



SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21st and December 22nd

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Safety Environment Notice: Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children & young people approved by the US Bishops & Diocese of Worcester policies. Contact Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, at 508-929-4363 (direct & confidential.) Claire Freda is St. Anna's Safety Environment Coordinator

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Parish News

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

4:00PM: Lena Friedman (4th anniversary) by the Friedman Family
Betty DePasquale (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

8:00AM: Suzanne DiGiovanni (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Matteo Longo by Karen and Emanuel Longo
10:00AM Dorothy Kron (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Curtis Lisciotti (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
Russell G. Jones (20th anniversary) by his wife and children
11:30AM: Anthony and Mary Tata by daughter Kathy Craig Lanciani by his mother Cheryl and brothers P.J. & Scott
William & Irene Jacobs by daughter Cheryl Jose and Ascunson Yanez by their family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

7:30AM: Rev. Glenn Downer by St. Anna Parish
9:00AM: No School Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00PM: John and Dolores Horohoe by John and Bobbie Bytheway
6:00PM: Rev. Richard Roger by St. Anna Parish
12:00AM: Mery and John Burke by Joe and Fran Bassett
Elizabeth and William Bassett by Joe and Fran Bassett

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

8:00AM: Emilo and Iolanda Clementi by family
Katherine Miller by John and Bobbie Bytheway

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

6:30AM: Mass at St. Cecilia's

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

6:30AM: Mass at St. Cecilia's

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

4:00PM: Charlie Dale by family
Lawrence and Estelle Seymour by Amelia Piermarini

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

8:00AM: Juliette Cancellieri by Daniel and Donna Benoit
10:00AM Francesco Bianco by daughter Adelina Bianco and granddaughters Sarah and Shanna Infantino
11:30AM: Felice Gabrieli (1st ann.) by St. Anna Parish
Deceased members of the Pellegrino Family by Sharon Antocci

St. Anna Parish
Christmas Mass Schedule
2019

Christmas Eve

4:00pm (Children's Mass)

6:00pm

Midnight

Christmas Day

8:00am



PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your continued support! Please remember you can donate online at stannaparish.org.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 3,016.00
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	\$ 1,484.00
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & RETIREMENT	\$ 287.00
CANDLES, MASSES, HOLY DAY	\$ 93.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,884.00

ST. ANNA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We need a Religious Ed teacher for Grade 1 for 12 classes only starting from January 5th, 2020 until April 5th, 2020. Please contact the rectory if you are interested. Thank you.

- Classes will be held on Sunday, December 22nd.
- No classes on December 29th

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

If your son or daughter has made their First Communion they are able to become altar servers. Training will be provided. Please contact the rectory for more details and we appreciate your consideration. Thank you.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

If school is cancelled or delayed, morning mass and/or the school mass will not be held. This will give us time to clear out the walkways, stairs etc. Thank you.



Dear friends of St. Anna's Parish!

I would like to begin by saying that I am very grateful for the support that each one of you has given to this Parish community of St. Anna in the past years. I am certain that it came in different ways and times! Some of you have given your time, talents and treasures by serving in various ministries during the weekend Masses; others have helped with Parish office and administration skills; others have started working with the children and the youth; some of you have joined groups within the Parish that have led you to a more mature and committed prayer life and spiritual formation; others have been involved with the School and fundraisings; some of you have served the poor and the needy.

I have been here for a short period of time but I am already touched by the history of your commitment, passion and love for God expressed so beautifully by your love for this Parish and School.

I also would like to thank you for your support that each one of you has given to me already. Sometimes your support and your gifts came from the handshakes and smiles we exchanged at the end of Mass or perhaps from a simple chat we had. In all of this I see your amazing commitment to God and to the community you have chosen to belong to. Thank you!

I understand that we are going through a period of transition and it has been difficult to adapt to these changes. Having all this in mind and recognizing that the back-and-forth of different priests can be damaging for the Parish life, Bishop McManus has assigned me here to become a "familiar face" during this time. Therefore, starting this weekend, I will be responsible for all the spiritual and pastoral matters of the Parish and I will also be celebrating all masses on the weekends. Fr. Brusio will continue as the Administrator and responsible for the School.

I am extremely honored for this opportunity and I would like to ask for your continuous support. I'll not only be here for masses, but it's my wish to be present at every activity in the future. I already have some projects in mind and I will definitely need you for them to happen. It's my personal commitment to be available to each one of you.

So I will be available in the mornings Wednesday through Friday at the Parish office. Please stop by for a coffee and a chat or send me an email: fr.mateussouza@gmail.com

Together we will be able to go through this time of transition with faith and hope for an amazing future.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Mateus Souza

Father Mateus bio

Fr. Mateus Souza was born in Adamantina, Brazil. He went to St. John Paul II College Seminary in Brazil where he received a Bachelors in Philosophy.

In 2012, Fr. Mateus was invited by the Bishop of Worcester to incardinate in the Diocese of Worcester.

He studied ESL (English as Second Language) at Clark University in Worcester in 2012-2013. He finished his priestly formation at St. Mary's Seminary & University in Baltimore, MD, where he received his Bachelors in Theology and Masters in Divinity in 2015.

Fr. Mateus was ordained to the priesthood June, 20, 2015.

He was the Associate Pastor at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Milford 2015-2019

Fr. Mateus has been the Associate Pastor of St. Cecilia's Parish and St. Anna's since July, 2019.

