

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**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
Madelyn Girouard by Fran

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST

8:00AM: 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
Mary DiNardo by Fran

MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND

7:30AM: Agapito & Anita Caporello by Virginia Cote

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD

7:30AM: Richard Falvey by Fraini Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24TH

7:30AM: Robert Falvey by Fraini Family

9:00AM: School Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH

7:30AM: John Morrissey by Kathy Morrissey
Boudreau

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27TH

4:00PM: Francis Robinson by the family
Ray Allard by Virginia Cote
Jacqueline Antonioni by Lisa DiNardo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28TH

8:00AM: Russell Enderle by Daniel & Donna Benoit
Philip Hatch by Skip and Marian Priddy

10:00AM Garner Girthoffer by the Dale Family
Loretta Lisciotti by Carroll Doctor
Raymond Marcoux (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

11:30AM: Mary DiNardo by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc
Mary and Anthony Tata by daughters and Grandchildren
Jacqueline Antonioni (month's mind) by St Anna Parish
Albert and Louise DiRusso (birthday remembrance) by Sandra and Frances

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

Thank you for your support of St. Anna Parish!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 4,565.00
CANDLES, MASSES, MISC.	\$ 701.00
<u>MAINTENANCE COLLECTION</u>	<u>\$ 1,669.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6,935.00

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.

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

ST ANNA SCHOOL— PASTA SIPPER

The pasta supper is on January 31st from 5p, -7pm. Tickets will be on sale after masses. Please contact Marian Priddy in the office for more details.

WELCOME 2018 ~ WITH GENEROSITY

*Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous;
teach me to serve you as you deserve,
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to seek reward,
except that of knowing that I do your will. Amen*
~ St. Ignatius Loyola

It Isn't Just About the Poor

Generosity can and should extend beyond the poor. The poor will always be in need but there is more demanded of us.

Does our generosity stop when we donate money? Do we extend generosity to our family and friends when they need it? Are we generous with our time and talents to our parish, our community, or non-profit organizations? What do we truly share of ourselves? And more importantly, what do we expect in return?

Creative Generosity

The one thing which comes to mind with generosity is giving alms – donating money or clothing; volunteering in a soup kitchen; or ministering to the poorest of the poor.

But there is more demanded of us. Generosity can take form by watching what we say. Do we really need to share this or that story about someone? Wouldn't it be generous to leave information private, if there is no good reason for sharing *or* if the only reason to share it is to do harm? Thoughtful silence, can exemplify generosity.

Generosity can take form by our actions. Looking into the eyes of strangers with a smile; remembering the silent struggles others may have and not judging; listening to a child tell a story that takes too long; offering a sign of affection to someone who is hurting more than we know; holding a door for someone in need – all of these give witness to generosity.

God Speaks

God hasn't left the human race. In fact, He wants us to be the best version of ourselves. It isn't that God has stopped speaking, it's that we have stopped listening. What part do we play in our own formation? Every time we open up our hearts to the unitive message of God, we will find inspiration for generosity. There are no limits to the methods we can employ to do the will of God.

Now what?

Our lives change when our habits change. When we count ourselves as one of many who are working to transform, we can awake a sleeping giant. This sleeping giant of our combined efforts can change the world.

To be generous is not difficult. Start small – a gentle smile, refrain from harmful words, donate your time, use your special talent, console a friend who is hurting and most importantly don't forget that with God at the helm, there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

In the end, our lives will be measured not by what we have, not by what harmful words we used, not by how much money we have, but by not counting the cost and knowing that generosity is doing God's will.



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 rails.isportstix.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 OR Joan Laracy at [774-239-2474](tel:774-239-2474) or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"For the world in its present form is passing away." If change in our lives is our lot, let us learn how to change with and for our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 2-4, 2018 in Manchester, CT and Feb 9-11, 2018 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at [800-710-9963](tel:800-710-9963) or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.