



SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Easter
March 31st-April 1st

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

Parish Office	978 537 5293	Parish Fax	978 537 2950	Respect for Life	978-534-4053
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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

St. Anna School

213 Lancaster Street Leominster, Massachusetts 01453
978 534-4770 www.stannaschool.org
Principal, Bobbie French Administrative Assistant, Marian Priddy



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

MONDAY, APRIL 2ND

7:30AM: Rev. Paul J. Grunebach by St. Anna Parish

9:00AM: Lydia Connor by St. Anna School
(*School Mass change for this week only*)

TUESDAY, APRIL 3RD

7:30AM: Nicole Bizzotto by the family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH

7:30AM: Rev. Edmund F. Falvey by Fraini Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH

7:30AM: Richard Falvey by Fraini Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH

4:00PM: Herbert Billotta (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Linda Coyle by Aunt Nancy, Uncle Lindo and Amy
Loretta Lisciotti by John and Pat LaPosta

SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

8:00AM: Brenda Appt by Ron Cormier
Zachary and Alina Navaroli by Dominic and Stella Treasaloni
Jacqueline Antonioni by Rosemary Pepin and family

10:00AM: Peter Iacobone, Jr. (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

11:30AM: Mike and Lucy Scaramuzzi by their son Egidio and Teresa Marrone by their son Chris

Message from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Buona Pasqua!

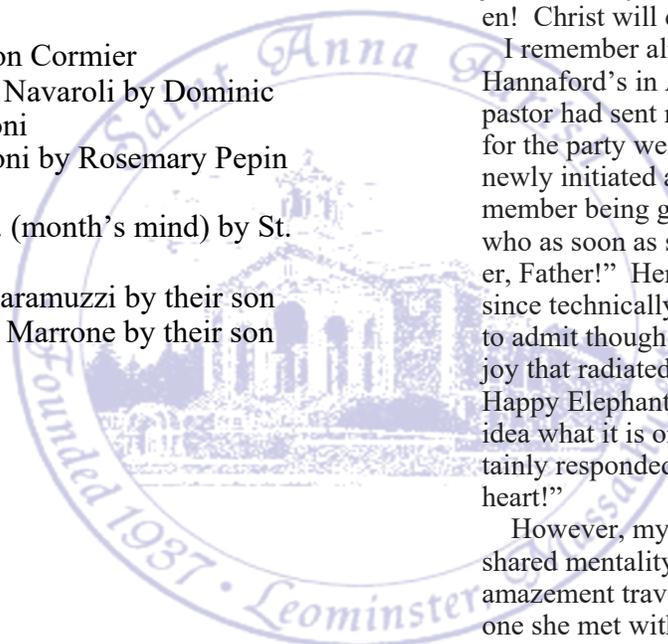
In the history of the world, only one tomb has ever had a rock rolled before it, or soldiers set to guard it, to prevent the dead man within from rising. This was the tomb of Christ on the evening of the Friday we call Good. I ask you to consider, what scene could be more ridiculous than a group of armed soldiers guarding a corpse? Lest the dead walk, the silent speak, and His pierced heart quicken to the beat of new life! They said He was dead, they knew He was dead, they said He would not rise again...yet they watched!

They watched because they remembered. They remembered He had compared Himself to the temple and the promise that after it was destroyed He would rebuild it in three days. They remembered He compared Himself to the prophet Jonah, and as Jonah would be in the belly of the whale for three days, so too the Son of Man would be in the belly of the earth for three days, then rise again. They remembered that once the entire land of Israel had been in complete and unnatural darkness, until the third day, when God descended from on high. So now they watched for this the third day.

What is most peculiar, is that His enemies seemingly expected His Resurrection, however, His friends did not. Mary Magdalene brings spices to the tomb to anoint his body, two apostles journey on the road to Emmaus, the rest captivated by the chains of grief and fear. Each of them trying to escape the pangs of death and the loss of a loved one, who is Love Himself. Unfortunately, momentarily, they all forgot the promise, that threefold promise we celebrate and rejoice in today! Christ has died. Christ is Risen! Christ will come again!!

I remember almost ten years ago now, going to the Hannaford's in Athol, before the Easter Vigil. My pastor had sent me to pick up some forgotten items for the party we were having, after the vigil, for the newly initiated and confirmed in our parish. I remember being greeted by the most adorable little girl who as soon as she saw me exclaimed: "Happy Easter, Father!" Her mother was noticeably embarrassed since technically Easter had not arrived yet! I have to admit though, given her beauty, innocence, and the joy that radiated off of her, if she had wished me a Happy Elephant Day instead, even though I have no idea what it is or even if it exists I would most certainly responded: "Happy Elephant Day, sweetheart!"

However, my friends, that is me and sadly, not the shared mentality of our world. So as I watched her in amazement traverse through the store greeting everyone she met with the Easter Proclamation.



I knew eventually she would be challenged. Eventually, she encountered one grumpy older gentlemen who resisted her tidings, with the harsh reality: "I don't believe in Jesus." I'll never forget how she responded: "That's ok, because He loves you, and He died and rose for you anyway!" Every Easter, I wonder if that child's words changed that man's opinion of Jesus. I certainly hope so, because it wouldn't surprise me if that man is no longer living with us on earth.

I choose to believe those words did change him. That her words, in the same way that Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection, triumphed and conquered overwhelmingly against the sins, sufferings, sicknesses, and final death of a fallen world, on that first Easter Sunday morning! The immensity of that Glory giving way to the bright promise of a new, perfect, everlasting life!

This is the Glory we behold today! A Glory that should change us and the way we live, until we meet the who is Love, once again!

A Blessed Easter, One and All! May the Risen Christ abundantly bless you, as He has tremendously blessed me through you!

In Perfect Love,

Rev. Father Frederick D. Fraini, III



2018 PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Thank you to all who have made their gift to the 2018 *Partners in Charity Appeal*. St. Anna Parish is 37% towards our goal of \$55,900.00.

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, fill out a pledge envelope located in the pews or visit www.partners-charity.net to donate online. Please remember—if you donate online --to designate ST. ANNA PARISH so we get the proper credit.

Partners in Charity, formerly known as the Bishop's Fund, is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, serving 28 charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Thank you!



ST. ANNA PARISH

Parish Goal \$ 55,900
 Pledges to Date \$ 20,683 ~ 37%

Continue your generosity! Your donations are critical to our parish success!

Thank you!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish!

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$4,346.00
CANDLES, MASSES	\$ 189.00
FUNERALS	\$ 600.00
EASTER FLOWERS	\$1,611.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF	\$ 30.00
TOTAL	\$6,776.00



ST. ANNA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 16th Annual St. Anna Golf Tournament is Saturday, June 23rd at Townsend Ridge Golf Course. We have two shot guns (7:30am & 1pm), three hospitality holes, raffle, and most importantly—great golf with lots of laughs! *Registration is Open!* Take advantage of the Early Bird Rate of \$135 per golfer which expires April 30th.

Register at www.stannaparish.org or contact Cristina Valeri at cvaleri27@gmail.com for information.

Not a golfer but want to support the tournament? We have sponsorships available for tee signs, tasting holes, commemorative St. Anna flags, and more! A list of our our generous donors who have already contributed will be forthcoming!

ST. ANNA SOCIETY MEETING

The Society will meet on Tuesday, April 3rd. 6:30pm Novena followed by the business meeting at 7pm in the church hall.



BEACON OF HOPE
26TH ANNUAL WALK OF HOPE

You're cordially invited to join us on April 22nd for Beacon of Hope's 5 mile Walk for Hope. The walk is in Memory of St. Anna Parishioners—Sr. Janet Badagliacca, Carl Gauthier, Kim Lane, David White, and Lucy Scaramuzzi.

Registration is at 8am and the walk at 9am. It will begin and end at the Knights of Columbus on Lancaster St. It isn't necessary to complete the entire walk to participate. We'll have refreshments throughout the day and a pizza party following the walk. First 100 people to register receives a T-shirt. For info contact Beacon of Hope at (978) 840-2727 or info@beaconofhopema.org.

For an entry form visit www.stannaparish.org or register online at www.beaconofhopema.org!

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. Online ticket sales at <https://stbernardscchs.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities>



ST. BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA

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