



SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Third Sunday of Lent
March 3rd-March 4th

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 3rd 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...

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

MONDAY, MARCH 5TH

7:30AM: Edmund Falvey by the Fraini family

TUESDAY, MARCH 6TH

7:30AM: Richard Serafini by a friend

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH

7:30AM: Betty Fraini by the Fraini family

9:00AM: School Mass

THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

FRIDAY, MARCH 9TH

7:30AM: Rev. Richard Altenbaugh by St. Anna Parish

SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH

4:00PM: John and Evelyn Tata by Peggy Tata
Jacqueline Antonioni by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Fraticelli
Alex Holder by Greg Richard
Joseph and Agnes Richard by Greg Richard

SUNDAY, MARCH 11TH FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM: Gerry McSween by Fran
Anthony Balducci by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc

10:00AM: Armand Millette (birthday remembrance) by his wife Carol

11:30AM: Dianna Carboni by her father

2018 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

IN PEW COMMITMENT WEEKEND—MARCH 10-11TH

Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work by supporting this life giving appeal. We reflect on God's great generosity and respond with generous giving of our own. *Faith in Action* is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; the prayerful witness of our retired priests and the joy of the new priestly vocations; the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach, and care for others. Please come to Mass next weekend prepared to make a commitment to the Partner In Charity appeal. St. Anna Parish goal is \$55,900.00. Please take the time to watch the Appeal Video this week at www.partners-charity.net or at <https://vimeo.com/255598536>. Thank you!

ST. ANNA SOCIETY MEETING

The next society meeting is Tuesday, March 6th. Novena at 6:30pm with the meeting at 7pm.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 3,721.00
CANDLES, MISC.	\$ 68.00
<u>TUITION ASSISTANCE</u>	<u>\$ 1,089.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,878.00

ST. ANNA PARISH—LENT

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

Stations of the Cross: Deacon Jim leads us at 6:30pm on Friday nights in the church in special prayer of Jesus's final hours.

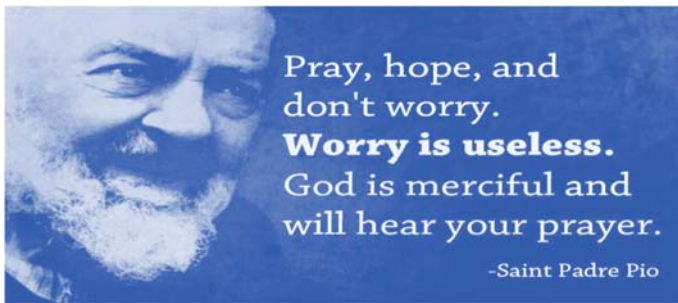
Fish Dinners: Fridays during Lent (with the exception of Good Friday) 4pm-7pm or until sold out.

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:
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"

ST. ANNA SCHOOL GALA

St. Anna School Gala is April 7, 2018 at the Wachusetts Country Club 5:30 Cocktails and Dinner at 6:45pm. Invitation is on the parish website.



HOPE

Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the Kingdom of Heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of God and the Holy Spirit.

Hope is the virtue that wants us to be happy and God has placed hope in the heart of every one of us. Hope inspires our activities and thoughts; it keeps us from discouragement; it sustains us during times of abandonment; it opens up our hearts in expectation of great joy; it give us strength when we fear all is lost.

Christian hope fulfills the hope of the chosen people, which has its origin in Abraham, who was blessed abundantly by the promises of God, and who was purified by the test of sacrifice. "Hoping against hope, he believed, and thus became the father of many nations." But, in addition to hope, faith guided Abraham. Hope gives us the strength to keep believing while faith is the gift which guides us according to God's holy plan.

Hope unfolds from the beginning of Jesus' preaching in the proclamation of the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are the blessings from the Sermon on the Mount. In the Latin translation of the Bible, each of the blessings begins with the word *beati*, which translates to "happiness". Hope is expressed and nourished in the Beatitudes and in prayer, especially in the Our Father, the summary of everything that hope leads us to desire.

In every circumstance, we should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere to the end, and to obtain the joy of Heaven, as God's eternal reward for the good works accomplished with His grace. Hope is grounded in the Word of God. It is "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Heb 11:1)

May the God of hope fill you with all the joy and peace as you trust in Him so that you may overflow with hope, by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13)

18TH WORCESTER DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 18th Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Conference is on Saturday, March 17th at Assumption College. All men are invited to this important annual conference. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions. Tickets are \$30/students, \$45/adults if purchased before February 28th. 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

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MASS FOR LIFE

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is a feast day with special theological significance for the pro-life cause. We find the biblical account of the Annunciation in the Gospel of St. Luke, Chapter 1 where we recall the announcement from the Archangel Gabriel of the good news to Mary that she has been chosen to be the Mother of the Lord, and Mary's affirming response, "Let it be done to me according to Your word." Each year the Diocese of Worcester celebrates a special Mass for Life on, or near, the Feast of the Annunciation. All the faithful are welcome and join with students from our Catholic Schools on this important feast day and special celebration of God's gift. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass on Monday, April 9th at 10am at the Cathedral of St Paul, 38 High Street, Worcester,

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 23rd & 24th 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 or call him at 508-340-5788 to sign up.

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