

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. Matthew 25 Society Paul Schiavitti

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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.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

4:00PM: Enea Piermarini by family
 La Maddona Della Pace by Avellino
 Piermarini and family
 Henry Lanza (birthday remembrance) by his family
 Rose Bisol by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fraticelli
 Dianna Carboni by her father

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

8:00AM: Michael Chiumento by his family
 Corrine (Valeri) Lanzillo (birthday remembrance) by her niece
 Raymond and Nicky Fournier by Ralph and Maria Maldari

10:00AM: Nina Fantozzi by her family
 Concetta Dandini by Stephen Mullaney
 Judy Lanza by Mark and Mary Jane Lanza

11:30AM: Willie and Irma Gallant and family by
 Gloria Sambito Gallant and children

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

7:30AM: Rev. Edmund F. Falvey by Fraini Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

7:30AM: For our parishioners who are homebound, in nursing homes, in assisted living facilities, and their deceased loved ones by St. Matthew 25 Society

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

7:30AM: Rev. Chester Devlin by St. Anna Parish

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

10:00AM: School Mass for Grandparent's Day

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

7:30AM: Luigi Zimei by his family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

4:00PM: Auntie Fiorina Michelina Mazzei by niece Sera
 Lisa DeMar by Mr. and Mrs. Gabriele LaManna
 Theresa Bisol DiPasquale by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fraticelli

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND

8:00AM: Claire Filteau by her niece
 Antonietta Lombardo by Maria Maldari
 Mary DiNardo by the Mazzaferro family

10:00AM: John Consolo (first anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
 Judy, Julia and Richard Lanza by the family
 Italio and Cecile Gentile and family by Gino Gentile

11:30AM: In honor of St. Jude by a parishioner
 Mary DiNardo (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
 Genevieve Cataldo (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

MINISTRIES ~ HELP NEEDED

We need lectors, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers. Training sessions will be held on the following days in the church:

Lectors: Tuesday, October 24th 7-8pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Wed, Oct. 25th 7-8pm

Altar Servers: Saturday, October 14th 10am

Please contact the rectory at 978-537-5293 or stanna9@comcast.net to register for the classes.

ANNIE CLUB WINNERS—SEPTEMBER

Catherine Stevens \$50 Terry Andrzejewski \$50
 Maureen Canning \$100 John Salvatelli \$100

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your support of St. Anna Parish!
 You can set up your donations online!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$3,383.00
MAINTENANCE FUND	\$ 625.00
FUEL COLLECTION	\$ 2,535.00
CANDLES, MASSES AND FUNERAL	\$ 365.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,908.00

ST. ANNA SOCIETY

COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

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

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.

ST. MATTHEW 25 SOCIETY ~ DONATIONS NEEDED

Please help the Saint Matthew 25 Society stock the shelves in the food pantry. Some items that we always need include the following: pasta, and prepared pasta sauce, canned soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, regular sized boxes of cereal, baked beans, rice, and tuna fish.

All items may be delivered to the rectory. Thank you for your generous contributions as they allow the Saint Matthew 25 Society to fulfill its ongoing mission. We appreciate your generosity!

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A DEACON?

If you are a male, college graduate (or have an equivalent to a degree) and are between the ages of 31 and 60 and have an interest, now is your opportunity to get some answers. Spouses are welcome and urged to attend with you. The final session is October 21st from 10am to noon at St. Stephen's Church 357 Grafton St, Worcester. For information, contact the Diaconate office at 508-929-4335.

THE QUILT

I knelt before the Lord along with the other souls. Each of us laid our lives out, like the squares of a quilt, in many piles. An Angel sat before us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that was going to represent our life.

As my Angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty my squares were. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in everyday life.

I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Others had a tiny hole here and there, other tapestries were filled with rich color and the bright hues of worldly fortune and grace.

I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened. My Angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together. Finally, the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light and the scrutiny of truth. The others rose each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been.



My Angel looked at me and nodded for me to rise. It was my turn. My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. Although I had love in my life and laughter, there had also been trials of illness, death, and false accusations. I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptations, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I had spent many nights on my knees in prayer, asking God for help and guidance. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully; each time offering it up to the Father, in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgmental gaze of those who unfairly judged me. And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it had been.

I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with eyes wide. I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded through the many holes, creating an image - the face of Christ.

Then our Lord stood before me, with warmth and love in His eyes and said, "Every time you gave over your life to Me, it became My life, My hardships, and My struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let Me shine through, until there was more of Me than there was of you... Welcome Home."

~ Author Unknown

ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

10TH ANNUAL DINNER

The St. Paul's Catholic Schools Consortium will host its annual dinner at the Double Tree by Hilton on Thursday, November 9th at 6pm. Jeff and Karen Pelletier will be awarded with the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award. Jeff and Karen are true believers of Catholic education and have worked tirelessly for St. Bernard's CCHS and The Bernardian Foundation. If you are interested in the dinner or sponsoring it, email stpaulcsc@gmail.com. We look forward to a great event and a great cause to support our Catholic schools!



STB FALL OPEN HOUSE

St. Bernard's CCHS will hold its Fall Open House on Sunday, October 22nd from 1pm-3pm. We invite you to join us to meet current students; take a tour; meet our teachers; explore the curriculum; and learn about athletics and clubs. St. Bernard's CCHS is located at 45 Harvard St. Fitchburg. www.stbernardscchs.org.

LEOMINSTER LIBRARY—ART EVENTS

THE 45-MILLION DOLLAR FLOWER WITH GREG MAICHACK

Join award-winning pastel artist Gregory John Maichack on Wed, October 18th from 6:-8:30 pm as we learn to paint Georgia O'Keeffe's Jimson Weed/White Flower No.1. Experiment with hundreds of professional grade pastels, pastel pencils, and pastel paper in this fun workshop designed for beginners and experienced artists. Registration is required. Call 978-534-7522, ext. 3.



BUTTERFLY: A ONE-MAN SHOW ABOUT THE LIFE OF WHISTLER BY ACTOR STEPHEN COLLINS

American painter James Whistler (1834-1903) battled the stifling repression of Victorian England for personal artistic expression and freedom. This amazing play, featuring acclaimed actor Stephen Collins, shows the volatile and talented Whistler in two phases of his life: in Venice as a bankrupt artist at age 40, and in London in his 60s as the legend. The play is Sunday, October 14th from 2pm—4pm.



BEACON OF HOPE 30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

The Beacon of Hope program began 30 years ago at St. Anna's convent. We would love to have as many parishioners as possible attend our grand celebration at the Double Tree by Hilton on November 2nd. Cocktails begin at 6pm, followed by dinner at 7pm. The Master of Ceremonies is Mike Cooley and music is by Ray Richard. There will be local celebrities, special raffles and more. The Honorees are Bernie and Denise Roy. Contact them at info@beaconofhopema.org or visit www.beaconofhopema.org