



# SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 26th and January 27th

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## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

*January 28th*



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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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## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25TH

**4:00PM:** Carmela Dondero by Jay Dondero

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26TH

**8:00AM:** Michael Sweeney by Daniel and Donna Benoit

**10:00AM:** Edgar Roy (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish

Doris Gabrieli (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish

**11:30AM:** Deceased members of the Albin Family by Sharon Antocci

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27TH

**9:00AM:** School Mass

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28TH

**7:30AM:** Richard Burton (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29TH

**7:30AM:** Msgr. William Graham by St. Anna Parish

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH

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

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST

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

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST

**4:00PM:** Mary Fiore by daughter Donna

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND

**8:00AM:** Edward LeBlanc (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish

Eva Thomas by family

**10:00AM:** Paul LeBlanc (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

Italo and Cecile Gentile by family

**11:30AM:** Anthony Stelluto by Pat Crowley and Janet Barrieau

Albert and Louise DiRusso by Sandra and Frances

# Parish News

## PARISH COLLECTIONS

Thank you for your continued support! Please remember you can donate online at [stannaparish.org](http://stannaparish.org).

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$ 1,838.00
INITIAL ENVELOPE OFFERING	\$ 664.00
CANDLES, MASSES, MISC.	\$ 97.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,579.00</b>

## ST. ANNA RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

We need a Religious Ed teacher for Grade 1 for classes through April 5th, 2020. Please contact the rectory if you are interested. Thank you.

### Religious Education Schedule for January

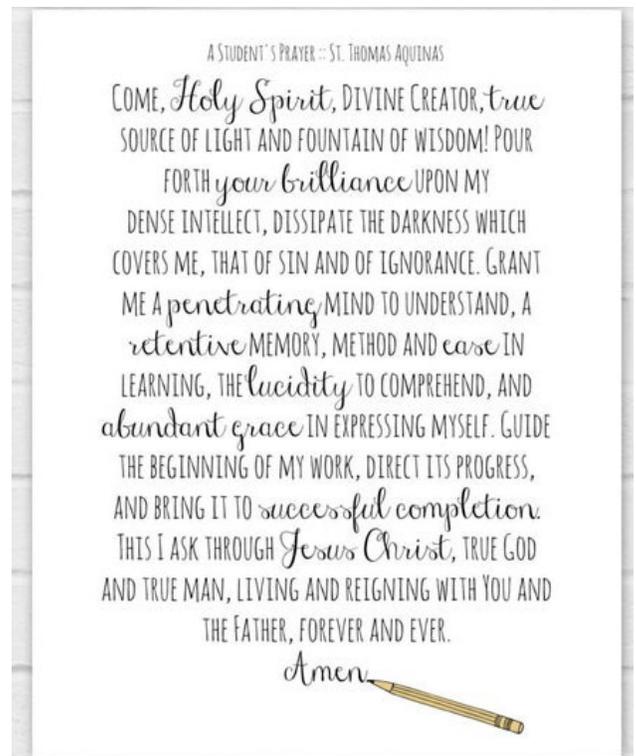
- Classes will be held on January 26th

### Religious Education Schedule for February

- Classes will be held on February 2nd and 9th.
- There will be no classes held on February 16th or 23rd.

## 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.



**SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS**  
**FEAST DAY JANUARY 28TH**

When Thomas was five years old, he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino. His parents hoped that he would choose that way of life. He remained at the monastery until the military conflict between Emperor Frederick II and Pope Gregory IX reached the abbey. He was transferred and enrolled at the studium generale in Naples to complete his studies. Here is where he was introduced to philosophical influences - Aristotle, Averroes, and Maimonides - and met John of St. Julian, a Dominican preacher, who influenced Thomas to join the recently founded Dominican Order.

When Thomas' family learned of his decision, his mother, Theodora, arranged for him to be moved to Paris. When Thomas was travelling to Rome, his brothers captured him and returned him to their parents at the castle of Monte San Giovanni Campano. Thomas was held captive in the castle for one year as his family tried to keep him from joining the Dominican Order. However, during this time, Thomas tutored his sisters and communicated with members of the Dominican Order.

In a further effort to change Thomas' mind, two of his brothers allegedly hired a prostitute to seduce him, but legends claim Thomas drove her off with a fire iron. That same night, two angels appeared to Thomas in a dream and strengthened his resolve to remain celibate. When Theodora realized she could not sway her son, she tried to preserve the family name by arranging for him to escape through a window. She believed a secret escape was better than appearing to accept his decision to join the Dominican order.

Following his escape in 1244, Thomas turned to Naples, then to Rome and met the Master General of the Dominican Order, Johannes von Wildeshausen. The next year, Thomas went to study at the Faculty of the Arts at the University of Paris, where he is believed to have met Dominican scholar Albertus Mangus, the Chair of Theology at the College of St. James.

Thomas was quiet and seldom spoke at the university, leading other students to believe he was mentally delayed, but Mangus prophetically said, "You call him the dumb ox, but in his teaching, he will one day produce such a bellowing that it will be heard throughout the world." Thomas's greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings, He was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, "I cannot go on.... All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me." He died March 7, 1274. Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

*Saint Thomas Aquinas is the Patron Saint of: Catholic Schools, Colleges and Students.*

**St. Anna  
Catholic School**  
invites you to visit  
our  
**OPEN HOUSE**

January 28th  
9:30-10:30 am  
&  
6:00 -7:30 pm

[www.stannaschool.org](http://www.stannaschool.org)

213 Lancaster St.  
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**Super Bowl Pasta Supper**

January 30, 2020

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Eagles - Litchfield St. Leominster, Ma

**Menu:**

**Advanced tickets (before Jan 28th):** Pasta, Meatballs, Rolls, Assorted Desserts, Coffee & Cold Drinks  
**\$10 Adults / \$8 Seniors and Children under 10**

**At the door:**

**\$12 Adults / \$10 Seniors and Children under 10**

Tickets can be purchased after Mass on Saturday/Sunday starting 1/18 or in the school office with Mrs. Priddy anytime.

\*Raffle Baskets  
\*Super Bowl Pools  
\*50/50 raffles  
will all be available during dinner.



**OPEN HOUSE**

**ST. BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL**



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**Open House**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30TH**  
6PM CHECK-IN  
6:15 PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

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**PLEASE REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE OR BY PHONE**

SNOW DATE: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR ...**

- STUDENT LED TOURS
- MINI CLASSES
- FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP INFO
- PANEL DISCUSSION
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