

# 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-12pm

*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](http://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
St. Anna School	978-534-4770
RCIA Director—Lorraine Carrier	978 297 1062



## 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, NOVEMBER 4TH

**4:00PM:** Enea Piermarini (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
Leona Bergeron by Diana Giannetti

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

**8:00AM:** Laura Cancellieri by daughter Donna  
**10:00AM:** Concetta Dandini by Stephen Mullaney  
Mercy Grautski (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish  
**11:30AM:** Egidio and Teresa Marrone by their son Chris

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

**7:30AM:** Nellie Falvey by Fraini Family

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

**7:30AM:** Edmund Falvey by Fraini Family

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

**7:30AM:** Joe B. by a friend  
**9:00AM:** School Mass

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH

**7:30AM:** Sandra Cormier (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by her family

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH

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

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH

**4:00PM:** Martina, Pellegrino and Enea Piermarini by family  
Concetta Dandini by Sandra Massoni  
Dianna Carboni by her father

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

**8:00AM:** Margaret Firmani by family  
Edward Gosselin by family  
**10:00AM:** Lucille French (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
James (Joey) Long by Virginia Stanley  
Vanessa Marcotte by John Marcotte  
**11:30AM:** Concetta Dandini by Stephen Mullaney  
George Gallant (14<sup>th</sup> anniversary) by his wife and children  
Rudy Sanchez (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish



## PARISH COLLECTIONS

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 4,745.84
MISC. COLLECTIONS	\$ 135.00
TUITION ASSISTANCE	\$ 1,145.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,025.84</b>

## ANNUAL CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

The ceremony for all deceased members of the Parish will be held this Sunday, November 5th, during the 10am mass. The name of your loved one will be read while a candle is lit.

## RCIA AT ST. ANNA PARISH

*Are you someone or do you know someone:* Who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Was Baptized as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teaching of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. You are welcome to participate in this RCIA process. For information please contact Lorraine Carrier at 978-297-1062.

## ST. MATTHEW 25 SOCIETY

### THANKSGIVING TURKEY DONATIONS

At this time the Saint Matthew 25 Society is preparing to distribute food baskets for Thanksgiving. Donations of frozen turkeys are welcome. Anyone wishing to donate a frozen turkey may do so at the rectory by Tuesday, November 14th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



## RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veteran's Day.

## ST. ANNA SOCIETY MEETING

The next society meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall at 7pm. All are welcome to attend.

## NAMI FAITHNET

NAMI FaithNet is an interfaith resource network. NAMI members are friends, clergy and congregations of all faith traditions, who wish to encourage faith communities, who are welcoming and supportive of persons and families living with mental illness. They will be holding a FaithNet presentation on November 5th following the 11:30 mass in the Church Hall. Please prayerfully consider attending and learning how to support those suffering from mental illness. To learn more about NAMI please visit [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org).



### MIDNIGHT MASS ~ CHOIR

We are looking to form a small choir for the Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings at 7pm and would begin mid-November. If anyone is interested please contact our organist Mike

Hoffmann at 978-732-3523 or

at [mikejosephh@gmail.com](mailto:mikejosephh@gmail.com) A love of singing is all that is needed!

### ST. CECILIA ~ CHRISTMAS IN ACADIA

St. Cecilia Parish, 188 Mechanic St., Leominster will host their Annual Christmas in Acadia Fair on Friday, November 10 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Specialty foods include poutines, râpée, pork pies, fricot, spaghetti & meatballs and more. Acadian Auction, \$3,000 Major Raffle, Theme Baskets, Crafts, Large Indoor Flea Market, Game Booths for all ages, Baked Goods Booth. Free picture with Santa on Friday from 6p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. A variety of Live Musical Entertainment on Saturday including the "Twin City Fiddlers" and the "Songbirds."

### LEOMINSTER VETERAN'S CEREMONY

The City of Leominster will host its Veteran's Day Ceremony on Saturday, November 11th beginning at 10:30am in Monument Square with ceremonies following at 11am in City Hall. A reception will immediately follow at the Leominster's Veteran's Center.

### ELECTION DAY—TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Don't forget to Vote on Tuesday, November 7th. Polls are open from 7am to 8pm. The Municipal Election includes candidates for Mayor, City Councilors (Ward & At-Large), and School Committee (Ward & At-Large.) There is also the primary to determine the candidates for the Special State Election which will be held on December 5, 2017 to fill the State Senate seat for the Worcester and Middlesex District.



### KINDNESS MATTERS

When I was a freshman in high school, I saw a kid from my class walking home from school. His name was Kyle. It looked like he was carrying all of his books. I thought to myself, "Why would anyone bring home all his books on a Friday? He must really be a nerd."

I had quite a weekend planned with my football game and parties with friends so I shrugged my shoulders and went on. As I was walked by him, a few kids ran towards him, knocked the books out of his arms and tripped him. His glasses went flying, and I saw them land in the grass about ten feet from him. He looked up, and I saw this terrible sadness in his eyes.

My heart went out to him. I went over to him, and as he crawled around looking for his glasses, he was about ready to cry. I handed him his glasses and said, "Those guys are jerks. They really should get a life." He looked at me and said, "Hey, thanks!" There was a big smile on his face. It was one of those genuine smiles of gratitude.

I helped him pick up his books and asked him where he lived. As it turned out, he lived near me, so I asked him why I had never seen him before. He said he was new and had never gone to a Catholic school before now. So, we walked home together and I helped him carry his books.

He turned out to be a pretty cool. I asked him if he wanted to join me for the football game on Saturday with me and my friends. He said yes. We hung out all weekend, and the more I got to know Kyle, the more I liked him and so did my friends. On Monday morning, there was Kyle, with the huge stack of books again in his arms at his locker. I stopped him and said, "Boy, you are gonna really build up some serious muscles carrying this pile of books everyday!" He just laughed.

Kyle and I became best friends. When we were seniors we would part ways as Kyle decided to attend Georgetown, and I was going to Duke. He was going to be a doctor, and I was going for business on a football scholarship. But I knew our friendship would last.

Kyle was valedictorian of our class. I teased him all the time about being a nerd. Now, he had to prepare a speech for graduation. I was so glad it wasn't me having to get up there and speak. On graduation day, I saw Kyle. He looked great. He was one of those guy who really found himself during high school. I could see that he was nervous about his speech, so I said, "Hey, big guy, you'll be great!" He looked at me with the same genuine smile when we first met. "Thanks,"

He walked up to the podium to start his speech, he cleared his throat and began, "Graduation is a time to thank those who helped you make it through these past four years. Your parents, your teachers, your siblings, maybe a coach or an advisor-- but mostly your friends. I am here to tell all of you that being a friend to someone is the best gift you can give them. I am going to tell you a story of my best friend who saved me."

I sat with disbelief as Kyle told the story of the first day we met. He had planned to kill himself over the weekend. The pressure of the new school was too much, the kids were mean, and he didn't fit in. He spoke of how he had cleaned the books out of his locker so his mom wouldn't have to do it later for him and that was why he was carrying his stuff home. He looked at me and smiled. "Thankfully, I was saved. My friend saved me from doing the unspeakable."

I heard the gasp throughout the crowd as this handsome, intelligent, and popular boy told us about his weakest moment. I saw his mom and dad looking at me and smiling that same grateful smile. Not until that moment did I realize the depth of what I had done.

Never underestimate the power of your actions. Never underestimate the power of being kind since it takes less effort to be kind than mean. And with one small kind gesture, you can change a person's life or maybe even save it. ~ Author Anonymous