



# St. Anne Shrine News

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

*Celebrating*  
**125 YEARS**

AT MARY'S MOTHER'S SHRINE

JUBILEE YEAR

December 25, 2020 through December 25, 2021



## Temporary Hours due to Covid-19

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

Monday, Wednesday,  
Thursday and Saturday 8-1

Tuesday 1:00-5

Friday 8-5

Sunday 12-4

## 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!

Sales support the ministry of the shrine.

## Website

The Saint Anne Shrine website is now live.

[www.st-annes-shrine.org](http://www.st-annes-shrine.org)

## Mailing Address

818 Middle Street  
Fall River, MA 02721

GOOD SAINT ANNE, WE CALL ON YOUR NAME

## Planning Ahead

Saint Anne Shrine Preservation Society is happy to announce that the 149th Annual Solemn Novena to Good Saint Anne in preparation for the Great Feast of Saint Anne, will be celebrated as usual from July 17-25, 2021.

This year we are pleased to announce this year's preacher will be the Rev. Father Andre Feain, FI from Our Lady's Chapel in New Bedford. Father Andre was born in Australia in 1949. In 1990 he left work in the business world to dedicate himself to working for Our Lady. He became a Franciscan Friar of the Immaculate in 1999 and was ordained to the priesthood in 2004. Since then, he has been active in friaries all over the world. Leading souls to Our Lord through total consecration to the Immaculate. Since 2019 he has been assigned to Our Lady's Chapel in downtown New Bedford.

This year's theme for the novena will reflect the large D.O.M etched on the blue marble in the front of this great shrine. It stands for "Deo Optimo Maximo" translated "For God, the greatest, the best."

Each evening throughout the Novena we will have the Holy Rosary at 6:00P.M. and Father Feain will be available for the Sacrament of Confession. At 6:30PM Father Feain will celebrate a Mass for the faithful pilgrims who wish to participate in the novena. After mass we will have a period of Eucharistic Adoration and Novena Devotions to Saint Anne.

Father Feain will deliver a spiritual talk and conclude each evening with Eucharistic Benediction.

On Sunday July 25- Father Edward Murphy, Chaplain to the Shrine will offer a Healing Service at 3:00PM which will include the Sacrament of the Sick.

The Novena will conclude at 6:00PM with Father Feain and the Solemn Opening and Vigil of the Feast will be celebrated.

On Monday July 26 we celebrate the Great Feast of Good Saint Anne. We will have confessions available during the day. Devotions to Saint Anne at 2:00pm, 3:00pm, and 4:00pm, and the Holy Rosary at 5:30pm.

The Solemn Mass of the Feast will be Celebrated at 6:00pm by His Excellency the Most Revered Edgar M. DaCunha, Bishop of Fall River. Mass will be followed by devotions and the traditional procession of the statue and relics of Saint Anne. The procession will conclude with Eucharistic Benediction.

We sincerely hope that you will make this part of your summer schedule and make a faithful pilgrimage to Mary's mother's house.

## Greetings From The Finance Desk



Well, to say that this past year has been unusual would certainly be an understatement. As most of you are all aware, in July of 2019 the Diocese of Fall River and the Saint Anne Preservation Society entered into a lease agreement to reopen and operate the historic Saint Anne Shrine. Our responsibilities also include making necessary repairs to the building, paying insurance and utilities and operating a sacred space for pilgrims to come and pray.

We started by selling candles and small donated items with the assistance of an all-volunteer staff that allowed us to keep the shrine open all day. We were off to a great start, then unfortunately the COVID-19 Pandemic hit, while it did not hinder our mission, it did slow us down.

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you all with a brief update of what we have accomplished so far in our journey. It is important to point out that our general operating cost for running the shrine is about \$50,000 a year. This figure includes insurances and utility payments. Fortunately, we are still able to operate the shrine with an all-volunteer staff.

Here is a list of some of the accomplishments that we have achieved to date:

- Sealed the foundation and installed sump pumps to stop water from entering the shrine.

- Repaired the sprinkler system.
- Cleaned and repaired the boiler.
- Repointed the front stairs to the upper church to prevent water from doing damage when freesing
- Cleaned the inside and outside drains.
- Restored the Chapel of Saint Jude
- Expanded the Gift Shop
- Refurbishing the Santo Christo Chapel hopefully for a summer 2021 rededication.
- Updated the Fire Alarm system to a wireless call box.
- Repaired and recertified the elevator to make the shrine handicap accessible.

Repairs for the roof are currently being quoted and a National Fundraising Committee has been formed to make this a reality. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. If you are interested in volunteering at the shrine, please contact us at 508-678-1510 or visit the website at <https://st-annes-shrine.org/volunteer-at-st-anne/>

Sincerely,

*Robert Gauvin*

Vice President/Finance Officer

## Plenary Indulgence Granted



### PAENITENTIARIA APOSTOLICA

In honor of the 125th Anniversary of the dedication of the lower church. The Holy Father Pope Francis, through the Vatican curial office known as the Apostolic Penitentiary has granted Saint Anne Shrine in Fall River a Plenary Indulgence for the faithful who make a sacred pilgrimage to Saint Anne Shrine during the month of July and satisfy the usual conditions of Sacramental Confession, Receive Eucharistic Communion and offer prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father.

What is the ancient practice of offering indulgences through prayer and penance, and what is needed to receive them? When we go to confession, our sins are forgiven when we make a good and holy confession. However, there is still some sort of temporal punishment that is due to the sinner after we die. Pope St. John Paul II said "the temporal punishment that remains after forgiveness is a grace aimed at wiping away the residues of sin." Offering the reformed sinner, the chance of complete healing through

a journey of purification. That can take place in this life or in purgatory.

The granting of an indulgence by the church is the expression of the church's full confidence of being heard by the Father when, in view of Christ's merits and, by his gift, those of Our Lady and the saints, she asks him to mitigate or cancel the painful aspect of punishment by fostering its medicinal aspect through other channels of grace.

But the gift of an indulgence cannot be received automatically or simply by fulfilling a few exterior requirements, nor can it be approached with a superficial attitude. The reception of an indulgence depends on our turning away from sin and our total conversion to God.

There are several conditions for receiving the indulgence at St. Anne.

- A spirit detached from sin
- Sacramental Confession as soon as possible.
- Eucharistic Communion as soon as possible.
- Undertake a pilgrimage to St. Anne Shrine in Fall River during the month of July.
- Offer prayers for the Holy Father's intentions.
- The faithful can claim the indulgence for themselves or offer it on behalf of someone who has died.

## Ways to give to the Shrine

For many, charitable giving is an act of faith grounded in God's abundance and motivated by a desire to create additional resources for accomplishing God's work.

Giving a gift to Saint Anne Shrine is easy and can be accomplished in several different ways. You can visit our website at [www.st-annes-shrine.org](http://www.st-annes-shrine.org) and click the donate button. There you have the option of making a one time or recurring monthly donations. You can send us a check or money order made to: St. Anne's Shrine Preservation Society, 818 Middle Street, Fall River, MA 02721. You may also make a charitable donation through Amazon Smile. Next time you order on Amazon use the smile program and choose St. Anne's Preservation Society as the charity you'd like to support.

You might also consider leaving a Legacy gift to the Shrine, by remembering us in your estate planning. This is a wonderful way to put your values into action, ensuring that this Sacred place is maintained for future generations as a center of prayer, pilgrimage and devotion.

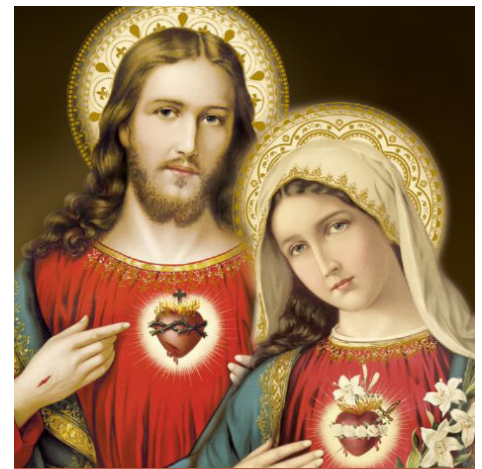
## Support the LIVESTREAM

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we at the shrine had to innovate and embrace technology to bring our ministry to our dedicated pilgrims and visitors to the shrine. We have been live-streaming

all of our services at the shrine. Thanks to the generous donations of some very faithful benefactors, we recently installed a professional live stream system. If you would like to sponsor one or several masses or devotions that we live-stream here at the shrine, simply offer a donation and include a note to say that it is to sponsor a live stream mass or devotion. You can do this in memory of a loved one or friend.

As always, your continued support of this ministry is very much appreciated. Without your support we would be unable to continue the work of God.

All contributions to the ministry of the shrine are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.



### First Friday Devotion

THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEVOTED TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

"IN THE EXCESS OF THE MERCY OF MY HEART, I PROMISE YOU THAT MY ALL POWERFUL LOVE WILL GRANT TO ALL THOSE WHO WILL RECIEVE COMMUNION ON THE FIRST FRIDAYS, FOR NINE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, THE GRACE OF FINAL REPENTANCE; THEY WILL NOT DIE IN MY DISPLEASURE, NOR WITHOUT RECEIVING THE SARAMENTS; AND MY HEART WILL BE THEIR SECURE REFUGE IN THAT LAST HOUR."

- JESUS TO SISTER MARGARET MARY -



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## 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. **Call 508-678-1510.**

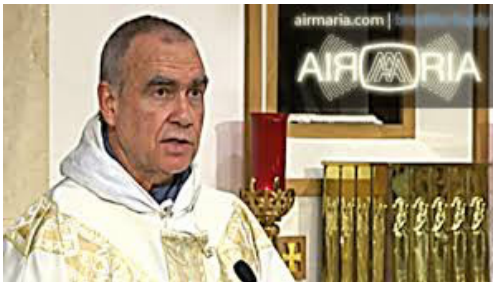
## Immaculate Conception Gift Shop

The Immaculate Conception Gift Shop is located in the main entry way of the shrine. Sales at the gift shop support the mission and ministry of the shrine. Being the only religious store in the greater Fall River area, we offer a variety of statues, books, rosaries, chaplets, holy cards, first communion and confirmation items. Our inventory is growing. If you are looking for a special gift, stop by!



St. Anne's Preservation Society

Spring/Summer 2021



## 149TH ANNUAL SOLEMN NOVENA TO GOOD SAINT ANNE July 17-25, 2021

"Deo Optimo Maximo" "For God the greatest, the best"

## 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.

Visit [www.st-annes-shrine.org](http://www.st-annes-shrine.org)

## Healing Masses

Saint Anne's Preservation Society is pleased to announce that we continue to offer a monthly healing Mass at the shrine. We are sincerely grateful to Father Edward Murphy, Shrine Chaplain, for taking time out of his busy schedule to offer these Masses on a monthly basis.

**Holy Rosary begins at 6:00pm** (At this time the Sacrament of Confession is available)

**Holy Mass is at 6:30pm** followed by healing prayers and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

**DATES: January 21, February 18, March 18, April 29, May 20, 2021.**

# Come and Experience the Healing Power of God's Love!