SAINT ANNA PARISH

December 5, 2021

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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 Audelle, Victim Services Coordinator, at 508-929-4363 (direct& confidential). Claire Freda is the St. Anna Parish Safety environment Coordinator.

From the Pastor's Desk

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Few doctrines of the Catholic Church are as misunderstood as the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which Catholics celebrate every year on December 8. Many people, including many Catholics, think that the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That event, though, is celebrated at the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25, nine months before Christmas).

Thus, what is the Immaculate Conception?

The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. We celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—her birth—on September 8; nine months after December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. In the Apostolic Constitution *Ineffabilis Deus*, Pope Pius IX wrote that "***We declare, pronounce, and define that the doctrine which holds that the most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instance of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin, is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore to be believed firmly and constantly by all the faithful."***

Let us pray,

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin prepared a worthy dwelling for your Son, grant, we pray, that as you preserved her from every stain by virtue of the Death of your Son, which you foresaw so through her intercession, we, too, may be cleansed and admitted to your presence.

Wednesday December 8th Holy Day of Obligation Mass Schedule

7:30 AM (No Music)

9:00 AM School Mass

12:00 PM (No Music)

7:00 PM Solemn Mass with Music

Parish News

Please join us for the St. Anna Parish Christmas Party Open House on Saturday, December 11, 2021 starting at 5:00PM, in the rectory. All are welcome! This has always been a wonderful night of food, fun and fellowship. Please feel free to bring desserts!

Thank you to everyone who took a tag from the Gift Tag Tree for our Seminarians! All the tags were taken by the end of all the masses last weekend. Our Seminarians are truly grateful for your generosity!

RCIA

Would you like to become Catholic or you would like to find out more about the Catholic Church? Would you like to receive all of the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation? For information about **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults (RCIA), please contact Fr. Carlos at fathercarlosruiz@gmail.com or 978-537-5293.

LEGACY OF HOPE

Update

Parish Goal: $376,602

Our share of 40%: $150,641

Pledged as of November 29, 2021: $336,828.00

In order to reach the goal, we need: **$39,774.00.00**

If you have not pledged, please join us in thoughtful and prayerful consideration for a truly sacrificial gift.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

ADORATION - Everyone is welcome to join us every Tuesday after the 7:30am Mass from 8:00am to 10:00am.

CONFESSIONS - Confessions will be available Tuesday mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am and Saturday 2:45pm-3:45pm.

PARISH COLLECTION REPORT -

Total Collection for the weekend of November 21, 2021 was $4891.00

Collection Report for the weekend of November 28, 2021

Sunday Collection	$4168.00
Masses, Candles, Misc	$ 492.00
Total	$4660.00

School News

Third graders started their annual Socks for Santa service project. Any donations of packages of new socks for our elderly will be very much appreciated. The goal is to collect 500 pairs. We will be collecting new white cotton or thermal socks to be distributed to homeless shelters, women's shelters, and the elderly.

St. Matthew 25 Society

Thank You! The St. Matthew 25 Society would like to extend our thanks to all of our Parish and School families for your generous monetary and food donations for Thanksgiving. Because of your continued support and thoughtfulness we are able to continue to provide food to the many people in need in our local community and keep our shelves well stocked! May God Bless you!

The Giving Tree

The Christmas "Giving Tree" Gift Card collection will begin on Saturday, November 27, 2021 until Sunday, December 12, 2021. Gift Cards (of any amount) to Walmart, Target, Kohl's, J.C. Penny and also visa gift cards, may be placed in the special Gift Card Basket next to the "Giving Tree." Thank you for your support for children in need in our local community.

Religious Education News

Parent Meeting and Student Confirmation Meeting

There will be a meeting for all students in our Sacramental Confirmation Preparation Program on Sunday, **December 12th, @ 9:00AM in the School Cafeteria.** We will be discussing the roles of the Candidates, Parents and Sponsors as we prepare the Candidates to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We consider this an important meeting and ask that at least one parent attend with each Candidate.

Parent Meeting for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Students

There will be a meeting for all parents of students in our Religious Education Program and Saint Anna School who wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for the first time on **Sunday, December 19th, @ 9:00AM in the School Cafeteria.** We will be explaining the process and the events that will prepare the candidates to receive these cherished Sacraments. We do consider this meeting to be very important and ask that at least one parent attend. Thank you for your support and cooperation!

Our Lady Health Of The Sick, Pray for Us

Samuel Madore, Deacon Jim, Jacob DeCarolis, Diana Escabi, Linda Gonynor, Rickie Gorski Jr., Kathy Holman, Brian LeBlanc, Harry, Cindy and Harrison Levin, Melanie Creamer, Melissa Michaud, Marietta Zani, Frank Cipriani, Barbara Almedia, Sloan Blake, M. Goguen, Steven Davi, Fran Warm, Phyllis Bowker, Jason and Frank Fennelly, Amelia Lavenski, Joe P., W. Fletcher, Anna Mae Flayhan, John Ricci, Enrico Domengo, George Gallant, Paul Morizzo, Phyllis Bowker, Jacob Rivera, Robert Flynn, David H., Pat and John LaPosta.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2021

4:00PM

Cecile DeBettencourt by son Ryan
Leon Bellio (month's mind) by niece Phyllis

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2021

8:00AM

Lorraine Benoit by Daniel & Donna Benoit
Lillian Wingate by her family
Bertha Cascio by her husband
Francis Bangrazi by family
Gilda Williams, Jeanne Williams and James Williams III by the Williams family

10:00AM

Florence Rousseau (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
Theresa Simard (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish

12:00PM

Raymond Bunnell (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
John LeBlanc (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Anthony Cornacchia (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish
Domenico Andreani by Mr. & Mrs. Archie Carboni & family
John and Clara Reale by daughter Maria

6:30 BRAZILIAN MASS

DAILY DECEMBER 6-9, 2021

7:30 AM

MONDAY: St. Martin de Porres by Anibal Ortiz
TUESDAY: Michelina Burt, Mary Ann Ogden and Jean Jacobbe by Shirley Pukaite

WEDNESDAY:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:30 AM Mario Ermini by his family
9:00AM School Mass
12:00PM (Noon) For respect for life from the moment of conception to the point of natural death by St. Anna Parish
7:00PM Our Beloved Ones
THURSDAY: Jenna Catherine Normandin (anniversary remembrance) by her aunt

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2021

4:00PM

Lisa Frechette by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc
Robert Lanza by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc
Mary Lanza Gentile by Patti Lanza and Carol LeBlanc
John and Evelyn Tata by family

SUDNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

8:00AM

Bertha Cascio by her husband

10:00AM

Noah Matthew Tadry (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish

12:00PM

Adele Capanna by Mr. & Mrs. Archie Carboni & family
Dianna Carboni by her father
Nicholas Carboni Jr. by his father

6:30 BRAZILIAN MASS

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