



St. Anne-St. Patrick Parish
16 Church Street, Sturbridge, MA 01518
Home of St. Anne Shrine

An Appeal for Continuous Support

March 26, 2020

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the past two weeks, we have experienced the adverse effects of the Coronavirus pandemic. Here at the parish, the directive to suspend all Public Masses has affected not only our regular parish activities but also our main source of income – your regular contributions and offerings. We are expecting a continuous downtrend in contributions in the coming weeks. As a consequence we have to put on hold a number of services which are not necessary at this time and have reduced the hours of operation of the Gift Shop and Parish Offices and have closed the Faith Formation offices, thus reducing the hours and presence of our staff.

With our meager resources we have prioritized our payment schedule recognizing that payroll, staff benefits, and utilities are our priorities right now. Knowing that the presence of our staff is vital in the daily operations of our parish, our goal is not to further reduce staff hours but we can only do that with the support of the parish community.

We know that all of you are affected by this pandemic and your priority right now is the well being of your own families. For those who can still contribute we are encouraging you to continuously support our parish so that the work and ministries of the parish may continue during this time.

We appeal to your support by mailing your regular weekly contribution or by making an online gift using the "Online Giving" link on our parish website homepage. If you have any questions please call the Business Office at 508-347-7339.

Our "Thank you" is not enough to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continuous support and generosity to our parish especially during these difficult times.

One with you in prayer and supplication,

In Christ,



Fr. Alex Castro, AA
Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	MARCH 28
4:00 PM	+ Theresa St. Laurent - 2nd Anniversary - Marius & Joan
SUNDAY	MARCH 29
8:00 AM	+ Deceased Parishioners
10:00 AM	+ Roger Martel - 35th Anniversary & + Judith Martel - 15th Anniversary - Family
12:00 PM	+ D. Charles Glinsky - 5th Anniversary - Son & Family
6:00 PM	Parishioners and Pilgrims
MONDAY	MARCH 30
7:15 AM	+ Clergy Who Have Passed Away Due to the Coronavirus
TUESDAY	MARCH 31
7:15 AM	Special Intention for William, Jr. & Ruth Brady - Mary Brady
10:00 AM	+ Louise - Aunt Lorette
WEDNESDAY	APRIL 1
10:00 AM	+ Bob Peltier - Bill & Helen Gagnon
THURSDAY	APRIL 2
7:15 AM	Special Intention for Adriana Bucur & Family - Olimpiu Albu
10:00 AM	+ David Powell - Mom & Dad
FRIDAY	APRIL 3
7:15 AM	+ Yvette Martin - Family
SATURDAY	APRIL 4
7:30 AM	+ Ann Marie Lombardi - Family
4:00 PM	+ Pearl Gaumond - 7th Anniversary - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Laporte
SUNDAY	APRIL 5
8:00 AM	+ Lorraine & Edward Gauthier - Daughter, Pauline
10:00 AM	+ Paulina & John Pyrek - Regina & Joseph Klundt
12:00 PM	+ Arlete Martins - 6th Anniversary - Ruth Hamilton
6:00 PM	Parishioners and Pilgrims

SANCTUARY LAMPS

MARCH -
St. Joachim Chapel -
Deceased Parishioners

St. Anne Church -
In Memory of Rosina & John Courtney -
Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near; still loved, still missed and very dear. - Daughter & Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66



Need for food is on the increase! Please spread the word that donations are welcome and can be left at the Parish Office door in the basement of St. Anne Church. Especially in need of peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, tuna fish, canned chicken and hams.

Thank You !

* Please be sure that items have not exceeded their expiration date - we can not give out expired food.

Parish Offices will remain closed to the public.

The regular office hours will now be from **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. Please communicate with us by email or phone if you have questions regarding Baptisms, Confessions, Weddings, Funerals, Pastoral Care for the Sick etc. You can call the office at 508-347-7338.

St. Anne Shrine Gift Shop is CLOSED TO WALK-IN CUSTOMERS

during this time. However, if you are looking for gifts for Easter, prayer cards, medals, rosaries etc. you can email the gift shop at stannegiftshop@gmail.com or call 508-347-7461 and leave a message. Pat Beu will be working Monday to Friday between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM to take and/or process orders.

Although the Department of Public Health issued a Public Health Stay-at-Home Advisory (<https://www.mass.gov/news/dph-public-health-advisory-stay-at-home-advisory>) it still allows people to "still go outside to get fresh air, however, you must practice social distancing while outside and avoid touching surfaces frequently touched by others." **St. Anne Church** and **Shrine** grounds will remain open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM for your private prayers and devotions. We invite you to do the Stations of the Cross or light a candle for the intentions of those who are greatly affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.



Flocknote is an online parish messaging system that allows us to efficiently communicate with parishioners via email and is safe to open in your computer.