



SAINT ANNE PARISH

20 Boston Road, Southborough, MA 01772

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 17th, 2023

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

-Romans 14:8

LORD'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday ~ 5:00 p.m.
Sunday ~ 8:30, 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE:

Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m.

HEALING MASS:

First Wednesdays @7:00 p.m.

EXPOSITION & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesdays: 9:30am-6:00pm

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday ~ 4:15 p.m., between Sunday morning Masses, weekdays at 9:30 a.m., First Wednesday of each month ~ 6:30 - 7:00 p.m., or anytime on request

VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Fr. Albert is pleased to Anoint the sick and bring Holy Communion to the homebound. Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

PARISH OFFICE CONTACTS:

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Finance Committee Chair: Rich Flathers

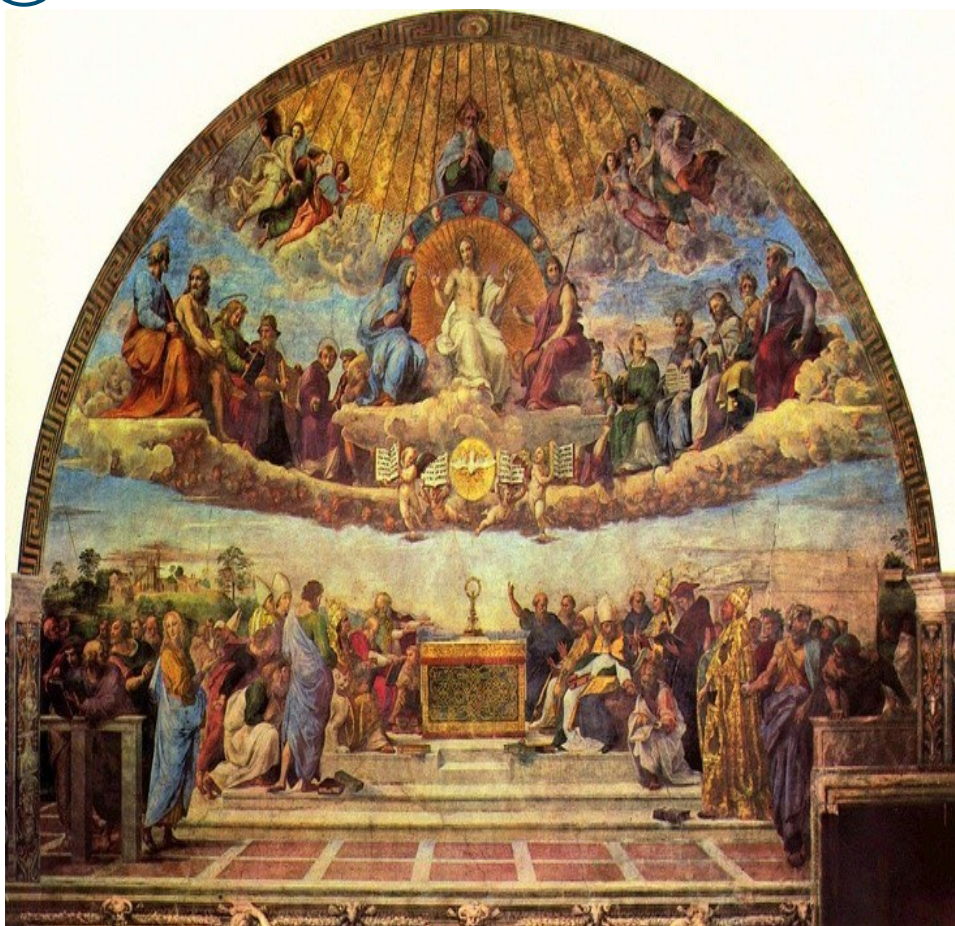
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Webmaster: Amy Buttiglieri
webmaster@stannesouthborough.org

Faith Formation Director:
rachelle@stannesouthborough.org



Welcome—we're glad you're here!

We welcome all visitors! Please call the Parish Office for information on receiving the sacraments at St. Anne's or to register as a parishioner: 508. 485.0141

Parish Mass Information and Ministry Schedule

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SAT. Sept. 16	5:00 pm	For Mattie Gill By Connie
SUN. Sept. 17	8:30 am	For St. Anne Parishioners [living]
SUN. Sept. 17	10:30 am	For St. Anne Religious Ed. Families & Catechists
SUN. Sept. 17	5:30 pm	Paul Brodeur By his family
MON. Sept. 18	9:00 am	For Nancy Powers By her family
TUES. Sept. 19	9:00 am	For Lorenza Hernandez By Socorro Martin
WED Sept. 20	9:00 am	For Mattie Gill By Connie
THUR. Sept. 21	9:00 am	For Jose John By Thomas & Annie
FRI. Sept. 22	9:00 am	For Philbert Auzenne by CIY Group
SAT. Sept. 23	5:00 pm	For St. Anne Parishioners [living]
SUN. Sept. 24	8:30 am	Philbert Auzenne by Nancy Denardo
SUN. Sept. 24	10:30 am	St. Anne Religious Ed. Families & Catechists
SUN. Sept. 24	5:30 pm	St. Anne Religious Ed. Families & Catechists



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Wed. 9:30 am—6:00 pm—Sun. 1:00 pm— 5:00 pm
Eucharistic adorers needed—please sign up
in the vestibule of the church :)

Check out the parish website's [Today in the Liturgy.](#)

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

September 16/17 - 24th Sunday Ordinary

Sat 5:00	Lector	Debbie Simon
	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Debbie Simon (Chalice) Charlotte Zakarian (Host) Marybeth Hannigan(Chalice)
Sun 8:30	Lector	Nick Paganella
	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Doris Campero (Chalice) Elaine Yetman (Host) Nancy Denardo (Chalice)
Sun 10:30	Lector	Jim Garden
	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Pat Draper (Chalice) Joanne Flathers (Host)
Sun 5:30	Rachelle Carmony	Beth McGonagle

September 23/24- 25th Sunday Ordinary Time

Sat 5:00	Lector	Debbie Simon
	Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion	Debbie Simon (Chalice) Charlotte Zakarian (Chalice) Marybeth Philbin-Hannigan (Host)
Sun 8:30	Lector	Nick Paganella
	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Elaine Yetman (Host) Doris Campero (Chalice) Nancy Denardo (Chalice)
Sun 10:30	Lector	Jim Garden
	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Joanne Flathers (Host) Pat Draper (Chalice) (Chalice)
5:30	MaryBeth Philbin- Hannigan	Beth McGonagle



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.

LAST WEEKEND'S MASS ATTENDANCE

In Person:

Saturday	9/9	-	5:00 PM:	52
Sunday	9/10	-	8:30 AM:	45
Sunday	9/10	-	10:30 AM:	75
Sunday	9/10	-	5:30 AM:	22

Live Stream:

Saturday	9/9	-	5:00 PM:	11
Sunday	9/10	-	8:30 AM:	6
Sunday	9/10	-	10:30 AM:	16
Sunday	9/10	-	10:30 AM:	3

Parish Announcements

PARISH PICNIC, SAVE THE DATE!

St. Anne 's, Oct. 1, 11:30 am

Sign up sheets are available in the foyers of the church. You may also go to our parish website to do online sign up. Appreciate your generous support.



We welcome St. Anne's new Office Manager Melissa Shields back to St. Anne's staff! The parish family is very blessed to have her assistance in the Parish ministry of building God's Kingdom!

BABY CRIB QUILTS

Beautiful baby quilts blessed by Fr. Albert and sewn by Sandy Callinan are available in the Parish Office for sick infants and children in need of healing prayers.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl meets Mondays from 10:00 to noon to knit/crochet/weave for anyone who is ill or suffering who might welcome a blessed prayer shawl.

Do you or someone you know need a prayer shawl? Stop by the Parish Office during office hours to select a shawl. Free will donations collected for shawls are sent to our sister parish in Haiti to aid their rebuilding.

The Rosary portion of the Prayer Shawl meetings is live streamed via the parish website starting at 10:30 a.m. - Password: shawls

PARISHES OF SOUTHBOROUGH FOOD PANTRY

southboroughfoodpantry@gmail.com —
508-485-4847

Please leave donations in foyer of parish hall

Food Items

- Pudding Cups
- Cran. Juice/Capri Sun /V8
- Brownie Mix, Chips Ahoy
- Canned Chicken/Tuna, Spam, Beans, Lasagne
- Sugar, honey, BBQ Sauce, Ketchup, Salsa, Pickles

- Potato Mix, Ready Rice, Egg Noodles, Mushrooms

Health /Household Items

- Ivory Soap
- All Purpose Cleaner
- Regular Laundry Detergent

Elizabeth "Betty" (Cook) DiMilla

January 16, 1937 ~ September 3, 2023



Eternal rest grant onto her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.



COOKS & SERVERS NEEDED!

The next *Our Father's Table* dinner is Sept. 28: 4:30 to 6:15 pm (including setup and cleanup) at OFT Marlborough. Cooking/Prep is at St. Anne's on Sept. 27, 7-8:00pm. Great way to practice valuable works of mercy! To help, contact: jflathers17@gmail.com



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Fr. Thirburs F. Millot, Thomas Chemmanur, Janet Mattioli, Tim and Diane Higgins, Dave Lemoine, Laval "Val" Provencher; Father Conrad Peceovich, Michael Philbin-Pelland, Jamie Farley, Jim Garden, Brookie Sullivan, Beth Stephens, Susan Cioppa, Peter Bradstreet, Rob Germeroth, Michael, Steve Buttiglieri, Cecilia Lynch, Catherine, Joy, Walter McClain, Frances Robertson, Nick Paganella, Raphaela, Kathy Wallace, Marge L., Dave G., & Helen K

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, CALLED TO BE A PRIEST?

Jesus has given us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink so as to nourish us on our journey towards Heaven. All are called in Christ, but some are chosen to nourish His body as priests and in the consecrated life. Could you be among them? If so, please contact the Worcester Vocation Office: (508)-630-4473 dinfante@saintpaulknights.org.



A COMMENTARY ON TODAY'S READINGS FROM POPE FRANCIS:

In the parable in today's Gospel reading, that of the merciful King (see Mt 18:21-35), twice we find this plea: "Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full" (vv. 26, 29). The first time it is pronounced by the servant who owes his master ten thousand talents, an enormous sum. Today it would be millions and millions of dollars. The second time it is repeated by another servant of the same master. He too is in debt, not towards the master, but towards the same servant who has that enormous debt. And his debt is very small, maybe a week's wages.

The heart of the parable is the indulgence the master shows towards his servant with the bigger debt. The evangelist underlines that, "moved with compassion the master" – we should never forget this word of Jesus: "Have compassion", Jesus always had compassion – "moved with compassion the master let him go and forgave him the loan" (v. 27). An enormous debt, therefore a huge remission! But that servant, immediately afterwards, showed himself to be pitiless towards his companion, who owed him a modest sum. He does not listen to him, he is extremely hostile against him and has him thrown in prison until he has paid his debt (see v. 30). The master hears about this and, outraged, calls the wicked servant back and has him condemned (see vv. 32-34). "I forgave you a great deal and you are not capable of forgiving so little?"

In the parable we find two different attitudes: God's – represented by the king who forgives a lot, because God always forgives – and the human person's. The divine attitude is justice pervaded with mercy, whereas the human attitude is limited to justice. Jesus exhorts us to open ourselves with courage to the strength of forgiveness, because in life not everything can be resolved with justice. We know this. There is a need for that merciful love, which is also at the basis of the Lord's answer to Peter's question, which precedes the parable. Peter's question goes like this: "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him?" (v. 21). And Jesus replies, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times" (v. 22). In the symbolic language of the Bible this means that we are called to forgive always.

How much suffering, how many wounds, how many wars could be avoided if forgiveness and mercy were the style of our life! Even in families, even in families. How many families are disunited, who do not know how to forgive each other. How many brothers and sisters bear resentment within. It is necessary to apply merciful love to all human relationships: between spouses, between parents and children, within our communities, in the Church and also in society and politics.

Today as we were celebrating the Mass, I stopped; I was touched by a phrase in the first reading from the book of Wisdom. The phrase says, remember your end and stop hating. A beautiful phrase. But think of the end. Just think, you will be in a coffin... and will you take your hatred there? Think that in the end you can stop hating and resenting. Let's think of this phrase that is very touching. Remember your end and stop hating.

It is not easy to forgive because although in moments of calm we think "Yes, this person has done so many things to me but I have done many too. Better to forgive so as to be forgiven", but then resentment returns like a bothersome fly in the summer that keeps coming back. Forgiveness isn't something we do in a moment, it is something continuous, against that resentment, that hatred that keeps coming back. Let's think of our end and stop hating.

Today's parable helps us to grasp fully the meaning of that phrase we recite in the Lord's Prayer: "And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us" (see Mt 6:12). These words contain a decisive truth. We cannot demand God's forgiveness for ourselves if we in turn do not grant forgiveness to our neighbour. It is a condition. Think of your end, of God's forgiveness, and stop hating. Reject resentment, that bothersome fly that keeps coming back. If we do not strive to forgive and to love, we will not be forgiven and loved either.

Let us entrust ourselves to the maternal intercession of the Mother of God: May she help us to realise how much we are in debt to God, and to remember that always, so that our hearts may be open to mercy and goodness.

-Pope Francis [Angelus address, XXIV Sunday OT, 2020]

Partners in Charity Appeal 2023-2024

2023-24 Parish Goal: \$76,000.00
Amount Raised As of 9/13/23: \$76,290 .00
(100% of amount goal - 84 donors)

Congratulations! We reached our goal!

Capital Campaign Update ***Phase One 9/13/23***



Total Goal:	\$2,000,000.00
Total Pledges:	\$2,057,031.95
Payments Received:	\$1,073,521.09
Number of Families Pledging:	162 families (35%)

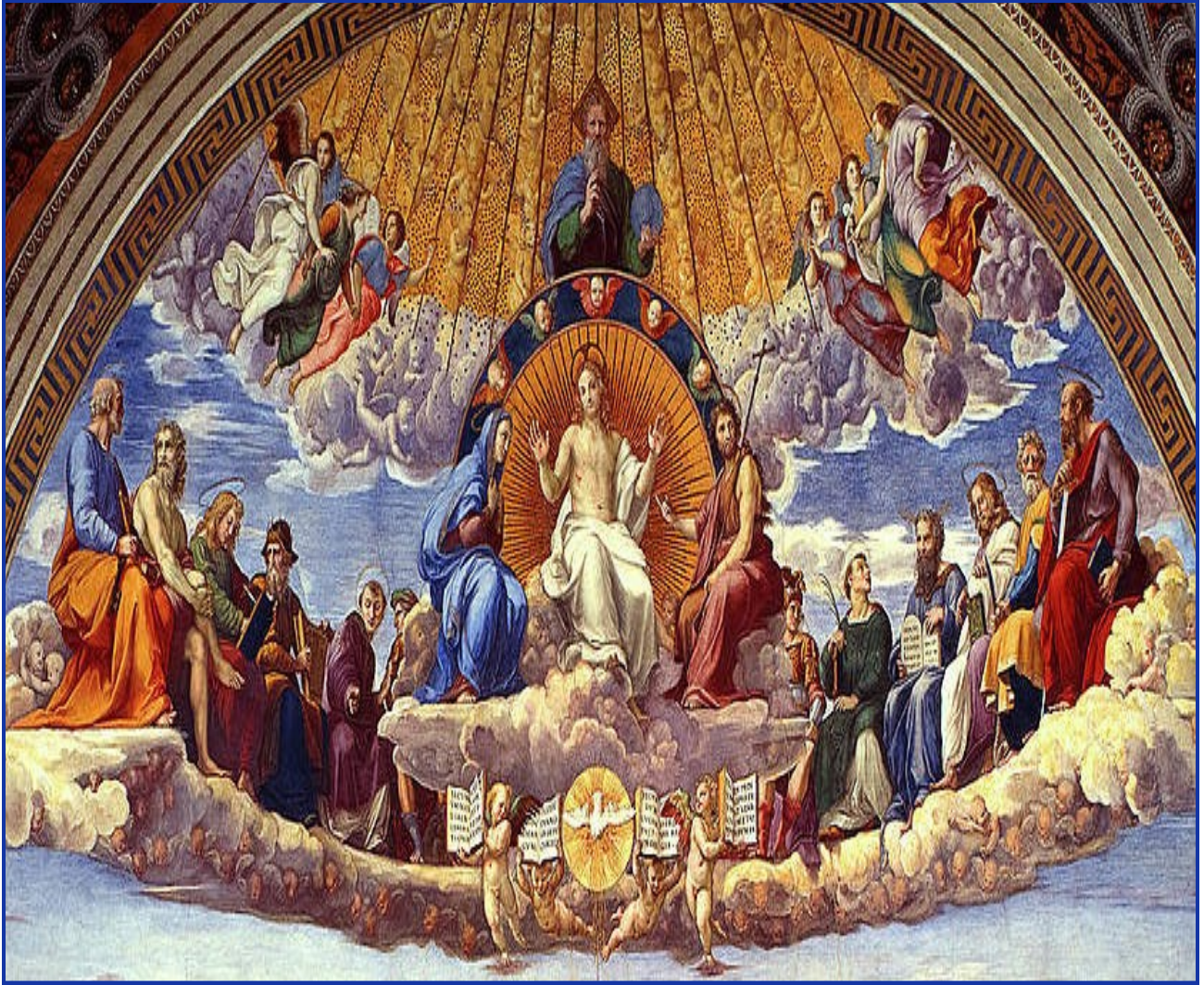
PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS—9/13/23

Regular Weekly Offering:\$3588.00
Capital Improvement: \$180.00
Blue Pay: Regular thru 9/10:\$390.00
WeShare: Regular thru 9/10: \$935.83

Online 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 for any questions.

St. Anne's 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.** This one-step on-line form allows both onetime gifts, and regular, scheduled donations. Please visit the [Parish website](http://www.stannesouthborough.org) www.stannesouthborough.org Link to BluePay On-Line

Liturgical Links



[Daily Liturgies](#)

Diocesan Announcements



Save the Date for Mini-Retreat for Women

The Commission for Women of the Diocese of Worcester invites you to join us for a Mini-Retreat for Women on Saturday, October 28, 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. Anne Parish Hall, 130 Boston Turnpike, Shrewsbury, MA. This retreat will be led by Sarah Hart, a leading figure in contemporary Catholic music today.

Further information and a registration form may be found at : worcesterdiocese.org/2023-morning-retreat-invitation

or you can contact the Commission at:
worcestercommissionforwomen@gmail.com
or Susan at susanybert@gmail.com



Transitus [tran-zi-tus]: latin; meaning passage, or crossing over. Every year on October 3rd, the vigil of the Feast of Saint Francis, Franciscans all over the world celebrate the transitus of Saint Francis of Assisi, the passing of the beloved saint from life on earth to eternal life with the Lord.

On Tuesday, October 3rd from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m. the Secular Franciscans of St. Anne will celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis with a prayer service in the Church.

Please join us as we honor this humble servant of the Lord. All are invited to participate.

Questions? Contact Patrick O'Donnell, OSF (857) 540-4008.

Catholic Women's Conference

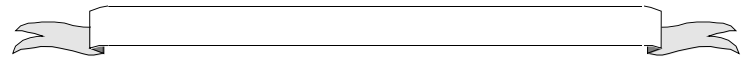
All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "*Male & Female He Created Them*", to be held on **October 7** at St. Joseph School in Webster. Hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders, Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register early!

Respect Life Retreat

All are invited to attend A Morning for Life to be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9:15 am to 1 pm at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Msgr. James Moroney will offer a reflection on "Preaching the Gospel of Life to a Confused World". The day will include Mass and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org, contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311.

CHARITY BOOK DRIVE

Your donation of \$10-15 a book generously supports this worthy cause! Please send donations to: Fr. Vjay Kiran (401)594-7645—frvijaykiran@gmail.com
Blessed Sacrament Rectory
239 Regent Ave., Providence, RI 02908



Volunteers Needed for Local Hospice Care

Be an angel of mercy for those in hospice in Worcester. For more information, please contact:

dtowne@notredamehealthcare
508. 852.5505.org

