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## PASTORAL STAFF

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## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM  
 Sunday - 8:00 AM, 11:00 AM and 5:00 PM  
 Weekdays - Mon - Fri 7:30 AM; Sat 8:00 AM  
 Holy Day Masses - 7:30 AM, 12:15 PM and 7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
 First Friday Adoration 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, closing with Benediction  
 Holy Rosary Mon - Fri 8:00 AM; Sat 8:30 AM

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday - 2:45 to 3:45; Sunday, 10:00 to 11:00 AM; Wednesday, 5:00 to 6:00 PM  
 Also available other times by appointment.

**BAPTISMS:** First three Sundays of the month at 12:30 by appointment.

**MARRIAGE:** Arranged at least six months in advance with the Pastor.

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Please notify us if anyone is ill in the hospital or at home and if anyone is unable to get to church because of illness, handicap or age.

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

<b>St. Vincent De Paul Society</b> .....	<i>President, Bev Vargas</i> .....	508-884-6538
<b>Altar Servers' Schedule</b> .....	<i>Parish Secretary</i> .....	508-823-9833
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<b>St. Ann Prayer Group</b> .....		
<b>St. Ann's Sociable Seniors</b> .....	<i>President, Marianne Miller</i> .....	508-823-1765
<b>Knights of Columbus</b> .....	<i>Grand Knight, Chris Buckley</i> .....	918-406-6199

**NEW PARISHIONERS** are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family.  
 Please see a priest after Mass.

**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN COPY** - Monday at noon (copy should be written or typewritten).

**ST. ANN'S WEBSITE:** [www.stannsraynham.org](http://www.stannsraynham.org) **EMAIL:** [office@stannsraynham.org](mailto:office@stannsraynham.org)



## Mass Intentions

**November 18th - 26th**

**Saturday, November 18th**

4:00 p.m. Roberta Cordeiro

**Sunday, November 19th**

8:00 a.m. Paul Derocher

11:00 a.m. Louis Campagna

5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Ann's

**Monday, November 20th**

7:30 a.m. Louis Campagna

**Tuesday, November 21st**

7:30 a.m. Walter and Mary Whittemore

**Wednesday, November 22nd**

7:30 a.m. Fran and Brenda Campbell

**Thursday, November 23rd**

9:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

**Friday, November 24th**

7:30 a.m. Edward and Barbara Laughlin

**Saturday, November 25th**

8:00 a.m. Norris and Ann Boyson

4:00 p.m. Elsie Araujo

**Sunday, November 26th**

8:00 a.m. Walter Whittemore, Sr.

11:00 a.m. Dennis Carvalho

5:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Ann's

Kindly remember in your prayers those who have died, especially Raymond Rezendes, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.



For the month of November  
the Sanctuary candle burns in memory of

**Antonio Nunes**

### ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, the Church lifts up in prayer all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. If there are loved ones you would like to have prayed for, feel free to write their names in the "Book of the Deceased" located near the statue of the Blessed Mother. Know that all our deceased are remembered at all our masses during November. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace!

### AN ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

Saint Ann's Parish will join with the Congregational Church of Raynham at the "Stone Church" on Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00 p.m. for A Service of Prayer and Song thanking God for His many blessings on us. Rev. Jim Tilbe will be the host and Fr. David Pignato will deliver the homily. Come one and all as we join together in prayer.

**On Thanksgiving Day, St. Ann's morning Mass will be a special Mass of Thanksgiving held at 9:00 a.m.**

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

#### The Dream of Gerontius

In my column last week, I explained the Church's teaching that the condition of our soul at the moment of death is what determines our salvation. And for those souls who are in a state of grace, the reward of Heaven is given either immediately or after a purification (cf. Catechism, 1022). This process of being purified before entering Heaven is what the Church's theology refers to as Purgatory. "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" (Catechism, 1030). Our belief in Purgatory is rooted in the revealed truth that we need to be purified before joining the perfect holiness of life with God. As we read in the Psalms, "Who may go up the mountain of the Lord? Who can stand in his holy place? The clean of hand and pure of heart, who has not given his soul to useless things ..." (Ps 24:3-4).

The truth of Purgatory reminds us of the real effects of sin. Even absolved sins can leave a mark or residue on our souls, often in the form of attachment or inclination to sin, and these effects need to be purged from the soul before it is ready to join the divine life of the Blessed Trinity. As one theologian explains, "Part of the process of purgatory is the gradual purification of all misguided loves, all particular hates and misgivings and all resentments, envies, rivalries, jealousies, and hard-heartedness or lack of mercy toward other persons" (Fr. Thomas Joseph White, O.P., *The Light of Christ*, 276).

The reality of Purgatory is described beautifully by St. John Henry Cardinal Newman, a convert to Catholicism in the 19th century. In a lengthy poem called "The Dream of Gerontius," Newman imagines the experience of a soul after it dies. First, the soul senses it is free of its body, as it hears the echo of the Last Rites that were spoken by the priest. The soul then meets his guardian angel who has been watching over him since his birth and who ushers him to the "House of Judgment," where he is told he will see God for split second. On the way, the soul passes choirs of angels who sing of the redemption that Christ accomplished for the human race. The soul then arrives at the "Sacred Stairs of the Presence Chamber," as he hears again the echoes of the prayers for mercy uttered by the priest at his deathbed. When the soul finally sees the face of Christ, he is struck both by the intensity of Christ's holiness and by remorse for his own sinfulness, and he realizes that he is not yet ready to enjoy the Beatific Vision of God. At this, he begs his guardian angel to bring him to a place where he can be purified and remade in the image of God. This need for purification is why we pray for the deceased, to assist them as they are prepared to enter the everlasting joys of Heaven.

## PARISH NECROLOGY



A parish necrology is a listing of the anniversaries of those parish members who have gone before us – so we ask that you keep these folks in your prayers, particularly on the anniversary of their death.

Nov 19	Ann V. Murphy	1984
	Beatrice Butler	2004
	Donna Ferrone	2010
Nov 20	Shirley H. Hall	2001
	Charles E. Crowley	2014
	Raymond Rezendes	2016
	Dulvina Perry	2018
	Patricia L. Machado	2022
Nov 21	Joseph Rose Silvia	1975
	Walter Loveday, Jr.	1993
	Manuel O. Roque, Jr.	2006
	Robert Day	2016
	Diane M. Martin	2020
Nov 22	Thomas P. Selleck	1976
	Joni White	2003
	Leonard Wood	2005
Nov 23	Kathleen Donovan	2016
Nov 24	Laura Ann Flanagan	1993
	Alice Costa	2005
	Kenneth Maynard	2011
Nov 25	Agnes Carey	1972
	Joseph J. Silvia	1993
	Kathleen Shea	2013
	Virginia Matteson	2016
	Richard Mastria, Sr.	2018

## THE MARIAN MEDAL

Each year the parish selects one parishioner who has given extraordinary service over time to the good of the life of the parish. This year's recipient of the Marian Medal is Donna Clark. Donna has been involved over the years at Saint Ann's. She is one of our weekly counters, a member of the Altar Society and a Eucharistic Minister.

Join me in congratulating Donna on this happy occasion. The Marian Medals will be given at a ceremony at St. Mary's Cathedral by the Bishop on Sunday, December 3rd.



## FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING

On Sunday, November 26th, from 12 - 1:30 p.m. we will host our annual Advent wreath making session for anyone who would like to attend. It has been a great success in the past. Last year, we had 31 families join in the fun! All the necessary materials (greens, candles, holder, etc.) will be provided. Please sign up on the lists at all the doors of the church by Sunday, November 19th so we may order supplies.

**Volunteers needed:** Anyone who would like to volunteer with this event, please call Joan Lynn in the Faith Formation office at 508-824-9021. We could use help with setting up, cleaning up and supplying greens!



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT HELP NEEDED!

This year's St. Ann's Christmas Pageant is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 23rd after the 4pm Mass. We are looking for adult and middle/high school student volunteers to help. If you are interested, please reach out to Joan at [religioused@stannsrainham.org](mailto:religioused@stannsrainham.org), or call her at (508)824-9021. We will need volunteers to help with rehearsals, music, and costumes. An organizational meeting will be scheduled soon.

St. Ann's has always been very fortunate to have dedicated parent volunteers who have continued to work on this annual tradition for years. However, as their own children are aging out of the Faith Formation program, we will need parents of our younger students to step in and help us out. This would be a great year to join us and "see" how everything works while we still have our experienced parents here to help guide us.

## "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS"

The Knights of Columbus, "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest will take place again this year. Students in grades K-8 are invited to participate in this event, with the winner of each age bracket winning a prize! Entry forms and 11" X 17" paper are available outside of the Faith Formation office and in the vesting room at the main entrance of the church. All submissions must be returned by noon December 1st. Please place the poster and your entry form in the box in the vesting room at the main entrance of the church.



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers, all who are facing illness at this time: *Denise Cabral-Bumpus, Stephen Carroll, Karen Cavanagh, Lee Dillon, Kevin Ellis, Shirley Ellis, Karen Howard, Paul Kane, Pat Keefe, Brian Lewis, Margery Maher, James McGann, Carol McKenna, Regan Piotti, Helen Smith, Thomas M. Timko*, and those whose names are listed in the book of prayers for the sick.

## NOVEMBER COUNTS

Each year, during the month of November, our Diocese asks the parishes to conduct a "Mass attendance count". Individuals will take this count during the homily time at Mass. Please forgive any distraction this may cause.

## GRAND ANNUAL APPEAL

We are grateful for the generosity shown by so many to our "**Grand Annual Appeal**"! If you have not yet had an opportunity to return your gift card, please consider a donation. We are in hopes to address some necessary and major maintenance projects that will likely come at a significant cost. Every gift is welcome and sincerely appreciated. Additional Annual Appeal packets are available at the main entrance to the church if you need one.

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