

SAINT ANNA PARISH

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Happy Mother's Day!

Fifth Sunday of Easter



*Honor her for all that her hands have
done, and let her works bring her praise
at the city gate.*

Proverbs 31:31

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From the Pastor's Desk

Fifth Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

Psalm: 33

Second Reading: First Letter of Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day. Today we pray and we give thanks for our mothers, those who are still with us here on earth and for those who are already enjoying the presence of God and eternal happiness in heaven.

There are few things I always remember about my mother and grandmother:

Every time I go through a bad situation and a difficult time, they have the right words of encouragement and understanding for me. They always say "do not worry it is ok! Everything will be fine. You will go through this because I know you can and you are not alone, I am here to help you."

They are always right and they have a solution for everything, especially with prayers, hugs, and kisses.

Their food. My mom's food! My grandmother's food! They always have a warm delicious Colombian meal and a clean and comfortable room for me.

All of this always gives me that sense of peace and relief.

Thank God for our mothers who have given us the gift of life and the gift of faith. They have taught us how to love by showing us the tender and kind face of God.

Jesus says in today's Gospel,

Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

I am sure these are the words our mothers make their own when they remind us, "we have faith my son, my daughter, we have faith in God, let us pray and not worry." This is an invitation to trust in our God, to have deep faith in our Lord and believe in his presence, his guidance, and love. Every time we struggle, every time we go through a difficult time Jesus is there for us to counsel us and to give us peace. And mothers are there to remind us of this.

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.

Jesus prepares a place for us. We have a place to go and be with our savior for all eternity. But he is also reminding us that there is a beautiful place for us here on earth, a place prepared by God for each one of us, our parish Saint Anna. This is a place in which we find the most delicious food, Jesus who is the bread from heaven, a place of unity and peace. However, our homes are also places in which we are nourished by love, understanding, and kindness, by Jesus. Our mothers make our homes a glimpse of that place in heaven.

Thus, I invite you to think of all our mothers, those here with us on earth and those in the glory of heaven, let us say a special prayer of thanksgiving to God for each one of them. For the gift of their lives, and their great example of love and fidelity to our faith. We ask Mother Mary to bless and protect them and to embrace them with her loving arms for all eternity.

Also, let us pray for so many mothers who are expecting and are probably thinking of abortion. Many single mothers who struggle providing for their children. Many who feel abandoned, alone. May all of them find in Jesus and Mother Mary courage, peace, and love.

*Mary Mother of God, bless and protect all our mothers,
Amen!*

Fr. Carlos

The Month of May is Devoted to Mary, Our Mother in Heaven

Prayer to Mary During COVID 19 Pandemic



O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. our, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of

Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Parish News

The church is open
Daily 8:00am - 3:00pm
Saturdays
8:00am - 2:00pm

ST. ANNA PARISH-MASSES ONLINE!

There are several ways to stay connected with Fr. Carlos and St. Anna Parish during this time.

St. Anna's YouTube Channel:

Subscribe at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/St.Parish>

St. Anna Parish Facebook:

Like us at: <https://www.facebook.com/Stannaleominster/>

St. Anna Parish Website:

Masses will be posted daily at www.stannaparish.org. In addition, direct links to YouTube & Facebook are provided on the homepage in the upper right hand corner next to the search icon.

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. Visit www.stannaparish.org.

If you have any questions regarding on line giving please contact the rectory at 978-537-5293 or via email at stanna9@comcast.net

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$3759.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 550.00
CANDLES, FUEL, FLOWERS, RENT	\$ 579.00
TOTAL	\$4888.00

St. Anna Society News

We miss you all and hope you are well. Unfortunately, we will not be meeting again until the Fall and by then we'll need to gear up for the fair! Lenten Fish Dinner wrap up... As you know we only ended up doing 2 Fish Dinners, but we did 2 take out nights, 2 To Go uncooked food nights and Beth has sold the remaining potatoes and veggies drive by from her office window! We recouped our food cost and made a few dollars extra for a total of \$7200.00.

Please keep MaryAnn DeAmicis in your thoughts and prayers. As you all know, she lost her beloved Lou right before the Covid-19 started. Give her a call or drop her a line. She would love to hear from you.

St. Matthew 25

Food Pantry

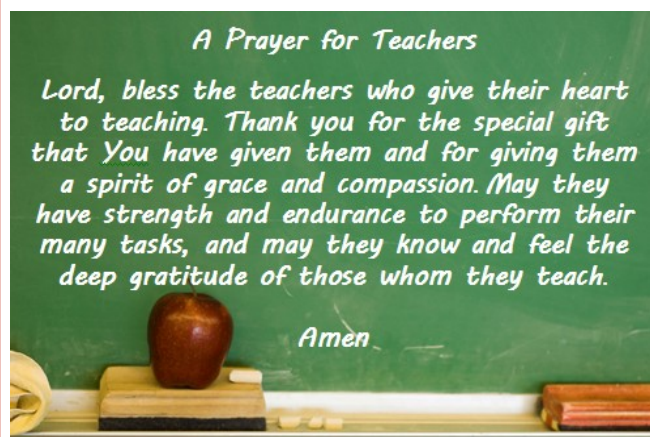
Thank you for your ongoing support and generous donations to the food pantry. We are continuing to collect non-perishable food items (cereal, soups, pasta, pasta sauce, tuna, etc.) Food donations may be left at the Derwin Street entrance to the church. Monetary donations can be mailed to the rectory -- Attn: St. Matthew 25 Society. Thank you and God Bless!



School News

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Although the school building is closed, our students and teachers are still hard at work.



We are accepting registrations for Grades Pre-K 3 - 8. For more information, contact the school at 978-534-4770 or via email principal@stannaleom.org
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