

# 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

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Rectory / Fax                      | 978-537-5293 / 978-537-2950    |
| Religious Ed /<br>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<br>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, 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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29TH**

**7:30AM:** Mike and Lucy Scaramuzzi by daughter

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 30TH**

**7:30AM:** Rev. John O'Toole by St. Anna Parish

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31ST**

**7:30AM:** Rev. Gerald Dorais by Fraini Family  
**9:00AM:** School Mass

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**

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

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND**

**7:30AM:** Catherine Owens by the Fraini Family

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD**

**4:00PM:** Mary Cote (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
Henry Cote by Virginia Cote

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH**

**8:00AM:** Laura Cancellieri by Daniel and Donna Benoit

**10:00AM** Italo and Cecile Gentile and family by family  
Oville Doiron by his wife Francine and children  
Ida Doiron by family

**11:30AM:** Leo Cote by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc  
Egidio and Teresa Marrone by son Chris  
Edward Baker (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

Thank you for your support of St. Anna Parish!

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| SUNDAY COLLECTIONS     | \$ 4,336.00        |
| CANDLES, MASSES, MISC. | \$ 78.00           |
| ENVELOPE COLLECTION    | \$ 1,256.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>           | <b>\$ 5,760.00</b> |

**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 Beth in the rectory. Training will be provided. Thank you!

**THRIFT SHOP SALE IN WORCESTER**

St. Stephen Thrift Store, 20 Hamilton St., Worcester is holding a WINTER STOCK BAG SALE 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.

**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 Larcy at [774-239-2474](tel:774-239-2474) or [joanlarcy@yahoo.com](mailto:joanlarcy@yahoo.com).

## PRUDENCE

Prudence is the ability to govern and discipline oneself by the use of reason. It is the “charioteer of virtues” as it helps control and moderate all of our other virtues. “Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.” ~ Benjamin Franklin

We are bombarded with choices and overloaded with information. We cherish the ability to do anything we deem worthy to us as sacred. We believe that we have the right to choose any action, regardless of its morality, without consequences.

Prudence helps us apply our reasoning in what is right and true to situations. The ability to choose is inherently neutral, but it is what we choose that matters. Prudence governs our choices, and therefore makes it a more difficult virtue to acquire. “Prudence is the virtue by which we discern what is proper to do under various circumstance in time and place.” ~ John Milton Still, we can all be strive to be prudent and here are some examples:

1. *Learn from your mistakes:* We will make painful or humiliating choices at times. The ones we wish we could take back. The ones we pray our children will never make. But, it is inevitable. When we do make mistakes, we can either feel sorry for ourselves, or we can learn and gain wisdom. If we choose to learn from our mistakes, we become wiser and acquire knowledge providing us a pool of resources to help us make prudent choices.

2. *Learn from others:* One lesson the wisdom books of the Bible seek to drive home is the importance of learning from those who are have experience...those who are battle tested. We need to listen to advisors, find good counsel from them and accept the advice with humility. In *Proverbs 1:1-5*, “For gaining wisdom and instruction; for understanding words of insight; for receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right and just and fair; for giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young—let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance.” As mentioned, this takes humility, but if we can fill our prudential reservoir, we will learn from others.

3. *Consider carefully:* Many of us tend to be rash and hasty in judgment. Sometimes our impulsiveness can be a good thing, but sometimes it is not. When faced with a choice, we need to control our desire to leap into action, and instead carefully consider the ramifications of our choices.

Prudence is a virtue that takes time to acquire, but because it governs the other virtues, it is one of the most important virtues we can possess. Choose to learn from your mistakes, choose to learn from others, and patiently consider your choices, and before you know it, you will be on your way to prudent and wise life.



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT - RAILERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

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 [railers.isportstix.com/order/seats/119/](http://railers.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.

## 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://wwmema.org/>.



## ST. BERNARD'S CCHS—SHADOW DAYS

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, St. Bernard's High School invites all students in Grades 8 through 12 to schedule a full or partial Shadow Day at STB through February 16th. Shadowing is a wonderful opportunity to experience firsthand what it's like to be a St. Bernard's student. You will attend classes, talk to current students and learn about the school. If you are interested in scheduling a shadow day, please contact Admission Coordinator, Julianne Richard, at [jrichard@stbernardscchs.org](mailto:jrichard@stbernardscchs.org). Come and explore what STB has to offer!

