

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



DECEMBER 3, 2017
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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A SEASON OF HOPE

**"LET YOUR STEADFAST
LOVE, O LORD, BE UPON
US, EVEN AS WE HOPE
IN YOU." (PSALM 33:22)**

**IN THIS SEASON OF
ADVENT, WHICH IS A
TIME OF WAITING IN
WHICH WE PREPARE
OURSELVES TO
WELCOME ONCE AGAIN
THE COMFORTING
MYSTERY OF THE
INCARNATION AND THE
LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS,
IT IS IMPORTANT TO
REFLECT ON
CHRISTMAS HOPE. IT IS
VERY IMPORTANT,
BECAUSE HOPE NEVER
DISAPPOINTS.
OPTIMISM
DISAPPOINTS, BUT
HOPE DOES NOT!**

**HOW MIGHT I REAFFIRM
MY HOPE AND TRY TO
DISCOVER A NEW GOD'S
PRESENCE IN ME AND IN
MY LIFE THIS ADVENT?**

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
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 Par-
ish 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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**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.

PARISH INFORMATION

THE CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE ~ 2017:



The gifts should be returned this weekend, December 3 and December 10 by the absolute latest. The three charities will pick up all the gifts on December 11.

Here are the guidelines to help in the distribution process:

- ◆ IF YOU TAKE A TAG, PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU RETURN A GIFT FOR THAT 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.
- ◆ GIFT CARD 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 envelop (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.
- ◆ PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE TAG YOU TAKE; **ONE AGENCY HAS REQUESTED, NO GIFT BAGS, NO RIBBONS, NO BATTERIES, NO CANDY.**

We look forward to bringing joy to the many families who will benefit from our help.

PRAYER, HEALING MINISTRY AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT: The Spiritual Development group will meet every Tuesday morning following the 9:00am mass. Please read chapters 8, 9 and 10 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.



All parishioners are invited to attend the beautiful Festival of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 10th at 7:00pm in the 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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR:

November 18 and 19, 2017

Weekly Collection.....\$5,408.00
 Campaign for Human Development.....\$ 972.00
 Filipino Mass.....\$ 411.00

November 25 and 26, 2017

Weekly Collection.....\$ 3,524.00

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

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.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Sr. Yvette, Faith Stephens, June Phillip, Jan & Charlie Mangana, Danielle Taylor, Jamie Farley, Stephanie McMahon, 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, Janet Mattioli, Brian K., Eunice, June St. Andre, Margaret Driscoll, Emily, Mark S. Tootalian, Richard Buttiglieri, Milton Rattet, Val, Dorothy Reid, Yvonne Allain, Dewey Morton, Nancy Powers, Carol Dunn, Stephen Brown, Fr. John Sassani, Jack Maley, Elaine Taylor, Karen Gazzardi

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.



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SHRINE 2017 CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS:

- ◆ **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS:** December 2 through December 28 , everyday 5:00pm to 9:00pm (the Christmas Lights will go on (unless there is heavy rain or sleet) 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 all 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. They 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.
- ◆ **PASTA DINNER:** December 3 beginning at 5:00pm, the Annual *Peace on Earth* Pasta Supper will be held in Xavier Hall at 5pm. A visit from Santa, raffles galore will highlight this great evening. Tickets are \$8 per adult and \$4 per child under 10. Tickets are available at the door
- ◆ **CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** December 10 at 3:00pm to 4:30pm, the ST CECILIA'S CHOIR, under the direction of Lelia Tenreiro-Vina will perform.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending 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/>.

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 the Worcester area on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from early January - late February of 2018. 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. 4 and Tuesday, Dec. 5 from 7:30 - 9:00pm at Finn.** Please contact Denise Howard at dhoward555@aol.com if you are interested in participating.

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 or 508-485-4345.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS DATES:

Grade 1-2: Meet on Sunday, December 3, 9:00am -10:30am and Monday, December 4, 4-5:30pm (First year of Sacramental preparation) ~Mrs. Pat Battles and Mrs. Jane Wood

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION:

Grade 2 and up Meets on Sunday December 3 and Sunday December 10 from 9-10:30AM 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, December 3, 9-10:30am with ~Mrs. Deb Sanford and Monday, December 4, 4-5:30pm ~Mrs. Laura Schroeder

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

Grade 6: Meet on Monday, December 4, 4-5:30pm ~ Ms. Maggie Murphy

Grade 7 –8: The Edge Program will meet on the following Sundays:
December 3 and December 10
Family Mass at 6:00pm followed by Catechetical Session (and meal) 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 3 ~ Class Theme:

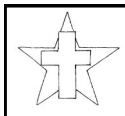
"ROYAL DESCENT" (Jesus' early and hidden life)
This is the second class of the series where we will examine the importance of the incarnation of Christ.

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

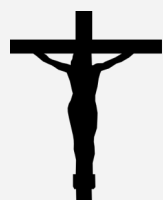
PRAYER SPONSOR PROGRAM FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: In order to involve our whole parish community in the **Sacrament Program of First Communion and Confirmation** we have developed the Prayer Sponsor Program. It involves parishioners like you, who choose to sponsor a Candidate 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.**



**WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE
with MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, December 2 ~ Sunday, December 10, 2017

SATURDAY	5:00pm	Parishioners of St. Anne Parish
SUNDAY	8:30am	For all those alone and forgotten
	10:30am	Dr. Richard Hallisey by John & Sandy Callinan & Family
	6:00pm	The Edge students and their Families
MONDAY	9:00am	Dorothy Paneuf (Healing) by Matthew and Barbara Malloy
TUESDAY	9:00am	Margaret Anne Hostage by her Family
WEDNESDAY	9:00am	Vivianne Duquette by Jim and Joan Richardson
THURSDAY	9:00am	Parishioners of St. Anne Parish
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7:00pm	Pray for all pregnant Mothers
		<i>Immaculate Conception</i>
FRIDAY	9:00am	Matthew McDonald
SATURDAY	5:00pm	Parishioners of S. Anne Parish
SUNDAY	8:30am	Madeline Randolph
	10:30am	Ed Hasbrouck by John & Sandy Callinan



We pray for the recently deceased:

*Madeline Randolph
(mother of Donna McIntosh)
May she rest in peace.*



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

Saint Anne Parish extends sympathy to the family and friends of:

*Josephine Laptewicz
May she Rest in Peace*



Liturgical Minister Schedule
December 2 and 3

5:00pm	Lector	Roger Jolicoeur
	Communion Ministers	MA Andries/J. Castelda
8:30am	Lector	Regina McAuliffe
	Communion Ministers	T. Bhisitkul/D. Campero
10:30am	Lector	Joe Cruciani
	Communion Ministers	P. Moran/P. Howard
<i>Counters: J. Flathers/P. Moran</i>		
<i>Vigil Mass For Holy Day <u>December 7</u></i>		
7:00pm	Lector ~ NEED	CM ~ NEED
	<u>Holy Day</u>	<u>December 8</u>
9:00am	Lector ~ NEED	CM~ P. Moran
<i><u>December 9 and 10</u></i>		
5:00pm	Lector	Nick Paganella
	Communion Ministers	J. & J. McCarthy
8:30am	Lector	Kate Battles
	Communion Ministers	C. Carreras/D. Campero
10:30am	Lector	John Callinan
	Communion Ministers	J. Flathers/P. Draper
<i>Counters: S. LoVerso/F. Flathers</i>		