR THE SOAP BAR COLLECTION. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS DONATED BARS OF HAND SOAP.**

BABY DOLL COLLECTION: Last Christmas season, parishioners of St. Anne blessed St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center with a collection of baby dolls. My how these babies were loved! Residents found both purpose and comfort caring for them. Just a month ago, I peeked in on a dying woman who was sleeping with a baby doll on her chest, and my heart filled with gratitude for our parishioners providing her such comfort at the end of her life. At this writing, each and every baby doll you donated has been used...and we are in need once again.

On Epiphany we celebrate the visit of the Magi to the Christ child – the revelation of our God coming to live in this world with us as an infant. Around the world epiphany is considered "little Christmas" as we give gifts in remembrance of the wise men's gifts that first Christmas. In honor of this tradition, and the end of our Church's Christmas season, please consider purchasing a baby doll and bringing it to the Parish office, or placing it in the bin inside the Parish foyer. If you would like to hear more stories of how the dolls are used, I am always happy to share! Thank you for your generosity! May God's blessings be abundantly manifest in your lives this holiday season! Tanya Rybarczyk, St. Anne Parishioner and Director of Pastoral Care at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

Religious Education



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: "Children's Liturgy of the Word" is held at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children in kindergarten to grade five are invited to participate. No need to pre-register.

Parents are always welcome. Those confirmed members of St. Anne Church wishing to share their faith with the children of St. Anne in the role of Children's Liturgy leader or leader's assistant, please contact the Parish Office at 508-485-0141 or Joanne Flathers jflathers@charter.net or 508-485-4345.

PRAYER SPONSORSHIP: Parishioners of St. Anne Church are invited to become a Prayer Sponsor for a St. Anne child or young adult preparing to receive the sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation, respectively, in the spring of 2019. Names of candidates seeking prayer sponsorship are located in baskets in the church foyers. A Prayer Sponsor Mailbox is located in the main foyer of the church for dropping off notes of encouragement to your sponsored child/young adult. Blank cards are also available in the main foyer for sponsorship use. "Mailed" notes will be distributed to candidates at their next sacramental preparation class.

Prayer sponsorship envelopes are available to Confirmation Candidates.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS DATES (DECEMBER)

Grade 1-2: (Non-Sacramental) meet on Sunday, December 9, 9:30am to 10:30am, (Class held in the Parish Hall Conference Room)

Grade 2 & older, First Reconciliation and First Communion: meet on Sunday, December 9, 9:30am-10:30am (Class held in the Children's Liturgy Room)

Grade 3: Meet on Sunday, December 9, 9:30am-10:30am (Class held in the Religious Education Office)

Grade 4-5: Meet on Monday, December 10, 4-5:00pm (Class held in the Parish Hall)

Grade 6: Meet on Monday, December 10, 4:00 to 5:00pm (Class meets in the Conference Room)

Grade 7-8: Meet on Monday, December 10 6:30pm-8:00pm (Class meets in the Parish Hall)

Grade 9-10: Meet on Sunday, December 9, 5:30pm Mass followed by class at 6:30pm to 8:00pm (Class held in the Parish Hall)

PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY:

It's every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims (any age) by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. For particular help you may call: The Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester, at 508-929-4363. The Diocese of Worcester requires Safe Environment training for all staff & volunteers.



*Luke 3:1-6 -
John the Baptist*

On the first Sunday of Advent, we always hear Jesus' instruction to stay awake and watchful for his second coming.

On the second Sunday we always hear how John the Baptist appeared on the scene in the desert outside of Jerusalem calling for people to repent and "prepare the way of the Lord." The Jews and early Christians of the first century would have recognized John as a prophet like those in the Old Testament. Like John, the Old Testament prophets were usually fiery, passionate characters who unsettled the rich and powerful while offering hope and consolation to the poor and outcasts.

In this passage, we hear John the Baptist urge everyone to get their act together because the Lord is coming soon. It's as if children who were messing around suddenly realize their parents will be home soon. "They are on their way! We better clean up this mess and start behaving!" God isn't a parent who wants us to behave out of fear of punishment, but God knows our habit of getting off track. That's why Advent is the perfect time to be reminded by the prophet John that we need to repent, ask forgiveness, and get back to doing God's work. As we light the second candle on the Advent wreath this week, we are invited to reflect on what we still need to straighten out in our lives so that we can better receive Christ when he comes to us.

~The Pastoral Center



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE
with MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday, December 8 through December 16, 2018

SATURDAY	5:00pm	Suzanne Morgan
SUNDAY	8:30am	Graciana De Pe Na (Birthday Remembrance) by Maria Martin
	10:30am	Jack Maley by Georgette Prosperi
	5:30pm	For Religious Education students and their Families
MONDAY	9:00am	Erika Alvarez by Jim and Millie Garden
TUESDAY	9:00am	Margaret Anne Hostage
WEDNESDAY	9:00am	Graciana De Pe Na by Maria Martin
THURSDAY	9:00am	Graciana De Pe Na (Month's Mind) by Maria Martin
FRIDAY	9:00am	Sarina Mustacchia by Michael and Dorothy Hostage
SATURDAY	5:00pm	Epifania Garza (Month's Mind) by Maria Martin
SUNDAY	8:30am	Robert Behrens by Matthew and Barbara Malloy
	10:30am	Jack Maley by John and Sandy Callinan
	12 noon	Filipino/St. Anne Community Mass
	5:30pm	Parishioners of St. Anne Parish

Schedule for Advent and Christmas

Sacrament of Confession for the Advent Season
will be heard between the
8:30am and 10:30am Masses during Advent,
Confessions will also be heard on December 23
after the 10:30am Mass until 1:00pm,
and at 4:15pm on Saturdays.

*Mass will be held each Friday during
Advent at 9:00am*

Christmas Mass Schedule
Christmas Eve
Mass Times: 5:00pm and 11:00 pm
The Nativity of the Lord ~ Christmas Day
Mass Times: 9:00am and 11:00am

Liturgical Minister Schedule

December 8/9

5:00pm	Lector	Deb Sanford
	Communion Ministers	M. Andries/Need
8:30am	Lector	Regina McAuliffe
	Communion Ministers	D. Campero/Need
10:30am	Lector	Janice Brown
	Communion Ministers	J. Cruciani/J. Flathers
5:30pm	Lector/CM	
<i>Counters: P. Draper</i>		

December 15/16

5:00pm	Lector	Roger Jolicoeur
	Communion Ministers	L. D'Souza/M. Andries
8:30am	Lector	Ellen Kluge
	Communion Ministers	B. Shea/A. Shea
10:30am	Lector	Pat Draper
	Communion Ministers	S. Buttiglieri/J. Flathers
5:30pm	Lector/CM	
<i>Counters: J. Flathers</i>		



One Parish Council member has moved and we would like to fill her seat. If you would like to be a Council member or would like to nominate someone for the roll, please read the Council Member prerequisites in the foyers of the church.