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Lord's Day Masses:
Saturday (vigil): 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM
10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
and 5:30 PM

Daily Mass:
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Monday - Saturday: 7:30 AM
Monday - Thursday: 10:00 AM

Holy Day Masses:
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Vigil: 7:00 PM | **Feast:** 7:30 AM
and 10:00 AM

Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer:
in Saint Anne Church at 7:15 AM and 5:00 PM

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Saturday: 3:00 PM and by appointment

Baptism and Marriage
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To Know Him, To Love Him, To Serve Him

Adveniat Regnum Tuum
Thy Kingdom Come

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Loving God, through Baptism, You have called us to be members of Your family. As members of this parish family of St. Anne-St. Patrick, we ask You to hear our prayer for our community of faith. Help us to be open to You and to each other. Teach us Your will as we listen to Your spoken word of Scriptures and Your Word reflected in our brothers and sisters. Send us Your Holy Spirit to guide us as we grow together in our faith. Help us to reflect Your love to one another, and through Your Son, Jesus, help us to live as Your sons and daughters. May we be good stewards of all that You have entrusted to our care, so that "Your Kingdom Come." Amen.

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SAINT ANNE - SAINT PATRICK PARISH
MARCH 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent

Merciful and gracious is the Lord,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
— Psalm 103:8

GOD EVER PURSUES US

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Dispensation from Bishop McManus

This year the Liturgical Commemoration of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, falls on Friday, March 17, which is a day of abstinence from meat as it is a Friday in Lent. In light of the importance of this feast day for many in the Diocese of Worcester, Bishop McManus is granting a dispensation for the rule of abstinence on that day.

He encourages those who take advantage of the dispensation to perform another act of penance on that day.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE 2022-23

March 4-5, 2023

Weekly - $7,845
Maintenance - $303
Special Programs - $227
Shrine - $210
Church in Latin America - $115
Home Missions - $10
Turkey/Syria Earthquake Relief - $192
Christmas - $120
Ash Wednesday - $185
Easter - $105
Easter Flowers - 170
Candles - $681

THANK YOU!

Devotions at St. Anne Shrine
in ***St. Anne Church***
Adoration: Friday: 8:00 - 8:30 am

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Each Friday evening throughout Lent the ***Way of the Cross*** will be led in St. Anne Church at 6:30 PM.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

In addition to the weekly 3:00 PM Saturday Confessions, confessions will be heard during Lent every Tuesday evening from 7:00 - 8:00 PM in St. Anne Church Sacristy.

EASTER EGG HUNT
SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Parents and Children in Pre-school through Grades 5 are invited to join us for Mass at 12:00PM followed by an Easter Egg Hunt on the Parish Grounds.

Please let Melissa Turner in the Faith Formation Office know if you and your children are able to attend by March 21. Please give Melissa the number of children attending so we can plan accordingly.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	**MARCH 11**
4:00 PM	+Mary Barbara Williams - Mom and Dad
SUNDAY	**MARCH 12**
8:00 AM	+Anne Brady - Mary Brady
10:00 AM	+John Casavant (9th Anniversary) - Wife and Children
12:00 PM	+Fr. Jerome Lively, A.A. - A Parishioner
5:30 PM	Parishioners and Pilgrims
MONDAY	**MARCH 13**
7:30 AM	Special Intention for Connor Ramm - Family
10:00 AM	+Betty Knowles (3rd Anniversary) - Friend, Lorette
TUESDAY	**MARCH 14**
7:30 AM	Special Intention - Woods/Keddie Family - Mary Brady
10:00 AM	Special Intention - Marielle Lessard
WEDNESDAY	**MARCH 15**
7:30 AM	Special Intention - Vera Wells - Family
10:00 AM	+Helen Earle (1st Anniversary) - Sister, Judy
THURSDAY	**MARCH 16**
7:30 AM	+Mary Neilan - Her children
10:00 AM	For Divine Peace on Earth - James Woolley
FRIDAY	**MARCH 17**
7:30 AM	+Nick Burdett (14th Anniversary) - Family
SATURDAY	**MARCH 18**
7:30 AM	+Marcia Szugda-Ermani - Dr. Sri Ermani
4:00 PM	+Meaghan Haney - Family
SUNDAY	**MARCH 19**
8:00 AM	+Ernest Cote (2nd Anniversary) - Lucien Cote Family
10:00 AM	+Lucinda Ann Garieri Young - Garieri and Simpson Family
12:00 PM	Donald and Joyce Martin - Tom and Shirley Coffey
5:30 PM	Parishioners and Pilgrims

SANCTUARY LAMPS
MARCH

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-Friends

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MEETINGS/EVENTS

MONDAY, MARCH 13: CURSILLO GROUP meets via ZOOM every Monday evening at 6:30 PM. Please contact John & Kathy Lynch at **jjlynch@charter.net** for more information.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15: ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL at 7:00 pm in St. Joachim Chapel
FRIDAY, MARCH 17: STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 6:30 PM in St. Anne Church
FRIDAY, MARCH 17: THE CHOSEN at 7:00 PM in the St. Anne Conference Room
SUNDAY, MARCH 19: LAY ASSUMPTIONISTS BAKE SALE after all Masses.

2023 Partners in Charity Appeal

Partners in Charity is the Annual Appeal for the Diocese of Worcester, helping to support charitable, educational and pastoral ministries. With your support the diocese is able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Worcester County through outreach, formation, evangelization and worship. To watch the 2023 Appeal video or to make a gift online visit www.partners-charity.net.

Over the next two weekends there will be envelopes available for you to make your gift to this critically important campaign. Its success insures that programs and services for all members of the diocese will continue.

Thanks to all members of the parish who have already made their gift to the 2023 Partners in Charity Appeal. We currently are at 12% or $6,695 of our $53,800 goal, which is the same goal we have had for the past several years.

Rest in peace, Fr. Norman

Fr. Norman Meiklejohn, A.A., died on March 5, 2013 after a period of declining health.

One of thirteen children, he entered the Assumptionist novitiate in 1948. He made his perpetual vows in 1953 and was ordained a priest in 1954.

In addition to serving as Pastor at St. Anne St. Patrick from 2002 to 2005, Fr, Norman served as Dean of Students, Professor of History, Director of the Evening College and Trustee at Assumption University. From 1986 - 1999, he served as the chaplain to the diplomatic community in Moscow, the last in a long-line of American Assumptionists to do so.

During his recent time in Worcester, he was active in University theatre productions and a mainstay in the WISE program.

His funeral Mass was celebrated this past Friday at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at Assumption University. He was buried at St. Anne Cemetery.

May he rest in eternal peace.