

# 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

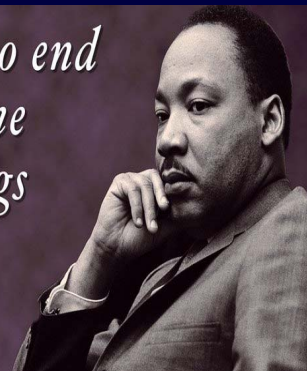
Mrs. Marian Priddy, Secretary, St. Anna School

## 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
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

*Our lives begin to end  
the day we become  
silent about things  
that matter.*

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*



## **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****SATURDAY, JANUARY 13TH**

**4:00PM:** John & Clara Reale by Dan and Maria Murray  
Rose and Charlie Dale by their family

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH**

**8:00AM:** Thomas Flanagan by his family  
**10:00AM:** James Carlin by Andy and Paula Shanley  
Doreen Karpinski (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
Olga Mowry (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
Lena Pandiscio (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary.) by St. Anna Parish  
John N. Burke, MD by Fran and Joe Bassett  
**11:30AM:** Ruth Somers (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
Agnes Minihan (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
Rena Bisceglia (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
Diana Carboni by her father

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH**

**7:30AM:** Charles J. Bohonowicz by Fraini Family

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH**

**7:30AM:** For our parishioners who are homebound, in nursing homes, in assisted living facilities, and their deceased loved ones by St. Matthew 25 Society

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH**

**7:30AM:** Frederick D. Fraini, Sr. by Fraini Family  
**9:00AM:** Claire St. Jean by Skip and Marian Priddy

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH**

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

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH**

**7:30AM:** Rev. Edmund F. Falvey by Fraini Family

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH**

**4:00PM:** Grace Bahde (1st ann.) by St. Anna Parish  
Loretta Lisciotti by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fraticelli  
Donald Bastarache by a friend

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST**

**8:00AM:** Angela DeFelice by family  
Lil DeFelice by family  
Mary Boyer by Skip and Marian Priddy  
**10:00AM:** Vanessa Marcotte by John Marcotte  
Loretta Lisciotti by Andy and Paula Shanley  
Rena Gleason by Alty Family  
Jason Adams by Alty Family  
**11:30AM:** Loretta Lisciotti by Steven DiRusso  
Egidio and Teresa Marrone by son Chris

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

Thank you for your support of St. Anna Parish!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 4,265.00
CANDLES, MASSES, MISC.	\$ 354.00
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY	\$ 624.00
FUNERALS	\$ 300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,543.00</b>

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

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

**RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED**

The office will be closed on Monday, January 15th for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**THANK YOU— THANK YOU!**

Our parish Giving Tree was a tremendous success. This year, over 470 gifts were donated. The gifts were distributed to six area agencies. Hundreds of children enjoyed a brightened Christmas due to the kindness and generosity of our parishioners and friends. You truly exemplified the Christmas spirit of love for lovers. God bless all of you and your loved ones. A very special thank you to all the volunteers who helped us organize the gifts after masses and to those that helped us relocate the packages to the parish hall for distribution. To Everyone – *Mille Grazie!*

**ST. BONIFACE - CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT**

On Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**THRIFT SHOP SALE IN WORCESTER**

St. Stephen Thrift Store, 20 Hamilton St., Worcester is holding a WINTER STOCK BAG SALE beginning Saturday, Jan. 13th through Saturday, Feb. 17th (or earlier if stock runs out). Cost: \$5 per bag. Fill one of our large bags for just \$5. (Some exclusions apply, see store for details) Store hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 9 am-2:30 pm, Saturday - 8:30 am-4:00 pm

## WELCOME 2018 ~ WITH HUMILITY

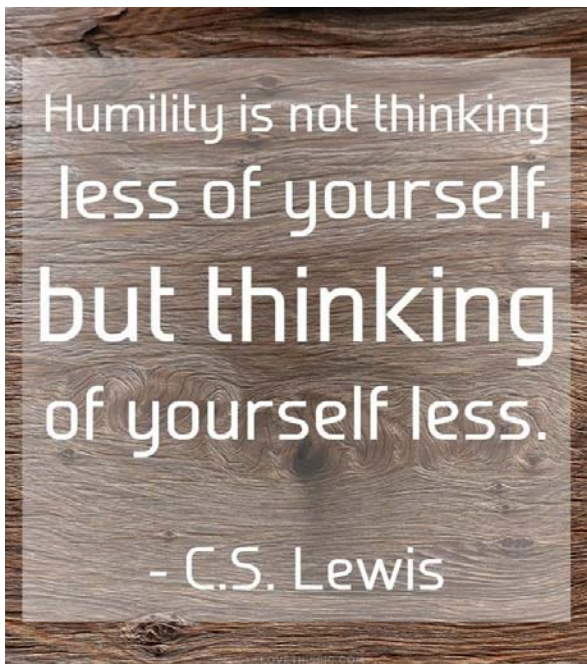
It was a stormy night, 18<sup>th</sup> Century, and a huge tree uprooted and fell across a busy road in Baltimore. A team of soldiers were deputed to clear the tree from the road. They cut the branches from the tree and worked diligently to remove the huge log from the road. But, they could not move it since it was so heavy. The superior officer, a stout and strong man on horseback, sat watching them work giving loud orders and stern commands without physically participating in the efforts to move the log.

A traveler on a white horse witnessed the scene. He stopped and asked the superior officer why he did not lend a hand to the soldiers instead of giving loud oral orders. The officer replied in rage, "I am the officer in command of this operation. I am their superior. It is below my dignity to work with them."

The traveler quietly removed his hat and coat and joined the soldiers. Working with them and, after much effort, they removed the log from the road. While departing the traveler said to the superior officer, "When you have difficult work, you can call me. I will come help you." The officer asked, "Who are you?" The traveler replied, "I am George Washington" and sped off on his horse.

The officer was struck with wonder and shame. The traveler who stopped to help his soldiers was President of the United States and the Commander and Chief of the U.S. Military who was not above helping and doing physical work.

Humility is the greatest of graces. Jesus advises all of us, "The greatest one among you must be your servant (*Matthew 23:11*). Everyone who makes himself great will be humbled and everyone who humbles themselves will be made great (*Luke 14:11, 18,14*).



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT - RAILERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

Join us on Saturday, February 3rd for the Diocese of Worcester Night at the Railers. We will be celebrating Trax's Birthday and our Catholic Schools. Come hear students from Our Lady of the Angels School sing the National Anthem, students from Our Lady of the Valley School sing God Bless America and students from St. Anna School sing America the Beautiful.

Tickets are \$15. Proceeds will go to our participating Catholic Schools. Also, don't forget to visit us on the concourse and get your Chuck-A-Puck! All seats are in Section 106, which are normally \$25.

To purchase your tickets for \$15, visit [raisportstix.com/order/seats/119/](https://www.raisportstix.com/order/seats/119/), and enter the Group Code: DioceseWorcester when prompted. Tickets will be left at "will call the night of the game" window unless other arrangements are made. Also, please comment in the customer comment box the name of the School, Parish, Group, or Agency. If you have any questions contact Connor Haynes at 508-365-1752.

## CURSILLO

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. Cursillo was brought from Spain to the United States in 1962. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. Our 2018 dates are: Men's - February 22-25 & June 14-17; Women's - May 3-6 & October 25-28. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Sue Leighton at [508-278-3155](tel:508-278-3155) or [sleighton1958@gmail.com](mailto:sleighton1958@gmail.com) OR Joan Laracy at [774-239-2474](tel:774-239-2474) or [joanlaracy@yahoo.com](mailto:joanlaracy@yahoo.com).

## CHARTER TV3—MOVED

Charter TV3 moved to Channel 193 on cable boxes. If you no longer see the Daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Family Rosary or weekly specials on Channel 3 on your Charter cable box, go to Channel 193.

## SNOWSHOE HIKE - DOYLE COMMUNITY PARK

Meet at the Doyle Community Park & Center at 10am on Saturday, January 27th at 10am! The North County Land Trust will lead this hike. They have a limited number of snowshoes to lend so register early! Explore this beautiful property in the winter along the trails owned by The Trustees of Reservations. Please call 978-534-7529 for

