



SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Palm Sunday
March 24th-March 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 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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Office of Healing and Prevention 508-929-4363

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

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**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 their daughters
 Kathy, Lorna and grandchildren

MONDAY, MARCH 26TH

7:30AM: Albert Sicree by Pascale Traylor

TUESDAY, MARCH 27TH

7:30AM: Msgr. Joseph J. Kohut by St. Anna Parish

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28TH

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend
 9:00AM: Living Stations of the Cross

THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH HOLY THURSDAY

7:30AM: Morning Prayer
 7:00PM: For the People of St. Anna Parish

FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH GOOD FRIDAY

7:30AM: Morning Prayer
 3:00PM: Living Stations of the Cross
 7:00PM: Good Friday Service

SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST HOLY SATURDAY

7:15PM: Easter Vigil
 Madeline Girouard by Fran

SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST HAPPY EASTER

8:00AM: Mary Jane Cuddahy by Cristina Valeri
 Anthony Balducci by John & Angela Cahill
 Rev. Glenn Downer by Daniel and Donna Benoit
 10:00AM: Lisa DeMar (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
 Eleanor Gordon (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
 11:30AM: DelRose Cormier by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc

Parish News...

Fr. Fred will celebrate daily Mass on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday at 7:30am. On Wednesday at 9am, St. Anna students will prayerfully portray the Living Stations of the Cross in place of the School Mass.



Fr. Fred will lead morning prayer at 7:30am on Thursday and Friday. This will take place of daily Mass due to the fact that only the Mass of the Lord's Supper is permitted on Holy Thursday, and no Mass is permitted on Good Friday.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated on Thursday at 7:00pm. On Good Friday, the Living Stations of the Cross will be portrayed by St. Anna students at 3pm. Good Friday Service begins at 7pm. Easter Vigil is Saturday at 7:15pm. The Feast of Easter Masses will be celebrated on Sunday at 8am, 10am and 11:30am.

VISITATION OF THE SEVEN CHURCHES

Holy Thursday visitations are a traditional Holy devotion, credited to St. Philip Neri. For centuries Catholics in parts of the world, especially Italy, Poland, Mexico, and the Philippines, visit seven churches in their diocese on Holy Thursday after the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

This pilgrimage originated in Rome where the faithful visited the seven Roman basilicas saying prayers and "watching" in adoration at St. John Lateran, St. Peter's, St. Mary Major, St. Paul-outside-the-walls, St. Sebastian, Santa Croce-in-Jerusalem, and St. Lawrence-outside-the-walls. The pilgrimage to each church corresponds to the seven stops of the via crucis made by Jesus on his way to Calvary: 1st Visit: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22: 39-46); 2nd Visit: Jesus bound and taken before Annas (John 18: 19-22); 3rd Visit: Jesus taken before the High Priest, Caiaphas (Matthew 26: 63-65); 4th Visit: Jesus taken before Pilate (John 18,35-37); 5th Visit: Jesus taken before Herod (Luke 23: 8-9; 11); 6th Visit: Jesus taken before Pilate again (Matthew 27: 22-26); 7th Visit: Jesus given the crown of thorns and led to his crucifixion (Matthew 27: 27-31). The Holy Thursday visitations are an excellent grace-filled way to end Lent and enter into the Sacred Triduum.

Upon entering each church, visit the altar of repose, kneel, make the sign of the cross, read the appropriate scripture reading for each station. Each visit ends with 5 Our Father's, 5 Hail Mary's and 5 Glory Be's. After this, spend a few minutes in private prayer and adoration before moving on to the next church. At the seventh church, you can end the pilgrimage with a holy hour and prepare to enter into the Easter season in three days time. We invite you to consider visiting seven local parishes and participating in this devotional. *St. Anna Parish will be close at 10p.m. on Holy Thursday.*




ST. ANNA SOCIETY BAKE SALE

The Society will hold its Palm Sunday bake sale this weekend after all masses.

2018 PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thanks to our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal. If you haven't made a gift or pledge, fill out an envelope located in the pews or visit www.partners-charity.net to donate online. If you donate online, please credit ST. ANNA PARISH, LEOMINSTER in the section marked: *Comment below the Parish name and town you would like to credit.*

Partners in Charity is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your support we are able to serve families and individuals in the Worcester County through outreach and worship.



ST. ANNA PARISH
 Parish Goal \$ 55,900
 Pledges to Date \$ 14,534 ~ 26%
 Continue your generosity! Your donations are critical to our parish success!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 4,904.43
CANDLES, MASSES, FUNERALS	\$ 712.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF	\$ 856.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,472.43

JOIN ST. ANNA PARISH

Lent is a time of healing, renewal and a time to come home. No matter what your status is in the Catholic Church, no matter what your family or marital situation may be, no matter what your history, age, background, race is — you are invited, welcomed and loved at St Anna. If you want to become a parishioner, contact the Parish office or register at www.stannaparish.org.

HOMEMAKERS & HOME HEALTH AIDES NEEDED

Catholic Charities Worcester County's Homecare Services program is looking for individuals to provide services to our clients in Blackstone Valley, Athol, and Leominster areas. For information, visit ccworc.org/2018/03/position-available-homemaker-home-health-aide/. Catholic Charities offers a flexible schedule, certification program, paid mileage and sick time for employees.



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 performance is

on Saturday, April 7th at 7pm, STB Auditorium, 45 Harvard St., Fitchburg. Tickets will be sold at the door.


ST. BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL BEER AND WINE TASTING

St. Bernard's PTO will host its Annual Beer & Wine Tasting on Friday, April 13th at Wachusett Mountain, 499 Mountain Rd, Princeton from 7pm - 10pm. Tickets are \$30/single & \$55/couple. Join us for an evening of music, food & beer/wine tasting tables. There will be raffle and silent auction items! Contact PTO President Dan Hanlon at stbpto@stbernardscchs.org. Your support is appreciated. Online ticket sales at <https://stbernardscchs.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities>

FRIENDS OF THE LEOMINSTER LIBRARY PRESENT

TIME and MAKING IT COUNT

With Joey Mullaney



Leominster native Joey Mullaney was diagnosed at age 9 with Friedreich's ataxia (FA), a rare degenerative neuromuscular disorder that erodes coordination, mobility, speech, organ function, and life expectancy. Undeterred by his physical debilitation and limited life expectancy, Joey made up his mind to live life as fully as possible.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018
2PM, LEOMINSTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

COME AND BE MOTIVATED BY JOEY'S PASSION, POSITIVITY, SENSE OF HUMOR, AND DETERMINATION. LIKE JOEY, MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT.

89.3 WQPH & ST. BERNARD'S PARISH PRESENTS: SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS:

St. Bernard Parish @ St. Camillus Church, 333 Mechanic St., Fitchburg will present lecture and exposition of Sacred Relics on Wednesday, April 4th at 6:00pm.

Fr. Carlos Martins, Companions of the Cross in Corpus Christi, with his ministry provide instruction about these holy objects. 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years, will be displayed for veneration. Among the treasures— Relics of St. Bernard, St. Maria Goretti, St. Therese of Lisieux, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Faustina Kowalska. There will be part of Our Lady's veil and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Many miracles and healings have been worked in the presence of relics through history. Fr. Martins encourages you to bring your articles of devotion (rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends/family members which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession.