



# SAINT ANNE PARISH

20 Boston Road Southborough MA 01772

## 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.

**DECEMBER 24, 2023**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY**  
**OF ADVENT**

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### **"LOVE"**

The fourth week of Advent is the candle of love. Also known as the "angel candle," it is in this fourth week of Advent that we reflect on the ultimate gift of love—Jesus Christ. Jesus is our true example of love, and He came to teach us to love God and others.

*"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28*

*After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.*

**We welcome all visitors to St. Anne parish. If you would like to join our faith community please call the Parish Office to register, 508-485-0141.**

### Lord's Day Mass Schedule:

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

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

### Daily Mass Schedule:

Week Day Mass,  
 Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am  
 Mass will be celebrated on Fridays at 9:00 am during the Advent Season  
 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 6:00 pm  
 Sundays ~ 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

### Sacrament of Baptism

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

### Sacrament of Marriage

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

### Visitation of the Sick

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

# Parish Information



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Fr. Thirbursse F. Millot, Fr. Roy, Thomas Chemmanur, Janet Mattioli, Diane Higgins, Annette LaHaye, Michael, Laval "Val" Provencher; Father Conrad Pecevich, Michael Philbin-Pelland, Jamie Farley, Jim Garden, Dave Lemoine, Brookie Sullivan, Beth Stephens, Karen Bouley, Susan Cioppa, Peter Bradstreet, Cecilia Lynch, Catherine, Joy, Walter McClain, Frances Robertson, Raphaela, Bong Sanchez, Bill Poutre, Sr. (Father of Bill Poutre)



## Liturgical Minister Schedule

### December 23-24

5:00pm	Lector	Roger Jolicoeur
	Host	Charlotte Zakarian
	Cup	Debbie Simon
	Cup	MaryBeth P-H
8:30am	Lector	Nick Paganella
	Host	Elaine Yetman
	Cup	Doris Campero
	Cup	Nancy Denardo
10:30am	Lector	Janice Brown
	Host	Joanne Flathers
	Cup	Pat Draper

### Christmas Eve December 24

5:00pm	Lector	Beth McGonagle
	Host	Need
	Cup	Need
11:00pm	Lector	Elaine Yetman
	Host	Charlotte Zakarian
	Cup	Need

### Christmas Day December 25

8:30 am	Lector	Nancy Denardo
	Host	Doris Campero
	Cup	Nancy Denardo
10:30am	Lector	Jim Garden
	Host	Joanne Flathers
	Cup	Need

### December 30/31

5:00pm	Lector	Deborah Sanford
	Host	Debbie Simon
		Charlotte Zakarian
8:30am	Lector	Elaine Yetman
	Host	Doris Campero
	Cup	Nancy Denardo
10:30am	Lector	Jim Garden
	Host	Joe Cruciani
	Cup	Pat Draper
5:30pm	No Mass	

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

*December 23- December 31, 2023*

SATURDAY 12/23	5:00pm	Tim Higgins by the Philbin-Hannigan family
SUNDAY 12/24	8:30am	St. Anne Parishioners (Living)
	10:30am	Tim Higgins by Paul & Connie Leduc
Christmas Eve 12/24	5:00pm	St. Anne Parishioners (Deceased)
	11:00pm	St. Anne Parishioners (Living)
Christmas Day MONDAY 12/25	8:30am	St. Anne Parishioners (Living)
	10:30am	Parishioners of St. Anne (Living)
TUESDAY 12/26	9:00am	Millie Garden (for her special intentions) by Lyda Livingstone
WEDNESDAY 12/27	9:00am	George Stagno (Birthday remembrance) By Rob & Beth Vivoda
THURSDAY 12/28	9:00am	Merni Medley By the Garden Family
FRIDAY 12/29	9:00 am	Marguerite F. Bartolini By Cesar Campero & Family
SATURDAY 12/30	5:00pm	Mauricio Munoz By Carmen Fisher
SUNDAY 12/31	8:30am	Andrew Mavilia By Pat Richard (Mother)
	10:30am	Jeff Bobeck (Healing) By Carmen Fisher
	5:30pm	No Mass

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We would like to thank all the children who participated in the Christmas Pageant, they did a wonderful job. It was a beautiful evening with over a hundred parishioners in attendance. Dinner was served to all and it was delicious. The basket raffle and gift table were a huge success. Thanks to Rachelle Carmony, Laura Schroeder, Jim Garden, Evelyn Walton, Pat Russell, Patty Morse, Debbie Simon, Matt and Kathy Bernier, the Parish Council, and volunteers. Please find photos in the bulletin insert and on our website.

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORIAL OFFERINGS



Thank you to all the parishioners who contributed to the Christmas Flower offerings toward the beautiful Christmas flowers that decorate the church for the season. We remember and pray for those honored and memorialized. A list of those names will be posted on the bulletin boards in the foyers of the church.



"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Gospel accounts of Jesus' birth involve a disparate group of people---the sinless virgin, the upright Joseph, an indifferent innkeeper, Jewish shepherds, pagan magi, the ruthless Herod, incurious scribes, and murderous soldiers. Among this radically varied group, there was one thing in common. They were all---each one of them---loved by God. They were each the reason Christ was born. To each He would call. For each He died.

What was true that long ago night in Bethlehem remains true this day in our world. God loves each one of us. He loves those in the pews each week, twice a year or not at all. He loves those who have just come from the confessional and those who have not yet made it there. He loves those who acknowledge and worship Him and those who do not recognize Him and are far off.

Jesus Christ is the one savior of the world. He loves us all and He calls us all. As people whose freedom God respects, our response is critical. It determines if we find peace in this life and in the next. His peace is a gift. We do not earn it. We can only accept it. We accept it by believing in Him and what He has revealed, by striving to follow Him with our lives, and, by our repentance, accepting His freely offered, limitless mercy for our failures.

I pray that, whatever our situation and circumstance this Christmas, we may all be deeply moved by the wonderful love of God who so loved the world that He sent His Son as our Savior. May we turn anew to Jesus Christ, find a welcome place in His Church, and with it the joy, peace and hope God intends for us all.

With every prayerful best wish for a Merry Christmas, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

## A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR. ALBERT

My Dear Parishioners,

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Grace-Filled New Year 2024!

On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, once again, we meditate on the mystery of The Incarnation – (God becoming human to dwell with us: Emmanuel). St. Thomas calls this event “the miracle of miracles”. It is because “God could in no other way demonstrate his love for us than by descending for our sakes to a lowly state.” St. John’s Gospel 3:16 emphasizes this “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

As we celebrate God’s love for us on this special day, let us continue to share the same love, ‘unselfish love’, with one another. Love-in-action has been shown by our parishioners on many occasions. One of them is through our “Giving Tree”. We shared God’s love by giving gifts and gift cards as presents to our brothers and sisters in need. Also, the love-in-action was shown through the generous supplies of food donated to the food pantry throughout the year. Again, Love-in-action was present by St. Anne parishioners’ participation in “Partners in Charity” where we surpassed our goal. The love-in-action again was shown in the Capital Campaign for the past two years, where we reached our goal of two million. This donation will be used to make our St. Anne parish a place of deep love for God and us. In addition, love-in-action was shown in the ministries through which many of you serve. I truly believe that our parishioners are filled with God’s love. Please continue to pass on the baton of love to all those you meet this Christmas season. Let us go to ‘The Bethlehem’ of our own families, neighbors and friends to love and admire God’s presence. Wish you all once again Merry Christmas.

With prayers,  
Fr. Albert

## Capital Campaign Update

Phase One 12/17/23



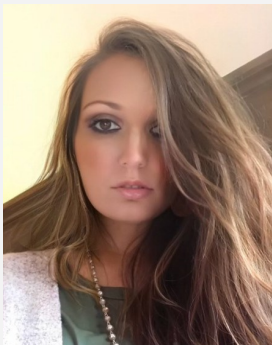
Total Goal: \$2,000,000.00  
Total Pledges: \$2,059,971.95  
Payments Received: \$1,271,239.03  
Number of Families Pledging: 162 families (35%)

*Thank you again for your ongoing support!*

*In Loving Memory of:*

*Sandra “Sandie” Rossini  
11/13/1978-12/14/2023*

*May her family be  
comforted and her soul  
rest in eternal peace.*



## PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS—12/17/23

Regular Weekly Offering.....	\$3,644.00
Capital Improvement.....	\$10.00
End of Year Gift.....	\$800.00
Fuel & Maintenance.....	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$20.00
Retirement for Religious.....	\$290.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$350.00
Christmas Collection.....	\$25.00
Christmas Basket Raffle.....	\$363.00
Blue Pay: Regular thru 12/17.....	\$786.00
WeShare: Regular thru 12/17.....	\$200.83

**Online Giving:** WeShare allows both onetime gifts, as well as regular, scheduled donations. Please visit our Parish website [www.stannesouthborough.org](http://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 one-time gifts, and regular, scheduled donations. Please visit the [Parish website www.stannesouthborough.org](http://www.stannesouthborough.org) Link to BluePay On-Line Giving Page.





# THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ON THIS DAY, WE PONDER AND CELEBRATE THE MYSTERY OF GOD'S GREAT LOVE. THE GLORY OF GOD IS REVEALED IN HIS SON, WHO TOOK ON FLESH SO THAT WE MIGHT BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD. OUR CHURCH IS BRIGHT WITH THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS AS WE WORSHIP GOD WHO BRINGS LIGHT TO OUR DARKNESS AND SAVES US. - FROM "AT HOME WITH THE WORD"  
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.