

SAINT ANNA PARISH

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Happy
Father's
Day

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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

12 Sunday In Ordinary Time

“Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So, do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

As we celebrate Father's Day, our Lord Jesus reminds us of how important we are in the eyes of God our heavenly Father, that with Him there is not a nameless, faceless individual. Each one of us is a part of God's family, every person is created with all amazing gifts God wanted to share.

From conception to natural death life is valuable because life is God's most wonderful gift. So, our Father knows in detail each and every aspect of our lives. And He cares, profoundly cares, about what happens to each one of us. Today we remember that each father is a resemblance of God's care for his children. Our Lord, like a good father, loves us and takes care of us. He knows our sufferings, he knows our needs, and also, he shares our joys. In difficult moments he comforts us and in moments of happiness he rejoices with us.

The first and second readings speak of awful things like terror, sin, confusion. Suddenly these things are part of our human reality as many people chose to go away from God's ways. However, at times when we may feel fearful, abandoned, or worthless, we cry out to our Father in prayer, ***“Lord, in your great love, answer me.”***

And our Lord full of love and mercy says to us,

“Do not be afraid! I am with you always.”

God is our shelter and refuge, he protects us, and answers to our prayers as we truly need. Therefore, we can never doubt that our Father loves us and guides us, and if we fall or we are lost, He comes to our rescue. We are the Lord's possession, we are created in His own image, one that is full of love and beauty.

As the family of God, we pray,

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life and the gift of our fathers, bless and protect every person, your sons and daughters you have created to love and to be loved.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Fr. Carlos

Parish News

PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your generous support!	
REGULAR COLLECTION	\$2979.00
CANDLES, MASSES, ETC.	\$ 685.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 676.00
TOTAL	\$4340.00

ST. ANNA PARISH MASSES WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE!

There are still 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. Anna 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.

Virtual Baby Bottle Drive

We are extending the duration of the Virtual Baby Bottle Drive. Have you contributed to First Concern's Baby Bottle Drive in the past? The spare change collected from all of those who took a baby bottle added up fast and your support helped the Center raise over \$25,000 last year. This year, due to the disruption to in-person church services, the Center is asking that all who would like to participate give online or mail a donation directly to the Center. Please consider filling a "virtual baby bottle" as you would have a plastic bottle by making a gift of any size. About \$30 buys a box of diapers, \$80 covers a month of Earn While You Learn Education, and \$100 can help towards a client's first month of services. There are two ways in which you can give. You can make a donation by visiting www.firstconcern.org and click on the "Virtual Baby Bottle Drive" tab. You can also mail in a donation to: **46 High Street, Clinton, MA 01510**. Please be sure to indicate that the donation is for the Baby Bottle Drive. We hope to make this year's drive successful and surpass what we raised last year. Thank you in advance for your encouragement and support! With you, for LIFE -- First Concern Staff & Board of Directors.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2020,

4:00PM

Thomas & Amelia Markey by family
Herminio & Mary T. Cruz, by Patti Lanza & Carol Leblanc
Anthony Ciccone by brothers and sisters
Henry Lanza (4th anniversary) by family
Vincent Tiberio by the Alty Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020

8:00AM

Alfred & Albina Gagnon by Daniel & Donna Benoit
Zachary & Alina Navaroli by Duke & Stella Tresaloni

10:00AM

William Francis DelGiudice Jr, (1st anniversary)
by St. Anna Parish

12:00PM

Egidio & Teresa Marrone by son Chris
Renzo Desantis (16th anniversary) by wife and children
Louis DeAmicis by Joan & Roger Hodskins

DAILY MASS, JUNE 22 thru 25, 2020, 7:30AM

MONDAY: Msgr. John McCarthy

TUESDAY: Roland Benoit by Dan & Donna Benoit

WEDNESDAY: Msgr. Richard Hannigan

THURSDAY: Catherine Nangle by Dan & Donna Benoit

FRIDAY: No Mass. Church will open at 6:45AM for
personal prayer.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020,

4:00PM

Margaret Champa (19th anniversary) by Friedman Family
Francis Vargo by Patti Lanza & Carol LeBlanc
Dorothy Proietti (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
Ralph and Mary Montagna by James Tellier

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020

8:00AM

Rev. Glenn Downer by Daniel & Donna Benoit
Dora Hallett by Claudia and Keith Cornish & family

10:00AM

Hilda Metzger (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Diane Fusco by St. Anna Parish
Mery and John Burke by family

12:00PM

Vincent Giannetti by Dianna Giannetti and family
Egidio and Teresa Marrone by son Chris
Deceased members of the Shephard Family

***** **CONFESSIONS** *****

**Confessions will be available Tuesday mornings
9:00AM to 10:00AM and Tuesday evenings
from 6:00PM to 7:00PM**

School News

Dear St. Anna Families,

This past year was undoubtedly the most challenging year our school has faced. You met each new change and obstacle with perseverance, patience, and an unwavering dedication to our school community.

Now that the school year has ended and we look to the future, we must reflect on our mission and vision. After thoughtful consideration and much prayer, I have decided, in consultation with the advisory board, that Mrs. Kelly Veilleux will not be returning for the 2020-2021 school year. Decisions like this are never easy, and I thank Mrs. Veilleux for the time and talent she shared with us over the past year.

In these moments, it is easy to become concerned and fear the unknown, but it is often through difficult times that we experience the most growth. I am optimistic about what the future holds, and I look forward to the many blessings we will experience as a school community in the years to come.

In response to this transition we have formed a search committee, posted an advertisement for the position, and are working diligently to find a new leader for our school. With God's guidance and grace, I am confident that we will select a principal who aligns with the vision and mission of our school. I care deeply about every family who comprises our vibrant school community and it is my priority to honor those aspects of St. Anna School that you all value. I know that our school will become stronger than ever.

I am aware that many families are concerned about what instruction will look like in the Fall in the midst of COVID-19. Please know that we will work tirelessly over the summer to ensure that whatever plan is developed will adhere to state guidelines while providing students with safe, high-quality instruction.

I thank you for your patience and I ask for your prayers as we navigate this transition.

Fr. Carlos Ruiz
Pastor

