



# SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 10th-March 11th

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](mailto: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 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  
 Louis Morizzo by family

**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

**MONDAY, MARCH 12TH**

7:30AM: Frederick D Fraini by the Fraini family

**TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH**

7:30AM: Bruce Bohonowicz by Fraini Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH**

7:30AM: Rev. Edmund F. Falvey by Fraini Family  
 9:00AM: School Mass

**THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH**

7:30AM: Charlie Dale by his family

**FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH**

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

**SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH**

4:00PM: Frank and Mary Bilotta and children by Dolores and Herbert Pellegrino and Martina Piermarini by Anna Piermarini and sisters  
 Mary Ann Navaroli Kennedy (3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary) by Skip Kennedy  
 James Fiore by daughter Donna  
 LaMaddona Della Pace by Avellino Piermarini and family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00AM: Russell Enderle by Daniel and Donna Benoit  
 Joseph Fusco (birthday remembrance) by his granddaughter  
 Jodi Lyn Bastarache by Cristina Valeri  
 10:00AM: Augustina Pellechia (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish  
 11:30AM: Adolfo Giannetti by Diana Giannetti and Family  
 Loretta Lisciotti by Steven DiRusso  
 Beatrice Guglielmo by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc  
 Jackie Antonioni by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc

**LENTEN ANNUAL MISSION**

The Lenten Mission begin this Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>—St. Leo’s Adoration and Homily “Christ Our Nourishment” 7pm  
 Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>—St. Anna’s Mass and Sacrament “Christ Our Health” 7pm  
 Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - St. Cecilia’s Reconciliation Services “Christ Our Forgiveness” 7pm  
 Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>—Holy Family Mass Concelebrated “Christ Our Message” 7pm  
 \*\* Due to the Lenten Mission, reconciliation will not be held at St. Anna on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. The services will be held at St. Cecilia’s.

**2018 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL**

This weekend is In Pew Commitment Weekend for the *Partners in Charity Appeal*. Every member of St. Anna Parish is called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the annual appeal. Our parish goal is \$55,900. Complete the envelope, indicating your gift or pledge. It is important for all of us to participate to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have made a gift to the 2018 appeal we thank you. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can make your gift online at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net). Please make sure to reference St. Anna Parish when you donate online so we get the appropriate credit. Check out the Appeal Video at <https://vimeo.com/255598536>.

**ST. MATTHEW SOCIETY MEETING**

The next meeting is on Tuesday, March 13th at 1pm in the Rectory Conference Room.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 5,570.00
CANDLES, MASSES, MISC.	\$ 236.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 2,084.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,890.00</b>

**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.

**ST. ANNA SCHOOL GALA**

St. Anna School Gala is April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wachusett Country Club. 5:30 Cocktails Dinner at 6:45pm. Invitation is on the parish website.

AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN:

# *Faith, Hope and Love*

BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.  
1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

## LOVE

*The greatest of these is Love...* There are so many ways love is said to be the greatest in the Bible. One is from Paul's eloquent and famous description of what true love—agape love—is. Agape love involves faithfulness, commitment, and an act of the will. It is distinguished from the other types of love by its moral nature and strong character. There is no greater comfort for us that God's love never fails. There is nothing you could ever do to make God love you any more, nor is there nothing you could ever do to make God love you any less.

In John 15:9–17, Jesus says “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in His love... My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends... You did not choose me, but I chose you...and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.” Love has no beginning and has no end. It is infinite. This is the love into which we are invited. Love always requires an other as an object and it cannot remain within itself. That is part of what makes love the greatest gift.

But, there is no more powerful way to deliver the message of Love but John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” No other passage tells the extent of God's love, a love so great that He sacrificed His only Son on our behalf.

The lasting nature of the theological virtues—faith, hope, and love—make them greater than cardinal virtues and the seven extraordinary gifts of Holy Spirit. Theological virtues come from God and lead to God. Cardinal virtues are human virtues and are like habits. They need to be practiced and may be lost if they are neglected. Cardinal comes from *cardo*, Latin for hinge, meaning “that on which other things depend.”

Love still remains the greatest. Faith and hope depend on it for their existence. Without love, there can be no true faith. Paul says, “If I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13:2) Without love, there can be no hope. We cannot truly hope for something we do not love. Faith and hope are dead if not accompanied by love.



## LEOMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL

### THE SOUND OF MUSIC

LHS's all city musical “The Sound of Music” will be performed on Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and 7pm in LHS Auditorium, located at 122 Granite St. Tickets will be sold at the door.

## ST. BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

St. Bernard's Drama group will perform three one act comedies: Anne-Arky; 13 Ways to Screw Up College Your College Interview; and Skids Marks: A Play About Driving. The performances are on Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the STB Auditorium located at 45 Harvard St., Fitchburg. Tickets will be sold at the door

## LEOMINSTER LIBRARY PRESENTS

### GROTON DUNSTABLE HIGH CHAMBER CHORUS

#### MARCH 25TH AT 2PM

On March 25th at 2pm, join them for an afternoon of classical and contemporary pieces! The concert is free and open to the public. The chorus has performed all over including the London Olympics, Italy, the Czech Republic and upcoming concert at Carnegie Hall in New York! The concert is presented in memory of Bernice C. Bangrazi.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FITCHBURG MEAT RAFFLE

### FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH

The Knights of Columbus will host a Meat Raffle to benefit the Sam Pawlak Playground at Coolidge Park, Fitchburg. This park will be Handicapped Accessible. The Meat Raffle is on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at the Fitchburg KOC, 165 Electric Ave. Doors open at 5:30pm for a light meal consisting of fish chowder and Aglio-E-Olio for a small donation. First drawing is pulled 7pm *Sharp!* We are asking for donations of gift cards or baskets for the raffle table if anyone is interested. Contact Cheryl @ [978-855-1712](tel:978-855-1712)! Thank you!



## WORLD MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Untie him and let him go." Let the love of God free us from any fetters in our marriages by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends: Apr 21-22 in Brewster, MA and May 19-20 in Warner, NH. For information, call Stephen O'Leary at [800-710-9963](tel:800-710-9963) or visit <https://www.mema.org/>.

## MASS FOR LIFE

Bishop McManus will celebrate the Mass for Life on Monday, April 9th at 10am at the Cathedral of St Paul, 38 High St. Worcester. All are welcome to join!

**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