



SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

The Baptism of the Lord
January 19th and January 20th

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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St. Anna School

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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, JANUARY 19TH

4:00PM: Rev. Richard Roger by St. Anna Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20TH

8:00AM: Anthony Balducci (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish

Ann Sweeny by Dave and Piermarini Family

Lil DeFelice by her family

10:00AM: Vanessa Marcotte by John Marcotte
John Carrescia by Carol Millette
Betty DePasquale (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

11:30AM: Deceased members of the Crowley Family by Sharon Antocci

MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST

7:30AM: No Mass

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22ND

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23RD

7:30AM: Rev. Anthony Marteka by St. Anna Parish by Fraini Family

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH

7:30AM: Nellie Falvey by Fraini Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25TH

7:30AM: Edmund Falvey by Fraini Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26TH

4:00PM: John Morrissey by Kathy
Jonathan Landry by Kathy
Bernadine Petty (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH

8:00AM: Suzanne DiGiovanni (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

10:00AM: Margaret Falvey (1st anniversary) by Fraini Family
William Corkran by Carol Millette
Mery and John Burke by Joe and Fran Bassett

11:30AM: Dorothy Kron (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
Felice Gabrieli (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
Deceased members of the Bouley Family by Sharon Antocci



ST. ANNA 17TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Take advantage of our \$99 golfer rate if you register and pay by February 19th! Even if you can't play, donations are greatly

appreciated. Visit our website:

www.stannagolftournament.com which will give you all of the tournament details! Please share it with your friends and family! Last year, the tournament raised over \$25,000 for St. Anna School!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION RETREAT AT STB

On Sunday, January 27th a Religious Education Retreat will be held at St Bernard's CCHS from 1:30pm—5:30pm. The day will be filled with great events, food, music and more! Mass will be celebrated by Bishop McManus. Students in grades 7-8 enrolled in the CCD program are invited. Contact Mary Lou Petty at maryloupetty@yahoo.com for registration and permission forms.

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!

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Monday, January 21st for Martin Luther King, Jr. day. The daily mass is cancelled as well.

ATTENTION YOUTH BASKETBALL PLAYERS!

St. Leo's Council is hosting the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on January 26th at the St. Leo's Gym at 120 Main Street in Leominster. The event begins at 9:30am and is open to boys and girls ages 9 – 14. Proof of age must be provided. Call Bert Uschold at 978-660-6791 for more information.

TRIP TO ITALY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

There will be an informational meeting for the Trip to Italy scheduled for October. The meeting will be on Tuesday, January 22nd at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

SUNDAY COLLECTION	\$4,045.34
FUNERALS	\$ 600.00
CANDLES, MASSES, ETC	\$ 180.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 2,289.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,114.34

THE EMPEROR'S HEIR

A STORY ABOUT HONESTY AND INTEGRITY

An Emperor from China had no children and needed to choose a successor. Thousands of children from across the kingdom came to the palace and were surprised when the Emperor exclaimed he was going to choose one of them to be his successor. He gave them all a seed. They were to go home to their villages, plant the seed in a pot, and tend it for a year. When they return in a year, the Emperor would judge their efforts and choose his successor.

Ling received his seed and returned to his village. His mother helped him to choose a pot and put some soil into it. Ling watered his pot every day faithfully. Once a week, the children in Ling's village would compare their plants. After a few weeks, there were signs of life in all pots but Ling's pot. After a few months, the pots really came to life. Some had trees starting to grow, some had flowers and some had leafy shrubs. Ling had nothing growing in his pot, leading the other children to make fun of him, mock his efforts and tell him he didn't know what he was doing. Ling continued to water his pot every day refusing to give up.



The year passed and it was time to return to the palace to show what had grown and for the Emperor to decide on his new heir. Ling was anxious. His pot showed no signs of life. "They won't know that I've watered it every day, they'll think that I'm lazy and laugh at me." His mother looked him in the eye and explained that whatever the consequences were, he had to return and show the Emperor his barren pot. He was being honest. The seed didn't grow.

Ling and the children entered the palace. The plants looked magnificent and the children were wondering which one the Emperor would choose. Ling was embarrassed as other children looked at his lifeless pot and laughed at him. They told him he didn't know what he was doing and mocked him.

The Emperor arrived and started to make his way through the crowd, looking at the many impressive trees, shrubs and flowers on display. The children puffed their chests out and tried to look as regal as possible, hoping that they would be chosen as the heir to the empire. Then the Emperor came to Ling. He looked at the pot then he looked at Ling.

"What happened here?" He asked.

"I watered the pot every day, I swear, but nothing ever grew." Ling muttered nervously and felt foolish.

The Emperor grumbled to himself and moved on. After a few hours, the Emperor finished his assessment. He stood in front of the children and congratulated them on their efforts.

"Clearly, some of you desperately want to be Emperor and would do anything to make that happen, but there is one boy that I would like to point out as he has come to me with nothing. Ling, come here please."

"Oh no," thought Ling.

Ling slowly sauntered to the front of the group, holding his barren pot as the children whispered to each other and made fun of him. The Emperor held up the pot for all to see and the other children laughed and mocked him louder. The Emperor spoke

"A year ago, I gave you all a seed. I told you to go away, plant the seed, and return with your pot. What you did not know is the seeds I gave you all were boiled so they wouldn't grow, but I see before me thousands of beautiful plants and only one barren pot. Integrity, courage, and honesty are more important values for leadership than proud displays of oneself and falsehoods. Therefore, Ling will be my heir."

STB DRAMA CLUB

The St. Bernard's CCHS Drama Club will present two plays *Just Desserts* by Pat Cook and *The Scheme of the Driftless Shifter* by Carolyn Lane on Saturday, February 2nd at 7:30pm at St. Bernard's High School, 45 Harvard Street, Fitchburg, MA. Admissions is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.



STB OPEN HOUSE

St. Bernard's CCHS will hold an Open House on Tuesday, February 5th from 9am to 1pm. We encourage you to come tour the school, visit classes and see what STB has to offer. For more information, please visit stbernardscchs.org.

ST ANNA PASTA SUPPER

The Annual Super Bowl Pasta Supper will be held on Wednesday, January 30th from 5:00 – 7:00pm at the Knights of Columbus with Basket Raffles, 50/50 and Super Bowl Squares. The menu includes pasta and meatballs, rolls, salad, assorted desserts, coffee & drinks. ** Gluten Free Pasta available upon request when you purchase your tickets! ** Tickets can be purchased in the office with Mrs. Priddy, or after all masses this weekend and next. Advanced tickets \$10 adults / \$8 seniors and children under 10. At door, tickets are \$12 adults / \$10 seniors and children under 10.