



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 23, 2018
FOURTH 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
Telephone 508-485-0141
Fax 508-481-9374

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

E-mail:
stanne403@stannesouthborough.org
Web: www.stannesouthborough.org

Filipino Mass:
Third Sunday of the month - 12 pm

Fr. Albert Irudayasamy,
Parish Administrator
fralbert@stannesouthborough.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Director of Religious Education-Life Teen
Monica Shay (Parish Intern)
Director of the Edge Program
Monica Shay
monica@stannesouthborough.org

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

Administrative Assistant
Linda Bradstreet
stanne403@stannesouthborough.org

Bookkeeper
Bridgitte Morgan
bridgitte@stannesouthborough.org

Music Ministry
Organist & Choir Director:
Paul Crivello 508-366-0821
musicdirector@stannesouthborough.org

Confessions:
Saturday ~ 4:15 pm,
or anytime on request
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:
Wednesday ~ 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Maintenance
Matt Bernier
mbern@stannesouthborough.org

Amy Buttiglieri ~ Webmaster
webmaster@stannesouthborough.org

"PEACE"

The fourth candle called the "Angel's Candle" symbolizes peace, reminding us of the message of the angels: "PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN"

Confessions will be heard this Sunday, December 23 after the 10:30am Mass until 1:00pm

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

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



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, 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, Rick Davis, Jane Bradstreet, Donald Eustis, Fran



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE with MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 22 through December 30, 2018

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 Prosperi
	5:30pm	Irene Waterman (Birthday Remembrance) by her Family
<u>Christmas Eve</u>	5:00pm	Parishioners of St. Anne Parish
MONDAY	11:00pm	Elaine Olson (Month's Mind) By Tom, Lyda & Julie Livingstone
<u>Christmas Day</u>	9:00am	Margaret Anne Hostage
TUESDAY	11:00am	Parishioners of St. Anne Parish
WEDNESDAY	9:00am	Elaine Olson by Andrea Furtado
THURSDAY	9:00am	Patricia (Cookie) Whammond by Fred and Lee Williams
FRIDAY	No Mass	
SATURDAY	5:00pm	Robert Williams (Healing) by Marie Ohman
SUNDAY	8:30am	Maria and Ricardo (Special Intention) by Jim and Monica Shay
	10:30am	Joseph Shay, Sr. by Jim and Millie Garden
	5:30pm	Joseph Shay, Sr. by Matt and Kathy Bernier

Liturgical Minister Schedule

December 22/23

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
5:30am Lector/CM
Counters: Not scheduled

Christmas Eve December 24

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

Christmas Day December 25

9:00am Lector Regina McAuliffe
Communion Ministers NEED
11:00am Lector Doug Parent
Communion Ministers NEED

December 29 /30

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: J. Flathers

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: We would like to thank all the children who participated in the Christmas Pageant on Saturday evening, December 16th. They did a wonderful job. It was a beautiful evening with over a hundred parishioners in attendance. Dinner was served to all and it was delicious. Thank you to Monica Shay, Arlene Kutzo, teachers, and parents who helped. Thank you to Jim Garden who played Santa Claus for the evening. He made a great Santa!!

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



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORIAL OFFERINGS
Thank you to all the parishioners who contributed to the Christmas Flower offerings toward the beautiful Christmas flowers that decorate the church for the season. We remember and pray for those honored and memorialized. A list of those names will be posted on the Parish Bulletin boards in the foyers of the church.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



The Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem stands as an ancient witness to the birth of Jesus Christ. Originally constructed in 327 A.D. over a cave venerated as the birthplace of Jesus, most of the original church was destroyed in a sixth century Samaritan revolt. Rebuilt in 565, the second church still stands today.

Through the centuries, the Church of the Nativity has been battered by time and weather. It has suffered fires, earthquakes, desecrations and even gun battles. The interior, too, suffers neglect as squabbles among Armenian, Greek and Catholic caretakers have delayed needed renovations to the roof, walls and paintings.

For some on the outside, the Church of the Nativity, battered, fortress-like and unattractive to the eye, is disappointing. Even to some on the inside, the neglect is disheartening.

But then, descending a staircase to the cave below, one sees on the floor a silver star and the words, "Here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary." Those words and that realization give one a profound pause. Here, on this very spot, salvation came, hope was born. Here, Mary laid God's Son in a manger. To this very place, angels directed shepherds who hastened and worshiped. In this very place, like Mary and Joseph, pilgrims for centuries knelt in awe and wonder. From this spot, they have returned home, closer to God, renewed in faith, convinced anew of the great love of God who created us and draws us on. Realizing all that, pilgrims are glad that they did not let the visible defects deter them from entering the Church and staying in it to reach the sacred spot.

In some ways, the Church of the Nativity might be a metaphor for today's Church. Scandals, desecration, and the neglect of some priests and bishops in past years have caused tremendous suffering and sullied the image of the Church. Looking around from outside, some don't want to enter. Being discouraged on the inside, others have left. This, too, is tragic because it is only in the heart of the Church in the liturgy, sacraments, communion of the saints, the Scriptures and Tradition authentically handed on that one can regularly encounter the ordinary means of God's saving graces. Our world, our society and culture need those graces. We must continue to remain vigilant in order to protect our children but we must also never forget the treasures that have been entrusted to the Church and offered to us in the sacraments. The same Jesus, born at Bethlehem, and laid in the manger by Mary comes to us to nourish our souls, to bring us His love, healing and peace. Like Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and the Magi, may that encounter give you and your loved ones joy and peace on Christmas and each week at Mass.

With every prayerful best wish for a Blessed and Merry Christmas, I remain
Sincerely yours in Christ ~Most Reverend Robert J. McManus,
Bishop of Worcester

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. meal is taken care of (thanks to Chestnut Hill Farm) except for the dessert. Dessert contributions welcomed on Thursday, December 27 by noon. Sign up to serve at Our Father's Table that afternoon:
SIGN - UP: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4ba4aa23a7fa7-ourfathers9>
Contact person: Regina McAuliffe, 508-485-0159

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. ALBERT

My Dear Parishioners,

I wish you all a merry Christmas and Grace- Filed New Year 2019. We have been preparing ourselves for the past four weeks to receive Christ in the manger of our hearts. At this juncture, I invite you all to reflect on the Love of God. There are many ways of one's affection to the people we love. We can do so by sending a letter by email or by sending text messages, by flowers and chocolates. We can express it by calling the person through cell phone. The ideal, of course, is to go personally and tell the person, "I love you"

On Christmas day, we remember the best gift that we ever received. It is the gift of love from God. He sends His only Son Jesus Christ to the world as our Savior and Lord. Sacred Scripture which is the love letter of God to each one of us, has it: "God so loves the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16). It is also the gift of the Son who chooses to make His dwelling among us and to become like us that we may become like Him.

Christmas, which is literally meant as Christ's Mass is nothing less than God wanting to be with us. Our Church finds this day so important that she gives us four Masses: Christmas Eve 5PM, 11PM and on Christmas Day 9AM, 11AM and each with its own readings. For Christmas Eve the gospel readings are from Luke's familiar telling of the Christmas story. For the daytime mass, we have the opening of John's gospel, his prologue, which tells us about the coming of the Almighty God into our world. The cold and comfortless cave of Bethlehem was where the Eternal Word stepped into human history and becomes a member of our human race. This shows us how great the love of God to each one of us is. May we express our gratitude especially today by reaching out to God concretely through attending masses and share our love and blessings with the poor and needy.

With prayers
Fr. Albert

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)



THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ON THIS DAY, WE PONDER AND CELEBRATE THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S GREAT LOVE. THE GLORY OF GOD IS REVEALED IN HIS SON, WHO TOOK ON FLESH SO THAT WE MIGHT BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD. OUR CHURCH IS BRIGHT WITH THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS AS WE WORSHIP GOD WHO BRINGS LIGHT TO OUR DARKNESS AND SAVES US. - FROM "AT HOME WITH THE WORD" A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.