



SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22nd and December 23rd

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

Parish Office	978 537 5293	Parish Fax	978 537 2950	Respect for Life	978-534-4053
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Office of Healing and Prevention 508-929-4363

St. Anna School

213 Lancaster Street Leominster, Massachusetts 01453
978 534-4770 www.stannaschool.org
Principal, Bobbie French Administrative Assistant, Marian Priddy

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 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00PM: Deceased members of the Petty Family by family

6:00PM: Ralph Castriotta, Sr. by Skip and Marian Priddy

12:00AM: Armand Millette by wife and sons

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

8:00AM: Amelio and Iolanda Clementi by the family
Viola and Joe Arminio (30th anniversary) by daughter and family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

7:30AM: Rev. Louis Ogden by Fraini Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

7:30AM: Charlie Dale by his family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

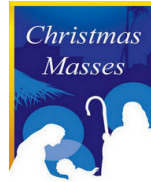
4:00PM: Lawrence and Estelle Seymour by Amelia Piermarini
Elizabeth and Brian O'Connor by family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

8:00AM: Alfred and Albina Gagnon by Daniel and Donna Benoit

10:00AM: Jacqueline Antonioni (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Edward C. Baker (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Mario Antonucci (5th anniversary) by family
Francesco Bianco by daughter Adelina and granddaughters Sarah and Shanna Infantino

11:30AM: Anthony and Mary Tata by daughters and family



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve 12/24 4pm, 6pm,
Midnight

Christmas Day 12/25 8am

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!

DAILY MASS

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

ANNIE CLUB WINNERS

November Winners

\$100 Judy Ann Buono \$100 Janet Bracani
\$ 50 Jerry Cristoforo \$ 50 Marie Valeri

December Winners

\$100 Alfred Mercik \$100 Alfred DePasquale
\$ 50 Peter & Maria Spylios \$ 50 Frank Bovenzi

2019 CALENDARS

The 2019 calendars are available at the entrances of the church. Please feel free to take some to your family and friends.

ST. ANNA SCHOOL—BABY WIPES NEEDED

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

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Mass will be held on January, 1st at 8am for the Holy Day of Obligation.

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/>.

MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

I see the countless Christmas trees
around the world below
With tiny lights, like Heaven's stars,
reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular,
please wipe away the tear
For I am spending Christmas with
Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs
that people hold so dear
But the sounds of music can't compare
with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you,
the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description,
to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me,
I see the pain inside your heart.
But I am not so far away,
We really aren't apart.

So be happy for me, dear ones,
You know I hold you dear.
And be glad I'm spending Christmas
with Jesus Christ this year.

I sent you each a special gift,
from my heavenly home above.
I sent you each a memory
of my undying love.

After all, love is a gift more precious
than pure gold.

It was always most important
in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other,
as my Father said to do.
For I can't count the blessing or love
he has for each of you.

So have a Merry Christmas and
wipe away that tear.
Remember, I am spending Christmas with
Jesus Christ this year.

This poem was written by Ben, a 13 year old boy, who died of a brain tumor which he had battled for four years. He died on December 14, 1997. He gave this to his Mom before he died.



Leominster Public Library
and the
Library Friends Present:



**LEOMINSTER
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UNIVERSITY
2018-2019**

**What will you
learn this year?**

REGISTER NOW

When you enroll to be a part of this year-long series of classes, programs, and events, you will receive a punch card. Attend 10 programs, and your name will be entered into a raffle to win prizes!



Classes are held
September - June for
children and adults

Kids can sign up for
Leominster Library
University JR.



Pick up your punch card at the
Circulation Desk, Information Desk,
or in the Children's Room!

Join us in June as we
celebrate all we've
learned with a
Graduation Party!



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leominsterlibrary.org
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FILM NIGHT FOR GROWN-UPS

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

Thursday, December 27th

6:30-9:00 PM

Leominster Public Library

"Won't You Be My Neighbor" takes an intimate look at America's favorite neighbor: Mister Fred Rogers. A portrait of a man whom we all think we know, this emotional and moving film takes us beyond the zip-up cardigans and the land of make-believe, and into the heart of a creative genius who inspired generations of children with compassion and limitless imagination. --Rotten Tomatoes

"You don't need a strong nostalgic connection to Rogers' show to feel genuinely moved by the man's essential goodness, all the more as Neville contrasts it with today's public discourse."
--Colin Covert, Minneapolis Star Tribune



This movie is rated PG13.

