

# *SAINT ANNA PARISH*

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## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Book of King 4: 8-11, 14-16;**

**Psalm: 88**

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Reading: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11;**

**Gospel: Matthew 10, 37-42**

On this thirteenth Sunday, Jesus invites us to be sensitive to the need of others in order to make a positive difference in their lives. In the first reading of this Sunday, the generosity of the Shunem couple towards prophet Elisha brought them the blessing and joy of their life. They were sensitive to the difficulty and immediate need of the man of God. They did not even know that this was the beginning of their blessing. Through an act of generosity, hospitality and sensitivity, everything turned around for their good. They were blessed with the gift of life; joy was brought to their home and lives forever.

On the other hand, Elisha was equally concerned and sensitive to the needs of this Shunem couple. So, rather than over burden them with more requests or exploit their generosity, he prayed for them, and blessed them. Thus, his presence was indeed a blessing to this house, rather than a burden. It is important to remember that the name of Elisha means: "God saves." This is exactly, what his action affirmed.

In today's gospel, Christ spoke clearly to us on the need to welcome others for His sake. This is especially for, those who bear the good news of salvation. Through generosity and hospitality, like the Shunem family, we could attract God's blessings to our home and family. Through these blessings, our lives could be transformed as well.

Unfortunately, these days, we could take a lot of things for granted. Some of us are so indifferent to others and their needs. Today Jesus reminds us that each one of us is a gift from God. We are called to always be aware of others especially those in need, rejected, or alone. When we share our blessings, when we pray, and help others, our lives and our homes are blessed. Thus, it is important to ask ourselves these important questions. Do we still value the presence of others? Are we sensitive to their needs? Is our presence a source of blessing to the people we meet or that meet us? Does it really make any difference, or is it an added burden to their life? What good do I bring to the life of others?

We pray, Lord God help us to value one another, help us to share our blessings, thus, we can love and serve you in all those around us. Then our lives will be transformed and all those we love will be blessed.

Fr. Carlos

## *Parish News*

### PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your generous support!

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| REGULAR COLLECTION    | \$2487.00 |
| CANDLES, MASSES, ETC. | \$ 491.00 |
| TOTAL                 | \$2978.00 |

### 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](http://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](http://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 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

DAILY MASS, JUNE 29 thru July 2, 2020, 7:30AM

MONDAY: Mario Ermini by family

TUESDAY: Jeannette Masciangioli by Mary Ann  
Capistrano

WEDNESDAY: Joseph Antocci (8<sup>th</sup> anniversary) by family

THURSDAY: Julie Tourigny by Angela and John Cahill

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

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2020

**4:00PM**

Louis DeAmicis by Patti Lanza & Carol Leblanc  
Isabel (DiNatale) DiRusso by daughter  
Richard LeBlanc and the LeBlanc Family by Patti Lanza &  
Carol Leblanc

Eugene Carrescia (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
Rose and Dominick Lanza by Patti Lanza & Carol Leblanc

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2020

**8:00AM**

Rev. George Ross by Daniel & Donna Benoit  
Lorraine Benoit by Daniel & Donna Benoit  
Jeannette Masciangioli (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

**10:00AM**

Patricia Carmardella (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish  
David Martino (1<sup>st</sup> anniversary) by St. Anna Parish

**12:00PM**

Louis DeAmicis by Joan & Roger Hodskins  
Deceased members of the Marino by Sharon Antocci

\*\*\* CONFESSIONS\*\*\*\*\*

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

## *Our Lady, Health Of The Sick , Pray for Us*



Please pray for those who are ill, especially: Deacon Jim, Frank Desorbo, Fr. Bob Brusco and Jacob DeCarolis If you know someone who needs prayers, call the rectory or email us at stanna9@comcast.net and we will add them to the list.

## St. Anna Society News

We haven't forgotten all our dedicated Lenten Fish Dinner fans! As a matter of fact, we finally got to pull the ticket for the TV drawing last month and Pat Freiss was so excited to have won it. We are looking forward to next year when we can all be together again and enjoy 6 full weeks of fish dinners, God willing. Not to mention that Fr Carlos got off the hook too easy this year with only 2 dinners under his belt. He is going to have to work twice as hard next year. Stay well, friends! Try to enjoy the summer.

## School News

What do families love about St. Anna School?

Time and time again, families tell us that they love the sense of community and family-like atmosphere that our school provides. Students learn about core content areas in a faith-filled atmosphere. If you are interested in becoming part of our St. Anna family, we encourage you to find us on Facebook and follow @stannacatholic on Instagram.

Please contact Marian Priddy at 978-534-4770 or Beth Donlan at 978-537-5293, to learn more about our wonderful school! Registration is ongoing throughout the Summer.

