

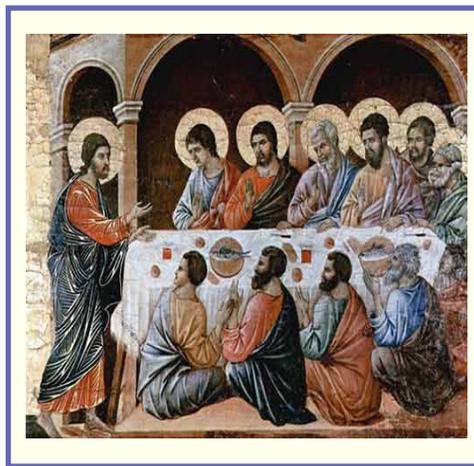


SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Third Sunday of Easter
April 14th—April 15th

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, 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

MONDAY, APRIL 16TH

7:30AM: Joseph Antocci by his wife and family

TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH

7:30AM: Msgr. Raymond Crosier by St. Anna Parish

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH

7:30AM: For our men and women serving in our Country's military forces by St Matthew 25 Society

THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH

7:30AM: Joe B. by a friend

FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH

7:30AM: Rev. Louis Ogden by Fraini Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST

4:00PM: Michael Chiumento by his family
 Frank Forsher by his wife Serafina A. Mazzei
 Kathleen Domin by John and Pat LaPosta

SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND

8:00AM: Marzio and Josephine Cancellieri by David and Donna Benoit
 10:00AM: David Angelini (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
 Robert Leone (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
 Germaine DePasquale (months mind) by St. Anna Parish
 Lester & Mary McDonnell by James Tellier
 11:30AM: Sister Adele Ceccarelli by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc
 Sister Liliana DiLiddo by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc
 Sister Angelina Panetti by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc

Parish News...

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 more!

Early Bird Rate of \$135 per golfer expires April 30th. Register www.stannaparish.org or contact Cristina Valeri at cva-leri27@gmail.com for information.

Not a golfer but want to support the tournament? We have sponsorships for tee signs, tasting holes, commemorative St. Anna flags, and more! Donations to our raffle table are always appreciated!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

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

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 4,688.00
EASTER, GOOD FRIDAY, MASSES	\$ 260.00
FUNERALS	\$ 300.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 1,561.00
CANDLES, FLOWERS, MISC.	\$ 84.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,893.00

ANNIE CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to our April winners!

NJ LaTanzio: \$50 Francine Whitcomb \$50
 Loreta DiVito \$100 Sharon Davi \$100

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Monday, April 16th for Patriots Day.

PARTNER'S IN CHARITY UPDATE

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 *Partners in Charity Appeal*. St. Anna Parish is 53% towards its goal of \$55,900. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, fill out a commitment pledge envelope located in the pew or visit www.partners-charity.net to do it online. Please make sure you credit St. Anna Parish if you donate online!

ST. ANNA PARISH

Parish Goal \$ 55,900
 Donations to date \$ 29,627 ~ 53%

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



GOD, JESUS AND ME

The surgeon came out of the operating room. Sally asked, "How is my son? Is he alright? Can I see him?" The surgeon replied, "I'm sorry, we did all we could." Sally cried, "Why do children get cancer? Doesn't GOD care? GOD, where were you when my son needed you?" The surgeon replied, "One of the nurses will be out in a few minutes to let you spend time with your son's remains before they are transported to the university for research."

As she looked at her son, Sally ran her fingers through his thick red curly hair. The nurse asked, "Would you like a lock of his hair?" Sally nodded yes. The nurse cut a lock of hair, put it in a plastic bag, and handed it to Sally. As Sally stared at the lock of hair she said to the nurse, "It was my son's idea to give his body to the university for study. Jimmy said it might help somebody else, and is what he wanted. I told him no at first, but Jimmy said, 'Mom I won't be using it after I die. Maybe it will help some other boys to spend one more day with their mothers.' My son had a heart of gold, always thinking of others and always wanting to help."

Sally walked out of Boston Children's Hospital for the last time after spending the past 6 months there. The drive home was difficult and harder to go into an empty house. She took Jimmy's things back to his room and placed the model cars exactly where he always kept them. She laid down across his bed and cried herself to sleep holding his pillow. When she woke up, beside her was a letter folded up. She opened it and it said:

Dear Mom,

I know you miss me, but don't think that I will ever forget you or stop loving you because I'm not around to say I love you. I'll think of you every day and I'll love you even more each day. Some day we will see each other again.

If you want to adopt a little boy so you won't be lonely, he can have my room and my old stuff to play with. If you decide to adopt a girl, she probably wouldn't like the same things boys do, so you will have to buy her dolls and stuff girls like.

Don't be sad when you think about me. This is really a great place. Grandma and Grandpa met me as soon as I got here and showed me around, but it will take a long time to see everything here. The angels are so friendly and I love to watch them fly.

Jesus doesn't look like any of the pictures I saw of Him, but I knew it was Him as soon as I saw Him. He took me to see God! And guess what Mom? I sat on God's knee and He spoke to me like I was somebody important. I told God I wanted to write you a letter and tell you good-bye, but I didn't think that was allowed. God handed me paper and His own personal pen to write you this letter with. I think Gabriel is the name of the angel that is going to drop it off to you.

God told me to give you the answer to one of the questions you asked Him -- Where was He when I needed him, when I was sick? God replied to me, "The same place He was when Jesus was on the cross. He was right there, as He always is with all His children." Oh, and by the way Mom, nobody else can see what is written on this paper but you. To everyone else, it looks like a blank piece of paper. I have to give God His pen back now. Tonight I get to sit at the table with Jesus for supper. I'm sure the food will be great.

I almost forgot to tell you -- I don't hurt anymore and the cancer is gone. I'm glad because I couldn't stand that pain anymore. And God couldn't stand to see me suffer either, so He sent an Angel of Mercy to get me. The Angel said I was special delivery! Love you Mom!

*Signed with love from:
God, Jesus and Me*

HOW ABOUT MAKING A CURSILLO WEEKEND?

Cursillo or "short course in Christianity" is an uplifting and educational experience. Cursillo was brought from Spain to the United States in 1962. The weekend is facilitated by a team of laypeople and clergy who deliver organized talks and discussions. What the presenters add to the talks is the witness of their own lives, their struggles and triumphs in Christ. The weekend is full of laughter, prayer, great music, wonderful meals and so much more. Our 2018 dates are: Men's - June 14-17; Women's - May 3-6 & October 25-28. All weekends will be held at the Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. For additional information, please contact Sue Leighton at 508-278-3155 or sleighton1958@gmail.com OR Joan Laracy at 774-239-2474 or joanlaracy@yahoo.com.

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!

