



SAINT ANNA PARISH

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Fifth SUNDAY IN LENT

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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

From the Pastor's Desk

Parish News

FR. CARLO'S PILL OF FAITH

Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st Reading – Ezekiel 37: 12-14

Psalm 130

2nd Reading – Romans 8: 8-11

Gospel – John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Four weeks of Lent have passed in which Jesus has spoken to us, through his forgiveness, his living waters, his light, his Transfiguration. During this time of crisis, we think and pray for all men and women who work at the hospitals and public service. We are calling heroes, and indeed they are. However, I would like to call them the true face of Jesus. They are a source of peace, consolation, security for all of us. They have become the healing power of Jesus in time of need.

We can give life to others, even if we think we are going through a difficult time. We can become a source of life and hope to others. **"See how he loved him."**

Jesus loved Lazarus so much that he wept at his death. Then Jesus prayed to his Father asking to manifest his glory and give life to his beloved friend. And the glory of the Lord was manifested to all. **Jesus full of love takes his friend out of death.**

This Sunday, Jesus reminds us that we are also called to give life to others who are probably "death" without hope, alone, in desperation. Many people who feel in darkness, without love, happiness, or peace. We ask our loving Father to manifest his glory by destroying death, our fears or doubts. As he promises in the first reading,

O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live,

and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD.

I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

Now is the time for all of us to love more, pray more and more for our world, all our brother and sister, especially those in the front lines, those at risk. Jesus shows us how to give life to others and he teaches us that it is through simple acts of great love and compassion.

Keeping safe, sharing, being aware of the needs of others, a smile, a prayer, a text or call that says, "all will be ok" or "I am here for you". All these can bring new life, great hope to our world. In time of need, you and I, people of faith, are called to become the face of Jesus, a comforting presence that gives life.

Like all the doctor, nurses, public servers are capable of protecting and changing other's lives with acts of great love, we can also bring Jesus to our world, beginning with all those close to us. The Lord speaks to our hearts today. The, let us listen when he says,

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

Let us pray,

O lord send your Spirit to dwells within all of us, the one who raised Christ from the dead, and then we will have your life. Oh, Jesus my savior! You give us life, help us to give life to others out of goodness and love.

FR. CARLOS—MASSES AND MORE ONLINE!

We encourage you to visit



www.stannaparish.org as Fr. Carlos is providing a series of videos on YouTube for online masses, rosary, Angelus-Annunciation and more. They will be linked daily to the parish website and it is a wonderful way to stay connected!

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your support! During this time, we encourage you to donate online. It is a simple, easy process that can be set up for weekly or monthly donations and may be canceled at anytime. Instruction can be found at www.stannaparish.org

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$ 1,333.00
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ST. ANNA PARISH REMINDERS



- The office is closed to the public. Please contact by calling the office or through email.
- St. Anna School is closed through April 7th and there is no religious education classes through April 7th.
- Adoration is postponed until further notice. Stations of the Cross are canceled on Fridays.
- Confessions are by appointment only.
- Funerals and other parish services or sacraments such as weddings or baptisms are limited to the immediate family no more than 15 or 20 people.
- All mass intentions scheduled over the next few weeks will be re-scheduled to a later date. Please contact the office to make arrangements.
- The parish will be open for personal private prayer from 8am—3:30pm every day.

ST. ANNA SOCIETY

The annual baby shower meeting scheduled for April 7th has been postponed and will be rescheduled for later in the year.



ST. ANNA LENTEN FISH DINNERS



TAKE OUT ONLY!!!! NO DINING IN!!!!
from 4pm—7pm in the Parish Hall with the exception of Good Friday



BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Although we may not be able to gather in St. Anna Parish for masses on Palm Sunday, Fr. Carlos will be blessing the palms and they will be available to all parishoners beginning Saturday, April 5th at 5pm and on Sunday, April 6th. Fr. Carlos will be offering Palm Sunday mass online at www.stannaparish.org.

ST. ANNA BULLETIN—EMAIL

Our parish bulletin is loaded on Wednesdays at stanna-parish.org. In addition, you may subscribe to the bulletin. Visit parishesonline.com, locate St. Anna Parish with the search tool, and sign-up to automatically get an email. The parish will have a few hard copies available as well.

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PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: *Be not afraid, for I am with you always.* Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

SIMPLE DAILY PRAYERS DURING LENT



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 29TH: Lord, you are the resurrection and the life. We who believe in you will live, even though we die.
MARCH 30TH: Even though I walk in the dark valley I will fear no evil; for you are at my side.

MARCH 31ST: O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you. Hide not your face from me on the day of my distress. Incline your ear to me; in the day when I call, answer me speedily. (*Psalm 102:2-3*)

APRIL 1ST: Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest though perseverance. (*John 14:6*)

APRIL 2ND: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (*Psalm 95:8*)

APRIL 3RD: I love you, O Lord, my strength, O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer. (*Psalm 18:2-3*)

APRIL 4TH: My dwelling shall be with them; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (*Ezekiel 37:27*)

The Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

(Hail Mary ...)

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

(Hail Mary ...)

And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

(Hail Mary ...)

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts; that, we to whom the incarnation of Christ, thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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