

St. Anne Shrine News

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Temporary Hours

St. Anne's Shrine is open daily for private prayer and devotion.

Monday- Saturday: 8:00am-1:00pm

Sunday
12:00pm-4:00pm

Gift Shop

The gift shop is now open during our normal operating hours. We have a variety of statues, rosaries, medals, booklets, and prayer cards that are available for purchase.

Please consider stopping in during your next visit!

Website

The Saint Anne Shrine website is now live.

www.st-annes-shrine.org

Mailing Address:

818 Middle Street
Fall River, MA 02721



SANCTUARY LAMPS AND EUCCHARISTIC BREAD

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the Sanctuary Lamp or the eucharistic bread/wine in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$50.00 and names will be published here in the newsletter.

HAPPENINGS

COVID-19 Safety: On June 15, 2020 the Solemnity of Corpus Christi the shrine re-opened to the public. Since that day the shrine's board of directors has instituted a number of safety precautions to limit the spread of COVID-19. First, we ask that all pilgrims visiting the shrine to kindly wear a face covering. If you cannot wear a face covering due to health reasons, we ask that you physically distance yourself from others as best as possible. Second, pews in the main worship space have been alternately closed off to prevent crowding and to promote adequate six feet social distancing. Third, mass attendance has been limited to 150 people. We kindly ask that if you want to attend a mass or special event that you pre-register either by email at info@st-annes-shrine.org or by calling the shrine office at 508-678-1510. Finally, restrooms have been marked for emergency use only. We ask that those visiting the shrine to refrain from using the restrooms unless it is an absolute emergency.

BUILDING NEWS

MAJOR REPAIRS:

We continue to work on gathering quotations to repair the roof, mortar joints on the buttresses, and for the internal restoration of the walls (plaster and painting) and murals inside the upper church.

Roof: We met with a contractor who had performed internal attic roof inspection to identify the location of the leaks, and it appears that the focus areas of repair are at the flashings located on the transept of the building as well as others areas on the perimeter. We will continue to gather quotations and then develop a firm plan for repair which would then be shared with the Diocese for review and approval.

Buttresses: The buttresses were deemed stable, but in need of having the mortar joints repointed and a quotation was gathered for that.

Upper church plaster and wall painting: We also received a quotation for restoring the damaged plaster in the upper church, and for re-painting of those areas. A quotation was also received for the restoration of the murals in the upper church that had been damaged, but are repairable.

Priority:

Our first priority for the large building repairs is the roof repair. We need to get that taken care of in order to allow the other repairs inside the church to move forward. We continue to work on our Capital Campaign, to fund all of the major work, but also want it known and understood by all, that all donations received thus far, and those that we continue to receive, are being saved for building operation and for building repair and that there has been no non-essential spending of funds.

Wheelchair Lift:

The wheel chair lift was recently inspected by the manufacturer's representative and was serviced. Please know that at this time, the wheel chair lift is out of service until we get it inspected by the State of Massachusetts. That will be scheduled after we complete sheet rock work in the area of the wheel chair lift, where the sump repair work was recently performed.

Santo Christo Chapel:

We are currently asking for and receiving donations for the restoration of the Santo Christo Chapel and we thank all of you who have already donated. The contents of the Chapel have been removed and the Santo Christo statue has been carefully relocated to a safe space inside our building. As with other areas of the Shrine, water infiltration at the Santo Christo Chapel has caused damage to the raised floor as well as to the walls inside the chapel.

The Chapel will be carefully studied by our Team to assess the source of the damage. We will also consult with a competent contractor as required to develop a solution and ultimately perform the necessary work. Until that time, keep the donations coming for that project. We know for certain that the entire existing raised floor structure needs to be removed and then we will assess next steps, which could include additional sump pump trenching to one of the newly installed sump pumps to perhaps filling in the below grade void with concrete. Plaster repair with this chapel will also be required along with painting. The repair for this chapel is very much a work in progress at this time.

Front Sign:

We have also met with a sign company to discuss replacing our sign located in the grassy area at the front of the church. You might notice it is leaning, and also we need to change the sign so the that it reads" St. Anne Shrine" and no longer refers to the St. Anne Parish & Shrine with associated Mass times. We are also looking at having a sign out front to communicate our upcoming events.

Front Steps:

We have also consulted with masons to discuss having the mortar joints for the front steps of the church repointed and we are looking forward to having that done in the Fall.

148th Annual Solemn Novena to Good St. Anne: We would like to sincerely thank all those that participated in the annual novena and feast celebrations to good Saint Anne. Although the pandemic forced us to scale back events this year, we were still able to honor our great patroness in a very holy way. A very special thanks goes to Fathers Michael Racine, Chris Peschel and Andre Patenaude for devoting time out of their busy schedules to be with us this year. We have already begun planning for next years Novena which with God's help will be bigger and better.

ANNUAL NOVENA TO ST. JUDE: St. Anne Shrine has for many years been colloquially known as "Saint Jude's Chapel" because of the rich devotion pilgrims have displayed toward this great apostle and patron of hopeless cases. This year we will have the annual Novena in honor of Saint Jude from October 19-27. Devotions will be held each evening at the shrine at 6:00pm. It is our hope that this novena will become popular so that we can expand this devotion in the future.

SPIRITUAL ENROLLMENTS: We are now offering spiritual enrollments to the Shrine Purgatorial Society. You can enroll a loved one or a friend for either an annual period or a perpetual enrollment. Enrollees will share in all of the spiritual benefits at the shrine, especially at a First Friday Mass in honor of the Sacred Heart, as well as all other masses, novenas, and devotions that are held here at the shrine. Beautiful commemorative cards are given to all as a sign of enrollment. A suggested donation of \$35 for annual enrollment and \$100 or more for Perpetual Enrollments. For more information on the spiritual enrollments kindly call the shrine gift shop at 508-678-1510 or visit our website at www.st-annes-shrine.org

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: Beginning on Friday September 4th at 6:00PM we will have a monthly votive mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by Rosary and Sacred Heart Devotions. We hope that you will be able to join us for these events.

A DAY WITH MARY: On Saturday October 3, we will sponsor the popular Day with Mary program in partnership with the Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate from New Bedford. The day will begin at 9:00am and will conclude at 1:00pm. There will be a procession, a mass, confessions, a video presentation on Fatima, and enrollment in the Brown Scapular. We hope that you will be able to join us for this special event.

FUNDRAISING DINNER: On Saturday October 17, 3pm-6pm we will sponsor an Italian Pasta Dinner for *"Take Out Only"* menu will include Soup, Pasta, Meatballs, Garlic Bread and Dessert. We will also be selling raffle tickets and a livestream video drawing will take place at 6:00PM. Tickets will be \$15 a piece and will be available at the shrine gift shop, or by calling 508-678-1510 or emailing us at St.Anne.Shrine.Liturgy@gmail.com all proceeds from the dinner will go towards restoration efforts of the Shrine.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY OF THE SHRINE

Donations can be sent to:

Saint Anne Shrine Preservation Society, Inc
818 Middle Street, Fall River, MA 02721

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are always looking for dedicated volunteers to help in this monumental task of running the shrine. We are currently seeking volunteers to help specifically with cleaning and maintaining the shrine. If you are interested in volunteering please email us or stop by the gift shop during normal operating hours.



Visit our Facebook, YouTube, and newly designed website!!

Enrollments Received

Mr and Mrs. George & Regina Antaya- *Perpetual*

Mr. Adroaldo F. Botelho- *Perpetual*

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin & Lucille Boyle- *Perpetual*

Mr. David Eisenbeil- *Perpetual*

Mr. Dennis Eisenbeil- *Perpetual*

VISIT US

The Shrine is open year-round, tours are available for individuals and groups. Please contact us for more information and we'll gladly accommodate.

508-678-1510- Phone

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HEALING MASSES

Saint Anne's Preservation Society is pleased to announce that we now offer a monthly healing mass at the shrine. We are sincerely grateful to Father Edward Murphy, Pastor of Saint Andrew the Apostle Church in Taunton for taking time out of his busy schedule to offer these masses on a monthly basis.

Healing Masses will resume on: Thursday September 17, 2020 at 6:30PM

Thursday October 15, 2020 at 6:30PM

Thursday November 19, 2020 at 6:30PM

Thursday December 17, 2020 at 6:30PM

COME AND EXPERIENCE THE HEALING POWER OF GOD'S LOVE!