

SAINT ANNA PARISH

December 19, 2021

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4th Sunday OF ADVENT

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

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8am-3pm, Monday through Friday

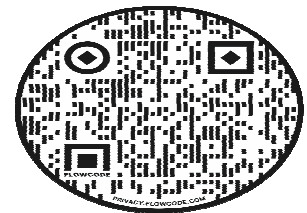
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Safety Environment Notice

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.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



Dear Friends, Christmas is a time for memories, a time for recalling the moments we treasure in our hearts. It is also a time for love and generosity, a time for renewing family ties

and friendships. At the heart of our celebration of Christmas is the mystery of the Incarnation: God took on human flesh and dwelt among us. The words are simple and direct. Jesus is God with us, a human being to lead us where we truly belong, wrapped in God's love.

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

This Christmas, our Holy Father, Francis, invites us to make the journey to Bethlehem and to open wide our hearts to welcome the Savior we find lying in the manger:

“Let Jesus enter your life, welcome Him as a friend with trust: He is life! If up till now you have kept Him at a distance, step forward. He will receive you with open arms. If you have been indifferent, take a risk: you won't be disappointed. If following Him seems difficult, don't be afraid, trust Him, be confident that He is close to you. He is with you and He will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as He would have you do.”

As we celebrate this beautiful Christmas season, we invite each one of you and your families to join us in prayer to commemorate the Nativity of our Lord. Together, we rejoice in Jesus who is born in a humble home full of love and peace. And so, as the family of God, let us share with one another the peace that only comes from our born Savior, Christ the Lord.

On behalf of our parish ministries and staff, I wish all of you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your hearts and homes be filled with all God's blessings throughout these Holy Days.

Fr. Carlos

Parish News

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

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (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 December 7, 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 -

Collection Report for the weekend of December 12, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$4006.00
Retirement for Religious Collection	\$1453.00
Masses, Candles, Misc	\$1416.00
Total	\$6875.00

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, Jason and Frank Fennelly, Amelia Lavenski, Joe P., W. Fletcher, Anna Mae Flayhan, John Ricci, Enrico Domingo, George Gallant, Paul Morizzo, Jacob Rivera, Robert Flynn, David H., Olive Thompson, Lela Male, Deacon Malcolm Colgate, Pat and John LaPosta.

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. God Bless, Mrs. Legendre

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021

4:00PM

Lena Friedman (6th anniversary) by her children
Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini (birthday remembrance)
by family

Enea and Gabriele Piermarini by family
Savario and Francesca Ciccolini by family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2021

8:00AM

Bernice Brown (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Matteo Longo by Emanuel & Karen Longo
Bertha Cascio by her husband
Elizabeth DePasquale (3rd anniversary) by her family
Phyllis Bowker by her daughter Marlene
Marlin Dunshee by his daughter Marlene

10:00AM

Santino Fantozzi (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Orlando Lisciotti (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Gabriel Nunez by family
Damon Gentile by Gino Gentile
LuAnne Gentile by Gino Gentile
Bernardina Mammone by family
Vincenzo Cappuccitti by family

12:00PM

Harry Galloway by the family
Elvira DeVarney (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
William Stacy (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Teresa and Egidio Marrone by son Chris

DAILY DECEMBER 20-23, 2021

7:30 AM

MONDAY: Marina and Norela Franco by Fr. Carlos

TUESDAY: Vincent DiRusso by niece

WEDNESDAY: St. Martin de Porres by Anibal Ortiz

THURSDAY: Giovanni DiRusso by niece

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

CHRISTMAS EVE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

4:00PM

Anthony & Viola Sisoian by family
Carrescia and Hill Families by Rita Hill and family

6:00PM

Edward McTigue by Karen and Emanuel Longo
Mery & John Burke by Joe and Fran Bassett
Elizabeth & William Bassett by Joe and Fran Bassett

12:00AM MIDNIGHT

Rev. Dennis O'Brien by St. Anna Parish

CHRISTMAS DAY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2021

8:00AM

Angelo and Angela Piermarini by Donna Fiore

Mass Intentions

(continued)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

8:00AM

Michael Sweeney (2nd anniversary)
by Dan & Donna Benoit
Anthony Pulsinelli (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Bertha Cascio by her husband
Alfreda Maldari (month's mind) by St. Anna Parish

10:00AM

Marshall Carrier (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish

12:00PM

Jason Hickey (1st anniversary) by St. Anna Parish
Ann Marie Porcella by family
Lawrence and Estelle Seymour by family

6:30 BRAZILIAN MASS

St. Matthew 25 Society

THE GIVING TREE

The Christmas "Giving Tree" Gift Card Collection will continue through this weekend. 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

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

Just a reminder that **THIS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, @ 9:00AM**, in the School Cafeteria, there will be a meeting for all parents who wish for their child to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion this coming year. Important information regarding classes and upcoming events will be announced. At least one parent should be in attendance. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE Everyone who has signed up to be in the Christmas Pageant should be in attendance for the rehearsal, taking place this Tuesday, December 21st and Thursday December 23rd, from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Church Hall. We consider these rehearsals extremely important and require all who wish to take part in the pageant to be present.

CHRISTMAS VACATION SCHEDULE

This Sunday, December 19th will be our last class for the year. We will resume on Sunday, January 9th. We wish all of you a safe and restful Holiday Season filled with true joy, peace and happiness that can only be experienced through the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

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