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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Saturday at 5:00pm

Maintenance

Matt Bernier



NOVEMBER 30, 2015

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### A WAKE-Up CALL

*Lord Jesus,  
You know where  
we are on our  
spiritual journey.  
We want to meet  
you in a new way  
during these days,  
so that we may  
recognize your  
face in the people  
we might  
otherwise overlook  
or avoid.*

Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm  
Sunday ~ 8:30 am & 10:30 am  
Children's Liturgy of the Word  
8:30 am Mass during the school year

Confessions: Saturday ~ 4:15 pm  
or by appointment

Filipino Mass:

Third Sunday of the month ~ 12 noon

Daily Mass Schedule:

Week Day Mass: 9:00 am  
(check Bulletin Intention List  
for weekly Mass schedule)  
First Friday: 9:00 am

Exposition and Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament:  
Wednesdays ~ 9:30 am to 4:00 pm

Contact Information

Office Hours, Monday ~ Thursday  
9:30 am to 3:30 pm  
Friday ~ 9:30 am to noon  
Telephone 508-485-0141  
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Internet Information:

E-mail: [stanne403@charter.net](mailto:stanne403@charter.net)  
Web: [stanne-southboro.org](http://stanne-southboro.org)

Sacrament of Baptism

If this is your first child, arrange for  
baptism preparation prior to setting your  
baptism date. Baptisms are generally  
celebrated on the first Sunday of the month

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Visitation of the Sick

Extraordinary ministers are always pleased  
to bring the Eucharist to parishioners who are  
unable to join us for weekly worship.  
Call the Parish Office.

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

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



ST. ANNE PARISH  
WELCOMES ALL VISITORS  
AND NEW RESIDENTS  
WHO WORSHIP  
WITH US TO JOIN  
OUR FAITH COMMUNITY.  
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH  
OFFICE TO REGISTER  
AS AN ACTIVE MEMBER.

Parish Office  
telephone ~ 508-485-0141

## PARISH LIFE

THE UNITED PARISHES OF SOUTHBOROUGH ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING HELD ON NOVEMBER 23 WAS A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS. THE SUCCESS OF THIS EVENT WAS DUE TO ALL THE WORK AND TIME SO MANY PARISHIONERS DID TO MAKE IT SO. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE. A COLLECTION WAS TAKEN FOR OUR SISTER PARISH, ST. ANNE, CAMP PERRIN IN HAITI. \$300.00 WAS COLLECTED. THANK YOU TO ALL

**HOSPITALITY AND DECORATIONS:** We are looking for extra hands to assist with hospitality and decorations for the **Christmas Holiday Season**. Please contact Kim Galbraith at [857-498-0757](tel:857-498-0757) or [Kimgal59@gmail.com](mailto:Kimgal59@gmail.com) for more details, to share ideas, or to volunteer to host, bake, shop, fund, prep (at home), or decorate the church or hall. Also, let Kim know if you would like to donate any gently used holiday decorations (wreaths, garland, vases, platters, etc.)

**ITEMS MISSING FROM THE CHURCH:** Two black cast iron candelabras which were donated by a parishioner for the Altar and two black urns are missing from the basement of the church. If they have been borrowed or you know the whereabouts of these items would you contact the Parish Office. Thank you.

**UNITED PARISHES SOUTHBOROUGH FOOD PANTRY:** Due to the tremendous success of this year's Scouting for Food Drive, our shelves are full for the time being. Thank you to everyone who continues to donate. **Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) are Tuesdays from 7-8 p.m. and Fridays from 10-11 a.m.**

*Pat Draper ~ Coordinator*

**PRAYER SHAWL COMMITTEE:** Meetings will resume this Monday, **November 30, at 10:00am** in the Parish Center Conference Room. Newcomers are always welcome.

*Annette Buhsmer ~ Chair*

### CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORIAL OFFERINGS:



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

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE ~ 2015



The Giving Tree remains on the altar with tags to take.

We request that the gifts be returned this weekend, November 28/29 and at the latest December 5/6

We will once again support three agencies: *Southborough Food Pantry, Youth and Family Services and Urban Missionaries*. Please check the tags carefully, one charity has requested no gift wrap (details will be on tag).

Here are the guidelines to help in the distribution process:

- **IF YOU TAKE A TAG, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU RETURN A GIFT FOR THE REQUEST.**
- If you take a tag requesting a gift, please wrap the gift and return it with the original tag attached. This identifies who will receive the gift and is very important to assist in the distribution.
- **GIFTS CARDS REQUESTS: PLEASE DO NOT WRAP GIFT CARDS. PLACE THEM IN AN UNSEALED ENVELOPE WITH THE ORIGINAL GIFT TAG ATTACHED.** The agencies that distribute the gifts need to know the dollar value of each certificate in order to make an equitable distribution among the families. If you have sealed the envelope, please put the dollar value on the front of the envelope (IN PENCIL). Also, please be sure the gift card is activated by the store at the time of purchase.
- Gift receipts are advisable with clothing items should an exchange be necessary.
- **A GIFT CARD MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ANY GIFT IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY FILLING A SPECIFIC REQUEST.**

We once again look forward to this annual work of charity and hope that brings so much Christmas joy and happiness to the many families that will benefit from our help. Thank you to everyone the your generosity and kindness.

The *2016 Religious Art* calendars are available for parishioners. We thank the Morris Funeral Home for donating these beautiful calendars once again. They are located in the foyers of the church.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

### STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR:

November 21 and 22, 2015:

Weekly Offertory Collection.....\$2,497.42  
Campaign for Human Development.....\$ 252.00

Thank you for our ongoing generous contributions.

### Special Collections to be taken in December 2015

Immaculate Conception	December 8
Christmas Flower Offering	
Retirement Fund for Religious	December 13
Christmas Offering	December 25

**PLEASE CONSIDER ELECTRONIC GIVING:** To give through Parishpay visit the Parish Web site [stanne-southboro.org](http://stanne-southboro.org) and click on Parishpay or go online to Parishpay. You may also contact Parishpay at 1-866-PARISH1(866-727-4741) to have a Customer Service Representative assist you with enrollment.

**THE CHURCH OF SAINT ANNE DEVELOPMENT FUND:** The Development Fund will be used for future projects for the buildings and grounds of the Church. Donations may be made in honor of a loved one, deceased or living, at any time.

**HAITIAN APOSTOLATE:** St. Anne Parish, Southborough is linked to St. Anne, Camp Perrin, which we refer to as our "sister parish" through the Worcester Diocesan "Twinning Project." Donations will always be welcome.

### Office for Youth Ministry Boys' Basketball Program:

St. Matthew is planning on hosting 2 or 3 teams this year to compete in the Office For Youth Ministry Basketball League. The schedule includes approximately 10 games which will be played in Worcester on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from early January - late February of 2016. There will be a weekly practice during the season on Mondays from 7:30 - 9:00pm at the Finn School. Tryouts will take place on **Monday, Dec. 7 from 7:30 - 9:00pm** and **Thursday, Dec. 10 from 7:30 - 9:00pm at the Finn Elementary School.** Please contact Denise Howard at [dhoward555@aol.com](mailto:dhoward555@aol.com) if you are interested in participating



### Office for Youth Ministry: Girls Basketball Program

St. Matthew Parish is planning to host a girls basketball team for girls in 9 - 12th grades! The schedule includes 16 games from December - February 2016. Games will be played at various locations throughout the Boston Arch Diocese. Our "home gym" will be St. Peter Marian High School in Worcester. Weekly practices will be held - time/location TBD. Anyone interested in participating is encouraged to contact Barbara Braun Beek at [barbbraun27@aol.com](mailto:barbbraun27@aol.com) by no later than **November 22, 2016.**



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: at the 8:30 am Mass:

Children's Liturgy serves the young of our parish (Grades K-5) by providing them an opportunity to hear the Gospel in a format they can understand. If you are interested in participating in the program you may contact Joanne Flathers at [jflathers@charter.net](mailto:jflathers@charter.net) or 508-485-4345.

### DECEMBER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASS DATES:

#### First Penance/First Communion

Sunday: December 13 @ 9:30am

Grades 1-3: Sunday: December 6 @ 4pm

Monday: December 7 @ 4pm

Grades 4-5: Sunday: December 13 @ 4pm

Monday: December 14 @ 4pm

Grades 6-8: Monday: December 7 @ 7pm to 8:30pm

Tuesday: December 8 @ 4pm to 5:30pm

CONFIRMATION CLASS: December 13 @ 9am-11:30am  
and MASS

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP MEETINGS** will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Adults and students are welcome.

**YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PARTY** (*Yankee Swap, Ugly Sweater Contest*), **GRADES 6-8** on Saturday, December 12th in the Parish Hall from **6pm to 8m.** Come and participate in some or all of the activities. If you want to participate in the Yankee Swap please bring two gifts, one to swap, and one to donate. These gifts should be \$10 and under and appropriate for ages 11 through 14. For the ugly sweater contest, please wear your ugliest Christmas sweater. There will be prizes for the ugly sweater contest.



**OUR FATHER TABLE:** Our December commitment will be to donate boxes of fancy chocolates (example, Whitman's Sampler) and Toe and/or Hand warmer Packs for their Christmas celebration. Please bring these items to your December class by **December 12th**

**YOUTH CHOIR:** All students, 6th-12th grade are invited to join the Youth Choir and rehearse to sing at the 10:30 am Mass on the third Sunday of every month. email [Cynthia.delapena@gmail.com](mailto:Cynthia.delapena@gmail.com) for more information.

**HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY:** Due to an last minute issue, we had to postpone our service day at Sherry's House. Your generous donations - gift cards and essentials were delivered and were truly appreciated! Our service date has been rescheduled to Weds Dec 9th. Please contact Mary Piekarz at 508-272-9378 or [Mary.piekarz@mindspring.com](mailto:Mary.piekarz@mindspring.com) for more info. Donations will also be accepted.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

November 28/29

5:00 pm Lector: Deb Sanford  
Communion Ministers: G. Polanik/J. Castelda

8:30 am Lector: Cindy de la Pena  
Communion Ministers: J. Flathers/C. Carreras

10:30 am Lector: Pat Draper  
Communion Ministers: P. Bradstreet/need

Counters: Susan Sheehan and Christ Jones

December 5 and 6

5:00 pm Lector: Deb Sanford  
Communion Ministers: P. Moran/J. Castelda

8:30 am Lector: Kate Battles  
Communion Ministers: J. Flathers/C. de la Pena

10:30 am Lector: Tom Gittins  
Communion Ministers: P. Draper/P. Bradstreet



**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE  
and MASS INTENTIONS:**



Saturday, November 28 through Sunday, December 6, 2015

**SATURDAY 5:00 pm: Pauline Wolf  
by her Family**

**SUNDAY 8:30 am: Florence Pessini (24th Anniversary)  
by her Family**

**10:30 am: Willis Mc Gue (Anniversary)  
by Dick and Pat Draper**

**MONDAY 9:00 am: Debra Kelly Coldwell  
by Tom and Lyda Livingstone**

**TUESDAY 9:00 am: Margaret Anne Hostage**

**WEDNESDAY 9:00 am: Parishioners of St. Anne Parish**

**THURSDAY 9:00 am For Peace in the World**

**First FRIDAY 9:00 am Jean A. D' Arcangelo  
by Tom and Lyda Livingstone**

**SATURDAY 5:00 pm: Evelyn & Charles LaHaye (Anniversary)  
by their Family**

**SUNDAY 8:30 am: Parishioners of St. Anne Parish**

**10:30 am: OPEN FOR INTENTION**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:**

Bill MacIver, June Stephens, Sr. Yvette Beford, Faith Stephens, Caitlin O'Hara, Jenny Polanik, Sr. Paula Norton, Sr. Norene, June Phillippo, Jan & Charlie Mangana, Christian Campero, , Danielle Taylor, Jamie Farley, John Gagliano, Stephanie McMahon, Rachel Knoll, Diane Toomey, Sue (Infante) Despo, Sr. Jessica Hendron, Lee Ann Hamlin, Brad Arsenaault, Janet McGuire, Paine Family, Lavallee Family, Marilou A. Custodio, Patty Morgan, Jim Davis, Melinda O'Connor, Sr. Declan, Susan Davis, Carol Cory, Baby Cameron Domina, Scott Broussard, Jennifer Zschokke, Paul Brodeur, Alexa Hu, Beth Stephens, Kenny Cassidy, George Heeley

We Congratulate,

Katherine Hostage  
who was Confirmed  
at Saint Paul Cathedral

on Sunday, November 22, 2015  
by Bishop Robert J. McManus



**FILIPINO COMMUNITY MASS**

**Sunday ~ December 20, 2015 ~ 12 noon**

**Followed by a Pot Luck  
gathering in the Parish Hall.**

Parishioner Beth Stephens has been diagnosed with a serious illness and is in the process of getting treatments. She would love to receive get well cards or notes (no flowers, because of her immune system). She is temporarily living with her mother at 66 Central St., Ashland, MA 01721 sent.

**A PRAYER FOR ADVENT**

LOOK ON US, JESUS, AND LET  
 ALL DARKNESS OF OUR SOULS  
 DISAPPEAR BEFORE THE BEAMS  
 OF YOUR BRIGHTNESS.  
 FILL US WITH YOUR HOLD LOVE,  
 AND OPEN TO US  
 TREASURES OF YOUR WISDOM.  
 YOU KNOW ALL OUR DESIRE,  
 SO BRING TO PERFECTION  
 WHAT YOU HAVE STARTED,  
 AND WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT  
 HAS WAKENED US TO ASK IN PRAYER.  
 WE SEEK YOUR FACE,  
 TURN YOUR FACE TO US  
 AND SHOW US YOUR GLORY.  
 THEN OUR LONGING WILL BE SATISFIED  
 AND OUR PEACE WILL BE PERFECT.

AMEN

~ ST. AUGUSTINE

