



SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

First Sunday of Advent
November 30th and December 1st

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Safety Environment Notice: Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children & young people approved by the US Bishops & Diocese 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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MASS Intentions



Parish News

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH

4:00PM: Leon and Alice LeBlanc by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc
Paul and Alice Maguire by Amelia Piermarini
Teresa and Vincenzo Bernardi by family
Gertrude and Bill Horohoe by John and Bobbie Bytheway

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

8:00AM: Lorraine Benoit by Daniel and Donna Benoit
10:00AM: Anthony Faiola by Lino
11:30AM: Deceased members of the Bergeron Family by Sharon Antocci
Rosetta Sylvestre by family
Dominico Andreani by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Carboni

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

9:00AM: School Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

7:30AM: Rev. Richard Roger by St. Anna Parish

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

7:30AM: Rev. Louis Gould by St. Anna Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

6:30AM: Mass at St. Cecilia's

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

6:30AM: Mass at St. Cecilia's

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

4:00PM: Robert Lanza by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc
Lisa Frechette by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc
Mario Ermini by his family
Pelino and Lucia Clementi by the children
Vittorio DiCiccio (birthday remembrance) by the family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

8:00AM: Lillian Wingate by her family
Gilda, Jeanne and James Williams, III by the Williams Family
10:00AM: Albert Brasili (9th anniversary) by family
Augusto Proietti by daughter Clara and Ciro Ermini
Lorraine Padavano (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
11:30AM: Ron Saudelli by his wife
Deceased members of the Cucugliata
Paul Lanciani, Sr. by wife Cheryl and sons PJ and Scott

PARISH COLLECTIONS

The collections for the weekend of November 23rd and November 24th will be reported in the December 8th bulletin,

SAINT ANNA PARISH GIVING TREE



Please consider helping local children in need this Christmas by taking a tag from the Giving Tree. The tree will be decorated with tags starting next weekend, which is the first Sunday of Advent. There is a great need for newborn and infant clothes this year, along with sizes for toddlers up to size 16 youth (large), and toys.

Kindly send in new gift items that are wrapped with the tags filled out and securely attached to the gifts. All gifts should be placed under the tree by Sunday, December 15, 2019. This will give us time to sort and distribute gifts in time for Christmas. Thank you for your generosity during this season of giving!

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If your son or daughter has made their First Communion they are able to become altar servers. Training will be provided. Please contact the rectory for more details and we appreciate your consideration. Thank you.



OFFICE OF VOCATIONS—GIFT REQUEST

Starting the weekend of December 1st, The Office of Vocations invites you to assist our seminarians by taking a tag from the small tree in the church lobby. All that is requested of those who would like to participate is that a single gift-card to any of the vendors listed on the tag of any denomination be placed in the envelope attached to the tag and you mail it directly to the seminarian at the Vocation Office. Our Seminarians will benefit greatly from the generosity of your parish!

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 9AM—4PM

49 Woodland St., Fitchburg, MA Join us for raffles, food, games, bake sale, games, and beer garden! The Drawbridge Puppet Theater will present Santa and The Christmas Trolls. Performances are free and are at 10am and 2:30pm.

ST. ANNA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- There will be NO classes on Sunday, December 1st
- Classes will be held Sunday December 8th, December 15th and December 22nd.
- No classes on December 29th
- *December 8th:* Please note there will be no morning class for Grade 10 only. The confirmation class will have a special session at Holy Family at 6pm.

SAINT MATTHEW SOCIETY

The Saint Matthew 25 Society will distribute Thanksgiving Baskets to those in need. Food and monetary donations are always greatly appreciated. Monetary donations may be placed in the Sunday collection baskets and will be used towards purchasing turkeys and items for the baskets. Please designate Matthew 25 on the envelope. Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



St. Anna School SOCKS FOR SANTA

Our 3rd grade class has started their annual Socks for Santa service project. Any donations of packages of new socks or new underwear for our elderly will be very much appreciated. Their goal is to collect 500 pairs. We will be collecting new white cotton or thermal socks or cotton underwear to be distributed to homeless shelters, women's shelters, and the elderly of our community. We often don't realize or simply forget that those in need have needs other than the need for food.

All donations will be given to Montachusett Home Care for distribution to residents who live in our school community area. A small package of socks or underwear each month is a small price to pay for knowing that the elderly in our neighborhoods are going to be warm this winter. **Please consider helping those who are in need of socks or underwear for the cold winter ahead.**

You may place your donation in the collection bins at each entrance of the church. Thank you for your support.

Third grade students of St. Anna Catholic School!

YANKEE CANDLE FUNDRAISER

St. Anna School PTO is running a Yankee Candle fundraiser. We greatly appreciate your support and hope you enjoy the wide variety of items for sale! Visit www.yankeecandlefundraising.com to browse the catalog. Our group number is **990037221**. You may place your order online through January 8, 2020. Please contact Marian Priddy at 978-534-4770 if you have any questions.

St. Anna School is selling gift cards to your favorite retailers through the Great

Lakes Scrips Program. This one stop holiday gift card shopping is easy to use. For each purchase, the retailer donates a % back to our school. It is an easy fundraiser that helps with your shopping!

Sign up for Scrips

- Go to www.shopwithscrip.com
- Click on "**join a program**" in the upper hand right corner (blue button)
- Enter the St. Anna Enrollment Code – AE-AA551B16268
- Complete the online registration.
- A full list of participating retailers is located on the website along with many other features including monthly specials.

Paying for your gift cards

- Check or cash payments can be turned into Mrs. Priddy in the main office.
- Pay online! Enroll in PrestoPay™. PrestoPay™ is Great Lakes Scrip Center's convenient electronic payment method that allows families to pay for their orders online. PrestoPay™ allows GLSC to accept a family's payment on behalf of the organization and debits the family's checking account at the time they place their order. The family will be charged a small convenience fee of \$0.15 per order. You can sign up for PrestoPay™ at www.shopwithscrip.com

Paper Format Orders

If you prefer not to order online, you may download a paper order form at www.stannaschool.org. Please complete the order form and send your payment into Mrs. Priddy.

Coordinator - Laura Pompei. Please contact Laura at valerilaura@hotmail.com with any questions.

Note: All family orders placed online or by paper are submitted to Laura Pompei, Scrips Coordinator, who will release the order once the payment has been received. Payments can be made by cash, check (payable to St. Anna School) or PrestoPay™. The school receives one shipment of *plastic* gift cards each time an order is placed. Cards are delivered by the end of the week in which the order is placed. GLSC **does not** ship plastic gift cards to your home.