



# SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Palm Sunday  
April 4th and April 5th

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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

# Parish News

## PALM SUNDAY, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER!

Visit [www.stannaparish.org](http://www.stannaparish.org), YouTube or St. Anna Parish Facebook page as Fr. Carlos will be providing the following so we may all stay connected during this time:

- ⇒ Palm Sunday Mass
- ⇒ Daily Mass - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
- ⇒ Holy Thursday Liturgy
- ⇒ Good Friday - Stations of the Cross & Adoration of the Cross
- ⇒ Holy Saturday - Holy Rosary
- ⇒ Easter Vigil

## 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](http://www.stannaparish.org). The online donations for the month of March totaled \$1,075.

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$ 2,562.00
CANDLES, MASSES, MISC.	\$ 1,085.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,647.00</b>

## ST. ANNA PARISH REMINDERS

- Just a friendly reminder...**
- The office is closed to the public. Please contact by calling the office or through email.
  - St. Anna School is closed through May 4th. There are no religious education classes through May 4th.
  - Adoration is postponed until further notice.
  - 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.

## BLESSED PALMS

Blessed palms and they will be available to parishioners on Saturday, April 5th from 4pm—6pm and on Sunday, April 6th from 8am—3pm.



## ST. ANNA SOCIETY—FISH DINNER UPDATE

For the safety of the volunteers and our customers, St. Anna Society Lenten Fish Dinners have been cancelled. However, you have the opportunity to purchase food items while supplies last. If you would like to purchase anything, please call Beth Donlan at (978) 514-3212 to arrange pickup! Thank you!

- Piece of Uncooked Prepared Fish \$6
- 5lb bag of frozen uncooked carrots or green beans \$5
- 5 b bag of frozen uncooked potato wedges \$12

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### FR. CARLO'S PILL OF FAITH

#### Palm Sunday

***"Hosanna, Hosanna!! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Hosanna, Hosanna!!"***

The whole multitude of his disciples, followers begin to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. The multitude is happy because Jesus was coming into Jerusalem like a King. They come to see, they come to praise and give honor to the savior who enter glorious into the Holy City.

**However, I ask myself where are these people on Good Friday?** Are they the ones who later cry aloud: Crucify him, crucify him. Give us Barabbas!! Give us Barabbas!! Crucify him, crucify him. ***The Scripture says that they praise Jesus because they have seen miracles, mighty deeds. They were healed, they were blessed, defended and brought to new life. It is way they come and praise, with branches they sing, they lay down his garments to honor their savior. But they do not understand how the Kingdom of Jesus works. They want a triumph King, they do not want a king on a cross.***

Today Jesus comes again like a king, glorious, triumph King. However, on Friday he will be crucified like a thief. Then many of his disciples, even his apostles, his friends run away full of fear and disappointment. They do not want to support and be with a suffering and crucified friend.

My brothers and sister, during this difficult time we think of Jesus as a good and faithful friend. We know we are not alone, our Lord is with us. He protects us, he grants us his healing power, his consolation and peace. Jesus knows who are we and what we go through. We are **loved by Jesus, our good and faithful friend. Then today we also praise Jesus with songs, and palm branches.** We also say, Hosanna, Hosanna!! And we recognize Jesus as our savior and Lord. We cry aloud with our voices and hearts Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!!

**The question is, do we want to go with Jesus to the end? Were are we going to be on Good Friday? This is a time to be faithful to the Lord no matter what. An opportunity to pray more, to call upon the presence of the Lord more and more. This week is our Holy Week! A Week to be united in prayer and in love more than ever. A week to stay close to each other spiritually and accompany Jesus on his way to Calvary. We are call to be Christian of Palm Sunday, but also Christians of Good Friday to be worthy of being Christians of Easter, resurrection.**

As we enter into this Holy week of adoration and reflection. Let us think and pray for ourselves.

This is a time to be with Jesus. A time to think, to reflect and renew our fidelity to him. He has been there always for us. We should be always with him also. Then, we want to be with him in his glory, but also in his suffering. We want to be with him today and tomorrow and every day.

My brothers and sister, Jesus is our mercy, he is our remedy, our peace!

Jesus is our friend who is always with us. No matter what we do, no matter who we are, no matter where we go. Jesus is forever with us. Whenever we need him, He is there to support, guide, and help us.

***We cannot deny Jesus and his powerful presence in our lives. We cannot run away from him. We cannot leave him alone, because he never denies us or leaves us alone.***

***“Hosanna, Hosanna!! Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest. Hosanna, Hosanna!!”***

### **FIRST COMMUNION—POSTPONED**

First Communion has been postponed. We will keep you informed regarding the new date. Thank you for your understanding.



### **2020 PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL**

Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work by supporting this life giving appeal. With your support, faith in action is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; in the prayerful witness of our retired priests and the joy of new priestly vocations; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others. Watch the Appeal Video at [www.partners-charity.net](http://www.partners-charity.net)



### **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*

### **ST. ANNA BULLETIN—EMAIL**



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



### **SIMPLE DAILY PRAYERS DURING LENT**

**PALM SUNDAY:** Lord, your return is near, I praise you in your glory!

**APRIL 6TH:** Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring justice to the nations.  
*(Isaiah 42: 1,6b-7)*

**APRIL 7TH:** In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. In your justice rescue me, and deliver me; incline your ear to me, and save me. *(Psalm 71:1-2)*

**APRIL 8TH:** I will praise the name of God in song, and I will glorify him with thanksgiving: ... For the Lord hears the poor, and his own who are in bonds he spurns not. *(Psalm 69:31, 34)*

**HOLY THURSDAY:** I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you. *(John 13:34)*

**GOOD FRIDAY:** But he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins; upon him was the chastisement that makes us whole, by his stripes we were healed. *(Isaiah 52:5)*

**HOLY SATURDAY:** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. *(Psalm 118:22-23)*

**EASTER SUNDAY:** The Lord is truly risen. alleluia! To him be the glory and power for all the ages of eternity, alleluia, alleluia!

### **SAVE THE DATE**

The Bolton Fair will be held on August 14th from 12pm—9pm. This family-friendly agricultural fair celebrates over 135-year tradition! Animals, rides, music, entertainers, food, demo derby, and more! Free parking! Check out the [Boltonfair.org](http://Boltonfair.org).



# Did you know?

THERE ARE LOADS OF FREE ONLINE TOOLS AVAILABLE WHILE YOU SOCIAL DISTANCE

- **ONLINE STORYTIMES**  
GO TO [WWW.STORYPRESERVATION.ORG](http://WWW.STORYPRESERVATION.ORG) AND CLICK "K-3 STORYTELLING LEARNING LAB" ON THE BLUE BANNER
- **VIRTUAL MUSEUM TOURS**  
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