

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
RCIA	978-537-5293
Altar Servers	James.Graves@umassmemorial.org
Extraordinary Ministers	mpriddy@stannaleom.org
Parish Email	stannaparish@gmail.com
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 23RD

4:00PM: Vittorio DiCiccio by wife and children
Lena Friedman (2nd anniversary) by family
Gloria Palazzi (1st anniversary) by St.
Anna Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM: Alfred and Albina Gagnon by Daniel and
Donna Benoit

10:00AM: Vanessa Marcotte by John Marcotte

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH - CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00PM: Deceased members of the Petty Family by
family

6:00PM: Erin Pottier by daughter Linda
Janice LaLiberte by the family

12:00AM: Armand Millette by his wife and sons

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

8:00AM: Amelio and Iolanda Clementi by the family
Cornelia Ingemi (month's mind) by St.
Anna Parish
John Scopelliti by his wife

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

7:30AM: Robert Falvey by Fraini Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

7:30AM: Mike and Lucy Scaramuzzi by children

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

7:30AM: Rev. Gerald Dorais by Fraini Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

4:00PM: Lawrence and Estelle Seymour by Amelia
Piermarini
Armando Ciccone, Sr. (birthday remem-
-brance) by his children
Joseph Carbone, Sr. by Virginia Stanley

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

8:00AM: Russell Enderle by Daniel & Donna Benoit
David Benoit by Daniel and Donna Benoit
Francesco Bianco by daughter Adelina
Bianco and granddaughters Sarah and
Shanna Infantino

10:00AM: Loretta Lisciotti by Mr. and Mrs. Archie
Carboni

Concetta Dandini by Stephen Mullaney
Mario Antonucci (anniversary remem-
-brance) by the family

11:30AM: Loretta Lisciotti by the Mazzaferro Family

PARISH COLLECTIONS

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 4,667.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$ 1,665.00
RETIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS	\$ 182.00
CANDLES, MASSES, MISC.	\$ 900.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,414.00

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

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

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

The rectory will be closed Monday, December
25th and Tuesday, December 26th. The office
will be open from 8am—1pm from Wednesday,
Dec. 27th - Friday, December 29th. The office
will also be closed on Monday, January 1st.

Please note: The parish collection report will
not be available for the bulletin, until the follow-
ing week,

WINTER FEST IN WESTMINSTER

A Winter Fest Dinner will be held on Saturday,
January 6, 2018 from 5 to 7 pm at St. Edward the
Confessor Church Hall, 10 Church Street, West-
minster. Menu: Pork Loin, applesauce, meatloaf,
mashed potatoes, gravy, buttered corn, tangy 4
bean salad, rolls, tapioca pudding and cookies.

Cost of the dinner is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child
under 12 and children under 6 eat free. Tickets
are available at the door. For more information,
please call Wendy Provencal at 978-874-0767.



I CORINTHIANS 13, CHRISTMAS VERSION

If I decorate my house perfectly with glittering bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny ornaments, but do not show patience and kindness to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave in the kitchen, preparing gourmet meals, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, and arranging a beautifully adorned table, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, go caroling at the nursing home and donate to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point of the season.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has perfectly coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't quit on arrogance and rudeness, it perseveres even when you do not deserve it.

Love doesn't yell at their kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be *in the way*.

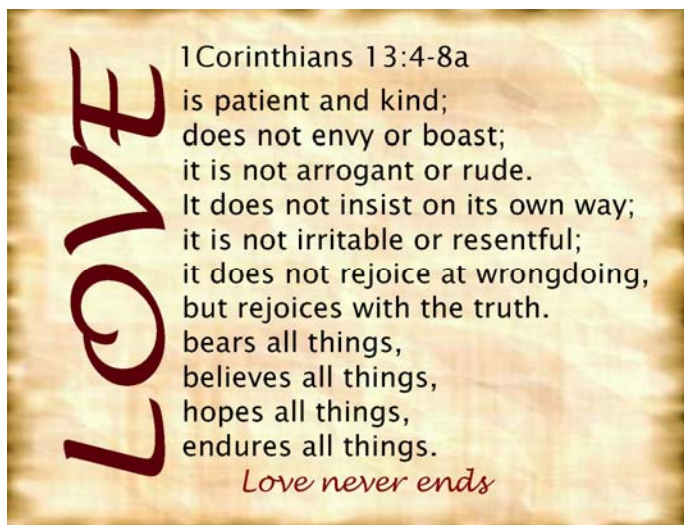
Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. Love conquers all. And, giving the Gift of Love should never end.

Merry Christmas!

Author Unknown



MARCH FOR LIFE –

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE APPROACHING

Join us for the Diocese of Worcester's bus trip to the 45th annual March for Life in Washington, DC. Buses leave on Thurs. Jan. 18th after the 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral, travel to Washington for the March for Life on Jan. 19th followed by the return trip to Worcester. Cost is \$75 per seat for registrations postmarked by December 31, and \$90 thereafter. For information, and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP AN ABUSED CHILD

Please consider helping an abused child TODAY! Become a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and advocate for a child in foster care. You will both play a critical role in the life of a child as well as see your own life enriched through the experience. There is a great need for more volunteers. Call 508-TRY-CASA, email us at volunteers@thecasaproject.org, or learn more about us at www.casaworcester.org.

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ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you a baptized, catechized Roman Catholic adult (18 or older) who has never been confirmed? The Diocese of Worcester will celebrate a diocesan-wide adult Confirmation on Sunday, February 4 at the Cathedral of St. Paul. A retreat to prepare for Confirmation will be offered on Sunday, January 21 at Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. If interested, please contact the pastor for more information.

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://wwmema.org/>.

ST. BONIFACE

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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