



SAINT ANNE PARISH

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ST. ANNE PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Anne Parish, Southborough, in the Diocese of Worcester are called through Baptism to become one faith family. We commit ourselves to embody the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament; by using our ministries to welcome all who are seeking Jesus and to share in the life and work of our Catholic faith. In the spirit and truth of the Holy Trinity, we will use our time, talents and treasure to answer God's command to love one another as He has loved us, in holy worship, prayer, Catechetical formation for all, evangelization and service to others.

We welcome all visitors to St. Anne Parish. If you would like to join our faith community, please call the Parish Office to register:
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The Hidden Treasure and the Pearl of Great Price



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 2020

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

(Romans 8:28)

Do you really trust God?

Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need?

Faith is a challenge for everyone at times.

Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned.

When one door closes, another one opens.

Trust in God, His plan is always better.

Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

Saturday ~ 5:00 pm
Sunday ~ 8:30 am and 10:30 am,

The Sunday 5:30 pm Mass and Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume in the fall.

Daily Mass Schedule:

Week Day Mass

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am
First Fridays: 9:00 am

Healing Mass:

First Wednesday of every month suspended until further notice.

Please see Reopening Guidelines in bulletin for protocols for Sacraments.

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 4:15 pm, or anytime on request

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesdays: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. For the time being, baptisms will be celebrated outside of Masses, rather than during a scheduled Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Visitation of the Sick Fr. Albert is pleased to bring Holy Communion to parishioners who are unable to join us for weekly worship. Call the Parish Office to arrange a time.

PARISH INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Anne Parish Livestreamed Daily and Weekend Masses

Livestreamed St. Anne Masses:

Continued livestream offerings of 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 10:30 a.m. Sunday and 9:00 a.m. daily Masses through our parish website!

Occasional technical issues are being researched. Rebroadcast of earlier Masses are always available on demand.

- Go to parish webpage:
www.stannesouthborough.org.
- Scroll down to "ECatholic Live: St. Anne Southborough". See logo on right. Or click on Quick Link in box on the right of web homepage.
- Click on the arrow in the middle of the logo at 5:00 p.m. for Saturday evening Mass, 10:30 a.m. for Sunday Mass, and 9:00 a.m. for daily Masses Monday through Thursday.



St. Anne Campus Planning Committee Kickoff

The St. Anne Campus Planning Committee asks that you check your email, postal mail, or our parish website for more information about their kickoff initiative.

Information was emailed, mailed, and posted on the website for every parishioner's input in the future plans of our parish campus.

Please review the short presentation and answer the survey questions to have your voice heard as to how the parish should shape its future.

Responses can be emailed to campusplanning@stannesouthborough.org, mailed to the Parish Office, or dropped off at the church anytime.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

"Let's Build a House Where Love Can Dwell"



An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting

Prayer shawl members are once again meeting every Monday from 10:00 to noon **in the Parish Hall** (location change) knitting and crocheting for anyone who is ill or suffering who might welcome a blessed and comforting prayer shawl. Please call the Parish Office if in need to arrange a shawl pickup or delivery.

Annette Buhsmer, Chair

Liturgical Minister Schedule

July 25 & 26 ~ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

5:00 pm	Lector	Roger Jolicoeur
	Communion Ministers	Debbie Simon
8:30 am	Lector	Nancy Denardo
	Communion Ministers	Doris Campero
10:30 am	Lector	Janice Brown
	Communion Ministers	Steve Buttiglieri

August 1 & 2 ~ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN OT

5:00 pm	Lector	Laura Schroeder
	Communion Ministers	Debbie Simon
8:30 am	Lector	Nancy Denardo
	Communion Ministers	Julia Denardo Roney
10:30 am	Lector	Jim Garden
	Communion Ministers	Joe Cruciani

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE with **MASS INTENTIONS (July 25 to August 2)**

SATURDAY 25	5:00 pm	For Joan Misener by Prayer Shawl Members
SUNDAY 26	8:30 am	For Denise Colyer D'Malley and Carmen Colyer by Colyer Family
	10:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Anne
MONDAY 27	9:00 am	For Mal Fuller (<i>Healing</i>) by Philbin-Hannigan Family
TUESDAY 28	9:00 am	For Margaret Ann Hostage
WEDNESDAY 29	9:00 am	For Juan Parra (our seminarian) who celebrates his 26 th birthday on Thursday of this week.
THURSDAY 30	9:00 am	For Tyler and Josh West (<i>Healing</i>) by the Philbin-Hannigan Family
SATURDAY 1	5:00 pm	For John and Donna Philbin by Philbin Family
SUNDAY 2	8:30 am	For Walter White and Larry White by Elaine Yetman
	10:30 am	For the parishioners of St. Anne

PARISH INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Honoring our Patron Saint Anne

A novena to St. Anne begins on **Saturday, July 18**, and goes through **Sunday, July 26**, her feast day.

The Novena takes place after the 9:00 a.m. Mass each morning, on Saturday soon after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, and on Sunday after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

You are invited to participate in honoring St. Anne and by doing so, receive her many blessings. Parishioners are invited to bring flowers to place at the foot of her statue.



Olive Wood Religious Article Sale for Holy Land Families

Maysoon Khair representing Star of Bethlehem Handicrafts returns! She will be outside of St. Anne Parish before and after all Masses on **Saturday, August 1** and **Sunday, August 2** (Rain dates: August 8 and 9) selling beautiful, hand carved olive wood religious articles such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, and religious statues in support of over a hundred Christian families in Bethlehem who make their livelihood through the selling of their handiwork.



Please stop by to look over the carvings that are available and to help support this self-help project of Christians living in the Holy Land.

website: starofbethlehemhandicrafts.com

Pieta Bereavement Support Group

Pieta is an ongoing support group for bereaved parents. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child is welcome to attend.

Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at St. George Church, 40 Brattle St., Worcester. The next meeting will be held **Monday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m.** in the church hall.

For more information, please call Terry Gentile at 508-284-0796 or Sue Stevens at 508-852-4887, or email pieta3@gmail.com.



Virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a virtual marriage experience called **Restore – Rekindle – Renew**.

This Enrichment Experience will meet via Zoom for seven sessions on Monday evenings **September 14 to October 26** from 7-9:30 p.m.

Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority.

Registration is limited and a \$50 application fee is required.

For more information or to apply, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Please stay tuned for details about **2020-21 Religious Education Programming and Sacrament Rescheduling**.

Class scheduling and associated registration fees will be determined and posted in August.

If your child will be in first grade in Fall 2020 or has not previously enrolled in the St. Anne RE Program, please contact the Parish Office to confirm your name and contact information on the distribution list.

Ignatian Retreat in Daily Life

"Finding God in All Things"

The Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life Information Night

An Information Night will be held at St. Peter Church, 929 Main St., Worcester on **Tuesday, August 4 at 6:30 p.m.** explaining the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life. A 30 week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and lay people experienced in Ignatian prayer.

Starting on **September 29**, each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and will include reflection, direction and a presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter Church in Worcester.

Information and an application form is available on the website: ignatianspiritualexercisesworchester.com or contact the team by email at worcspx19@gmail.com or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

133rd Annual Novena to St. Anne in Fiskdale

This year's Annual Novena to St. Anne will commemorate the 175th Anniversary of the founding of the Assumptionists. It will be held from **July 18 through July 26: 5:30 p.m.**

Confession (drive up), 6:30 p.m. Rosary in Outdoor Pavilion (no procession) and 7:00 p.m. Mass in Outdoor Pavilion St. Anne-St. Patrick Parish, 16 Church St., Sturbridge (Fiskdale). Celebrants and homilists include: Fr. Alex Castro, AA; Fr. John Franck, AA; Fr. Michel Kalumba, AA; Fr. Vo Tran Gia Dinh, AA; Fr. Peter Omwoyo, AA; Fr. Richard Lamoureux, AA; Fr. Jerome Lively, AA; Fr. Simon Njuguna, AA; and Fr. Dennis Gallagher, AA.

More information at stannestpatrickparish.com.



Vendors Wanted for Webster Craft Fair



Applications are available **beginning July 1** for vendors to participate in the Vendor & Craft Fair at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 11 Day St, Webster to be held on **Saturday, November 14** from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Great opportunity for quilters, crafters, and vendors.

For more information visit sacredheartwebster.org. Sponsored by the Sacred Heart Parish Music Ministry.

MINISTRIES AND STEWARDSHIP

United Parishes of Southborough Food Pantry

A HUGE thank you to everyone who continues to support the Southborough Food Pantry. You truly put into action Christ's message to "feed the hungry" and to "give comfort to my people". Thank you so very much on behalf of the Southborough Food Pantry.

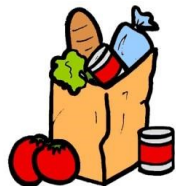
As of July 23, the Pantry is in need of:

- Plastic Baggies (Sandwich and Quart sizes)
- Tin Foil
- Cranberry Juice
- White Tuna
- Boil-in-bag White Rice
- Boil-in-bag Brown Rice
- Peanut Butter - (creamy and crunchy)
- Condensed Milk
- Capri Sun drinks
- Ketchup
- Relish
- Brownie Mix
- Individual Snacks

As most food items are date sensitive, please be sure that your donation is not out of date.

Donations may be left in the foyer of St. Anne Parish Hall. If you know of anyone who could benefit from the Food Pantry, especially during this time of Covid-19, please encourage them to contact the Food Pantry. The Food Pantry will remain open with special procedures to ensure the safety of our clients and volunteers. See the precautions in place outlined in a letter sent to the Pantry clients on a following page..

Pantry hours (located at Pilgrim Church) for CLIENTS are
Thursdays from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and
Fridays from 9:45-10:15 a.m.



PLEASE NOTE: Donations also can be left in bins outside the pantry door at Pilgrim Church anytime other than client hours listed above.

Pat Draper, St. Anne Parish Coordinator

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS FOR Through July 19, 2020

Regular Weekly Offering\$1,422.00
Capital Improvements\$ 50.00
Aid for Church in East/Central Europe\$ 10.00

Online Giving: St. Anne Parish partners with **WeShare** for on-line giving. WeShare allows both onetime gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org for the link to WeShare.com or call 1-800-950-9952 and use option 1 to answer any questions.

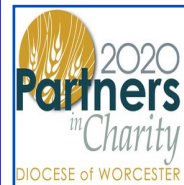
St. Anne's Website: With our website we have an **additional resource for online giving and online CE registration.** St. Anne Parish partners with **eCatholic and BluePay** for easy on-line giving. Our one-step on-line form allows both one-time gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org and select the Quick Link to the BluePay On-Line Giving page.

Thank you for your generous support!



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus - Council #119 for sponsoring St. Anne's July OFT meal for the patrons of Our Father's Table in Marlborough.

Due to COVID-19, meal preparation has been outsourced to local businesses. Desserts (chocolate chips and banana bread cookies pictured) will be provided by Jennifer and Anni Garden. The meal will be served by Regina and Tom McAuliffe on **Thursday, July 23rd**. The hope is that we can again gather to cook and serve for our September date.



The 2020 **Partners in Charity Appeal** will be ongoing through June and continues to need your support. Our parish goal is \$76,000. Our current parish contribution to the Partners in Charity Appeal is **\$75,560**. If it is possible for you, please complete your pledge envelope, indicating your gift or pledge. It is important for all of us who can to participate in order to support our mission as a diocese. Please be as generous as possible. If you have already made a gift to the 2020 appeal we **thank you**. Your gift will help us in reaching our parish goal. You can also make your gift online at www.partners-charity.net.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

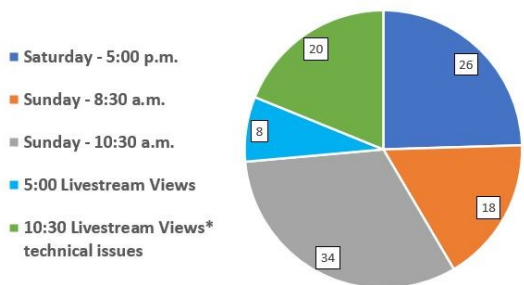
Sr. Yvette, Dianne Higgins, Millie Garden, Seminarian Alex Quach, Pat Moran, Fr. Thirburs F. Millot, Katie Kulik, Elaine Arrison, Jackie Di Buono, Rachel Attaway, Matthew, Susan Cioppa, Anne Comcowich, Lillian Franco, Mary Hunt, Hans, Elisabel Borreani, Peg Nicosia, Michele Fuller, Dr. Malgorzata McMasters (Covid-19 Healing), Tom Livingstone (Healing), Bob Seariac (Covid-19 Healing), Sheila Flathers, Nancy Denardo, Pat Fitzgerald, Anne Meek, Paul LeDuc, Marie Martin



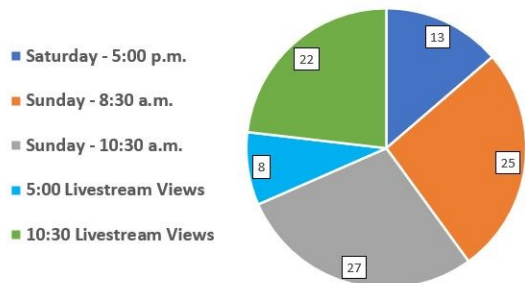
Want to add your name or the name(s) of others to the Prayers for the Sick listing? Please email the names to the Parish Office at stanne403@stannesouthborough.org.

(Names appearing on the list for more than a year are unposted unless a continued need is known. To have a name restored to or removed from the list, please email the Parish Office.

Mass Attendance
7/11/20 to 7/12/20



Mass Attendance
7/18/20 to 7/19/20



READINGS AND GOSPEL FOR SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING I 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the First Book of Kings

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you."

Solomon answered:

"O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king

to succeed my father David;

but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act.

I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen,

a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted.

Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart

to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong.

For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request.

So God said to him:

"Because you have asked for this—

not for a long life for yourself,

nor for riches,

nor for the life of your enemies,

but for understanding so that you may know what is right—

I do as you requested.

I give you a heart so wise and understanding

that there has never been anyone like you up to now,

and after you there will come no one to equal you."

The Word of the Lord.

READING II Romans 8:28-30

A Letter from St. Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters:

We know that all things work for good for those who love God,

who are called according to his purpose.

For those he foreknew he also predestined

to be conformed to the image of his Son,

so that he might be the firstborn

among many brothers and sisters.

And those he predestined he also called;

and those he called he also justified;

and those he justified he also glorified.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part

is to keep your words.

The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me

according to your promise to your servants.

Let your compassion come to me that I may live,

for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command

more than gold, however fine.

For in all your precepts I go forward;

every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees;

therefore I observe them.

The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple.

R. Lord, I love your commands.



GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field,

which a person finds and hides again,

and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant

searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price,

he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**“Again, the kingdom of
heaven is like...”**



-Matthew 13:45

The Wisdom of the “Finders”
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
July 26, 2020
Ann Naffziger

Reading I: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130
Reading II: Romans 8:28-30
Gospel: Matthew 13:44-46

Today's Gospel reading is a continuation of Jesus' teachings about the Kingdom of God, described through several parables. When we first hear the parable of the man who buys a field with a hidden treasure, we may wonder about his ethics. Isn't he, in effect, stealing the wealth from the previous owner? In Palestine, during this period, it was common for people to bury their valuables to protect them, especially in times of war. If they weren't able to recover them later, others would benefit from them. Rabbis debated who was entitled to the treasure when it was found. The parable here assumes that finder, rather than the field's previous owner, is entitled to it.

In the second parable, “the pearl of great price,” the finder was actively seeking something valuable rather than stumbling upon it like the person who found the treasure in the field. Finally, in the third parable, the fishermen are looking for what is good and throwing away what doesn't serve them.

All three parables emphasize the value of what is found and the focused response of the “finders,” whether the person was actively seeking a treasure or stumbled upon it. The point Jesus is making is that the Kingdom of God is worth everything we have and more. A wise person will sacrifice anything and everything to acquire the Kingdom. What we receive in return will far surpass what we have to give up or renounce.

The passage ends with Jesus pointing out to the disciples that there is treasure in both old and new teachings. The old teachings are the Hebrew Scriptures (aka the Old Testament), and the new teachings are from Jesus' life. Jesus doesn't surpass the old, but he upholds the wisdom found there, even while he re-interprets some of the Jewish laws.

Questions of the Week

1. When have you sold/given up something valuable so that you could attain something more worthwhile? (This could be a possession, a job, a relationship, etc.)
2. Think of some “old” treasure of faith (perhaps a Bible verse, a scripture story, some wisdom from a parent or elder) that you still hang onto. Think of some new wisdom or insight that helps you in your faith life now. Please share these old and new treasures.



Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, Whose only begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: ***Be not afraid, for I am with you always.***

Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants; give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your Mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

LEAFLET FOR BROWN SCAPULAR

At last Sunday Masses (7/19) it was announced that the parish would invest in Brown Scapulars for those who are willing to accept the scapular this week (7/26). Leaflet were offered to know more about the graces offered by wearing the brown scapular. Since some of our parishioners were unable to attend in-person Masses due to pandemic, a scanned copy of leaflet is below.



Practical Suggestions and Explanations

- ✠ Although the cloth scapular and the medal have the same value as sacramentals, the investiture should always be done with the cloth scapular. Then, if the cloth scapular wears out, it may be replaced by the medal, if circumstances warrant this. The front side of the medal should bear the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the reverse side the image of Our Lady. The medal must be blessed by a priest.
- ✠ Those who receive the Brown Scapular can belong to the Carmel family through enrolling in a scapular confraternity associated with a particular parish or monastery. Or they can choose to belong to the wider, spiritual family of Carmel in a way that does not require formal enrollment.
- ✠ The investiture with the scapular is done only once, with many of the faithful receiving it at their First Holy Communion. So, if someone's cloth scapular is lost or destroyed, that person may put on a replacement in private. In such a case, it is not necessary to get the new scapular blessed by a priest.
- ✠ People who are not present cannot be invested in the scapular. The only exceptions to this are soldiers, prisoners, and the sick who lack access to a priest. Persons in such circumstances should seek investiture in the scapular once they do have access to a priest.
- ✠ A damaged cloth scapular should be burned. It should not be discarded in the trash since that shows a lack of respect for God and Our Lady.
- ✠ If someone has not worn the scapular for a while, he

or she does not need to be invested in it again by a priest. The person can simply put the scapular back on and renew his or her commitment of devotion to Our Lady.

- ✠ The scapular is always worn around the neck as a sign of personal devotion to Mary. Most often this is done by discreetly wearing it under one's clothing.
- ✠ Since the scapular is a sign of personal devotion, it should not be hung on a wall as a decoration.
- ✠ To sum up, because of the special graces promised by Our Lady, the scapular should be worn with dignity and respect.

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Graces Offered by the Brown Scapular



The Church recognizes the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel as a particular sign of acceptance of Mary as Mother.

When Jesus spoke to St. John from the Cross, "Behold your mother," He gave to us the masterpiece of the Father's mercy and charged us to receive her in the role of our tender loving mother, especially at the hour of our death as a protection against damnation.

Entrustment to Mary is a faithful response to this gift of Jesus from the Cross. The scapular — received and worn in living faith — promises her protection.

According to a pious tradition, on July 16, 1251, Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock, an early prior general of the Carmelite religious order. She was holding a Brown Scapular, and she promised: "Whosoever dies clothed in this shall never suffer eternal fire."

By the end of the 15th century, this devotion included the tradition of the Sabbatine privilege, which holds the belief that the Blessed Mother would effect the release from Purgatory on the Saturday after death of those souls who practiced the Brown Scapular devotion during their lives.

Many popes have since confirmed this devotion. Saint John Paul II said, "The sign of the scapular points to an effective synthesis of Marian spirituality, which nourished the devotion of believers and makes them sensitive to the Virgin Mother's loving presence in their lives" ("Message of John Paul II to the Carmelite Family," March 2001).

The faithful who receive the Brown Scapular are received into the family of the Carmelite Order. As such, they participate in the spiritual benefits of the Carmelite Order. These include the intercession of Carmelite saints, certain indulgences, and the Holy Masses, prayers, and good works of the Carmelites.

Obligations for Gaining Graces through the Scapular

The scapular devotion has two major truths. The first pertains to the graces that Mary wants to obtain for us. The second pertains to our cooperation with these graces. Graces attached to the scapular will be fruitless without our cooperation as emphasized in the second point.

Only when Mary sees our openness and sincere readiness to receive her maternal love does she take the initiative to become our teacher and our most reliable guide. The heart of the scapular devotion then is imitating the example of the Mother of Jesus. It isn't just a matter of words. What matters is how we live authentically our devotion to Mary every day, who then will lead us to Jesus in sincerity and truth.

We are led to an ever more perfect entrustment to Mary's maternal heart. In the sign of the scapular, Mary as a mother wants to bring us incomprehensible graces, which thanks to her, will provide us with many spiritual benefits. We should strive at all times to imitate Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the very model of our lives. This will give us the blessed assurance of a happy death.

The wearer should not regard the Brown Scapular as a talisman or magical sign that would automatically assure salvation. This belief has nothing to do with true devotion. Actually, such an attitude is destructive superstition.

The scapular devotion requires one to live in total cooperation with Mary. The scapular will not immediately solve or, in a magical way, dissolve our human problems.

Belonging to Carmel, a Heart for Others

Understanding the deeper meaning of wearing the scapular as a sign of belonging to Mary expresses our belonging as well to the family of Carmel, typically as a

member of a confraternity of the Order. Belonging to Mary in the family of Carmel means sharing the values that are close to her Immaculate Heart, such as humility, purity, and docility to God's will being revealed to us in the different circumstances of our daily lives.

This devotion also witnesses to others a particular Marian spirituality. In a very real way, we are sharing the way of Our Lady.

Those who practice the scapular devotion should try to see others and their problems through Mary's eyes. They are called to imitate Mary's example of loving care for her cousin Elizabeth (see Lk 1:39-56) and her attentiveness to the newlyweds at Cana (see Jn 2:1-11). Guided by Mary, those who wear the scapular are called to dry the tears of the suffering, protect the innocence of children, defend the faith in the hearts of youth, and seek peace, love, and a spirit of reconciliation in their families.

Receiving the Scapular, Committing to Prayer

The scapular may be blessed and invested by any Carmelite priest or any diocesan or other religious order priest. However, the ceremony should follow the rite for such an investiture established by the Catholic Church.

After receiving the Brown Scapular, we are asked to recite daily one of the following prayers, as a way of seeking Our Lady's continued help and protection:

✠ We fly to your patronage,

O holy Mother of God; Despise not our petitions in our necessities, But deliver us always from all danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

✠ The Hail Mary several times.

✠ The ejaculatory prayer, "Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us."

OUR PATRON
SAINT ANNE, MOTHER OF OUR LADY
(Feast Day July 26)

Of St. Anne we have no certain knowledge. She is not mentioned in the New Testament, and we must depend on apocryphal literature, chiefly the Protoevangelium of James, which dates back only to the second century. In this document we are told that Anne and her husband Joachim were advanced in years and described as descendants of King David. They had no children though they were good and devout people. Childlessness, at the time, was considered a sign of God's displeasure, and so the leaders of the Temple rejected Joachim. Saddened, he went into the desert to pray for forty days and nights. At the same time, Anne also prayed. She asked God to favor her with a child in her older years, as He had favored Sarah (the mother of Isaac) and Elizabeth (the mother of John the Baptist).

Once as she was praying beneath a laurel tree near her home in Galilee, an angel appeared and said to her, "Anne, the Lord hath heard thy prayer and thou shalt conceive and bring forth, and thy seed shall be spoken of in all the world." Anne replied, "As the Lord my God liveth, if I beget either male or female, I will bring it as a gift to the Lord my God; and it shall minister to Him in holy things all the days of its life " And thus Anne became the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They were so grateful that they brought her to the Temple to be raised. At the age of fourteen, Mary was given to Joseph as his bride-to-be.

The devotion of St. Anne was known in the East in the fifth century, but it was not diffused in the West until the thirteenth. A shrine at Douai, in northern France, was one of the early centers of the devotion. In 1382 her feast was extended to the whole Western Church, and she became very popular, especially in France. Her two most famous shrines are at St. Anne d'Auray in Brittany and at St. Anne-de Beaupre in the province of Quebec.

She is patroness of housewives, women in labor, cabinet-makers, and miners. Her emblem is a door. St. Anne has been frequently represented in art, and the lovely face depicted by Leonardo da Vinci comes first to mind in this connection. The name Anne derives from the Hebrew Hannah, meaning "grace."

How did our church get the name St. Anne? If you happen to remember the history of our church, you would know that the first permanent pastor of St. Matthew church, Southborough was Fr. John Redican in the year 1886. He realized that another church should be built near the center of town. So, he committed the building of our present church as St. Anne using his mother's baptismal patron saint.

On this feast day, I would like to wish you all a happy feast. May our patron saint Anne continue to intercede for us so that we may persevere in our faith as she did.

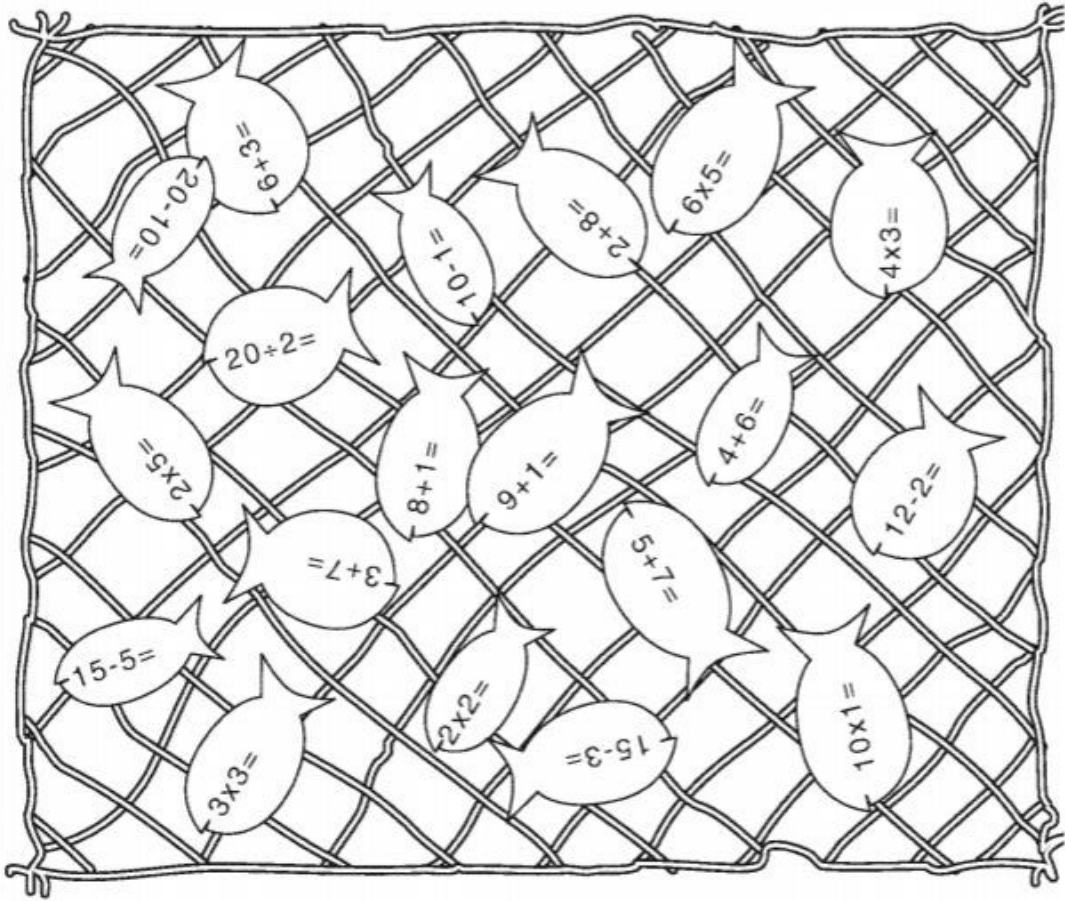
Prayer to St. Anne

O glorious St. Anne, you are filled with compassion for those who invoke you, and with love those who suffer. Heavily burdened with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet and humbly beg of you to take the present intention which I recommend to you in your special care. Please recommend it to your daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and place it before the throne of Jesus so that he may bring it to a happy issue. Continue to intercede for me until my request is granted. But above all obtain for me the grace one day to see my God face to face and with you and Mary and all the saints to praise and bless him for all eternity. Amen. St. Anne, help me now and at the hour of my death. Good St. Anne intercede for me



The kingdom of heaven is like a net let down into the lake. It caught all kinds of fish. The fishermen pulled it up on the shore. They collected the good fish in baskets and threw the bad fish away.

Find the fish whose answers match this one
Color them.

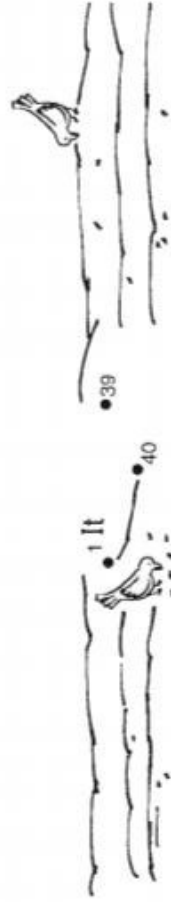
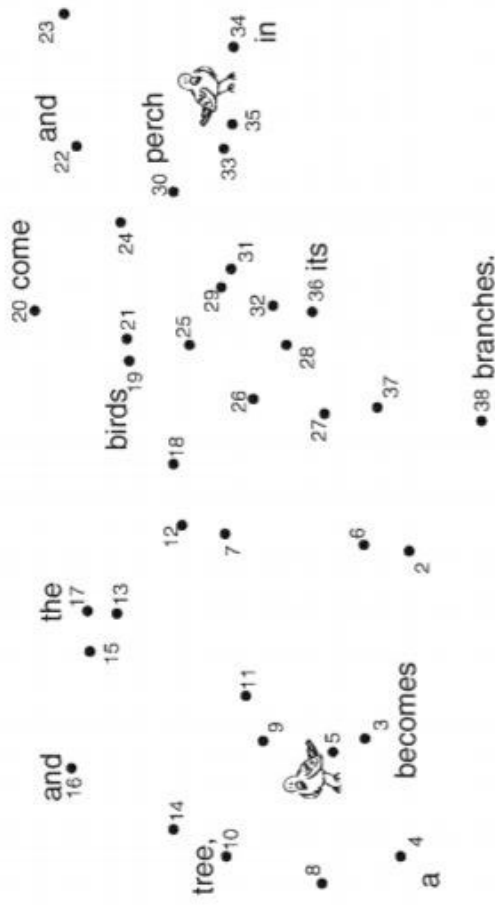


What the Kingdom of Heaven Is Like

Jesus used parables to teach about the kingdom of heaven: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of seeds, but what happens to it?

Begin at the seed in the ground.

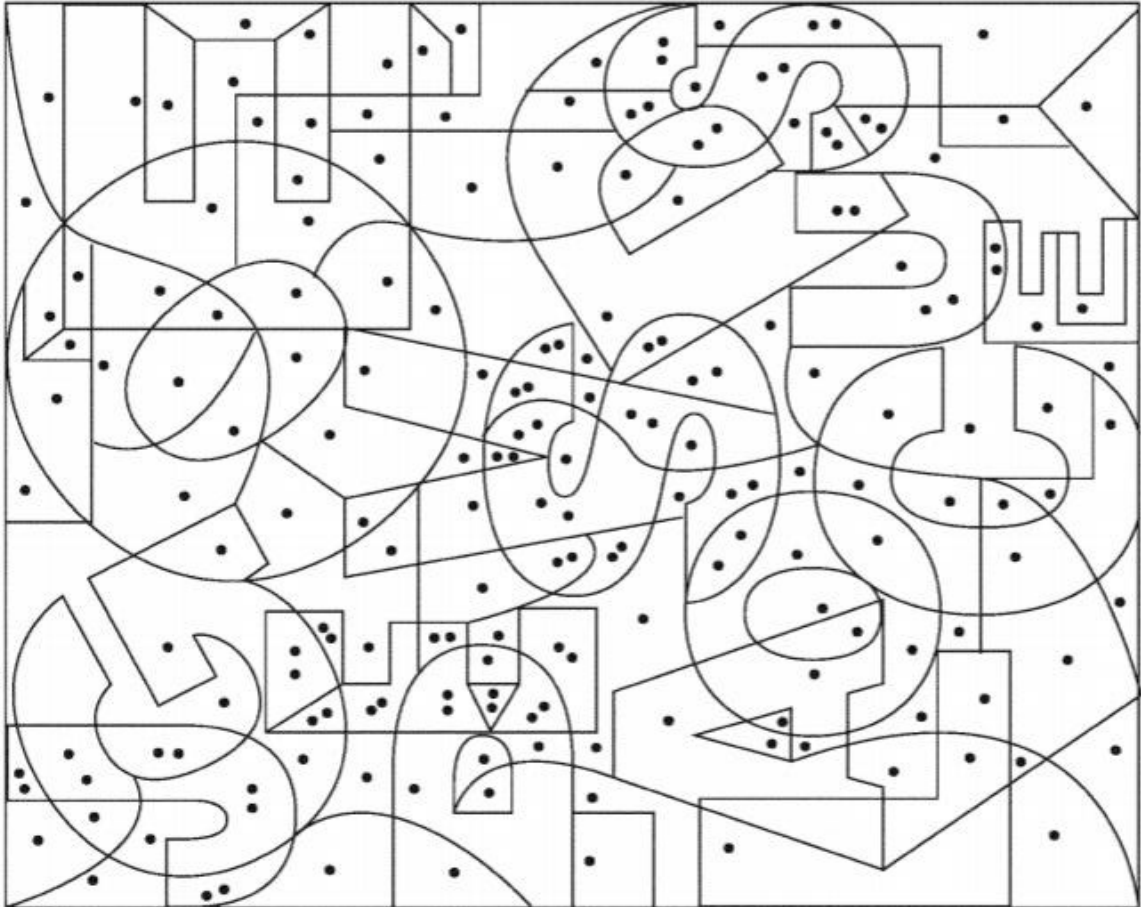
Connect the dots and read the words along the way.



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The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. A man found it and hid it again. He joyfully sold all he had and bought the field.

Find a hidden treasure here.
Color the spaces with a ••.



Use the code to fill in the blanks in this parable.

Use the code to find some words of Jesus.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14												

The kingdom of heaven is like a

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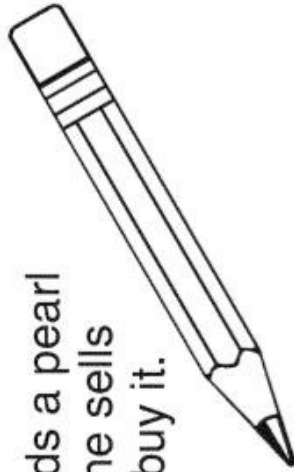
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and 1,2 8 11 4 4,5 10,11 it.



When the man finds a pearl
of great value, he sells
everything to buy it.



Connect the dots.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z



Ages 3+

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What the Kingdom of Heaven Is Like

Jesus said the kingdom of heaven
is like a mustard seed.

Find and circle 12 hidden mustard seeds.



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"Enter Into the Joy of your Lord"

Mt. 25:23



133rd Annual Novena to Saint Anne July 18-26

Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of the Assumptionists' Foundation

Celebrants and Homilists of the Novena

Rev. Alex Castro, A.A.
Pastor, St. Anne & St. Patrick, Fiskdale, MA
Opening Day, Saturday, July 18



Rev. Peter Omwoyo, A.A.
Old English Rd. Community, Worcester
Wednesday, July 22

Rev. John Franck, A.A.
Associate Pastor
St. Anne & St. Patrick, Fiskdale, MA
Sunday, July 19



Rev. Richard Lamoureux, A.A.
Vice President for Mission
Assumption University
Thursday, July 23

Rev. Michel Kalumba, A.A.
Emmanuel House Community at
Assumption University
Monday, July 20



Rev. Jerome Lively, A.A.
Director, Faith Formation
St. Anne & St. Patrick, Fiskdale, MA
Friday, July 24

Rev. Vo Tran Gia Dinh, A.A.
Superior, Old English Rd. Community
Worcester, MA
Tuesday, July 21



Rev. Simon Njuguna, A.A.
Superior, Augustinians of the Assumption
Brighton, MA
Saturday, July 25

~ Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim ~

Rev. Dennis Gallagher, A.A.
Sunday, July 26



Provincial,
Augustinians of the Assumption
(North American Province)

Schedule - July 18-26

5:30 PM—Confessions—Drive Thru

6:30 PM—Rosary in the Outdoor Pavilion—No procession

7:00 PM—Novena Mass in Outdoor Pavilion

~ Feast of Saints Anne & Joachim—Sunday, July 26 ~

There will be No Healing Mass at 11:00

Closing Liturgy—7:00 PM

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Dear Food Pantry Clients,

In this changing environment, due to the increased impact of the Corona Virus, we are once again implementing a new procedure effective immediately for your safety as well as the safety of all our volunteers. We will continue this procedure as long as we are able.

The new schedule for the Southborough Food Pantry will be:

Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:15 p.m. (Clients only, please!)

Friday mornings from 9:45-10:15 a.m. (Clients only, please!)

Please note: we **will not** be open on Tuesday evenings.

By 4 p.m. on Wednesdays, please provide us by e-mail (southboroughfoodpantry@gmail.com) a list of your needs, being as specific as possible. Give us a preference for the meat you would like. We will fill it if we have it or when you pick up your order, we will offer you an alternative meat selection. If you do not have access to an e-mail, please call us at 508-485-4847, wait for the Pantry prompt and then leave your name and phone number. We will call you back to get your order.

When you come to the Pantry on Thursday evening or Friday morning, please park adjacent to the building. Remain in your car. Pop your trunk or leave your rear passenger side door unlocked. We will bring your order to your car.

IMPORTANT: This pick up service is for all clients unless you are sick or personally unable to get to the Pantry. For these clients, we will deliver to your outside door or patio.

We thank all of you for your cooperation. We pray that the impact of this virus will quickly come to an end.

Sincerely,

The Food Pantry Coordinators

Please keep these times for Pantry Clients only. Donations can be made at any other time by leaving items in bins by the pantry door at Pilgrim Church (or at local parish collection sites). Please secure donation bin lid, especially during inclement weather.

SOUTHBOROUGH YOUTH AND FAMILY
SERVICES

we are still here to serve

While our building is closed to the public, SYFS is still available to the residents of Southborough.

Our need-based services are here to help all families affected by Covid-19. If you are worried about a bill, heat, a car payment or food, our Emergency Fund may be able to help you.

For more resources, check our website:
<https://www.southboroughtown.com/youth-and-family-services>

**For questions about how to apply for help,
please call/text Shannon at (978) 310-1182
or email skinayman@southboroughma.com**



**SOUTHBOROUGH YOUTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES**
STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY BY SUPPORTING ITS FAMILIES



St. Anne Response to Phase One of the Reopening

St. Anne Parish is committed to the health and well-being of our people and community. Please find the guidelines that are intended for use in the first phase of lifting the suspension on public celebrations of the Sacred Liturgy, as announced by Bishop McManus on May 18, 2020.

Restriction on the size of Public Gatherings: In his order of May 18, 2020, Governor Baker has mandated a strict limitation of forty percent of the building occupancy permit of any public gathering during the first phase of the reopening. Any public celebration of the Liturgy or public devotions should be limited to forty percent of the capacity of the Church, as recorded on the occupancy permit, including liturgical ministers, the faithful and all support personnel. Keeping this forty percent policy in mind, our church can hold only 30 parishioners. Once there are 30 parishioners in the church, an usher will direct the faithful to the Parish Hall abiding by the same restrictions in the church.

Continuing Suspension of the Sunday Obligation: Because older adults and those with underlying health conditions continue to be advised to avoid public assemblies, the suspension of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays will remain in force until December 31, 2020.

Protocol Education: Parishioners will be reminded of the continuing necessity of social distancing and what they expect when they return to Church with the appropriate educational materials in the form of bulletin inserts, Flocknote, social media and parish websites. There will be reminders at the start of the Masses too.

THE CHURCH BUILDING

Holy Water: All standing Holy Water will be removed from all fonts. Small individual bottles of Holy Water might be appropriately provided for parishioners at their request. Holy Water is also kept in larger closed container in front of the altar, from which the faithful might draw a personal supply.

Hymnals and Missalettes: Hymnals and Missalettes are removed from the pews and are stored for possible future use. Please use online sources for the daily readings, etc. which may be accessed on their cell phone.

Marking the Floor: The floor will be marked with removable tape at six-foot intervals approaching all communion stations and approaching the rest rooms in the parish hall.

Cleaning: Pew backs and surfaces in bathrooms will be disinfected after every Mass. Door handles and other surfaces will also be disinfected daily. We would appreciate volunteers soon after the Mass to sanitize pews.

PEOPLE ARRIVING AT CHURCH

Masks and Social Distancing: All members of the congregation should be masked and required to observe a minimum of a six-foot social distance. Liturgical ministers are not masked, except for the isolated instances noted below. People with medical/disabling conditions are exempted. We request them to go to the cry room or foyer at the main entrance of the church. It is mainly to avoid the unnecessary anxieties that would create among other parishioners.

Seating: In order to promote social distancing, we have taped every other pew. As you enter the church, you will notice blue taped pews which should not be occupied. Please occupy the ones that has small blue square tape. We recommend that only three people should be seated in a pew, unless it is a family.

Ushers: We would like to have two ushers for every Mass and would appreciate if you could volunteer. We hope to have younger and healthier parishioners. Their tasks would be:

- Wear a mask and assure that everyone entering the church has a mask or other suitable face covering;
- Direct those entering the Church to observe social distancing;
- At the time for Distribution of Holy Communion, direct communicants to leave their pews one row at a time while observing the requisite social distancing.

One Entrance: There will be only one entrance to the church in order to reduce the overflow of parishioners. The door near the ramp will be open and all other doors will be locked.

THE MASS

Singing: A cantor and organist may lead the music. No congregational singing is allowed, with the exception of the Gospel Acclamation, Sanctus, Memorial Acclamation, Great Amen and Agnus Dei. The Opening and Closing music are instrumental or sung only by the cantor/organist. All the other parts of the Mass are recited.

Seating of Liturgical Ministers: Liturgical ministers should be seated at a minimal distance of six feet from each other. The first pew in front of the ambo is reserved for lectors and Extra ordinary ministers. Please find acnearby seat if someone comes with a wheel chair.

Processions: Entrance and recessional processions will be suspended. The Priest will be entering the sanctuary directly from the sacristy.

Collection: Instead of passing collection baskets, please place your weekly donations in the basket, kept near the entrance of the church.

Offertory Procession; The offertory procession is suspended.

Preparation of the Gifts: The priest will take care of the preparation of gifts. In case we have altar servers, they will be asked to keep a social distance of six-foot. Servers bringing the gifts to the Priest or washing the hands at the lavabo should wear a mask. This is the only time during the Mass when the servers will wear a mask.

Reception of Holy Communion in the church: Hand sanitizer will be kept in the middle of the church, approximately at the fourth pew near the sanctuary. As each person leaves their pew to come for Communion, use the hand sanitizer to sanitize one's hands before receiving Holy Communion.

Reception of Holy Communion in the Parish Hall: The extra ordinary minister will bring Holy Communion to you and so you do not need to stand in queue. The usher will give you the hand sanitizer before you receive Holy Communion.

All Physical Contact Avoided: The invitation to exchange the Sign of Peace and the shaking of hands with parishioners at the end of Mass are suspended.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Both Species: The distribution of the Precious Blood to all is suspended.

Communion on the Tongue: We encourage all the parishioners to receive Holy Communion on their hands. If someone still wishes to receive on the tongue, the priest and extra ordinary ministers will **not** refuse.

Ministers of Holy Communion: Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be masked but not gloved. They will use hand sanitizer before and after the distribution of Holy Communion;

During the Distribution of Holy Communion: While the distribution of Holy Communion takes place in the usual manner, care should be taken to avoid all contact with the hands or tongue of the communicant. To this end, a small table should be placed in front of the altar with an unfolded corporal and a bottle of hand sanitizer. Whenever the minister of Holy Communion senses that he/she has touched the hand or tongue of a communicant he/she stops immediately, places the ciborium on the corporal, purifies his/her fingers, and returns to the distribution of Holy Communion.

Cleansing Vessels: All Communion Vessels should be thoroughly washed after each Mass once they have been purified.

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

The Sacrament of Confession: Traditional confessionals are unsafe due to the closeness of the Priest and penitent separated only by a grill not designed to prevent virus transmission. Likewise, the transmission of the virus from one penitent to another is possible via the surfaces touched and the dangers from aerosolization of the virus in a small space. The small size of most "Rooms of Reconciliation" present similar potential dangers. We will use our **cry room** as confessional room for time being. If the weather is good, we might have it near the ramp of our parish office. Whether the confession is heard in the cry room or near the ramp, both priest and penitent should wear a mask or face covering. The confession should not last longer than **three to five minutes**, in order to limit exposure of both Priest and penitent.

The confession will be heard from 4:15 pm to 5:00 pm on Saturdays. You are welcome to call and make appointment at any other time.

Anointing of the Sick: The priest will begin to return to administering the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to their parishioners. He will discuss with the person or family with regard to Covid+ and non-Covid+ patients before going to anoint.

Funerals: Funeral Masses may be celebrated with the same restrictions as for any Mass, including the appropriate provisions for social distancing and liturgical adaptations. The family should be seated by the Funeral Director upon arriving in Church. Only 30 people are allowed to attend the funeral. If there are more than 30 people, the Parish Hall will be set up with closed circuit TV.

Weddings: The Sacrament of Matrimony may be celebrated with the same restrictions as for any Mass, including the appropriate provisions for social distancing and liturgical adaptations. Only 30 people are allowed to attend the wedding. The Parish Hall will also be available.

Baptisms: Only individual Baptisms may be celebrated with a prudent limitation on the number of people present and the requisite considerations for social distancing. All rites should take place with the family remaining in the pew, with the exception of the moment of Baptism, when either the parents or godparents approach the font while carrying the child and then, after the explanatory rites, return to their pew. All who are present wear masks throughout, with the exception of the Priest and the child to be baptized. Only 30 people are allowed to attend the baptism. All baptisms will be celebrated **outside** of the Mass until further notice.

Confirmations: Additional information will be forthcoming concerning the Sacrament of Confirmation as civil restrictions on crowd sizes are further modified.

First Holy Communion: Our Religious Education Director and First Holy Communion teachers are discussing with the First Holy Communicants' parents about the possibility of having the First Holy Communion this year. We will update plan taking into account family responses and best health practices.

Adoration on Wednesdays: We are planning to resume Holy Hour on Wednesdays. We will reach out to those who usually sign up for the Adoration to check their availability. We will update the parish community once this is confirmed.

Parish office will be open: The Parish Office will be open from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Please remember to wear a face covering and to follow social distancing rules. We encourage our parishioners to come and be seated in the couch placed at the entrance of the Parish Office rather than walking in to the secretary's office.

Seminarian for pastoral exposure: We are happy to announce that we will have a seminarian for this summer to have pastoral exposure. Please read the bulletin for more information.

Masses: We have regular Mass at 9:00 am from Monday to Thursday. We will accommodate only 30 parishioners for the weekday Mass. We also have weekend Masses: Saturday at 5:00 pm and Sunday 8:30 am, and 10:30 am. The Sunday 5:30 pm. Mass will be suspended until the fall. The 5:00 p.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses will continue to be livestreamed.

Live Streaming: Regular Masses and Weekend Masses will still be live streamed and so our parishioners who are unable to participate in the Eucharist physically, will be able to have spiritual participation.



Additional Questions on Phase I Re-Opening

In the course of the first week of reopening, priests and other pastoral leaders have worked assiduously to faithfully implement the guidelines mandated by Bishop McManus in his decree of May 18, 2020. As many of these priests have also sought the guidance of the Office for Divine Worship in implementing these guidelines, the following clarifications are offered for the benefit of our readers.

Should bulletins be distributed at the end of Mass?

Epidemiologists caution against the distribution of printed materials to the faithful at Mass. The risk if such materials are left on a table or in a box is that repeated accidental contact with surfaces may leave traces of the virus. The risk if ushers pass out bulletins at the end of Mass stems from the additional violation of social distance between the usher and members of the Congregation and the interruption of an ordered and socially distant exit from the Church. Therefore, we continue to distribute bulletins by emails only. If you would like to receive a bulletin, please inform the office.

How should hosts for the faithful be safely consecrated?

A ciborium or other vessel with hosts for distribution to the faithful should be placed on a corporal at some distance from the breath of the celebrant. The ciborium should be covered with a pall except from the epiclesis through the words of consecration.

Is the true maximum capacity of a Church always forty percent of building capacity?

No. The true maximum capacity should be the number of seats possible while maintaining a minimal social distance of six feet up to a maximum of forty percent of building capacity.

Can the family provide readers for funerals?

Reservations concerning the use of readers or other ministers seated in the congregation grow from the repeated contact with surfaces on the pew and ambo. Priests may choose to discourage ministers from sitting in the congregation or find a way to wipe down the pew and ambo immediately after their service is completed.

