

SAINT ANNA PARISH

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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 Audelle, Victim Services Coordinator, at 508-929-4363 (direct& confidential.) Claire Freda is the St. Anna Parish Safety Environment Coordinator

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From the Pastor's Desk

First Reading – Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

Psalm - 27

Second Reading – First Peter 3:15-18

Gospel – John 17:1—11A.

“Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you” Jn 17:20.

God's plan for our lives is not so much in what we do, as it is in who we are. We all are called to be one in Jesus. Jesus is concerned about each one of us and he prays for us. Jesus knows that our life is called to be a constant message of love, help, and kindness to all those around you. Jesus knows that it isn't just what we say with our words as much as what we proclaim with our actions. Jesus prays for you and me to his loving Father asking for strength and unity of heart. Let us follow Jesus' example and let us pray for one another, especially for those in need. We pray for our salvation. Prayer makes us one in spirit and our good actions makes us one in heart!

Coming Back to Church

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The weekend of **May 30th and 31st**, Pentecost Sunday, we will resume our Mass schedule. As all of us are looking forward to coming back together as a parish family, I encourage you to follow the regulations announced by Bishop McManus.

Continuing Suspension of the Sunday Obligation. Stay home if you are ill, anxious, or immunocompromised. Because older adults and those with underlying health conditions continue to be advised to avoid public assemblies, the suspension of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays will remain in place until December 31, 2020.

Masks and Social Distancing. All members of the congregation should be masked and are required to observe minimum of a six foot social distance.

Seating In order to promote social distancing. People shall be seated at least six feet apart in every-other pew. Removable tape will be used to block off pews.

Holy Water. All standing Holy Water shall be removed from all fonts.

Hymnals and Missalettes will be removed from the church and stored for possible future use.

The floor will be marked with removable tape at six foot intervals approaching all communion stations and approaching all rest rooms.

Pew backs and surfaces in bathrooms will be disinfected after every Mass. Door handles and other surfaces will be disinfected daily.

Singing. No congregational singing is allowed, with the exception of the Gospel Acclamation, Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen and Agnus Dei. The Opening and Closing music are sung only by the cantor. All the other parts of the Mass are recited.

Collection. Instead of passing collection baskets, parishioners are directed to place their donations in a conveniently located standing basket.

Ushers will be recruited from among the parishioners who, with masks, will assure that everyone entering the church has a mask or other suitable face covering. Direct those entering the Church to observe social distancing. Direct parishioners for Holy Communion.

Distribution of Holy Communion,

Ushers will direct communicants to leave their pews one row at a time while observing the required social distancing.

As each person leaves their pew, they are required to use hand sanitizer to sanitize their hands before receiving Holy Communion. The distribution of the Precious Blood to all but the Priest is suspended.

Communion on the Tongue. A “public health preference” for Holy Communion in the hand is encouraged.

Entrance to the church The only door available to enter the church will be the Derwin Street entrance. Handicap access is available. Please exit out the front doors of the church at the conclusion of mass, unless you need the elevator.

Confession will be available starting June 2, 2020 on Tuesdays in the morning 9:00am to 10:00am and Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Starting the weekend of May 30 and 31, 2020 our weekend and weekday mass schedule will change.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday 4:00 pm.

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. Changing our mass time from 11:30 to 12:00 noon, will allow our staff to clean the church. The church will be properly cleaned between all masses. The church will be open a half hour before Mass. The doors of the **church will be locked 5 minutes before Mass starts** to help us control and follow all the regulations.

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Daily Mass will be at **7:30 am Monday through Thursday.** The church will be open at 6:45am daily Monday through Thursday and will close at 1:00pm. Even though there is no morning mass on Friday, the church will open at 6:45am and close at 1:00pm., for personal prayer. The Church will be open daily, unless there is a funeral. This will allow our staff time to properly clean the church every day. However, the church will open Tuesday evenings for confessions from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

Masses Online will be available on **St. Anna's YouTube Channel:** Subscribe at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/St. Anna Parish> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Stannaleominster/>

As we gather again for the celebration of Mass, we are all asked to do our part to prevent the spread of COVID –19. Thank you so much for your cooperation and understanding.

Fr. Carlos

Parish News

The rectory office will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2020 in honor of Memorial Day.

GREAT NEWS!

You may subscribe to the bulletin online. The process is simple. Parishioners can visit parishesonline.com, locate your parish with the search tool, and sign-up to automatically get an email when a new publication becomes available. You may also view the bulletin on our website.

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	\$2503.00
Holy Day (Ascension)	\$ 67.00
MANTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 264.00
CANDLES, FUEL, FLOWERS, RENT	\$ 211.00
FUNERAL	\$ 300.00
TOTAL	\$3345.00

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!

Virtual Baby Bottle

Drive

Unfortunately, we can not have our annual Baby Bottle Drive in the church this year. First Concern is transforming the Baby Bottle Drive from traditional bottles into a virtual event! The Baby Bottle drive is an important fundraiser as 100% of the money raised from each virtual donation will directly benefit both First Concern Centers. The spare change that is normally collected in the bottles adds up quickly and the donations help us sustain many Center initiatives. For more information, please visit stannaparish.org for the link to donate.

School News



Principal Updates: Well wishes to the St. Anna Parish community! We at St. Anna School are very happy to hear of the opening of churches and look forward to celebrating with you in the future. We also want to wish Fr. Bruso a happy birthday as well. At St. Anna School, we continue to grow and learn. Our students and teachers have amazed me during this time of personal distancing. Even our youngest of students in PK and Kindergarten continue to connect and learn socially through virtual platforms like Facebook live and Zoom! Each student at Saint Anna continues to thrive even though we are not in the building. Our teachers have gone above and beyond and our parents are the greatest! Everyone is balancing so much during this crisis. All classes are utilizing programs where they can see one another and continue to learn. Our Eighth graders are gearing up for graduation and end of the year events. Whether virtual or with restrictions, I know that everyone is looking forward to coming together. We have several families that are working the front lines, those that have lost jobs and income and others that are dealing with the virus. Please keep them in your prayers. We will keep you in our prayers as well! God Bless, Mrs. Veilleux, Principal St. Anna School.

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

Prayer for Memorial Day

God of power and mercy, you destroy war and put down earthly pride. Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our tears, that we may all deserve to be called your sons and daughters. Keep in your mercy those men and women who have died in the cause of freedom and bring them safely into your kingdom of justice and peace. We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

