



SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 29th and December 30th

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

<i>Parish Office</i> 978 537 5293	<i>Parish Fax</i> 978 537 2950	<i>Respect for Life</i> 978-534-4053
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St. Anna School

213 Lancaster Street Leominster, Massachusetts 01453
978 534-4770 www.stannaschool.org
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 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 his family
Francesco Bianco by daughter Adelina and granddaughters Sarah and Shanna Infantino

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

7:30AM: Rev. Msgr. Edmond Tinsley by the Fraini family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST

8:00AM: For the People of St Anna Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2ND

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3RD

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4TH

7:30AM: Nellie Falvey by the Fraini Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5TH

4:00PM: Rev. George Ross by Daniel and Donna Benoit

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH

8:00AM: David Benoit by Daniel and Donna Benoit
Rozy Bracani by a friend

10:00AM: Rev. Richard Roger (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
David Michael Mills by the Lowes Family

11:30AM: Deceased members of the Provost by Sharon Antocci

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your support of St. Anna Parish! Please remember you can donate online! The collections are from the weekend of December 15-16th, Collections for December 22nd-23rd will be in next week's bulletin.

SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$4,068.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$ 1,759.00
RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS	\$ 137.00
CANDLES, FUEL, MASSES	\$ 211.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,175.00

DAILY MASS

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

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!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Start the New Year out right enriching your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Jan 18-20, 2019 in South Kingstown, RI,

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” Light a spiritual fire in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. If you cannot attend in January, the next one will be on 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/>.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

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



HAVE YOU FORGIVEN YOURSELF?

As 2018 comes to a close, remember: “...for His name’s sake your sins were forgiven” (1 John 2:12).

My husband and I were flying to a conference. I was in the middle seat – certainly not my choice – but my husband and I have an agreement that if a woman is sitting by the window, I sit in the middle, if a man is in the seat by the window, Marvin sits in the middle. Just something we do.

I was just about settled, when I noticed the young woman sitting next to me was very sad and deep in thought. I decided to make conversation and I asked her where she was from, where she was going, and what she did.

She was a student attending a University in Poland – the homeland of her father. She told me sadly that her father had died. She had chosen to attend college in Poland against her father’s wishes and their relationship had been strained. They hadn’t forgiven each other when he died.

She was so sad and I recognized a deeper issue. I asked her if she had forgiven herself for not complying with her father’s wishes. She answered that she couldn’t forgive herself and felt so guilty. Slowly, I began to tell her about God’s love and forgiveness. Because of Christ’s death on the cross, her sins were forgiven and guilt was removed. I encouraged her to trust that because God had forgiven her, she could forgive herself no matter how awful she thought she had been. As I spoke, I prayed and my husband prayed as well.

I shared a story of what I had done as a teenager for which I had felt guilty about for many years. I explained how I had come to the place where I was faced with the choice of forgiving myself because Christ had already forgiven me or I could continue feeling guilty the rest of my life. I had chosen to forgive myself. Life goes on.

There was a sudden light in her eyes. She began to understand she was forgiven by God and could now forgive herself. She could be free and happy. “God meant for you to sit with me today,” she told me at the end of the flight. ~ by Katherine Kehler

Prayer for Forgiveness

Lord Jesus, I want to know you personally. Thank you dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of my life. Make me be the person you want me to be. Amen.



LET’S PLAY BINGO!

Holy Family Academy, 99 Nichols St. Gardner, will hold weekly bingo beginning Thursday January 3rd from 6:30pm-9:30 p.m. with doors open at 1:30 pm and an outside vendor selling food. For information call Mrs. Lucas at 978-632-8656.

St. Cecilia’s Parish, 188 Mechanic Street in Leominster, will host weekly bingo games beginning on Friday, January 4th from 6:30pm-9:30 p.m. with doors open at 4 pm.

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

St. Boniface Knights of Columbus Council #16480 will host a Cribbage Tournament on Sunday, January 27, 2019 1:00pm – 5:00pm at St. Boniface Parish Church Hall, 817 Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg. The details: \$10 entry fee.

\$100 First Prize and \$50 Second Prize. Pre-Registration is required. This year, the tournament will be single-match elimination, but each match will be the best 2 out of 3.



For more information, contact the Knights at kofc16480@gmail.com or call them at (978) 430-7600.

