



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 16, 2018 THIRD 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.

Parish Contact Information

Office Hours, Monday ~ Thursday

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Friday ~ 9:30 am to noon

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"JOY"

The "Shepherd's Candle"
reminding us
of the Joy the world
experienced
at the coming birth
of Jesus.

Our joy begins
because we know
God is near.
Zephaniah 3:16-17

The 3rd Sunday in
Advent is called
Gaudete Sunday (from
the Latin meaning
"rejoice") which is
taken from Philippians
4:4-5, the Entrance
Antiphon

Rose is also used during
Laetare Sunday (the
Fourth Sunday of Lent) to
symbolize a similar
expectation of the coming
joy of Christ's coming in
Easter.

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 Information

Dear Parishioners ~ A reminder
Confessions will be heard on Sunday,
December 23 from 11:30am to 1:00pm.
There will be two priests present to listen to
confessions.

SHARING ADVENT TRADITIONS

Dear Parishioners,
Greetings. We are in the season of Advent. 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

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 Buhmer, Chair

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Faith Stephens, Jan & Charlie Mangana, Danielle Taylor, Jamie Farley, Stephanie McMahon, Rachel Knoll, Brad Arsenaault, 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, Larochelle 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 STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR:

December 9/10, 2018

Weekly Offering\$3,979.00
Retirement Fund for Religious.....\$1,421.00

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



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.

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.



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

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**

Parish Information continued...

UNITED PARISHERS OF SOUTHBOROUGH FOOD PANTRY: Thank you to all who contributed to the Giving Tree and the Southborough Food Pantry. Weekly you make sure the Southborough Food Pantry is well stocked. Now at Christmas time, you amaze me again. On behalf of all the Southborough Food Pantry clients, a HUGE thank you to Orla Wages for all she has done to ensure that this year's Giving Tree was once again a big success. There are no words to adequately describe your generosity. As I sat in Church, I was amazed as the gifts arrived and filled the sanctuary. What a sight! I had the honor of bringing some of your gifts to some of our clients, receiving hugs and kisses. I received this warmth on your behalf. Please know that you made many people lives brighter this Christmas season. May you and your family have a joyous, peace-filled Christmas and new year. **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.

OUR FATHER'S TABLE: This month St. Anne Church will be providing a meal of ham steak, mashed potatoes, green salad and desserts to the patrons of Our Father's Table on **Thursday, December 27**. All the items for this meal are already taken care of except for the desserts. (Thank you Chestnut Hill Farm for the ham steaks.

Please consider signing up to drop off a dessert contribution on Thursday, December 27 by noon or signing up to serve at Our Father's Table that afternoon

Sign-Up Link:

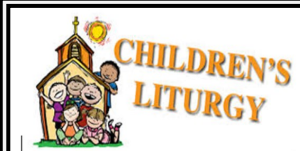
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ba4aa23a7fa7-ourfathers9>

Contact person: Regina McAuliffe, 508-485-0159

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.

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 (JANUARY 2019)

Grade 1-2: (Non-Sacramental) meet on Sunday, January 6 and 13, 9:30am to 10:30am, (Class held in the Parish Hall Conference Room)

Grade 2 & older, First Reconciliation and First Communion: meet on Sunday, January 6 and 13 9:30am-10:30am January 27 – The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held at 2:00pm

(Class held in the Children's Liturgy Room)

Grade 3: Meet on Sunday, January 6 and 13, 9:30am-10:30am (Class held in the Religious Education Office)

Grade 4-5: Meet on Monday, January 7 and 14, 4-5:00pm (Class held in the Parish Hall)

Grade 6: Meet on Monday, January 7 and 14 4:00 to 5:00pm (Class meets in the Conference Room)

Grade 7-8: Meet on Monday, January 7 and 14, January 6 and 13 6:30pm-8:00pm (Class meets in the Parish Hall)

Grade 9-10: Meet on Sunday, January 6 and 13, 5:30pm Mass followed by class at 6:30pm to 8:00pm (Class held in the Parish Hall)

Today's Gospel: Luke 3:10-18



**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE
with MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 15 through December 23, 2018



John's words still sting today. Many may not have offered their extra shirt to someone in need. Many may not have shared their extra food with those who have nothing to eat. These commandments from John are an initiation into Christianity. To prepare the way for the Lord, John exhorts God's people to sacrifice their own comfort in order to help someone else. It is the first requirement of Christian love. It is also the true Spirit of Christmas

~ *The Pastoral Center*



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.

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.

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| 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 |
| MONDAY | 9:00am | Graciana De La Rosa by Maria Martin |
| TUESDAY | 9:00am | Margaret Anne Hostage |
| WEDNESDAY | 9:00am | Elaine Olson by Melinda O'Connor |
| THURSDAY | 9:00am | Elaine Olson by Jim and Millie Garden |
| FRIDAY | 9:00am | Parishioners of St. Anne Parish |
| SATURDAY | 5:00pm | Elaine Olson by John and Sandy Callinan |
| SUNDAY | 8:30am | Elaine Olson by Matthew and Barbara Malloy |
| | 10:30am | Jean McCarthy by Georgette Prospero |
| | 5:30pm | Irene Waterman (Birthday Remembrance) by her Family |

Liturgical Minister Schedule

December 15/16

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| 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 | |
| | Counters: | J. Flathers |

December 22/23

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| 5:00pm | Lector | Laura Schroeder |
| | Communion Ministers | NEED |
| 8:30am | Lector | Elaine Yetman |
| | Communion Ministers | D. Campero/NEED |
| 10:30am | Lector | Joe Cruciani |
| | Communion Ministers | J. Flathers/P. Draper |
| 5:30pm | Lector/CM | |
| | Counters: | Not scheduled |

Christmas Eve December 24

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| 5:00pm | Lector | Nick Paganella |
| | Communion Ministers | L. D'Souza/B. & A. Shea |
| 11:00pm | Lector | Tayna Rybarzyk |
| | Communion Ministers | NEED |

Christmas Day December 25

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| 9:00am | Lector | NEED |
| | Communion Ministers | NEED |
| 11:00am | Lector | NEED |
| | Communion Ministers | NEED |

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