



SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Third Sunday of Advent
December 15th and December 16th

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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Principal, Bobbie French Administrative Assistant, Marian Priddy

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, DECEMBER 15TH

4:00PM: Enea and Gabriele Piermarini by Anna Piermarini and sisters
Jacqueline Colella (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

8:00AM: Mario and Laura Cancellieri by Daniel and Donna Benoit
10:00AM: Tyler Jones (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
Luigi Barassi by the Gould Girls
Frank Patella by the Gould Girls
John Carrescia (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
11:30AM: Deceased members of the DiPrima Family by Sharon Antocci
Craig Lanciani by mother and brothers
William and Irene Jacobs by daughter Cheryl

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

7:30AM: Richard Falvey by the Fraini Family

9:00AM: School Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

7:30AM: For respect for life from the moment of conception to the point of natural death by St. Matthew 25 Society

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

7:30AM: Robert Falvey by Fraini Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20TH

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

7:30AM: Rev. Gerald Dorais by Fraini Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

4:00PM: Lena Friedman (3rd anniversary) by the Friedman Family
Larry Tata by Bill and Rita Gardner
Vittorio DiCiccio (birthday remembrance) by wife and children

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

8:00AM: Dominic and Jennie Tresaloni by Dominic and Stella Tresaloni
Matteo Longo by Emanuel and Karen Longo
Ronald Palazzi (5th anniversary) wife Lorraine
10:00AM: Raymond Marcoux (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Dr. Richard Secino by St. Anna Parish
Richard Barnaby, Sr. (11th anniversary) by his wife and children
11:30AM: Maria Sacco by Josie and Joanne John Scopelliti by wife
Deceased members of the Brissette Family by Sharon Antocci
Deceased members of the Ellis Family by Sharon Antocci

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve 12/24 4pm, 6pm and Midnight
Christmas Day 12/25 8am

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT

The students in our Religious Education Program will be putting on our annual Christmas Pageant at the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 pm. We are inviting any student who would like to take part to come to our rehearsal on Monday, December 17th.

We begin at 3:30pm and hopefully end at 4:45pm. Costumes will be provided and there are no lines to learn! We need participants of all ages. Please consider joining. We especially need kings and shepherds! For more information please contact maryloupetty@yahoo.com. Please help the tradition live on!!!

MIDNIGHT MASS CHOIR



Rehearsals for the Midnight Mass Choir are on Thursdays at 7pm. We welcome all singers ages 14 and older. All that is required is a love of singing. If you need more information, contact Mike Hoffmann at mikejosephh@gmail.com

SAINT MATTHEW 25—THANK YOU!

The Saint Matthew 25 Society wishes to thank the many parishioners for their food and monetary donations during the month of November.

Your generosity helped us provide many food baskets to those in need for Thanksgiving. Your continued kindness and support are very much appreciated. God Bless and thanks to everyone!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your support of St. Anna Parish!
Please remember you can donate online!

SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$ 4,499.30
HOLY DAY	\$ 684.00
CANDLES	\$ 83.00
MASSSES	\$ 140.00
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS	\$ 2,065.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,471.30

DAILY MASS

When school is canceled or delayed, Daily Mass will not be held.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT

War of all Nations
Robbery of others

Streets paved in blood
Sending the innocent
Into crowded dungeons

Like snow in a moonlit night
In time your hair
Would've turned white

Has anyone seen their neighbors
When did you find family values

Its been two thousand years
Now its for the money

Night visions have lost their glitter
Must you go back
To the memories
Lost through the stars

You filled your homes
With multi-colored trees
Lines in silver tinsel
Over heavenly sounds

So when you see
All the whispering
Into Santa's ear

Let the Holy visions
Restore your faith
In miracles past

Of the Little Child
Which would cross
The night stars

In a Holy Time of despair
That he came to give His world
A new hope of life

For the love of the Lord
Doesn't cross the stars
Just on Christmas night

Poem written by parishioner Geno Gentile, 1995.

ST. ANNA SCHOOL—BABY WIPES NEEDED

St. Anna School is in need of donations of baby wipes for the school—but specific brands: Target, Walmart or Huggies Non-Scented wipes. They are needed for students with allergies. Please contact the school office for information. Donations may be dropped off at the rectory or the school. Thank you!

ST. ANNA PARISH GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Giving Tree is up and filled with tags. New winter clothes and new toys are welcome. Please make sure all gifts are wrapped and the tags are securely attached to the gifts. All gifts must be returned under the tree no later than next Sunday, December 16th. Thank you for your generosity.



ST. DENIS PARISH - ADULT PRAYER GROUP

On Wednesday, December 19th from 6:30pm - 8pm there will be an Adult Prayer Group held at St. Denis Parish, 85 Main St, Ashburnham. The group is open to all men, women, youth, all denominations and will be held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month. Need a mini retreat to get your bearings in this crazy world? Come check us out! We believe in a four phase experience. Music, Prayer, Bible study and discussion. Rediscover how God plays an active role in these trying times. For information call Andy at 978-827-6570 or andrewwgage@yahoo.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Light a spiritual fire in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are January, 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI and March 8-10, 2019 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

A poster for the 'Festival of Trees' event. The background is blue with white snowflakes and a small Christmas tree. The text is in various colors and fonts. At the bottom, there is a snowman wearing a red hat and a green scarf, holding a branch. The website 'LEOMINSTER-MA.GOV' is written in red at the bottom.

FESTIVAL OF TREES
**LEOMINSTER CITY HALL
TATA AUDITORIUM**
Nov 19th - Dec 17th
WEEKDAYS
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
WEEKENDS
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
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