

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

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.

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord God, on this day of Thanksgiving,
We ask your blessings on our family,
our friends, our home, our health—and
on the food we are about to eat.

We thank you for this time together and
the many gifts that you have given us.

Help us to remember in this time of
bounty those less fortunate. And may
your love consume us all that we
might share in your glory.

Amen.

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
RCIA Director—Lorraine Carrier	978 297 1062

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

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 18TH

4:00PM: John and Evelyn Tata by the family
Edith Carrescia (birthday remembrance) by
Rita Hill and Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

8:00AM: Raymond and Nicky Fournier by Mr. and
Mrs. Ralph Maldari

10:00AM: Clement and Cecile Lanza by family
Concetta Dandini by Stephen Mullaney
Loretta Lisciotti by The Kelly and
Antonucci Families

11:30AM: Sharon Holmes by Pascale Traylor

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

7:30AM: Joe B by a friend

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

7:30AM: Vanessa Marcotte by St. Anna Parish

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

7:30AM: Antonetta Lombardo by Maria Maldari

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

7:30AM: Loretta Lisciotti by St. Anna Parish

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

7:30AM: The Marcantonio Family by Hilda Metzger

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

4:00PM: Gentile Family by Friedman Family
Saverio and Francesca Ciccolini
Paul and Alice Maguire by Amelia
Piermarini

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

8:00AM: Catherine Nangle by Nash and Benoit
Families

Loretta Lisciotti by David and Marie Valeri

10:00AM: Teresa and Vincenzo Bernardi by family
Concetta Dandini by Stephen Mullaney
Vincent Scaramuzzi (month's mind) by St.
Anna Parish
Loretta Lisciotti (month's mind) by St.
Anna Parish

11:30AM: Loretta Lisciotti by David R. Mullaney
and family
Maria Lisciotti (month's mind) by St. Anna
Parish
Leon and Alice LeBlanc by Patti Lanza
and Carol LeBlanc

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

When your heart is filled with gratitude, there is little room to worry or complain. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 4,957.00
MISC. COLLECTIONS	\$ 463.00
<u>POOR & HOMELESS COLLECTION</u>	<u>\$ 1,478.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,898.00

ANNIE CLUB WINNERS—NOVEMBER

Paul Marcoux \$100 Bruce Gallant \$100
Lisa DeCarolis \$50 Catherine McDonald \$50

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.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

The Rectory Office will be closed Thursday November 23rd and Friday November 24th for Thanksgiving Break.



PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Parish Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 9th in the rectory at 4pm. All are welcome to join the fun and festivities.

FR. FRED ~ VACATION

Fr. Fred will be on vacation from Wednesday November, 15th—December, 4th.



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 A love of singing is all that is needed!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.” Spouses, find value in one another by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

ADMISSION TEST

St. John’s High School will be administering another Entrance Exam for 8th grade boys entering the Class of 2022 on Wednesday, November 29th at 2:30 pm. Registration is required, please visit the Admissions area at www.stjohnshigh.org.

For more information please contact Justin Smith, Director of Admissions, at jsmith@stjohnshigh.org or by phone at (508) 842-8934 ext. 230.

WHO PACKS YOUR PARACHUTE?

Charles Plumb, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate, was a jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb was ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent six years in a Communist Vietnamese prison. He survived and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man came across the room and said, "You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!" Plumb was perplexed and asked, "How in the world did you know that?"

"I was the sailor that packed your parachute," the man replied. Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man just chuckled and said, "I guess it worked!" Plumb assured him, "It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today."

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about the man. He kept wondering what that man might have looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat, a bib in the back, and bell-bottom trousers. Plumb pondered how many times he might have seen him and not acknowledged him with a 'Good Morning,' or 'How are you doing?' or anything because, Plumb was a fighter pilot and the other man was just a sailor.

Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of a pilot he didn't know. Pretty remarkable.

Now, when Plumb gives lectures, he asks his audience, "Who's packing your parachute? Because, everyone has someone *who packs your parachute* and give you what you may need to make it through the day even if you don't know it."

Plumb points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory -- he needed a physical parachute, a mental parachute, an emotional parachute, and a spiritual parachute. He called on all these before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges life gives us, we miss what is really important. We fail to say hello, please, or thank you. We fail to congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them. We miss giving a compliment, or just doing something nice for no reason.

As we enter the season of Advent, and as you go through this week, this month, and the remainder of this year, take a moment to recognize people who pack your parachute.

Clara Lane
Memorial Concert

featuring
Orchestra of Indian Hill
WOODWIND
QUINTET

Sunday, November 19
2:00 p.m.

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