



SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 17th-March 18th

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 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 (3rd 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

MONDAY, MARCH 19TH

7:30AM: Audrey Cousineau by Mary Lou Petty

TUESDAY, MARCH 20TH

7:30AM: Rev. Francis X. Callahan by St. Anna Parish

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST

7:30AM: For respect for life from the moment of conception to the point of natural death by St. Matthew 25 Society

9:00AM: School Mass

THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH

4:00PM: Susan Gunther (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
 Irving Friedman (17th anniversary) by the Friedman Family
 Mark Ricci (16th anniversary) by the Friedman Family
 Mario Ermini by his family
 William and Constance O'Toole by their family

SUNDAY, MARCH 25TH PALM SUNDAY

8:00AM: Victor DeFelice by his family
 Roland Benoit by Daniel and Donna Benoit
 10:00AM: Genevieve Vargo (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
 Laurie Santangelo by John Santangelo
 11:30AM: Vincent Giannetti by Diana Giannetti and family
 Mary and Anthony Tata by daughters Kathy, Lorna and grandchildren

2018 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

Last weekend was our Parish Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. Thank you to those who made a gift and a special thank you for those who gave for the first time. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. To date, 30 of our members have responded. However, we need the support of all members, if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of \$55,900.00. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office or in the collection basket. We are confident that, with God's help and yours, we will rise to it! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment pledge envelope today in the pew today, visit www.partners-charity.net. Thank you!

ANNIE CLUB WINNERS

John Savatelli \$50 Duke Tresaloni \$50
 Antonio Mangiacotti \$100 Chiara Lolli \$100

LENTEN CHOIR PERFORMANCE

On Tuesday, March 27th at 7pm, the St. Anthony and Friends Choir will present a Lenten concert at St. Anthony's Parish in Fitchburg, a program of music centering on Holy Week. The choir is comprised of parishioners from St. Anthony, St. Richard and St. Anna parishes and is under the direction of Judy Allardice. Please support your fellow parishioners by attending this free concert.

PARISH COLLECTIONS

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 4,070.00
CANDLES, MASSES, CFP	\$ 247.00
FUNERAL	\$ 300.00
TUITION ASSISTANCE	\$ 1,280.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,890.00

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: The last dinner will be held on Friday March 23rd from 4-7pm or until sold out.

ST. MATTHEW 25 SOCIETY MEETING

Due to the storm last week, the St. Matthew 25 meeting was rescheduled to Tuesday, March 20th at 1PM in the rectory conference room.

ST. ANNA SCHOOL GALA

The Gala is April 7th at Wachusett Country Club. 5:30 Cocktails Dinner at 6:45pm. Invitation is on the parish website.

SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Book of Isaiah (11:2-3) lists the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as: *Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord*. Although the gifts appear similar to the virtues, there is a difference: Theological virtues are gifts from God through grace. Cardinal virtues are the foundation of morality and operate under the driving force of human reason. The gifts of the Holy Spirit operate under the Holy Spirit's guidance.

The Greek word for wisdom is *sophia* and refers to the understanding of God's word and commandments which results in moral living. Several scriptures reveal the beauty of wisdom. Psalm 111:10 says: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!" Wisdom begins with knowing who God is and who we are in comparison to Him. This leads to understanding, practicing righteousness, and praising of God.

In *Summa Theologiae*, Thomas Aquinas makes the following correspondences between the seven virtues and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:

- * Gift of wisdom corresponds to the virtue of charity.
- * Gift of understanding and knowledge correspond to the virtue of faith.
- * Gift of counsel corresponds to the virtue of prudence.
- * Gift of fortitude corresponds to the virtue of courage.
- * Gift of piety corresponds to the virtue of justice.
- * Gift of the fear of the Lord corresponds to the virtue of hope.

The Holy Spirit gives the gift of wisdom not only to impart the truth and understanding to believers, but also to call upon a response of holiness and worship among God's people. Wisdom doesn't end with knowledge, but is expressed in the transformation of hearts and lives.

Those with the gift of wisdom have a deep understanding of the holiness of God. They have the compassion and boldness to share truth. They are able to take from their own life experiences and share what God has taught them. They can recognize where a decision or action may lead and can also warn against those that may be harmful or unfruitful.

The gift of wisdom comes great responsibility. Those with this gift guide others though uncertain or difficult times. Its during those times, where one with the gift of wisdom may be unpopular, ostracized and ignored for offering advice—but they can see through the confusion of a situation and can give direction that would help one obtain a God-glorifying goal.



LHS—THE SOUND OF MUSIC



LHS's all city musical "The Sound of Music" will be performed on Friday, March 23rd and Saturday, March 24th at 2pm and 7pm in LHS Auditorium, 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 7th 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

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

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!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear." Let us keep our ears open to the love from our spouses and God by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA and May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH. For information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or at <https://wwmema.org/>

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