

St. Anne Shrine News

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



Summer Hours

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

Monday- Friday: 8:00am-6:00pm

Saturday-Sunday
8:00am -5:00pm

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!

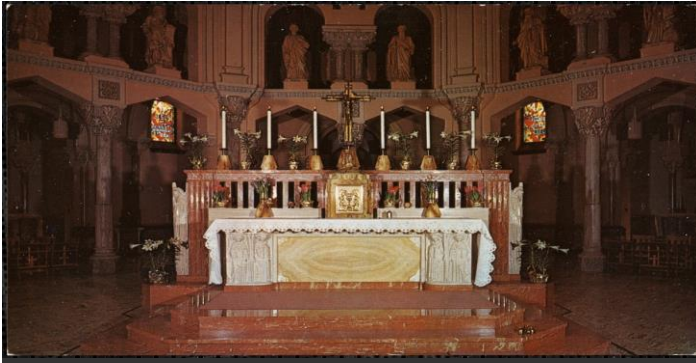
Website

The Saint Anne Shrine website is now live.

www.st-annes-shrine.org

Mailing Address:

818 Middle Street
Fall River, MA 02721



NEWS AND UPDATES

This section provides news and updates on the shrine.

HAPPENINGS

COVID-19 Safety: In March 2020 the Saint Anne Shrine Preservation Society unanimously voted to temporarily close the shrine, considering the recent Coronavirus pandemic that is affecting much of the world. It saddened us that we had to shutter the doors to Mary's mother's house, where so many faithful pilgrims come to stop and pray. However, we were able to use this time away from the physical shrine and to innovate our technical abilities and to bring the shrine into your homes virtually, with the help of the internet. We hope that the online streaming of various prayers, devotions, and masses where helpful is this unprecedented time in our world.

PIONEER BASEMENT: In late February and early March the society hired the firm Pioneer Basement to assess the severe flooding that occurs in the shrine after significant weather events, such as heavy rain storms or excessive melting snow. After their assessment they proposed installing a fifteen-foot water guard track, sump pump and vapor barrier to help alleviate the problem. The board of directors unanimously agreed, and work began at the end of February and was completed in early March. The work was done along the south wall adjacent to the wheel chair lift on the Middle Street side of the shrine. The water guard track along the wall directs the water to the sump pump, and the vapor barrier keeps the moisture behind it. The water or moisture then goes into the track and directly to the pump. The firm also drilled a discharge pipe that was connected to the existing outside drain. The total cost of this project was just under \$4,000.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Many people have been asking about a capital campaign to collect donations to fix the upper church. We ask that people be patient as the board of directors is working diligently to try and put this together. For a campaign to be successful, we must obtain professional estimates from various consulting firms that are experienced in fixing old churches. In general, capital campaigns are completed in phases. Our first goal is to address the roof, which we believe is the major issue affecting the upper church. Once we have the estimates in place to make the necessary repairs to the roof, gutters and flashing, we hope to roll out a fundraising campaign specifically for that purpose. Once the structural work outside is completed, we can move inside to address the restoration which would be the second phase of the campaign. This is a major task that requires lots of planning, consultation, and patience. Please continue to pray for our continued success.

WE ARE MOVING!!!!: That's correct you read that properly. In June the Saint Anne's Preservation Society and the Saint Anne's Food Pantry will be switching spaces. The food pantry will move into the space that is currently occupied by the preservation society and our gift shop, while we move into the space that is occupied by the food pantry. This move will facilitate optimal space for Saint Anne's Preservation Society to conduct its mission of operating and maintaining the shrine. In this move we will create a shrine office that will be used by the board members to conduct daily business of the shrine. The gift shop will expand into the "*old gift shop*" space that many remember from years ago. This will make a more optimal shopping experience for visitors to the shrine.

CASAVANT ORGAN- The magnificent Casavant organ in the upper church is in need of some attention. Due to the materials used in the manufacture of the pipes, some pipes are have bowed due to the combination of weight and heat in the upper loft. The board has been in touch with Andover Organ Company and has recently approved approximately \$3,000 to have these pipes addressed and made safe. Addressing this situation now, will prevent further more expensive damage that could possibly occur.

148th Annual Solemn Novena to Good St. Anne: July 17-25 will mark the annual Novena to Good Saint Anne in preparation for the Great Feast Day on July 26. We will have services daily in the shrine at 3:00PM and 7:00PM. This year the 3:00PM service will be a simple service of prayer, and our nightly 7:00PM service will include a priest preacher, and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We will be announcing our preacher in the coming weeks. Please stay tuned to our website and social media pages for more information.

Solemn Mass for the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Upper Church: Please join us on Saturday July 4th, 2020 at 4:00PM as we commemorate the 114th anniversary of the dedication of the Upper Church with a solemn mass that will be held in the shrine. We will have light refreshments and social fellowship after the mass in the foyer of the shrine. We hope you will plan to join us on this most solemn occasion.

VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGES: As part of our call to global evangelization, we have started a weekly program on our YouTube Channel, called "Virtual Pilgrimages to Saint Anne's Shrine." In these brief videos we travel around the shrine and explain the history, art, and architecture of this place that has been loved and cherished by so many. Each video will feature a virtual tour around the shrine stopping at each of the chapels and oratories that surround the ambulatory in both the upper and lower churches. It is the hope that these videos will serve to bring our ministry of the shrine, far beyond the borders of Fall River, and out to the world.

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

Facebook and YouTube

In addition to our website, the shrine is now connected to the world through our Facebook and YouTube Channels. We have been utilizing these social media platforms to live-stream devotions, prayers and masses and other events as they occur here at the shrine. Our Facebook page currently has 556 likes and 568 followers. If you haven't done so, yet please like and follow our pages and spread the word.



Let us pray for you and your loved ones!

Saint Anne's Shrine is a living place of prayer and worship. The prayers that we offer for you, your family, and your friends are one of the many ways that fulfill our important mission as a sanctuary of prayer and pilgrimage.

Each day we pray for people from across the Diocese of Fall River and the entire country and present their needs to the confidence and loving intercession of Good Saint Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin and Grandmother to Jesus.

Email prayer requests to: St.Anne.Shrine.Liturgy@gmail.com

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 be suspended** for the summer months and will resume in the Fall

PILGRIMAGES:

St. Anne's shrine would like to host you and your parish group for a pilgrimage day to the shrine. Throughout the year we have various events that might interest you and your group. Please contact us for more information on scheduling a pilgrimage to the shrine:

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



World Rosary 2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Saint Anne's Shrine has promised to offer two rosary novenas for World Rosary 2020. We will pray a total of 18 rosaries.

The first novena will be a novena of petition and the second will be a novena of thanksgiving. Culminating on the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima on May 13.

The rosaries will be live streamed on our Facebook page and later uploaded to our YouTube Channel. Please consider praying along with us.

Light a Candle Campaign

Since the earliest days of Christianity, the lighting of votive candles to serve as a reminder of lighting our prayers before the Lord has been practiced.

In this time of uncertainty with the COVID-19 pandemic we at Saint Anne's shrine want you to know that you still can light a votive candle even though the shrine is closed to the public.

For a donation of \$5.00 a member of our dedicated society will ensure that a votive light is lit for you or a loved one. Donations can be made by going to our Facebook page and clicking on the candle campaign donate link. You may also send in a check to the mailing address above, however, please indicate that the donation is for the "candle campaign."

St. Anne's Shrine is fortunate to be the largest indoor votive light shrine in southern New England.

www.facebook.com/savesaintannes



Please continue to support the ministry of the shrine

Thank you for your generosity!