



# SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Second Sunday of Lent  
February 24th—25th

Rev. Father Frederick D. Fraini, III Pastor  
Deacon James Graves  
Mrs. Beth Donlan, Administrative Assistant  
Mrs. Mary Lou Petty, Religious Ed Coordinator  
Mrs. Lorraine Carrier, RCIA Director



### Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4pm  
SUNDAY: 8am, 10am, 11:30am  
DAILY: Monday-Friday, 7:30am  
SCHOOL MASS: Wednesday 9am (September-June)  
BRAZILIAN / PORTUGUESE: Sunday 6:30pm  
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: Check the bulletin & website

### Adoration

TUESDAYS 8am—12pm

### Confessions

SATURDAYS 2:45-3:45pm or by appointment

### Sacraments

**BAPTISMS:** Celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month with preparation classes for parents and God parents on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Contact Deacon Graves at james.graves@umassmemorial.org  
**MARRIAGE:** Contact the parish office at least 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.

### Contact Us

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# Parish News...

**“WAKE UP AND SMELL THE ROSES!”**

Father Fraini will be hosting a parish wide talk on the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm in St. Anna Church. This talk will focus on why it is important to go to confession, as well as, the many stigmas and misconceived notions about the Sacrament. Other topics to be addressed will be previous uncomfortable experiences within the Sacrament, which often leave the faithful extremely apprehensive. Lent is a time of renewal and change, it is a time to repent! If you are afraid of the Sacrament, have questions about it, or just want to learn more, please come and bring a friend! Refreshments will be served immediately following.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Anna Parish!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 3,937.00
CATHOLIC FREE PRESS	\$ 26.00
LATIN AMERICA	\$ 609.00
<u>CANDLES, MASSES, MISC.</u>	<u>\$ 560.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,132.00</b>

**ST. ANNA PARISH—LENT**

**Confessions:** Fr. Fred will hold confessions during Lent from 7pm—8pm on Tuesdays.

**Stations of the Cross:** Please join Deacon Jim as he leads us in special prayer of Jesus’s final hours on Friday nights beginning at 6:30pm in the Church.

**St. Anna Society Fish Dinners:** Fridays during Lent (with the exception of Good Friday) from 4pm-7pm or until sold out.

*Other Leominster churches with additional confession and Stations of the Cross:*

**Stations of the Cross**

Holy Family of Nazareth	Friday	4pm
St. Leo’s	Friday	3:30pm
Our Lady of the Lake	Friday	7pm
St. Cecilia’s	Friday	3pm

**Confessions**

Mondays	St. Leo’s	7pm-8pm
Wednesdays	Holy Family of Nazareth	7pm
Fridays	St. Cecilia’s	6pm-7pm

**DISCERNING A VOCATION?**

Have you thought of a vocation to the priesthood? The Diocese of Worcester’s annual discernment retreat will be held on March 23 & 24 at the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT directed by Bishop McManus.

The retreat begins 6pm Friday and ends 6pm Saturday. It is for men high school, college age, and older. There is no cost, and transportation is provided if needed. Visit worcestervocations.com for more information. Contact Fr. Jim Mazzone at [jmazzone@charter.net](mailto:jmazzone@charter.net) or call him at 508-340-5788 to sign up.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**

**4:00PM:** Paul Lucier by his wife  
 Madeline Girouard by Fran  
 Pam Linton by Susan Noyes

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8:00AM:** Russell Enderle by Daniel and Donna Benoit  
**10:00AM:** Mery and John Burke by Fran and Joe Bassett  
 Lena Sciabarrasi Johnson by Mary DeCarolis  
 Anthony DeCarolis (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
 Brian Greene by his son Richard Greene and family  
 Margaret Falvey by Fraini Family  
**11:30AM:** Richard Lemoine by family  
 Josephine Emiro (birthday remembrance) by Dorothy Hill  
 Mary and Anthony Tata by their daughters  
 Kathy and Lorna and grandchildren  
 Serge Richard by Lynn Ayers and family

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH**

**7:30AM:** Rev. Louis Chow by St. Anna Parish

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**

**7:30AM:** Raymond Richards, Jr. ( 1 month anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
**9:00AM:** School Mass

**THURSDAY, MARCH 1ST**

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2ND**

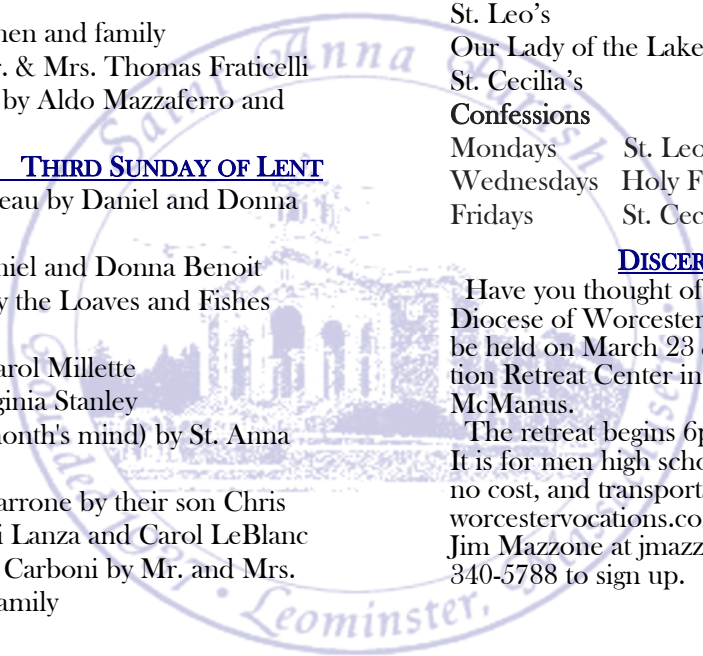
**7:30AM:** Nellie Falvey by Fraini Family

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3RD**

**4:00PM:** Grace Bahde by Stephen and family  
 Mary DiNardo by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fraticelli  
 Jacqueline Antonioni by Aldo Mazzaferro and family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4TH THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8:00AM:** Robin and Jeffrey Filteau by Daniel and Donna Benoit  
 Edward Sutela by Daniel and Donna Benoit  
**10:00AM:** Raymond Marcoux by the Loaves and Fishes Choir  
 Loretta Lisciotti by Carol Millette  
 Rose Bogrette by Virginia Stanley  
**11:30AM:** Margaret DiRusso (month’s mind) by St. Anna Parish  
 Egidio and Teresa Marrone by their son Chris  
 Rosina Renzi by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc  
 Mr. Ennio and Velia Carboni by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Carboni and family



## FAITH

Without faith, no one can please God. Anyone who comes to God must believe He is real and rewards those who truly want to find Him. Faith is a gift given to us by God, along with His grace and mercy, according to His holy plan and purpose.

It was by faith that Noah heard God. He obeyed God and built an arc to save his family. Through his faith, Noah demonstrated that the world was wrong, and he became an example of one who is made right with God through faith. It was by faith Abraham obeyed God's call to go to Canaan which God promised to give him, he left his own country for God. It was by faith that he lived like a foreigner in the country God promised to give him.

Gideon, Samson, David, Samuel, and all of the prophets—through their faith, did what was right and received God's promises. They slayed lions, were saved from death, and were powerful in battle. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and holes in the earth. All of them are known for their faith.

Each one of these remarkable individuals lived and died in faith. They did not receive the rewards that God promised His people, but they saw them coming far in the future and were glad. They said they were like visitors and strangers on Earth. But they were waiting for a better country—a heavenly country. God is not ashamed to be called their God, because He has prepared a city for them.

By definition, faith is the "belief in, devotion to, or trust in somebody or something, especially without logical proof." Hebrews 11:1-6 tells us that faith is "being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see...without faith, it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God, must believe...He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." Ephesians 2:8-9 defines faith as a gift from God, not because we deserve it, have earned it, or are worthy to have it. Faith is a confident trust or belief in God that is based on recognizing God's nature and His fidelity to His promises.

Faith, Hope, and Love are the three theological virtues which are the foundation of Christian moral behavior. They are virtues which are infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as His children and of meriting eternal life. They define mankind's relationship with God, are the pledge of His presence, and are gifts from Him. Faith means being sure of the things we hope for and knowing that something is real even if we do not see it. As Saint Augustine once said, "Faith is believing what you cannot see, the reward of faith is seeing what you believe!"

## DIOCESAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Please visit <https://worcestardiocese.org/> to complete the survey on the Diocesan Planning Study for a Capital Campaign. Your input is most welcome.

## HEALTH ALLIANCE SPEAKEASY 12TH ANNUAL GALA

Join us for the Cat's Meow Speakeasy Gala at DoubleTree by Hilton on Thursday, March 1st. Help us raise much needed funds for UMass Memorial - HealthAlliance Hospital. Tickets are \$50 per person. For information contact Kathy Boudreau at [kboudreau@healthalliance.com](mailto:kboudreau@healthalliance.com)



## 18TH WORCESTER DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Conference is on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Assumption College. All men are invited to this important annual conference. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Father David Cavanagh, Robert Rogers, Ryan Tremblay, and Elvis Grbac. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions. Tickets are \$30/students, \$45/adults if purchased before February 28<sup>th</sup>. Send checks to Catholic Men's Conference, 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609 For information, call Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345 or visit [www.firstmensconf.org](http://www.firstmensconf.org)

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Let the Holy Spirit acknowledge and increase our love for our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are TBD. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at [800-710-9963](tel:800-710-9963) or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

## LENTEN ANNUAL MISSION

The Mission Masses will be sponsored by Holy Family of Nazareth, St. Anna, St. Leo, St. Cecilia and Capilla Santissima Trinidad. The schedule is as follows:

Sunday, March 11th—St. Leo's Adoration and Homily  
"Christ Our Nourishment"

Monday, March 12th—St. Anna's Mass and Sacrament  
"Christ Our Health"

Tuesday, March 13th - St. Cecilia's Reconciliation Services  
"Christ Our Forgiveness"

Wednesday, March 14th—Holy Family Concelebrated Mass  
"Christ Our Message"

**Safety Environment Notice:** Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children & young people approved by the US Bishops & 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