

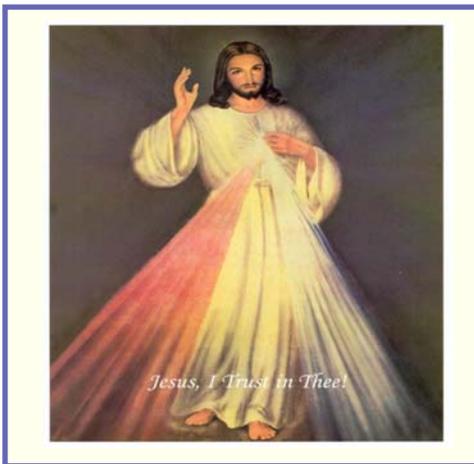
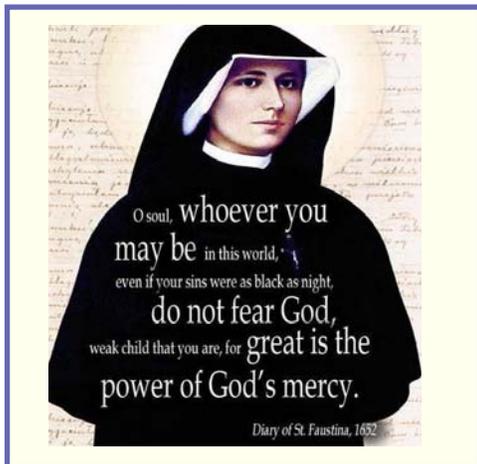


SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Second Sunday of Easter
April 7th—April 8th

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
RCIA	978 297 1062	Parish Hall	978 537 2094	St. Anna Society	978 537-5293
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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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Parish News...

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

MONDAY, APRIL 9TH

7:30AM: Robert Falvey by the Fraini Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH

7:30AM: Richard Serafini by a friend

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11TH

7:30AM: Rev. Gerald Dorais by the Fraini Family
 9:00AM: School Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 12TH

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

FRIDAY, APRIL 13TH

7:30AM: Rev. William S. Vandegrift by St. Anna Parish

SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH

4:00PM: Linda Coyle (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
 John O'Connor by his family
 Mazzei Family by Serafina Mazzei

SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH

8:00AM: Ann Cormier by Cormier Family
 LeeAnn Fital by the Gardiner Family
 10:00AM: Esther DiMarzio (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
 Dina DeAmicis (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
 LeLaine Sicard (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
 11:30AM: Lena Cali (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
 Loretta Lisciotti by Steven DiRusso
 Dianna Carboni by her father

PARISH COLLECTIONS

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 5,633.00
EASTER	\$ 3,669.00
GOOD FRIDAY	\$ 905.00
CANDLES, MASSES	\$ 210.00
FUJERALS	\$ 600.00
TOTAL	\$11,028.00

LEOMINSTER ROTARY VOCATIONAL AWARDS

The Leominster Rotary Club has chosen the Employees of the Year! The 24th Annual Community Service Award Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 11th at the Double Tree by Hilton in Leominster. Congratulations to the honorees!

Jeremy Murphy	Firefighter of the Year
Mark Piermarini	DPW
Kelly Vallee	Police
Nancy Tourigny	Library
Linda Rossi	City Hall
Kelly Bernard	Johnny Appleseed Gr PK-5
Katelyn Henrie	Samoset Grades 6-8
Daryl Robichaud	Leominster High School
Christine Saladini	St. Anna School
Bonnie Hunter	St. Leo School

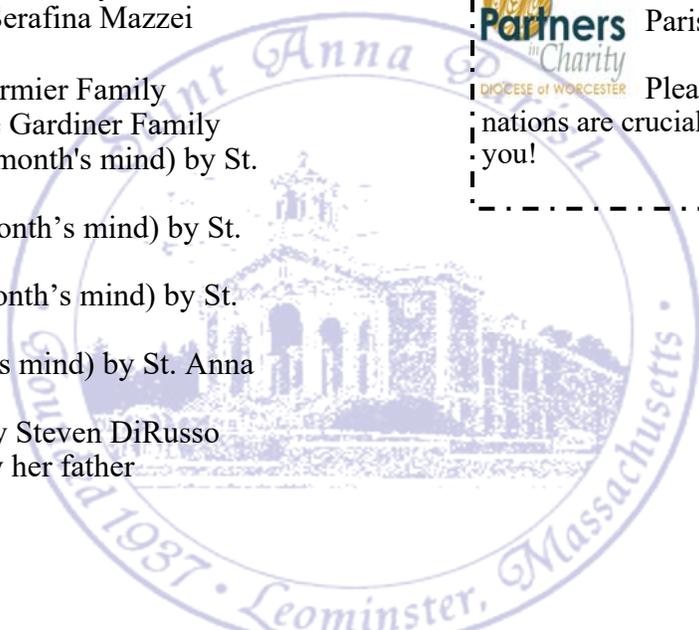
Tickets \$30 per person. To purchase tickets, contact Claire Freda 978 340 3496 or email her at Councillor3@aol.com. Ticket are also available at school offices, the Mayro's office, Respective Department Heads or any Leominster Rotarian. Con



ST. ANNA PARISH

Parish Goal \$ 55,900

Please continue to give. Your donations are crucial to our parish success! Thank you!



THE LOVELIEST ROSE IN THE WORLD

Once, there reigned a queen in whose garden were the most glorious flowers from all over the world. But, the queen loved roses and she had many from the wild dog-rose with its apple-scented green leaves to the Fourth of July climbing rose to the most splendid crimson roses. They grew against the garden walls, wound themselves around the pillars, crept through the windows and along the ceilings. The roses were of many colors, sweet fragrances and forms. They were intoxicating.

When the queen got sick, her doctors said she would die. Advice came from the queen's wise counsel—"One thing that can save her. Bring her the loveliest rose in the world, the rose that is the symbol of perfect and brightest love. If that is held before her eyes ere they close, she will not die."

They came from all over with the loveliest roses that bloomed, but unfortunately, they were not right.

A mother came with her child to the bedside of the queen. "I know where it blooms. I know where the loveliest rose of love may be found. It springs in the blooming cheeks of my sweet child, when, waking from sleep, he opens his eyes and smiles tenderly at me." The wise counsel replied, "Lovely is this rose, but there is a lovelier still."

A maid appeared, "I have seen the loveliest, purest rose that blooms. I saw it on the cheeks of the queen. In the long dreary night she carried her sick child in her arms. She wept, kissed and prayed for her child." The wise counsel replied, "Holy and wonderful is the white rose of a mother's grief, but it is not the one we seek."

The Bishop arrived. "The loveliest rose in the world, I saw at the altar of the Lord. The young maidens went to the Lord's table. Roses were blushing and shining on their cheeks. A young girl stood there. She looked with all the love and purity of her spirit up to heaven. That was the expression of the highest and perfect love." The wise counsel replied, "May she be blessed for her spirit, but not one of you has yet named the loveliest rose in the world."

The wise counsel prayed. The rose needed to be plucked from the Garden of Love. But which rose in all that garden expressed the highest and perfect love? Poets sang of the loveliest rose in the world, of the love of youth, and of the love of dying heroes. The wise counsel pondered, "They have not pointed out the place where the rose blooms in its splendor. It is not the rose that springs from the hearts of youthful lovers, though this rose will ever be fragrant in song. It is not the rose that sprouts from the blood flowing from the heroes who dies for their country, though few deaths are sweeter, and no rose is redder than the blood that flows then."

The queen's young child came into the room and said, "Mother, I want to read you a story." And the queen's son sat by the her bedside and read about Jesus who was crucified, died and buried to save mankind and even those who were not yet born. A rosy glow spread over the cheeks of the queen, and her eyes gleamed, for she saw there bloomed the loveliest rose—this rose sprang from the blood of Christ shed on the Cross. "I see it!" she said, "He who beholds this, the loveliest rose on earth, shall never die." And the queen lived.



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!

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>

BEACON OF HOPE

26TH ANNUAL WALK OF HOPE

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, walk at 9am. It begins and end at the Knights of Columbus on Lancaster St. We'll have refreshments and a pizza party following the walk. First 100 people to register receives a T-shirt. 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!



MASS FOR LIFE MONDAY, APRIL 9TH

All are invited to join Bishop Robert J. McManus for the annual Mass for Life on Monday, April 9th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. The Mass will be held at 10am at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 19 Chatham Street, Worcester.

Students from all of the Catholic schools will be our special guests the annual pro-life awards will be presented. To learn more visit <http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/mass-for-life-annunciation>.