

SAINT ANNA PARISH

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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

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

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St. Anna School	978-534-4770



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.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH**

- 4:00PM:** Enea Piermarini by her family
Salvatore DiForte by Mr. and Mrs. Gabriele LaManna
Dianna Carboni by the Piermarini sisters
Madeline Girouard by her husband

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

- 8:00AM:** Juliette Cancellieri by Donna Benoit
10:00AM: Concetta Dandini by Richard Mullaney
Michael Kearns (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Vanessa Marcotte by John Marcotte
Dianna Carboni by Paula and Andy Shanley
11:30AM: Loreto Schiavitti by wife and daughters
Vincent and Laura Sambito and family by Gloria Sambito Gallant and children
Leo Cote (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

- 7:30AM:** Anna Mazzaferro by Aldo Mazzaferro

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

- 7:30AM:** Joe B. by a friend

- 9:00AM:** School Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

- 7:30AM:** Raymond and Philomena Tellier by James Tellier

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH

- 7:30AM:** Robert Falvey by Fraini Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH

- 4:00PM:** Henry Cote by Virginia Cote
Lisa DeMar by Mr. and Mrs. John Devin
Madeline Girouard by Virginia Cote

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

- 8:00AM:** Judy Lanza by Rita Mary Casagrande
10:00AM: Vanessa Marcotte by Virginia Stanley
Lisa DeMar by Mark & Mary Jane Lanza
John and Benedetto Marchetti (birthday remembrance) by their family
Paul Smith (birthday remembrance) by his Family
11:30AM: Lido Piermarini by the family
David Vargo (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
The Holy Souls in Purgatory by the George Family

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your support of St. Anna Parish!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 6,030.00
FUNERALS	\$ 300.00
HOLY FAMILY RENTAL	\$ 400.00
DIOCESE OF PATHANAMTHITTA INDIA	\$ 823.00
MONTHLY MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,829.00
<u>CANDLES, FUEL, HOLY DAY</u>	<u>\$ 144.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 9,526.00

ST. ANNA SOCIETY**COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR**

SCRATCH TICKETS: The Society is asking for scratch tickets donations for the Fair. Place them in an envelope marked St. Anna Society in the collection basket or leave at the rectory with Beth. If you wish to donate money, we can buy the tickets,

BASKET DONATIONS: We are looking for people to make baskets. Please contact Fran Bassett at jbassett358@gmail.com

NONNIE'S ATTIC; We are looking for "gently used" items for our Nonnie's Attic (no large electronics like TVs or computers). Please contact Beth Donlan at the Rectory to arrange drop off

LOAVES AND FISHES CHOIR

The Loaves and Fishes Parish Choir will start rehearsals on Wednesday, September 27th from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Church. The choir will sing at the monthly Family Mass, Christmas Eve, and First Communion. Any student from the parish in Grades 1 - 8 wishing to join please contact Mrs. Petty at maryloupetty@yahoo.com so that Mr. Marcoux can add your name to the roster. Thank You!

ST. MATTHEW 25 SOCIETY

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday September 12th at 1PM in the rectory conference room. All are welcome to join. We are looking for ongoing donations to stock our shelves. Some items that we need include the following: pasta, and prepared pasta sauce, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, regular sized boxes of cereal, baked beans, and tuna fish. Thank you for your generous contributions as they allow the Saint Matthew 25 Society to fulfill its ongoing mission. We appreciate your generosity and support!

ST. ANNA SCHOOL
WELCOME BACK BBQ

St. Anna PTO will host its Welcome Back BBQ this Friday, September 15th from 5pm—8pm. Food will be served until 7pm or until sold out. The theme is Once Upon a Time ~ *Dream it, Imagine it, Make it your Own!* Advanced Tickets are on sale after all masses on this weekend. New this year—Menu choices include Chicken Plate, Hot Dog Plate or Cheeseburger Plate. If you are able to help and volunteer, please contact Mrs. Priddy in the school office. Thank you!



BABY WIPE DONATIONS

The school is requesting donations of baby wipes for the upcoming school year. The wipes may be dropped off at the school or rectory. Thank you for your support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We will start our classes on **Sunday, September 24th**. Grades 1 - 10 will meet from 8:40 to 9:40 AM. This will provide families time to attend the 10:00AM Mass.

Registration Forms

Register all students for the Religious Education Program as soon as possible. We need to order supplies and provide updated class lists to the teachers so that we can have a smooth opening to our new year! Forms are available in the Front Hall of the Church next to the Bulletins and can be downloaded from Parish Website.

Confirmation

Gr 10 Students who are not attending Catholic School must register for classes and attend for the whole school year. Catholic School students can register at the **special parent/student meeting to be held on October 15th, @ 9:00AM in the School Cafeteria** for all students, (Public and Parochial) wishing to be confirmed this year and be advised of the preparation program and the dates of classes and events that all will be expected to attend. Catholic Students will not have to attend regular Religious Education Classes this year.

First Reconciliation and Communion

All students from Grade 2 and older who wish to receive these sacraments must register with our Office. Public School students should register for regular Religious Education Classes and Catholic School students may do so at a meeting for all parents which will take place **on Sunday, October 29th @ 9:00AM in the School Cafeteria**. We will discuss the receiving both of the Sacraments after the holidays.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL
HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH

Holy Family will host its International Food Festival on Saturday, September 16th from 11am—6pm. There will be Food booths representing Columbia, Dominican, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and the USA. There will be a Yard Sale, Red Sox Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, Gift Basket Raffle, with live music and entertainment. It is a great festival! Stop by and support Fr. Jose!



JOHNNY APPLESEED FESTIVAL

The Johnny Appleseed Festival will be held on Saturday, September 23rd from 9am—5pm. Recognized on CBS Sunday Morning News in New York with Charles Osgood as one of the most popular regional one day fairs in New England. Great crowd, Great fun! This is the 22nd Anniversary of this event! The rain date is set for Saturday, September 30th.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Begin your path toward hope and healing. The next six week faith based grief support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one will begin on: Monday, October 16, 2017 through November 20th from 10-11:30 am. Meetings will be at Madonna of the Holy Rosary Church, 118 Theresa St. Fitchburg. Pre-registration is required (space is limited) call Jerolyn (Jerri) Blouin, Coordinator/facilitator at [978-345-5416](tel:978-345-5416). This is offered as a free service to the community by St. Joseph Parish, Fitchburg

ROCK CLIMBING

Brenda was invited to go rock climbing. Although she had an uneasy feeling, she went with her group to a granite cliff. In spite of her feelings, she put on the gear, took hold of the rope, and started up the face of the rock. She got to a ledge where she could take a breath. As she was hanging on, the safety rope snapped against Brenda's eye and knocked out her contact lens.

Now, here she is, on a rock ledge, hundreds of feet below her and hundreds of feet above her. Of course, she looked for her contact, hoping it had landed on the ledge, but it wasn't there. Here she was, far from home, her sight blurry. She was desperate and began to get upset, she prayed to the Lord to help her to find it.

When she got to the top, a friend examined her eye and her clothing for the lens, but there was no contact lens to be found. She sat down, despondent, with the rest of the party, waiting for the rest of them to make it up the cliff. She looked out across range of mountains, thinking of the verse, "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth." She thought, "Lord, You can see all these mountains. You know every stone and leaf, and You know exactly where my contact lens is. Please help me."

They walked down the trail to the bottom. At the bottom there was a new party of climbers just starting up the face of the cliff. One of them shouted out, "Hey, anybody lose a contact lens?" As much of a surprise to her that someone found it, but she soon discovered how the climber saw it. An ant was moving slowly across the face of the rock, carrying it on its back.

Brenda's father is a cartoonist. When she told him the incredible story of the ant, the prayer, and the contact lens, he drew a picture of an ant lugging that contact lens with the words, "Lord, I don't know why You want me to carry this thing. I can't eat it, and it's awfully heavy. But, if this is what You want me to do, I'll carry it for You."

