



# SAINT ANNA PARISH

Founded 1937

Second Sunday in Lent  
March 7th and March 8th

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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



# Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH**

**4:00PM:** Francis Normandin (birthday remembrance) by Tim and Pat Leger  
 Richard Perla by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc  
 William and Mary Kirby by their family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH**

**8:00AM:** Joseph and Romeo Cancellieri by Daniel and Donna Benoit  
**10:00AM:** Mark Donlan (birthday remembrance) by his family  
**11:30AM:** Immacolata Cappuccitti by family  
 Paula Blonde (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

**MONDAY, MARCH 9TH**

**7:30AM:** Rev. Martin Donahue by St. Anna Parish

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH**

**7:30AM:** Louis Morizzo by Paul and Sue Morizzo

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11TH**

**7:30AM:** Rev. Robert Spellman by St. Anna Parish

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH**

**7:30AM:** Rev. Robert E. Kelley by St. Anna Parish

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13TH**

**NO MASS**

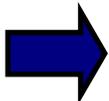
**SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH**

**4:00PM:** David Bonin by Jay Dondero  
 James Fiore by his daughter Donna  
 John and Evelyn Tata by family  
 LaMadonna Della Pace by Avellino  
 Piermarini Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH**

**8:00AM:** Mario Cancellieri by Daniel and Donna Benoit  
**10:00AM:** Rachel and Rigo Montuori by their family

**THIS WEEK: MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES**



Monday March 9th: No School Mass  
 Sunday, March 15th : No 11:30am Mass

# Parish News

**FR. CARLOS RUIZ**

**INSTALLATION MASS - SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH 10AM**

Please join us next Sunday at 10am for the Mass of Installation for our new pastor, Fr. Carlos Ruiz, celebrated by the Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D. A reception will follow in the parish hall. Please note: *The 11:30am mass will not be celebrated on Sunday, March 15th.*

**THE ST. MATTHEW 25 SOCIETY MEETING**

The next meeting of the St. Matthew 25 Society will take place on March 10th at 1PM in the rectory conference room.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

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

REGULAR COLLECTIONS	\$ 4,747.00
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION	\$ 1,422.00
CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA	\$ 399.00
CANDLES, MASSES, MISC.	\$ 219.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 6,787.00</b>

**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.

**ST. ANNA SCHOOL GALA**

The Annual Gala will be held on Saturday, May 2nd at the Wachusett Country Club

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The stations of the cross will be held every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday) at 7pm in the church. Please join us!

**St. Anna Parish**

**Confessions During Lent**

In addition to our regular Saturday confessions at 2:45pm, confessions will also be held at 7pm on Tuesday evenings during Lent.



**ADDITIONAL CONFESSIONS DURING LENT**

Our local parishes will offer additional confession during lent. Below is the schedule of times and locations:

St. Leo's Parish	7pm on Mondays
Our Lady of the Lake	7pm on Tuesdays
Holy Family of Nazareth	7pm on Wednesdays
Holy Trinity Chapel	5:30pm on Thursdays
<i>(located at 69 Lincoln Terrace)</i>	
St. Cecilia's Parish	6pm on Fridays



### SIMPLE DAILY PRAYERS DURING LENT

#### **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 8TH:**

Lord, this Lenten season let me be transfigured. Take my life and make me your disciple. Let me learn from you by following your ways. Teach me humility, faith, and compassion. And should I fall short of your expectation Lord, please forgive me for in

my heart I promise to try my best. I promise to forgive those who wrong me, just as you forgive me for my sins.

**MARCH 9TH:** Remember not against us the iniquities of the past; may your compassion quickly come to us, for we are brought very low. (Psalm 79:8)

**MARCH 10TH:** Wash yourselves clean. Put away your misdeeds from before my eyes; cease doing evil; learn to do good. Make justice your aim: redress the wronged, hear the orphan's plea, defend the widow. (Isaiah 1:16-17)

**MARCH 11TH:** But my trust is in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God.' In your hands is my destiny. (Psalm 31:15-16)

**MARCH 12TH:** Such a one is like a tree planted near streams; it bears fruit in season and its leaves never wither, and every project succeeds. (Psalm 1:3)

**MARCH 13TH:** God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son; so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life. (John 3:16)

**MARCH 14TH:** He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion. (Psalm 103:3)

### THE OBSTACLE IN OUR PATH (OPPORTUNITY)



Long ago, a king had a boulder placed on the road. He then hid himself and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way allowing others to pass. Some of the

king's wealthiest merchants, statesmen, and courtiers came by and simply walked around boulder unwilling to move it. Many then loudly blamed the king for not keeping the roads clear and safe!

But as the king witnessed none of them did anything about getting the boulder out of the way. Then one day a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded and moved the boulder off of the road.

When the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained an abundance of gold coins and a note from the king explaining that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the road thanking them for their efforts.

*Moral of the Story:* Every obstacle we come across in life gives us an opportunity to improve the circumstances, and while most complain its too hard, others create opportunities through their hearts, generosity, and willingness to get things done.

### WHERE IS THE ALLELUIA DURING LENT?

Alleluia, which means praise Yahweh, is seen as the chief term of praise of the choirs of angels as they worship around the throne of God in Heaven. Use of the Alleluia at Mass is a way of sharing the angel's worship. It is also a reminder that the Kingdom of Heaven is already established on earth, in the form of the Church, and that our participation in Mass is participation in Heaven.

During Lent, our focus is on the Kingdom coming, not on the Kingdom already having come. The readings in the Masses for Lent focus on the spiritual journey of OT Israel toward the coming of Christ, and the salvation of mankind and His death on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Therefore, during Lent, the Alleluia is removed from the Mass. We no longer sing with the choirs of angel; instead, we acknowledge our sins and practice repentance so that one day we may again have the privilege of worshipping God as the angels do. The return of the Alleluia comes at Easter.



**First Concern**  
PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER

**Unite for Life BBQ Fundraiser**

Saturday, March 21, 2020  
4:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
Located At

**FIREFLY'S BBQ**

350 E Main Street  
Marlborough, MA 01752

Tickets are \$35 per person and on sale **NOW** thru 3/15/20 at [www.firstconcern.org](http://www.firstconcern.org) OR <https://firstconcernbbq.eventbrite.com>  
Call 508-305-2493 with questions.  
Tickets will not be sold at the door.

**BBQ Buffet | Live Music | Guest Speakers | Raffle Baskets**

20th Annual Worcester Diocesan

**Catholic Men's Conference**

Saturday, March 28, 2020

Assumption College  
Worcester

Doors Open at 7:30 am for Registration  
Followed by Speakers, Lunch, Confession & Mass

**WORCESTER CATHOLIC MEN**