



SAINT ANNA PARISH

199 Lancaster Street • Leominster, Massachusetts 01453

Rev. Father Frederick D. Fraini, III, Pastor

Weekly Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday-Friday, 7:30am

Saturday Vigil: 4pm

Sunday Mass: 8am, 10am, 11:30am

School Mass: Wednesday 9am (September-June)

Adoration: Tuesday 8am-3pm

Confessions: Saturday 2:45-3:45pm; or by appointment

Brazilian & Portuguese Mass: Sunday, 6:30pm

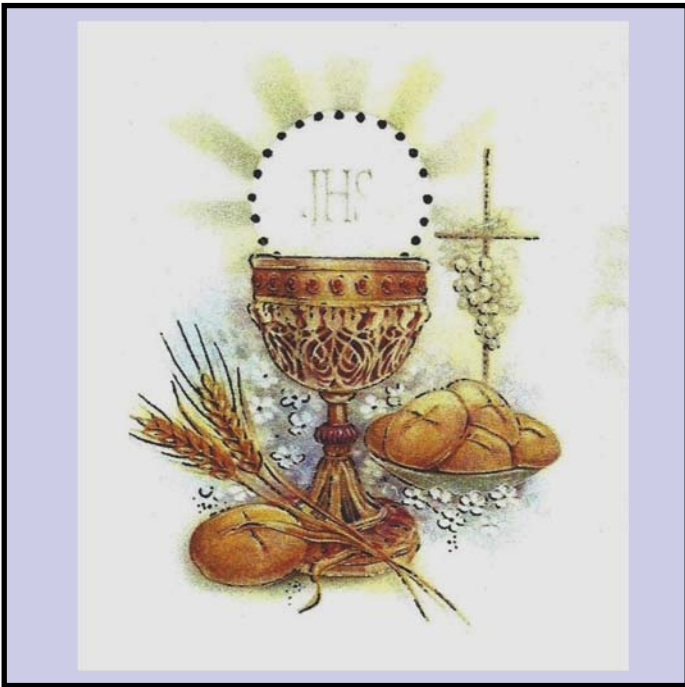
New Members: We warmly welcome new members to our parish family. To register, contact the parish office or visit our website at www.stannaparish.org

Sacraments

Baptisms: are celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the month with preparation classes for parents and God parents on the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Marriage: Contact the parish office 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.



Staff

Mrs. Beth Donlan, Administrative Assistant

Deacon James Graves

Deacon Malcolm Colgate

Mrs. Mary Lou Petty, Religious Education Coordinator

Mrs. Lorraine Carrier, RCIA Director

Mrs. Bobbie French, Principal, St. Anna School

Mrs. Marian Priddy, Secretary, St. Anna School

Parish Contacts

Rectory / Fax	978-537-5293 / 978-537-2950
Religious Ed / St. Anna Society	978-537-5293
Church Hall	978-537-2094
Respect for Life	978-534-4053
RCIA	978-297-1062
Altar Servers	gravesj@ummhc.org
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St. Matthew 25 Society	Paul Schiavitti
St. Anna School	978-534-4770

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Safety Environment Notice

Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children & young people approved by the US Bishops and 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.

www.stannaparish.org

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

4:00PM Valerie Jones (2nd anniversary) by her friends
Concetta Dandini by Mr. & Mrs. William Gardner
Benedetto Marchetti by Mr. and Mrs. John Devin
Joseph Fantozzi by his family
Anthony Armillotti by his family

SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH

8:00AM: Armand Millette by Cristina Valeri
Thomas and Nora Gardiner by their son Brian
10:00AM: Sandro Clementi (birthday remembrance)
by his family
11:30AM: No Mass

MONDAY, MAY 1ST

7:30AM: Lisa DeMar (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

TUESDAY, MAY 2ND

7:30AM: Lynn Raftery by Pascal Traylor

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD

7:30AM: Michael White by Pascal Traylor
9:00AM: School Mass
7:00PM: Instructional Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 4TH

7:30AM: Joe Bodanza by a friend

FRIDAY, MAY 5TH

7:30AM: Robert McLellan (15th anniversary) by Fran Girouard

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH

4:00PM: Gabriele and Enea Piermarini by family
Benedetto Marchetti by The Schiavitti and Shanley Families
Matteo Ciccone (birthday remembrance) by brothers and sisters

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH

8:00AM: Hannah Rose McNally by Donna Benoit
Madelyn Braconi by a friend
10:00AM: John Spacciapoli by the family
Iolanda Clementi by the family
Alty, Schmidt and Testa Families by the family
11:30AM: Maria Schiavitti by her sister- in-law
Anna Mazzaferro (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Richard and LeBlanc Families by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc
Egidio and Teresa Marrone by their son Chris



ST. ANNA GOLF TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH

St. Anna School will host its 15th Annual Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 24th at Townsend Ridge Golf Course - Two shot guns (7:30am & 1pm), over 200 golfers, cash prizes for winning teams, \$4,000 in raffle prizes and much more. To register, visit <https://www.stannaparish.org/golf-tournament-1>. For information, email us at stannaparish@gmail.com. Don't miss the early bird deadline and rate which ends **this Sunday, April, 30th!**

PARISH COLLECTIONS

We are grateful for your support of St. Anna Parish. Please remember, you can set up your donations at www.stannaparish.org. Collections for last week:

Sunday Collection	\$ 4,046.00
Fuel Collection	\$ 2,519.00
Funerals	\$ 300.00
Candles, Mass Intentions Etc.	\$ 167.00
Total	\$ 7,032.00

INSTRUCTIONAL MASS

On Wednesday, May 3rd at 7pm Fr. Fred will celebrate an instructional Mass for anyone looking to learn more about the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This instructional mass will hopefully increase both reverence and devotion for the most precious gift we are so privileged to receive each time we attend.

ANNIE CLUB WINNERS—MARCH

Mary Cain \$100 Stephanie Catalfano \$100
Tony D'Agostino \$50 MaryLou Montouri \$50

ST. ANNA SOCIETY MEETING

St. Anna Society will meet on Tuesday, May 2nd. The Novena is at 6:45pm followed by the business meeting 7:00pm. All are welcome!

ST. MATTHEW 25 SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the St. Matthew 25 Society will take place on Tuesday, May 9th at 1pm in the rectory conference room. All are welcome.

Special thanks to all who have donated food and helped us sustain our food supply during the winter months. Our need for donations continues and we are looking to stock our shelves with the following items: pasta, and prepared pasta sauce, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, regular sized boxes of cereal, and tuna fish.

Thank you for your generous contributions as they allow the Saint Matthew 25 Society to fulfill its ongoing mission.

ST. ANNA SCHOOL

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

St. Anna School is in need of substitute teachers. If you are a former teacher and would like to help out, contact Marian Priddy in the school office at 978-534-7700.

THE SON



A wealthy father and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything from Picasso to Monet. They would often sit together and admire their collection. When the Vietnam war started, the son enlisted in the Army. But, he died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father grieved deeply for his only son.

Before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. There, a young man stood with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day. He was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart. He talked about you, your love of art, and your collection." The young man handed the package to the father and said, "I'm not a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have it."

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son the soldier had painted. He stared in awe at the way the soldier captured the personality of his son. The father was drawn to his son's eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the soldier and offered to pay him. The soldier refused, "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift." The father hung the portrait over his mantle. When visitors came to his home, he showed them the portrait of his son first before he showed them the great works of art in his collection.

The father died a few months later and a grand auction of his paintings was held. Influential people gathered, excited to purchase one for their own collections. The first painting to be auctioned was the portrait of his son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel.

"We will start the bidding. Who will bid for this picture?" There was a deafening silence. A voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the masterpieces. Skip this one." But the auctioneer persisted. "Will someone bid for this painting? Who will start? \$100?" Another voice shouted angrily, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts, the Picassos. Get to the famous paintings!" But the auctioneer replied, "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"

Finally, a quiet voice came from the back of the room. It was the longtime gardener who worked for the father. "I'll give you \$10." Being poor, it was all he could afford but he knew what the painting meant to the father. "We have \$10, who will bid \$20?" An annoyed bidder yelled, "Just give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masterpieces!"

The auctioneer said, "\$10 is the bid, won't someone bid \$20?" The bidders became furious. They did not want the picture of the son. They wanted the worthy investments. The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, SOLD FOR \$10!" A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now, let's get on with the collection!"

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry, the auction is over. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal it until now. The only painting in the auction is of the son. Whoever bought it would inherit the father's entire estate including the paintings in his collection. The man who took the son gets everything!"

God gave his only Son to die on a cross to save us. Much like the auctioneer, the message, "The Son, the Son, who'll take the Son?" Because you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything. ~Author Unknown



ADRIAN TAVAREZ TEAM

Fitchburg Knights of Columbus is sponsoring Team Tavarez to raise \$1,500 for the MDA Muscle Walk of Greater Boston on May 20th. They are holding a dinner, bake & craft sale at the Fitchburg Knights of Columbus, 165 Electric Ave on Sunday, May 7th. A Spaghetti Dinner w/ Meatballs, Salad and Bread will be served for \$6 /Adults, \$3/Children under 12. We are asking for help with raffle basket donations. Contact Taniya Tavarez @ 978-577-8067 or sheridanhamblin@yahoo.com. Find it in your Heart to help Adrian with his fight against MDA. He is a 4 year old boy, with Muscular Dystrophy and is in need of braces and wheelchair which will give Adrian the ability to have a productive childhood. Thank you all in advance for your support from the Adrian Tavarez Team.

WORCESTER ART MUSEUM

You are invited to experience a stunning private collection of religious art at the Worcester Art Museum (WAM) during its New England visit. Highest Heaven explores a time when art, spirituality. WAM is holding "Parish Days" on Sunday May 14th, June 11th and July 9th. Parishioners who bring their church bulletin to WAM on those days will receive \$2 off admission for up to 4 people. For information about Highest Heaven and for WAM hours and admission, visit worcesterart.org.

FULL TIME LIBRARY DIRECTOR POSITION OPEN

Leominster Public Library Board of Trustees is hiring a Library Director. Working under the direction of the Board and the Mayor, the Library Director is responsible for management of the library's services, programs, and facility to ensure it effectively meets the cultural, educational, informational, and recreational needs of the community. *Qualifications:* Master's degree from an ALA accredited program in Library Science, including a Certificate of Professional Librarianship issued by the MA Board of Library Commissioners; 6 years of progressively responsible library experience, with 3 or more years of proven budgetary experience and personnel management. The position will remain open until filled. Send a letter of interest, resume, and contact information for the three references to: *Wendy Hurley, HR Director City Hall 25 West Street Leominster, MA 01453* whurley@leominster-ma.gov

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