



SAINT ANNE PARISH

20 Boston Road Southborough MA 01772

ST. ANNE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Anne Parish, Southborough, in the Diocese of Worcester are called through Baptism to become one faith family. We commit ourselves to embody the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament; by using our ministries to welcome all who are seeking Jesus and to share in the life and work of our Catholic faith. In the spirit and truth of the Holy Trinity, we will use our time, talents and treasure to answer God's command to love one another as He has loved us, in holy worship, prayer, Catechetical formation for all, evangelization and service to others.

DECEMBER 2, 2018 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



We welcome all visitors to St. Anne parish. If you would like to join our faith community please call the Parish Office to register, 508-485-0141.

Parish Contact Information

Office Hours, Monday ~ Thursday

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

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"HOPE"

The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the Prophet's Candle reminding us that Jesus is coming.

God's promise to save us is now fulfilled.

Jeremiah 33:14-15



COFFEE HOUR:

Sunday, December 9

after the 8:30am &

10:30am Masses.

Please join other parishioners to kick off the season of Christmas.

LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday, December 9th at

6:30 pm after the 5:30pm Mass.



All parishioners are invited to attend this beautiful Festival of Lessons and Carols

which origins dates back to the 19th century.

Each Scripture Lesson is followed by a Carol or other song that reflect on the Scripture lesson's message.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT & PARISH DINNER

Saturday, December 15

at 6:00pm

Dinner will be served after the Pageant. Sign-up, RSVP sheets are in the Parish Office and after the weekend Masses in the church.

Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm

Sunday ~ 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 5:30 pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30 am Mass during school year

Filipino Mass:

Third Sunday of the month - 12 pm

Daily Mass Schedule:

Week Day Mass,

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am (during this

Advent season Mass will be celebrated on

Fridays at 9:00am)

First Friday: 9:00 am

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 4:15 pm,

or anytime on request

Exposition and Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday ~ 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office to

schedule a Baptism.

Baptisms are generally celebrated at any of the Masses on the first weekend of the month so that the child may be welcomed and received in the presence of the parish community.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements with a Priest required

at least one year prior to

the wedding date.

Visitation of the Sick

Fr. Albert and

St. Anne's Ministers of Communion are pleased to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. Please call the Parish Office to arrange a time.

Parish Information



CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: We once again are supporting three charities:

- 1) Southborough United Parishes,
- 2) Southborough Youth and Family Services, and
- 3) Urban Missionaries of Our Lady of Hope in Worcester.

We are requesting that the gifts be returned this weekend, **December 2** and no later than **December 9**. The agencies will pick up the gifts from St. Anne's on December 10th.

Here are the guidelines to help in the distribution process:

- ◆ IF YOU TAKE A TAG, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU RETURN A GIFT FOR THAT REQUEST.
- ◆ If you take a tag requesting a gift please return it with the **original tag attached**. This identifies who will receive the gift and is very important to assist in the distribution.
- ◆ GIFT CARD REQUESTS: PLEASE DO NOT WRAP GIFT CARDS. PLACE THEM IN AN UNSEALED ENVELOPE WITH THE ORIGINAL GIFT TAG ATTACHED. The agencies that distribute the gifts need to know the dollar value of each certificate in order to make an equitable distribution among the families. If you have sealed the envelope, please put the dollar value on the front of the envelope. Also, please be sure the gift card is activated by the store at the time of purchase.
- ◆ Gift receipts are advisable with clothing items should an exchange be necessary.
- ◆ A GIFT CARD MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ANY GIFT IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY FILLING A SPECIFIC REQUEST.
- ◆ PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE TAG YOU TAKE: ONE AGENCY HAS REQUESTED, NO GIFT BAGS, NO RIBBONS, NO BATTERIES, NO CANDY.

We look forward to our annual works of charity that will bring Christmas joy and happiness to the many families that will benefit from our help.

Giving Tree tags for the Seminarians of the Worcester Diocese: Parishioners are requested to give a single gift-card either to Staples, Walmart, CVS, BestBuy, MasterCard or Visa of any denomination to be placed in the envelope attached to the Giving-Tree tag, and then mailed directly to the seminarian at the Vocation Office.



MUSIC MINISTRY

Adult Choir rehearsals continue on **Tuesdays at 7:30pm** to prepare for the Christmas Eve 11pm mass. You can join the choir at anytime. If time and numbers of people permit, we'll also prepare some selections for Advent. **Any questions, contact Paul @ 508-254-1254 or prcivello04@gmail.com**



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR:

November 24/25, 2018

Weekly Offering \$2,272.00

ELECTRONIC GIVING THROUGH WESHARE

Totals received monthly ~ September 2018

Weekly Offertory Collection.....\$2,260.00

Capital Improvement.....\$ 170.00

Totals received for ~ October 2018

Weekly Offertory Collection.....\$2,345.00

Capital Improvement.....\$ 170.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING GENEROUS SUPPORT.

Diocesan and Special Collections in DECEMBER ~ 2018

Immaculate Conception

December 8

Christmas Flowers

During the month

Retirement Fund for Religious

December 9

PARISH WIDE SOAP BAR COLLECTION FOR OUR FATHER'S TABLE PATRONS:



Parishioners of St. Anne Church are asked to donate new bars of hand soap for the toiletries gift bags that are being assembled for the patrons of Our Father's Table, the local kitchen that provides hot meals to over 100 people several nights a week. (St. Anne middle and high school families cook for and serve at OFT on a monthly basis.) Thank you for your considered participation in this parish-wide appeal for soap bars. A collection box is located in the Parish Hall foyer.

One Parish Council member has moved and we would like to fill her seat. If you would like to be a Council member or would like to nominate someone for the roll, please read the Council Member prerequisites in the foyers of the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Faith Stephens, Jan & Charlie Mangana, Danielle Taylor, Jamie Farley, Stephanie McMahon, Rachel Knoll, Brad Arsenault, Paine Family, Lavallee Family, Marilou A. Custodio, Melinda O'Connor, Susan Davis, Scott Broussard, Paul Brodeur, Kenny Cassidy, Colleen Manning, Simone Almeida, Pat Austin, Phil Auzenne, Gayle Dufour, Alexandra Barr, Carolyn Green, (Red) Weir, Zenta Franz, Denise Perrin, Katie Lutz, Judi Shea, Larochele Family, Barbara Peterson, Isabel Chesak, George Wood, Gertrude Wallace, Judy Christian, Jeanne Walker, Dianne Higgins, Millie Garden, Brian K., Mark S. Tootalian, Milton Rattet, Dorothy Reid, Yvonne Allain, Dewey Morton, Michael Santella, Carol Dunn, Stephen Brown, Elaine Taylor, Kristine Livingstone, Joan Pinsky, 4 year old, Sean MacDonnell, Rita Babino, Carolyn Connors, Pat Moran, Jan Peterson, Josephine Cushing, Reno Morra, Trent Vaughn, Arron Anderson, Peter Pino, Amy Richardson, Kathy, Andrea Furtado, Jim Davis, Jane Bradstreet, Donald Eustis, Margie, Fran



Parish Information continued...

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Beautiful prayer shawls are available in the Parish Office during office hours. Anyone who is ill or suffering will welcome a blessed, warm, and comforting prayer shawl. The ministry members meet every Monday at 10:00am to noon in the Conference Room at the Parish Hall. New members are always welcome.
Annette Buhsmer, Chair

UNITED PARISHERS OF SOUTHBOROUGH FOOD PANTRY: Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) are Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. and Fridays from 10-11 a.m.
Pat Draper, St. Anne Parish Coordinator

SHARING ADVENT TRADITIONS

Dear Parishioners,
Greetings. We are about to step into the season of Advent. Wish you all a meaningful preparation. I have been asking you all for the past few weeks to volunteer and share about the Christmas preparation that you do in your families. It is a wonderful opportunity to introduce yourselves to our brothers and sisters at St. Anne's and move one step further to deepen your relationship with us. As Son of God reached out to the human race two thousand years ago, may we also reach out to others by sharing both traditional and spiritual preparation for Christmas. Your family tradition might inspire many people and help them to have meaningful celebrations of Christmas. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Few families have already signed up and I hope others will sign up soon.

God bless,
Fr. Albert

Other Announcement



All are invited to
St. Stephen Parish
(221 Concord Street,
Framingham) for a

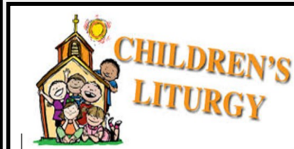
John Castillo CHRISTMAS
CONCERT
at 3:00 pm on Sunday, December 2nd.

Join them for an afternoon of music with young baritone John Castillo featuring Christmas music, popular songs and an aria or two. Concert is free. There will be a voluntary collection with all proceeds going to St. Stephens Parish.

PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY:

It's every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims (any age) by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. For particular help you may call: The Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester, at 508-929-4363. The Diocese of Worcester

Religious Education

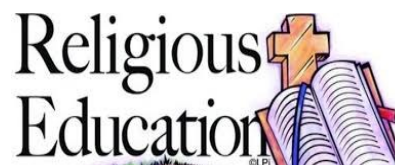
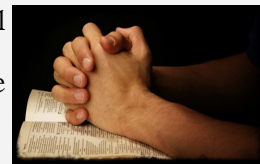


CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: "Children's Liturgy of the Word" is held at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children in kindergarten to grade five are invited to participate. No need to pre-register.

Parents are always welcome. Those confirmed members of St. Anne Church wishing to share their faith with the children of St. Anne in the role of Children's Liturgy leader or leader's assistant, please contact the Parish Office at 508-485-0141 or Joanne Flathers jflathers@charter.net or 508-485-4345.

PRAYER SPONSORSHIP: Parishioners of St. Anne Church are invited to become a Prayer Sponsor for a St. Anne child or young adult preparing to receive the sacrament of First Communion or Confirmation, respectively, in the spring of 2019. Names of candidates seeking prayer sponsorship are located in baskets in the church foyers. A Prayer Sponsor Mailbox is located in the main foyer of the church for dropping off notes of encouragement to your sponsored child/young adult. Blank cards are also available in the main foyer for sponsorship use. "Mailed" notes will be distributed to candidates at their next sacramental preparation class.

Prayer sponsorship envelopes are available to Confirmation Candidates.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS DATES (DECEMBER)

Grade 1-2: (Non-Sacramental) meet on Sunday, December 2 and 9, 9:30am to 10:30am, (Class held in the Parish Hall Conference Room)

Grade 2 & older, First Reconciliation and First Communion: meet on Sunday, December 2 and 9, 9:30am- 10:30am (Class held in the Children's Liturgy Room)

Grade 3: Meet on Sunday, December 2 and 9, 9:30am-10:30am (Class held in the Religious Education Office)

Grade 4-5: Meet on Monday, December 3 and 10, 4-5:00pm (Class held in the Parish Hall)

Grade 6: Meet on Monday, December 3 and 10, 4:00 to 5:00pm (Class meets in the Conference Room)

Grade 7 -8: Meet on Monday, December 3 and 10 6:30pm-8:00pm (Class meets in the Parish Hall)

Grade 9-10: Meet on Sunday, December 2 and 9, 5:30pm Mass followed by class at 6:30pm to 8:00pm (Class held in the Parish Hall)

*The First Sunday of Advent Gospel Reading:
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36*

Advent always begins with a Gospel reading in which Jesus tells his listeners to be on guard, alert, and watchful. In that context, Jesus was referring to his Second Coming and the end of the world as we know it. The gospel writers and Jesus' followers were certain Jesus meant this would happen in their lifetimes.

Two thousand years later, we don't usually assume that the world will end at any moment, so what are we to be vigilant and on guard for.

We may not be worried about the apocalypse happening tomorrow, but we can still take Jesus' words to heart because none of us know when we or our loved ones will die. Any one who has ever received the news of a frightening medical diagnosis or had a friend or relative receive one will recognize how quickly it can change our perspective. Unimportant things that we spent our time on suddenly don't seem very important in light of the love we want to give and receive before death occurs.

If our hearts are confused with distractions (read: wasting time on social media, watching Netflix, overeating or drinking, or generally spending our days doing less-than-meaningful things), Jesus wants us to reevaluate how we spend our time. There are children to read to and tuck into bed, aging parents and relatives who long for your companionship, friends to re-connect with, grudges and past hurts to be reconciled. Hungry people need food today, homeless men and women are longing for respect and dignity, and sick and lonely people need someone to reach out to them. How would Jesus want us to spend our time if we were to die tomorrow?

Let's be alert to that.



**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE
with MASS INTENTIONS**
Saturday, December 1 through December 9, 2018

SATURDAY	5:00pm	Josephine Laptewicz by her Children
SUNDAY	8:30am	Michael J. Murphy By Bob and Joan Guerrant
	10:30am	Joseph Shay, Sr. (Month's Mind) by John Furey
	5:30pm	For Religious Education students and their families
MONDAY	9:00am	Parishioners of St. Anne Parish
TUESDAY	9:00am	Margaret Anne Hostage
WEDNESDAY	9:00am	Michael Duffy (Healing) by Jim Shay
THURSDAY	9:00am	Aileen White by Monica Shay
FRIDAY	9:00am	Parishioners of St. Anne Parish
SATURDAY	5:00pm	Suzanne Morgan
SUNDAY	8:30am	Graciana De Pe Na by Maria Martin
	10:30am	Jack Maley by Georgette Prosperi
	5:30pm	For Religious Education students and their families



*Saint Anne Parish extends sympathy to the
family and friends of:*

Elaine Olson

May she rest in peace

Schedule for Advent and Christmas

Confessions for the Advent Season

*will be held between the
8:30am and 10:30am Masses during Advent
and at 4:15pm on Saturdays.*

*Mass will be held each Friday during
Advent at 9:00am*

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Mass Times: 5:00pm and 11:00 pm

The Nativity of the Lord ~ Christmas Day

Mass Times: 9:00am and 11:00am

Liturgical Minister Schedule

December 1/2

5:00pm	Lector	Deb Sanford
	Communion Ministers	L. D'Souza/Need
8:30am	Lector	Elaine Yetman
	Communion Ministers	D. Campero/Need
10:30am	Lector	Doug Parent
	Communion Ministers	D. Draper/P. Bradstreet
5:30pm	Lector/CM	
Counters:	<i>J. Flathers</i>	

December 8/9

5:00pm	Lector	Deb Sanford
	Communion Ministers	M. Andries/Need
8:30am	Lector	Regina McAuliffe
	Communion Ministers	D. Campero/Need
10:30am	Lector	Janice Brown
	Communion Ministers	J. Cruciani/J. Flathers
5:30pm	Lector/CM	
Counters:	<i>P. Draper</i>	

1st Sunday of Advent *"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."* (LUKE 21:28) We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.