

**SAINT ANNE PARISH BULLETIN**  
**ST. ANNE PARISH 20 BOSTON ROAD SOUTHBOROUGH, MA**



**DECEMBER 10, 2017**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**PEACE**



**PREPARE THE  
LORD'S WAY**

"A VOICE CRIES: IN THE WILDERNESS PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE DESERT A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD" - ISAIAH 40:3

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO LIVE A HOLY LIFE. WE ARE ALL CALLED TO INVITE OTHERS TO LIVE HOLY LIVES. LIVING A STEWARDSHIP LIFESTYLE, BEING GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS WITH OUR GIFTS DOES JUST THAT, IT PUTS US ON THE PATH TO HOLINESS AND IT INVITES OTHERS TO BE HOLY TOO.  
~ *The Diocesan Dispatch*

WHAT OBSTACLES DO I MOST NEED TO REMOVE TO LET GOD DRAW NEARER TO ME TODAY?

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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Saturday at 5:00pm

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**PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY:**

It's every adult's moral responsibility to protect possible victims (any age) by reporting suspected abuse or neglect to the responsible authorities. For particular help you may call: The Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester, at 508-929-4363. The Diocese of Worcester requires Safe Environment Training for all staff & volunteers.

**Lord's Day Mass Schedule:**

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm  
Sunday ~ 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
10:30 am Mass during school year

**Filipino Mass:**

Third Sunday of the month - 12 pm

**Daily Mass Schedule:**

Week Day Mass,  
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am (*during this Advent season Mass will be celebrated on Fridays at 9:00am*)  
First Friday: 9:00 am

**Confessions:**

Saturday ~ 4:15 pm,  
or anytime on request

**Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Wednesday ~ 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism.  
Baptisms are generally celebrated at any of the Masses on the first weekend of the month so that the child may be welcomed and received in the presence of the parish community.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Arrangements with a Priest required at least one year prior to the wedding date.

**Visitation of the Sick**

Fr. Albert and St. Anne's Ministers of Communion are pleased to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. Please call the Parish Office to arrange a time.

**Parish Contact Information**  
**Office Hours, Monday ~ Thursday**

**9:30 am to 3:30 pm**  
**Friday ~ 9:30 am to noon**  
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# PARISH INFORMATION



**THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:** The gifts should be returned this weekend, **December 10.** The gifts **three charities will pick up all the gifts this Monday, December 11.**

Thank you to everyone who participated in buying a gift or gifts for the less fortunate. Your generosity is amazing!! You have made many adults and children very happy this Christmas.

We extend a thank you to our parishioner Orla Wages who organized all aspects of the Christmas Giving Tree Ministry project. She did an excellent job.



All parishioners are invited to attend the beautiful Festival of Lessons and Carols this Sunday, **December 10th at 7:00pm** in our church. The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer.

## ADVENT BABY DOLL COLLECTION FOR ST. FRANCIS REHABILITATION AND NURSING IN WORCESTER

I've often seen how agitated residents who are sick, elderly or have dementia, find peace and a sense of well being by caring for a baby doll. How strong is the instinct in each of us to love and care for another. In honor of the infant Jesus we celebrate this season, and His Blessed Mother who cared for him, I would like to collect 23 life-like baby dolls to donate to St. Francis-one for every day of Advent. Please help by purchasing a doll and bringing it to the Parish Office or placing it in the bin inside the front parish foyer. Gently used or "like new" are welcome too. Thank you for your generosity. *Tanya Rybarczyk, St. Anne Parishioner and director of Pastoral Care at St. Francis Rehabilitation and Nursing in Worcester.*

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORIAL OFFERINGS

are welcomed and will be used for decorating the church for the Christmas season. Please list all the names of those you wish to remember and honor with your donation. Donation envelopes are found in the weekly envelope packet and extra envelopes are in the foyers of the church.



## SAINT NICHOLAS, BISHOP (D. C. 350)

Although we know little about his life, Nicholas became Bishop of Myra in southwest Turkey (c. 300), was imprisoned during Diocletian's persecution (303-305) and attended the first ecumenical council at Nicaea (325). Famous for his pastoral care, the man legendary stories of his charitable deeds (like a secret gift of 3 bags of gold to a poor father for his 3 daughters' dowries) became the basis for the figure of the gift-giving Santa Claus (a name derived from St. Nicholas). He is one of the most popular saints in both the Roman and Orthodox Churches. May we imitate his love of children, his care for the poor and his spirit of giving.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR:

**December 2 and 3, 2017**

Weekly Offering.....\$5,539.00  
Capital Improvement Fund.....\$ 618.00

## ELECTRONIC GIVING THROUGH BLUEPAY:

**COMBINED TOTALS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER~ 2017**

Weekly Offertory Collection..... \$2,249.00

Thank you for your ongoing donations.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING GENEROUS SUPPORT.

## Diocesan and Special Collections in DECEMBER ~ 2017

Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)	December 8
Christmas Flower Offering	During the Month
Retirement Fund for Religious	December 10
Christmas Offering	December 25

## PRAYER, HEALING MINISTRY AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT:

The Spiritual Development group will meet every **Tuesday morning following the 9:00am mass.** Please read chapters 11 through 13 of the *Immaculate Heart of Mary and God's Plan for America.* We will have 30 minutes adoration followed by study and fellowship in the Parish Hall from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Please contact Monica Shay if you have questions.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Sr. Yvette, Faith Stephens, June Phillipio, Jan & Charlie Mangana, Danielle Taylor, Jamie Farley, Stephanie McMahan, Rachel Knoll, Brad Arsenault, Paine Family, Lavallee Family, Marilou A. Custodio, Patty Morgan, Melinda O'Connor, Susan Davis, Scott Broussard, Paul



Brodeur, Kenny Cassidy, Colleen Manning, Simone Almeida, Pat Austin, Nolan Francis Lane, Bill Yetman, Phil Auzenne, Gayle Dufour, Alexandra Barr, Carolyn Green, (Red) Weir, Zenta Franz, Denise Perrin, Katie Lutz, Susan Blake, Judi Shea, Irene Larochelle, Barbara Peterson, Isabel Chesak, George Wood, Gertrude Wallace, Judy Christian, Jeanne Walker, Dianne Higgins, Shannon Hayden, Millie Garden, Brian K., Eunice, June St. Andre, Emily, Mark S. Tootalian, Richard Buttiglieri, Milton Rattet, Dorothy Reid, Yvonne Allain, Dewey Morton, Nancy Powers, Carol Dunn, Stephen Brown, Fr. John Sassani, Jack Maley, Elaine Taylor, Karen Gazzardi, Joan Misener, Fernard, Cecile, Beverly, Michael Santella

**DURING THIS ADVENT SEASON MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED EVERY FRIDAY AT 9:00AM**



Baptism

May God Bless,

*Paul Stephen Soliman*

As he receives the gifts of Grace and new life through Baptism in Christ.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas Events at Fatima Shrine: The Xaverian Missionaries at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine** 101 Summer Street, Rt. 126, Holliston  
For over 55 years, the Fatima Shrine has observed the Christmas Season with a beautiful display of lights and inspiring message panels. This year will continue the tradition of celebrating the Good News of Christ's birth with lights covering well over 50% of the Shrine's 30 acres. The Christmas Lights will go on (unless there is heavy rain or sleet) every day from 5:00pm to 9:00pm now through Thursday, Dec. 28. Background Christmas music adds a unique touch to this special season. For all visitors, hot chocolate and pastry are available in Xavier Hall as well as hand fashioned, one of a kind Christmas mini-trees, wreaths, centerpieces, and wall décor. All are uniquely designed by the Xaverian League's talented craft committee. There is no entry charge and parking is free. Donations are welcome. We invite all visitors to stop and visit the Shrine's gift Shop. During the Christmas Lights it will be open for extended hours from 11am to 9pm. Many beautiful and unique Christmas items are available. Perfect gifts for this Season of giving. Sunday Dec. 10, St. Cecilia's Choir of Ashland under the direction of Lelia Tenreyro Viana, will present a Christmas concert from 3:00 to 4:30pm. Following the concert, there will be a procession in which the statue of the Infant Jesus will be placed in the manger in the Grotto on Shrine grounds.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me." Let your spirits be augmented by a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

**Our Father's Table:** The St. Anne Parish youth participates by cooking a meal on Wednesday, **December 27** at St. Anne Parish Hall, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The meal is served in Marlborough at the New Hope Community Church, 204 Main St., Marlborough (entrance in the rear on Weed Street) on Thursday, **December 28** at 4:30pm. If you can make a dessert or serve at 4:30pm on Thursday, RSVP to Regina at 508-485-0159

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Held on Sunday at the 10:30am Mass. If interested in participating in a Children's Liturgy leadership role, please contact Joanne Flathers at [jflathers@charter.net](mailto:jflathers@charter.net) or 508-485-4345.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS DATES:

**Grade 1-2: Meet on Sunday, January 7, 2018, 9:00am - 10:30am and Monday, January 8, 4-5:30pm** (New Location-Parish Office, Conference Room) (First year of Sacramental preparation) ~Mrs. Pat Battles and Mrs. Jane Wood

### FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION:

**Grade 2 and up Meets on Sunday, January 7 and Sunday January 21 from 9-10:30AM and First Reconciliation Service is on January 28 at 2:00pm.** with Mrs. Joanne Flathers and Mrs. Pat Draper. This class meets for the most part in the Children's Liturgy Room.

**Grade 3: Meet on Sunday, January 7, 9-10:30am** with ~Mrs. Deb Sanford and **Monday, January 8, 4-5:30pm** ~Mrs. Laura Schroeder

**Grade 4-5: Meet on Monday, January 8, 4-5:30pm** ~Mrs. Beth McGonagle and Melissa Shields

**Grade 6: Meet on Monday, January 8, 4-5:30pm** (new Location-Parish Hall Conference Room) ~ Ms. Maggie Murphy

**Grade 7 -8: The Edge Program will meet on the following Sundays:**

**December 10**

**See the Edge Box below for details**

7:00pm to 8:30 pm ~Mrs. Monica Shay

**Grade 9-10 (Confirmation Candidates): December 10, Class at 6:30pm followed by *Lessons and Carols* 7:00pm** ~ Mrs. Karla Reuter.

**CONFIRMATION ~ 2018:**

**CONFIRMATION CLASS: December 10, 9:00am**

~Mrs. Karla Reuter



**ST. ANNE'S MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 7 & 8)  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS GOING TO  
"THE EDGE"**

**December 10 ~ Class Theme:**

**6:00pm Edge Advent Social Night in the Parish hall**

**7:00pm *Lessons and Carols* in the church.**

Please contact Monica Shay if you have any questions  
[monica@stannesouthborough.org](mailto:monica@stannesouthborough.org)



Each December 12th, the Mexican Catholic community of Scott County celebrates the *Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe*. This celebration commemorates the appearance of Mary to the Mexican peasant Juan Diego in 1531. The feast day is an important holiday in Mexico and many places around the world.



**PRAYER SPONSOR PROGRAM FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES:** In order to involve our whole parish community in the **Sacrament Program of First Communion and Confirmation** we have developed the Prayer Sponsor Program. It involves parishioners like you, who choose to sponsor a Candidate with prayer as they prepare for their Sacraments. Prayer is a powerful way to support our candidates especially as they journey towards God and His Sacraments. Please take an envelope from the basket labeled Prayer Sponsor in the foyers of the church and pray for that Candidate daily. We also encourage you to send them a card or note by dropping it into the "Prayer Sponsor Mailbox" which will be located in the front entrance of the Church. The box will be there until the end of April. We will forward the card or note to the candidate. **This is a wonderful opportunity to let our candidates know that they are being supported through prayer.**



### SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

#### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY)

MASS TIMES:

VIGIL MASS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 PM

HOLY DAY MASS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:00 AM

#### CONFESSIONS FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

WILL BE HELD BETWEEN THE

8:30AM AND 10:30AM MASSES

STARTING ON DECEMBER 10

AND AT 4:15PM ON SATURDAYS AS USUAL

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

MASS TIMES: 5:00PM AND 11:00 PM

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD—CHRISTMAS DAY

MASS TIMES: 9:00AM AND 11:00AM

### *WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE with MASS INTENTIONS*

*Saturday, December 9~ Sunday, December 17, 2017*

SATURDAY	5:00pm	Parishioners of S. Anne Parish
SUNDAY	8:30am	Madeline Randolph
	10:30am	Ed Hasbrouck by John & Sandy Callinan
MONDAY	9:00am	Edward Hasbrouck by Mike and Dorothy Hostage
TUESDAY	9:00am	Margaret Anne Hostage by her Family
WEDNESDAY	9:00am	Pat Larson (Healing) by Mathew and Barbara Malloy
THURSDAY	9:00am	Anne Rennie (Healing) by Tom and Lyda Livingstone
FRIDAY	9:00am	Philip Derrick (Healing) by Kate Blaney
SATURDAY	5:00pm	Parishioners of St. Anne Parish
SUNDAY	8:30am	Douglas S. Reid Sr. by his wife Dorothy & Children
	10:30am	Dr. Richard Hallisey by Jim and Joan Richardson
	12 noon	<i>Filipino/St. Anne Parish Mass</i>

### *Liturgical Minister Schedule*

*December 9 and 10*

5:00pm	Lector	Nick Paganella
	Communion Ministers	P. Moran/M. Andries
8:30am	Lector	Kate Battles
	Communion Ministers	C. Carreras/D. Campero
10:30am	Lector	Peter Bradstreet
	Communion Ministers	need

*Counters: S. LoVerso/J. Flathers*

*December 16 and 17*

5:00pm	Lector	Laura Schroeder
	Communion Ministers	J. & J. McCarthy
8:30am	Lector	Tom Bhisitkul
	Communion Ministers	A. & B. Shea
10:30am	Lector	John Callinan
	Communion Ministers	P. Howard/J. Flathers

*Counters: M. Robertson/P. Moran*

**FROM THE OFFICE OF DIVINE WORSHIP, DIOCESE OF WORCESTER:** "As you know the 4th Sunday of Advent is celebrated by the Church this year on the 23rd and the morning of the 24th of December. The celebration of Christmas begins on the afternoon of the 24th and continues into Monday the 25th of December, Christmas Day. As disciples of the Lord, and good stewards of all that we have received, we are called to return to God a portion of the good things we have received to God himself. In addition to our talent and our treasure, an essential portion of our life as good stewards is our time, time for worship even amidst the many demands placed upon us in this month of December. Also, our journey through this time of Advent preparation which the Church has provided for us is only completed with the celebration of the Fourth Sunday of Advent. While we recognize the difficulty for many in coming to Holy Mass twice in three days, the Church calls upon us to prioritize these days of sublime Grace, for us, for our families, and for our communities, and join with us in being good stewards, by returning that portion of our commitment to worship at Holy Mass with our brothers and sisters in the Lord."