

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.



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



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 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH

7:30AM: Frederick Fraini Sr., by the Fraini Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

4:00PM: Margaret Howard by Mary Young
John Hartman by Rocky and Nina Palmieri
Genevieve and David Vargo by Rita Hill and family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

8:00AM: Lorraine Benoit by Daniel and Donna Benoit
Gilda and James S. Williams III by the Williams Family
Jeanne Williams by the Williams Family

10:00AM: Fidelma Perla (1st ann.) by St. Anna Parish
Concetta Dandini by Stephen Mullaney
Rose and Charlie Dale by their family

11:30AM: Egidio and Teresa Marrone by son Chris
Richard Serafini (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
Decio DiGiannantino by his family

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Due to Thanksgiving, the parish collections for the weekend of November 18-19th and November 25-26th will be reported in the December 3rd bulletin.

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. If you are able to bring a dessert, please let the office know.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ~ MASS SCHEDULE

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin is on Friday, December 8th

Masses will be held at 7:30am 9:00am (School Mass), Noon and 7:00pm.

ST. ANNA PARISH GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be set up and filled with tags, beginning the first weekend of Advent, December 2nd & 3rd. Warm clothes and toys (please new items only) are welcomed. Fill in the information on the tags with the children's sizes infants to 16 youth. Please wrap your gift and securely attach the tag. Gifts may be returned and placed under the tree after each weekend mass, no later than Sunday, December 17th. Thank you very much for your continued generosity.



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.



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 Weekends are Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For 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 an Entrance Exam for 8th grade boys on Wednesday, Nov. 29th at 2:30pm. Registration is required, visit www.stjohnshigh.org or contact Justin Smith, Director of Admissions, jsmith@stjohnshigh.org or (508) 842-8934 ext. 230.

LEOMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL -PETER PAN

Leominster High School Theater Company will be presenting the Broadway smash hit, Peter Pan . There are three performances held at LHS auditorium: Friday, Dec. 8th at 7pm, Saturday Dec. 9th at 1pm and at 7pm. The snow date will be Dec. 10th.

SAMPLES OF CHILDREN'S PRAYERS

A mother was teaching her 3-year-old daughter the Lord's prayer. For several evenings at bedtime she repeated it after her mother. One night she said she was ready to solo. The mother listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer. "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail, Amen."

A father was listening to his child say his prayers and began, "Dear Harold" At this, the father interrupted and said, "Wait a minute, How come you called God, Harold?" The little boy looked up and said, "That's what they call Him in church. You know the prayer we say, ‘Our Father, who art in Heaven, Harold be Thy name.’"

A little boy's prayer: "Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mommy and my sister and my brother and my dog and me. Oh, please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess."

Johnny was misbehaving and his mother sent him to his room. After a while he emerged and told his mother that he had thought it over and said a prayer to God. "Good, I’m happy to hear that" said the pleased mother and continued, "If you ask God to help you not misbehave, He will." Johnny replied, "Oh, I didn't ask Him to help me not misbehave. I asked Him to help *you* put up with me."

A little boy was saying his bedtime prayers with his mother: "Lord, bless Mommy and Daddy, and God, PLEASE GIVE ME A NEW BICYCLE!!" The mother said: "God's not deaf." To which the boy replied: "I know, Mom, but Nonnie’s in the next room, and she's hard of hearing!"

One Sunday in a Midwest city a young child was "acting up" during mass. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally the father picked his child up and walked sternly up the aisle to exit the church. Just before reaching the foyer the child called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

And this particular four-year-old prayed: "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."



THE KELLY GIRLS
Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 9 at 2:00 p.m.

Leominster Public library

Take a break from shopping and join us for rousing and joyful renditions of songs and tunes of the season!

Presented in memory of Bernie C. Bangrazi

