

SAINT ANNE - SAINT PATRICK PARISH
DECEMBER 1, 2019

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."
— Matthew 24:44

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION



Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ's new day.

Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God's power will have brought universal peace and God's Word will have instructed all people, radiating God's "light" (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks "in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed "in God's ways" (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to "awake from sleep" for this final "day is at hand" (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday's scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God's plan of salvation.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Adults: What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?
Children: What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?



ANGEL OF HOPE

All are invited to attend the annual *Angel of Hope Candlelight Vigil* at the statue garden, on **Friday, December 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.** For more information, please email Sylvia Gaumond at; jurwithme@charter.net

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE 2019-20

NOVEMBER 23 & 24

Weekly Offertory - \$3,862
Maintenance - \$40
Parish Support - \$15
Immaculate Conception - \$30
Campaign for Human Development - \$334

THANK YOU!

**Next weekend, December 7 & 8, there will be a second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Special envelopes are available on the bulletin stands. Please support this very important fund for those who have given their lives in service to the Lord and His people - including our beloved Augustinians of the Assumption!*



40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who supported our diaper and wipes collection during the 2019 Fall 40 Days for Life Campaign and filled our porta-crib to overflowing!!! The national team is reporting 454 babies (and their moms and families) saved from the trauma of abortion during the *Fall 2019 campaign*, with more reports continuing to come in. There were 2 SAVES (confirmed) right in Worcester!

GIVING TREE

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, let us recognize Him in those around us and express our love for Him by helping others. Beginning this weekend and throughout Advent, you are invited to take an ornament from our tree. We ask that you bring back the **UNWRAPPED** item listed on the tag and then **KEEP THE ORNAMENT AND TAG FOR YOUR TREE** as a reminder of those in need - especially those courageous moms who have said "yes" to life and are helped through *Visitation House* in Worcester. May the Lord of Life, who is never outdone in generosity, bless you with a Christmas Season filled with awe and wonder in His love!



St. Anne-St. Patrick Parish
Respect Life Ministry



NOT TOO LATE!

We will be placing our final order to be received before Christmas, on **Monday, December 16th.**

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30
4:00 PM + Ralph Corsetti - Granddaughter
SUNDAY DECEMBER 1
8:00 AM + Elie Demers & Leo Renaud - Renaud Family
10:00 AM + William Muir - 10th Anniversary - Family
12:00 PM + William Fitzell - Family
6:00 PM Parishioners and Pilgrims
MONDAY DECEMBER 2
7:15 AM Special Intention - Marielle Lessard
10:00 AM + Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY DECEMBER 3
7:15 AM Special Intention for Janet & Kelly McGuire - Mary Brady
10:00 AM + Deceased Parishioners
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 4
7:15 AM + Mary Duff - Family
10:00 AM Special Intention for Genevieve Banas - Jack & Carol
THURSDAY DECEMBER 5
7:15 AM Special Intention - Marielle Lessard
10:00 AM + Monique Pichette - Doris Pichette
FRIDAY DECEMBER 6
7:15 AM + Joseph Girard - Wife, Pauline
SATURDAY DECEMBER 7
7:30 AM + Richard Ciufo - 1 month Anniversary
4:00 PM + Raymond Demers - Wife, Children, Grandchildren
SUNDAY DECEMBER 8
8:00 AM + Kathy Jackson - 9th Anniversary - Brenda Silveira
10:00 AM + David Powell - Mom & Dad
12:00 PM + Hildegard Billy - Family
6:00 PM Parishioners and Pilgrims

SANCTUARY LAMPS

DECEMBER -
St. Joachim Chapel
In Memory of Raymond Demers
- Wife, Children, Grandchildren

St. Anne Church
In Memory of Ann Marie Lombardi
- Family

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick for December will be on the second Sunday - December 8th.

MEETINGS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2: CURSILLO GROUP will meet in the Conference Room at 6:00 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3: ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3: LIFETEEN & EDGE MEETING in the Parish Center Lounge at 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4: CHOIR REHEARSAL in St. Joachim Chapel at 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7: APPRECIATION BREAKFAST/FAMILY GATHERING in the Parish Center from 8 AM to 11 AM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8: ANOINTING OF THE SICK in St. Anne Church at 3:00 PM



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul expresses our sincere gratitude to all those who supported us in our recent raffle.

The winners of the Christmas wreaths were Steve Maxson, Al Levesque and Anne Villa; winners of the center pieces were Kathy Lynch, Jeanne Turner and Judy Stevens.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Envelopes are now available on the bulletin stands for donations to help us with the cost of our Christmas flowers in St. Anne Church and St. Joachim Chapel.



WINGS OF SONG

(Formerly Quinebaug Valley Singers)

AN AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 7
7:30 pm
St Joachim Chapel - St. Anne - St. Patrick Parish

Sunday, December 8
3:00 pm
Elm St Congregational Church, Southbridge



Devotions at St. Anne Shrine in St. Anne Church

Adoration: Friday: 8 - 8:30 am and 3 - 4 pm
Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Friday: 3 pm
Rosary: Friday: 3:30 pm