

# 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

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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Altar Servers	James.Graves@umassmemorial.org
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St. Matthew 25 Society	Paul Schiavitti
St. Anna School	978-534-4770
RCIA Director—Lorraine Carrier	978 297 1062



Happy  
New Year  
2018



Epiphany

## 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 30TH

**4:00PM:** Lawrence and Estelle Seymour by Amelia Piermarini  
Armando Ciccone, Sr. (birthday remembrance) 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  
**10:00AM:** Loretta Lisciotti by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Carboni  
Francesco Bianco by daughter Adelina Bianco and granddaughters Sarah and Shanna Infantino  
Concetta Dandini by Stephen Mullaney  
Mario Antonucci (anniversary remembrance) by his family  
**11:30AM:** Loretta Lisciotti by the Mazzaferro Family

### MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST

**8:00AM:** Rev. Louis Ogden by the Fraini Family

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD

**7:30AM:** Rev. Msgr. Thomas Needham by the Fraini Family

**9:00AM:** School Mass

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH

**7:30AM:** Rev. Anthony Marteka by Fraini Family

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH

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

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH

**4:00PM:** John Faiola (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
Doris Ciccone (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish  
Richard Serafini by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fraticelli

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH

**8:00AM:** Rozy Bracani by a friend  
Grace DiNardo by husband and children  
Priscilla Angelini (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish  
Henry Perla (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
**10:00AM :** Ernest Lattanzio (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
Armand and Anna Millette by Millette Family  
Vincent Scaramuzzi by Virginia Cote and Stephen  
**11:30AM:** Henry Consalvo (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
Delia Amorosi (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
Beatrice Gugliemo (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish



### ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

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

### NEW ORGAN—THANK YOU!

We are very fortunate this Christmas Season. A generous benefactor has donated the funds necessary to purchase a new organ. It was truly appreciated!

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

The office will also be closed on Monday, January, 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note: The parish collection reports for the last two weeks will be available in the next bulletin.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

Join us for the Diocese of Worcester's bus trip to the 45<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life in Washington, DC. Buses leave on Thurs. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> after the 7:30 p.m. Mass at St. Paul's Cathedral, travel to Washington for the March for Life on Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> followed by the return trip to Worcester. Cost is \$75 per seat for registrations postmarked by December 31, and \$90 after. For information, and to download registration forms, visit [www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://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](mailto:volunteers@thecasaproject.org), or learn more about us at [www.casaworcester.org](http://www.casaworcester.org).



### LA BEFANA

Three Wise Men passed through a town where La Befana lived while they were following the North Star to find the newborn baby Jesus. La Befana, who was a widow who outlived her only son, was a stellar housekeeper and was constantly sweeping, baking, gardening and cleaning her small cottage.

When the Three Wise Men approached her and asked her if she knew where to find the Holy infant, she told them she didn't know but offered them shelter for the night. Due to her hospitality, the Three Wise Men invited her to join them on the journey to find the baby Jesus, but she declined, because she was too busy with her housework.

When they left, La Befana gazed up at the North Star and realized she had made a terrible mistake. She packed pastries, nuts, and fruits into her picnic basket grabbed her broom (since she was incessantly sweeping) and set out to find the Wise Men and baby Jesus.

To this day, as the legend goes, on the eve of the Epiphany La Befana is still searching for baby Jesus. She leaves all the good children candy or fruit, while the bad children get coal, onions or garlic. Although she has been unsuccessful in her search, she still leaves gifts for good young children because the Christ Child can be found in all children.

### ST. BERNARD'S GRAD NAMED BISHOP

On December 9th, Franciscan Father Wayne Berndt was appointed Bishop of the Diocese of Naha in the Okinawa Prefecture by Pope Francis. Fr. Berndt is the son of Simone (Jacques) Berndt and the late Francis Berndt was born May 15, 1954, in Fitchburg and grew up at St. Joseph Parish. He attended St. Joseph Elementary School, St. Bernard Central Catholic High School, and Fitchburg State University. Fr. Berndt cares for the poor in Japan. His ordination is scheduled for February.

### 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 4th 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 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

### ST. BONIFACE - 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

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY IN WORCESTER

**Thursday, January 11, 2018, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

Blessed Sacrament Bereavement Ministry has started their new support group. The group will meet at the Epiphany House, Blessed Sacrament Church, 551 Pleasant Street, Worcester on the second Thursday of the month beginning January 11th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The Bereavement Ministry will serve families who have lost a loved one to death through Blessed Sacrament Parish. The members of the ministry will implement our mission to provide comfort, care, and support to the grieving families of the Blessed Sacrament community in their experience of loss in a way that is fully sensitive to their grief and responsive to their needs.

