

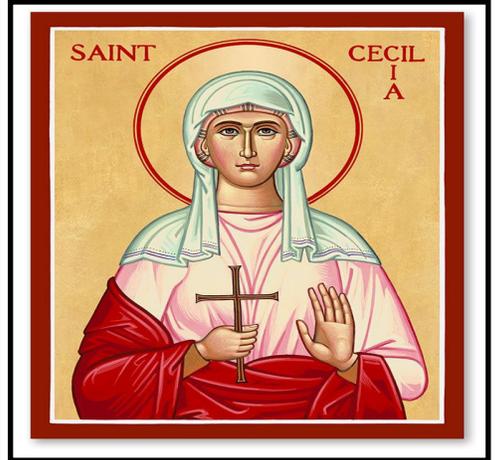
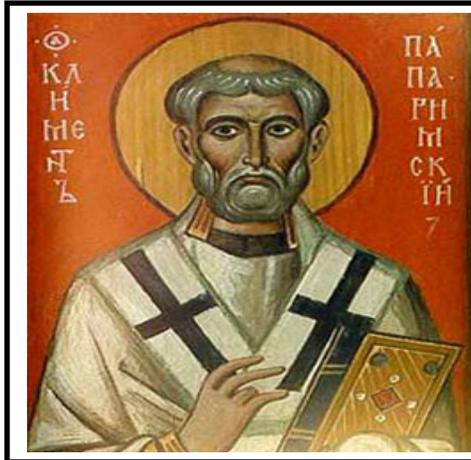
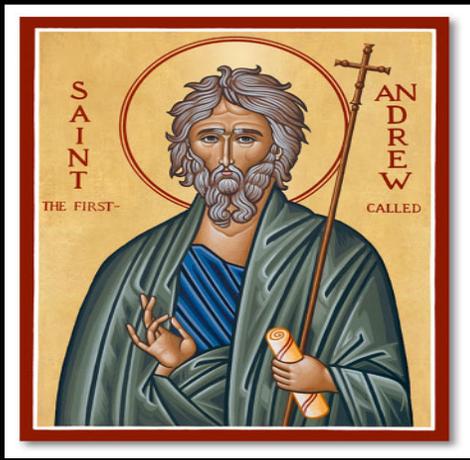


SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 24th and November 25th

Rev. Father Frederick D. Fraini, III Pastor
Deacon James Graves
Mrs. Beth Donlan, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Mary Lou Petty, Religious Ed Coordinator
Mrs. Lorraine Carrier, RCIA Director



Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4pm
SUNDAY: 8am, 10am, 11:30am
DAILY: Monday-Friday, 7:30am

SCHOOL MASS: Mondays 9am (September-June)
BRAZILIAN / PORTUGUESE: Sunday 6:30pm

Adoration

Tuesdays 8am – 12pm

Confessions

SATURDAYS 2:45-3:45pm or by appointment

Sacraments

BAPTISMS: Celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the month with preparation classes for parents and God parents on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Contact Deacon Graves at james.graves@umassmemorial.org.

MARRIAGE: Contact the parish office at least 1 year before the date to make arrangements.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: If you have family members who are seriously ill, anticipating surgery, or weakened because of prolonged illness or advanced age, contact the parish office for assistance.

Contact Us

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St. Anna School

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978 534-4770 www.stannaschool.org
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Office of Healing and Prevention 508-929-4363

Safety Environment Notice: Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children & young people approved by the US Bishops & Dioceses of Worcester policies. Contact Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, at 508-929-4363 (direct & confidential.) Claire Freda is St. Anna's Safety Environment Coordinator

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Parish News...

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

4:00PM Paul and Alice Maguire by Amelia Piermarini
William Corkran (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
William Jagling by The O'Toole Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

8:00AM: Antoinetta Lombardo by Maria Maldari
10:00AM: Vincenzo and Teresa Bernardi by Children
Cornelia Ingemi (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Ronald Senay (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
Vanessa Marcotte by Viginia Stanley
11:30AM: Deceased members of the Felice Family by Sharon Antocci
Leon and Alice LeBlanc by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc
Anthony & Mary Tata by daughters Lorna and Kathy Tata
Gino and Phyllis Proietti by family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

7:30AM: Nellie Falvey by Fraini Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

7:30AM: Rev. Msgr. Edmond Tinsley by Fraini Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

7:30AM: Rev. Msgr. Thomas Needham by the Fraini Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

7:30AM: Rev. Anthony Marteka by the Fraini Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

4:00PM: In prayerful thanksgiving for Paul Boisvert
Franciscan Profession Third Order by Maria and George Owens

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

8:00AM: Gilda, Jeanne and James Williams, III by James Williams and family
10:00AM: Paul DeLauretis (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
Betrice Gugliemo (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
11:30AM: Domenico Andreani by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Carboni and Family
Deceased members of the Marchetti family by Sharon Antocci

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Parish Christmas Party is on Saturday, December 8th in the rectory at 5pm. All are welcome to join the fun and festivities. If you are able to bring a dessert, please let the office know.

ADORATION

Fr. Fraini will be on vacation for his annual retreat into the woods, Adoration will not be held on Tuesday, November 27th. Adoration will resume on Tuesday, December 4th.

WELCOME DEACON CORMIER

St. Anna Parish warmly welcomes Deacon Dennis Cormier! Deacon Cormier will be assisting Fr. Fred while Deacon Jim continues with his recovery.

SAINT MATTHEW 25—DONATIONS NEEDED

Our pantry continues to be in need of the following items: canned soups, canned vegetables, baked beans, tuna, pasta, pasta sauce, and cereal. All food items that are donated are greatly appreciated and thank you for your on-going support!

ST. ANNA PARISH GIVING TREE

Next weekend, our Christmas Giving Tree will be set up and filled with tags. New winter clothes and new toys are welcome. Please make sure all gifts are wrapped and that the tags are securely attached to the gifts. All gifts must be returned under the tree no later than Sunday, December 16th. Thank you very much for your generosity!



PARISH COLLECTIONS

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the collections for the weekend of November 17th and November 18th will be reported in the next bulletin along with the collections from November 24th and November 25th.

DAILY MASS

Just a reminder that if school is canceled or there is a delay, Daily Mass will not be held. This will give time to make sure the stairs and entrances are clear and safe.

how much is a miracle?

Tess was a precocious 8 year old when she heard her parents talking about her brother, Andrew. She knew that he was very sick and they were out of money. They had to move to an apartment complex because they could not afford the medical bills and their house. Only a very costly surgery could save Andrew and no one would loan them the money. She heard Dad say to her Mother with whispered desperation, "Only a miracle can save him now."

Tess went to her bedroom to get her glass jar from its hiding place. She poured all of the change out and counted it. The total had to be exactly perfect. No chance here for mistakes. Carefully placing the coins back in the jar and twisting on the cap, she slipped out the back door, and made her way six blocks to Rexall's Drug Store.

She waited patiently for the pharmacist to notice her but he was busy talking to a customer. She twisted her feet to make a scuffing noise. Nothing. She cleared her throat with the most disgusting sound she could muster. Nothing. Finally, she took a quarter from her jar and banged it on the glass counter. "And what do you want?" the pharmacist asked in an annoyed tone of voice "I'm talking to my brother from Chicago whom I haven't seen in ages," Tess replied, "I want to talk to you about MY brother," in the same annoyed tone. "He's really sick... and I want to buy a miracle." "I beg your pardon?" asked the pharmacist.

"His name is Andrew, and he has something growing inside of his head, and my Dad says only a miracle can save him now. So how much does a miracle cost?" she asked. "We don't sell miracles. I'm sorry but I can't help you," the pharmacist said, softening his tone. "Listen, I have the money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get the rest. Just tell me how much it costs."

The pharmacist's brother stooped down and asked the little girl, "What kind of a miracle does your brother need?" Tess replied with her eyes welling up, "I don't know. I just know he's really sick and Mommy says he needs an operation. But, my Dad can't pay for it, so I want to use my money." "How much do you have?" asked the man from Chicago. "One dollar and eleven cents," Tess answered barely audibly. "And it's all the money I have, but I can get some more if I need to. "Well, what a coincidence," smiled the man. "\$1.11 is the exact price of a miracle for little brothers." He took her money in one hand and with the other hand he grasped her mitten and said "Take me to where you live. I want to see your brother and meet your parents. Let's see if I have the kind of miracle you need."

The man was Dr. Carlton Armstrong, a neuro-surgeon, who completed the operation without charge. And it wasn't long until Andrew was home again and doing well. Mom and Dad were happily talking about the chain of events that had led them to this place.

"That surgery," her Mom whispered, "was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?" Tess smiled. She knew exactly how much a miracle cost... one dollar and eleven cents... plus the faith of a little child.

2018 Advent retreat

Recognizing
Unwrapping
Embracing

the Many Gifts You Have Been Given

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2ND – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

CHELMSFORD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

ST. MARY CHURCH, 25 NORTH RD, CHELMSFORD

Our very own Fr. Fred will be the presenter of a three night Advent Retreat at St. Mary Church in Chelmsford. He will open the retreat with the celebration of Sunday evening 6:00 pm Mass followed by a small dinner and night one of his presentation in the parish hall. The following two evenings, Monday and Tuesday, we will begin at 7:00pm and will take place in the church.

Call Christine at (978) 251-8571, ext. 214 with any questions, or...ask Fr. Fred! NOTE: if you are unable to attend the retreat, both Monday and Tuesday evenings can be viewed via livestream. Visit www.saintjohnchelmsford.org, and click on ST MARY CHURCH under LIVE VIEWS on left hand side of the home page.

COSMIC ORIGINS:

DOES SCIENCE POINT TO AN INTELLIGENT GOD?

Join us at Annunciation Parish in the church hall at Holy Rosary, 135 Nichols St. Gardner MA, on Wednesday, November 28th from 7pm-9pm for an interactive presentation, led by Fr. Stephen Lundrigan, that will explore the ways that faith and science are compatible, the limits of science, and the ways that advances in Physics and Astronomy point to a Creator. The evening will include, video, presentation and discussion. People of all faiths, high school age and older are welcome to attend.