

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

Rectory / Fax	978-537-5293 / 978-537-2950
Religious Ed / St. Anna Society	978-537-5293
Church Hall	978-537-2094
Respect for Life	978-534-4053
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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, DECEMBER 9TH**

- 4:00PM:** Francesca and Saverio Ciccolini by Enea Piermarini
Enea and Gabriele Piermarini by family
Jenna Catherine Normandin (anniversary remembrance) by her aunt
Dianna Carboni by her father
Francis Bangrazi by his family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

- 8:00AM:** Lillian Wingate by family
Francis Bangrazi by his niece
Dominic Tresaloni, Sr. by family
- 10:00AM:** Richard Serafini by Phyllis Lewis
Vanessa Marcotte by John Marcotte
Albert Brasili by Betty Brasili and family
- 11:30AM:** Lisa Frechette by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc
Robert Lanza by Patti Lanza & Carol LeBlanc
David Pierce, Jr. 10th anniversary by the family
Paul Lanciani, Sr. by his wife Cheryl and son
Craig Lanciani by his mother and brothers PJ

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

- 7:30AM:** Mario Ermini by his family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

- 7:30AM:** John Chiurri by Bob & Cecile DeBettencourt

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

- 7:00AM:** Frederick D. Fraini, Sr. by Fraini Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

- 7:30AM:** Wayne MacPherson (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

- 4:00PM:** Pellegrino and Martence Piermarini by family
Samuel Valera (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Margaret Howard by Sylvia Lovewell
Assunta Mullaney by David R. Mullaney and family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

- 8:00AM:** Matteo Longo by Emanuel and Karen Longo
Russell Enderle by Daniel and Donna Benoit
Giovanni Lappa by Mr. & Mrs. Archie Carboni
- 10:00AM:** John Sonia (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Douglas Carr (20th anniversary.) by Mark and Mary Jane Lanza
Vanessa Marcotte by Virginia Stanley
Richard Barnaby Sr. by his wife and children
- 11:30AM:** William and Irene Jacobs by daughter Cheryl
Jacalyn M. Lastella (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
Joseph DePasquale (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$5,461.00
CANDLES, MASSES, MISC.	\$ 147.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 2,007.00
RETIREMENT FOR RELIGIOUS	\$ 110.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,725.00

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If your son or daughter is interested in becoming an altar server, please contact Deacon Jim at James.Graves@umassmemorial.org or contact Beth in the rectory. Training will be provided. Thank you!

ST. ANNA PARISH GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be set up and filled with tags this weekend! 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.

**ST. MATTHEW 25 SOCIETY -- SPECIAL THANKS!!**

A very sincere thank you to everyone who generously donated a turkey for the Thanksgiving Baskets. Your kindness and generosity are most deeply appreciated. — *From the Saint Matthew 25 Society -- Mille Grazie!!*

**LOOKING AHEAD!**
CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Saturday, December 23rd</i>	<i>4pm</i>
<i>Sunday, December 24th</i>	<i>8am, 10am, 4pm, 6pm, Midnight</i>
<i>Monday, December 25th</i>	<i>8am</i>



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. If anyone is interested contact Mike Hoffmann at 978-732-

3523 or at mikejosephh@gmail.com A love of singing is all that is needed!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.” Let us learn to comfort each other better by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 19th-21st, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 9th-11th, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at [800-710-9963](tel:800-710-9963) or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

ST. BONIFACE

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #16480

CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, January 28th from 1pm—5pm at St. Boniface Parish Church Hall located at 817 Massachusetts Avenue, Lunenburg will host a Cribbage Tournament. Entry fee is \$10. The tournament is double elimination with prizes for 1st and 2nd places. For more information, contact Thomas Laford at kofc16480@gmail.com or (978) 430-7600

HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING IDEAS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

With Christmas just around the corner, here are two great ways to shop for your loved ones and support those served through Catholic Charities. With every online ski lift ticket purchase through Wachusett Mountain, \$10 goes to Catholic Charities. Purchase items online through AmazonSMILE and Catholic Charities Worcester County will receive .5% of eligible purchases.

For more information about each program, visit www.ccworc.org and click on Holiday Gift Giving Ideas! Questions? Contact Rose Gage, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at rgage@ccworc.org or at 50-798-01891.

DIACONATE ORDINATION IN DECEMBER

All are invited to the Diaconate Ordination of Victor Sierra at St. Paul’s Cathedral on Saturday, Dec. 16 at 10am.

Victor is presently in his last year of studies at Saint Mary’s Seminary and University in Baltimore, MD. He will be ordained a priest in June, 2018.

THE WOODEN BOWL

An elderly frail father went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four year old grandson. The old man's hands trembled, his eyesight was blurred, and his steps faltered.



Each night, the family ate together at the table, but the elderly father’s shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult for him. Peas rolled off his spoon onto the floor. When he went to drink from his glass, milk spilled on the tablecloth. His son and daughter-in-law became irritated with the mess. "We must do something." said the son. "I've had enough of his spilled milk, noisy eating, and food all over the floor."

So he and his wife decided to set a small table in the corner away from them. There, the father ate alone, while the rest of them enjoyed dinner together. Since the father had broken dishes, the son began to serve his food in a wooden bowl. When the son glanced in his father’s direction, he saw a tear in his father’s eye as he sat alone. Still, the only words he had for his father were sharp admonitions when he dropped his food or spilled his milk.

The four year old grandson watched it all in silence.

One evening before supper, the father noticed his son arranging wood scraps on the floor. He asked his son so kind, so sweetly, "Son, what are you making?" Just as sweetly the boy responded, "Oh, I am making two little wooden bowls for you and Mommy to eat your food from when I grow up." Then, the four year old smiled and diligently went back to work.

The words struck the father. He was speechless and tears streamed down his cheeks. Though no words were spoken, no comments were made, that evening the son took his father’s hand and gently led him back to the family table.

For the remainder of his days, the father ate every meal with the family at the table and not from a wooden bowl. And for some reason, neither son nor his wife seemed to care any longer when a fork was dropped, milk spilled, or the tablecloth messy.

In the words of Albert Schweitzer, “Example is not the main thing in influencing others. It the only thing,” ~ *Author Unknown*