



FEBRUARY 11, 2024
VI SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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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.



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Brothers and sisters,
 whether you eat or
 drink, or whatever you
 do, do everything for the
 glory of God."
 (1 Corinthians 10:31)*

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

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

Daily Mass Schedule:

Weekday Mass
 Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am
 First Friday: 9:00 am
 Healing Mass: 7:00 pm
 First Wednesday of Each Month

Confessions:

Saturday ~ 4:15 pm
 First Wednesday of the month
 6:30-7:00 pm
 Anytime upon request

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday ~ 9:30 am to 6:00 pm
 Sunday ~ 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Call the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with Fr. Albert.

Visitation of the Sick

Fr. Albert is pleased to Anoint the Sick and bring Holy Communion to the homebound.

Parish Information



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Sr. Yvette, Fr. Thirburs 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)



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

2/10/24-2/18/24

SATURDAY 2/10	5:00 pm	Theresa Kiran (Healing) By Debbie Simon
SUNDAY 2/11	8:30 am	For Fr. Antony's Father Siluvai Rayan By Lyda Livingstone
	10:30 am	For Fr. Albert's Father Irudayasamy Savarimuthu By Nancy Denardo
	5:30 pm	St. Anne Parishioners (In Memory Of)
MONDAY 2/12	9:00 am	Janet Leahy By Denise Brodeur
TUESDAY 2/13	9:00 am	Denise Townsend By The Garden Family
WEDNESDAY 2/14	9:00 am	Paul White (In Memory Of) By Elaine Yetman
Ash Wednesday	7:00 pm	St. Anne Parishioners
THURSDAY 2/15	9:00 am	Rose Walker By Maria Martin
FRIDAY 2/16	9:00 am	St. Anne Parishioners (Living)
SATURDAY 2/17	5:00 pm	Kimberly (Pease) Steigmeyer By Debbie Simon
SUNDAY 2/18	8:30 am	St. Anne Parishioners (In Memory Of)
	10:30 am	Anthony Joseph Putnam By Debbie Simon
	5:30 pm	St. Anne Parishioners (Living)

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

February 10/11-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 pm Lector	Deb Sanford
EM's	Debbie Simon (Host) Laura Schroeder (Cup) MaryBeth P-H (Cup)
8:30 am Lector	Ellen Kluge
EM's	Elaine Yetman (Host) Fran Schiebe (Cup) Nancy Denardo (Cup)
10:30 am Lector	Janice Brown
EM's	Pat Draper (Host) Joanne Flathers (Cup) Joe Cruciani (Cup)
5:30 pm Lector	Religious Education
EM's	Beth McGonagle (Host) Need (Cup)

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

February 17/18—First Sunday of Lent

5:00 pm Lector	Roger Jolicoeur
EM's	MaryBeth P-H (Host) Debbie Simon (Cup) Need (Cup)
8:30 am Lector	Nancy Denardo
EM's	Elaine Yetman (Host) Nancy Denardo (Cup) Doris Campero (Cup)
10:30 am Lector	Joe Cruciani
EM's	Joanne Flathers (Host) Joe Cruciani (Cup) Paola D'Angelo (Cup)
5:30 pm Lector	Beth McGonagle
EM's	MaryBeth P-H (Host) Need (Cup) Need (Cup)



SAINT PATRICK'S DAY 2024

Please save the date!

The Annual St. Anne Parish

St. Patrick's Day Celebration:

Saturday, March 16th

6:00 pm (following the 5:00 pm Mass)

The Irish Step dancers will once again be present to entertain and the Knights of Columbus will provide a delicious meal.

We invite all parishioners to come join us for a fun-filled evening!



Parish Announcements

Capital Campaign Update

Phase One 2/4/24



Total Goal: \$2,000,000.00
Total Pledges: \$2,062,761.95
Payments Received: \$1,304,355.03
Number of Families Pledging: 162 families (35%)

Thank you again for your ongoing support!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.



Upcoming Dates:

March 15-17 in Upton, MA
April 26-28 (non-residential weekend) Connecticut
June 21-23 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatile at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>.

Bible Study Group with Fr. Conrad Pecevich



You are cordially invited to attend the weekly Bible Study hosted by Fr. Conrad held via Zoom every Tuesday evening from 7:30-8:30 pm. The readings for the upcoming Sunday liturgy will be explored. If interested, please contact Cathy Campbell at obsoup1@gmail.com to receive the weekly invite. All are welcome to join!



*In Loving Memory of:
Michael Hostage*

*June 28, 1933-
January 12, 2024*

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

PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORTS—2/4/24

Regular Weekly Offering:.....\$2,503.00
Capital Improvement.....\$410.00
Catholic University.....\$30.00
Home Missions.....\$40.00
Fuel & Maintenance:\$30.00
Haiti Twinning-Sister Parish.....\$30.00
Priests Retirement.....\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary.....\$30.00
Blue Pay: Regular thru 2/4.....\$720.00
WeShare: Regular thru 2/4.....\$284.35

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 one-time gifts, and regular, scheduled donations. Please visit the [Parish website](http://www.stannesouthborough.org) www.stannesouthborough.org Link



Ash Wednesday, 2/14

Masses will be held at 9am and 7pm.

There will be a second collection for Priests Retirement at each Mass.

Soup and Stations

The Stations of the Cross will begin at noon every Tuesday during Lent starting on February 20th, and will be followed by a light lunch of soup, bread, and dessert. Sign-ups for soup, bread, and dessert contributions may be found in the church foyer.



Chesterton Academy Informational Meeting

<https://chestertonma.org/>

Please join us on Tuesday, 2/13/24, 7pm to discuss interest in founding a classical, Catholic, co-educational, affordable high school in the Metro-West area for the 2024-2025 school year. An informational meeting will be held for interested families at the Immaculate Conception School Hall in Marlboro. To learn more about the school, sign up for email updates, and take the family interest survey visit:

<https://form.jotform.com/chestertonma/chesterton-of-massachusetts-market>

WIDOW/WIDOWERS SUPPORT GROUP

We will meet on Monday, 2/12 at 12:15 in the parish hall. Please bring a bag lunch if you would like. Drink and dessert will be provided. Thank you !

Other Announcements

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINANCE

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows: Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

WHY FAST?

When the season of Lent draws closer, every year Catholics are faced with the same questions. What should I give up for Lent? How should I plan my one meal for the days of fasting? Will I remember to not eat any meat on the days of abstinence? Somehow, year after the year the answers do not seem to get any easier. However, as the years go by and we continue to participate in these holy and ancient practices we are also allowed to grow in an awareness of why it is that we fast at all. The Church reminds us that each Christian faithful is called to regularly embrace acts of fasting and penance in a way that is proper to each individual, and that there are also times throughout the year (such as Fridays and the season of Lent) when we are called to be united by a common observance. These are not simple exercises of endurance but spiritual practices which strengthen us in the fight against spiritual evils. There are at least three reasons by which fasting can help us grow in the life of holiness.

1) The first reason is to help us calm down those desires that can often overwhelm our reason. Saying no to eating our favorite snacks trains us in letting go of our desire for things that are unnecessary or even sinful.

2) The second reason is to help our thoughts more easily focus on heavenly things. Letting go of that which is unnecessary also forces us to think of that which is important and necessary. Our reason for saying no to those sweets has to be motivated by an awareness that our hunger will only truly be satisfied by something greater, and the discomfort we feel becomes a reminder of that. Fasting can very easily lead us into sincere prayer.

3) The third reason is that fasting helps us make satisfaction for sins; it chips away at our pride, and nurtures humility in us. It is worth noting that the Church prescribes these times of fasting in moments that immediately precede times of feasting. The fasting of Lent is meant to prepare us for better celebrating the feasts of Easter. This is why, similarly, we always fast before the reception of Holy Communion. Fasting is not so much about suffering because we are saying no to something that we would otherwise desire but, rather, it is about preparing ourselves to properly receive something that is much better than that which we are refraining from. The greater the hunger we allow ourselves to experience during this holy season of Lent the more we will enjoy and be nourished by the Paschal Feast the Lord has prepared for us.