

*St. Susanna Pax Christi*

The parish manger, with the figures of the Holy family and those who recognized the extraordinary event of the Christ Child's birth, is a traditional reminder of the incarnation of Peace. Again and again, we call forth the blessings of God that we may fulfill the call to be the vehicles of the Peace God intends for our earth. Because we so often miss the mark, each Christmas brings the hope that we can begin again. This year, consistent with our efforts to draw attention to the culture of violence in which we live, we highlight the horror of mass killings in the United States. In a New York Times editorial, entitled "511 Days, 555 Mass Shootings. Zero Action", they note that in 2016 alone, 248 mass killings have taken place. Another source cites an astounding 14,400 gun deaths have occurred in the first 340 days of 2017. Surely, this carnage cannot be of God.

May we disarm our hearts and lay down our weapons. May we learn to love again.

There will be a brief prayer service at 6pm on Thursday, December 14, at the manger, remembering Sandy Hook Elementary School in CT where 20 children and 6 staff were murdered by 20 year old Adam Lanza with an assault weapon, following the killing of his own mother, on this same date, five years ago. Adam committed suicide. We offer prayers for both the victims, their families and for Adam and his mother.

*Christmas Giving Tree/Thank You*

Thank you everyone who participated in the Giving Tree this year. All tickets were taken and the huge pile of presents is but a symbol of the giving spirit of this wonderful parish. I am sure much joy will be brought about due to your abundant generosity. All gifts will be wrapped and delivered this week. *Thank You!*

*Christmas Collection*

At all our Christmas Masses, our Collection will be to support the retirement, medical and financial needs of the Priests of the Archdiocese of Boston (Clergy Benefit Trust). On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity.

*Parish Trip To Sicily, Italy  
March 16-24, 2018*

We have an incredible opportunity to enjoy a Grand Tour of Sicily from March 16-24, 2018. This 9 day, 7 night journey will be through Durgan Travel and include guide, airfare, hotels, most meals and admissions.

We will be visiting Palermo, Monrale, Segesta, Erice, Marsala, Agrigento, Armerina, Taormina, Catania, Mt Etna and Siracusa.

In addition to meals together we will be enjoying wine tasting, cannoli factories, and enjoy a cooking class. We'll be visiting open air markets, old volcanos, and ancient cathedrals, Greek theaters, a Roman amphitheater, the altar of Gerone, and the Cave of Cordari and Medieval cities.— among other places...

Cost will be approximately \$2,299 per person, which includes, air, hotel, meals, guide, admissions, and transportation.

Flyers are available at the back of the Church. If interested please complete and mail your reservation with your deposit to St. Susanna Church, 262 Needham Street, Dedham, MA 02026 .  
Attn: Fr. Steve Josoma.

Valid Passport Required.

Please return completed registration form to the rectory as soon as possible to reserve your space.



# Saint Susanna Parish

*December 10, 2017*



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**Parish Center Hours**  
Monday – Friday: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM  
**Sunday Masses**  
Saturday: 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 AM (Family Mass)

**Weekday Liturgies**  
Monday-Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 AM

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Wednesday: 1:00 – 2:00 PM

**Holydays**  
Mass schedule as announced

**Baptisms**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month at 10:00 AM Mass

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 3:00-3:30 PM

**Marriage**  
Please contact the rectory one year in advance

**Peace and Justice**  
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**Saint Vincent de Paul Society**  
For assistance please call: 781-329-9575

*Pastoral Staff*

**Reverend Stephen Josoma** Pastor  
**Laurence J. Bloom** Senior Deacon  
**Ines Dwyer** Faith Formation Coordinator  
and Volunteer Coordinator  
**Janet Sebago** Parish Secretary

*Welcome!*

*A warm welcome to all! If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself after mass or at the rectory. We'd love to meet you!*

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday December 9**  
4:00 PM James Fitzpatrick

**Sunday December 10**  
8:00 AM Paul St.Germain  
10:00 AM Helen Falk

**Saturday December 16**  
4:00 PM John Emmerich

**Sunday December 17**  
8:00 AM Joseph Tuleja  
10:00 AM William & Mary Dever

*Please pray for ...*

All the deceased of our parish, all our sick, and for all who have asked for our prayers.

**Parish Giving - December 3**

**Offertory: \$2,832**  
**Parish: \$1,876**



**Christmas Poinsettia Memorials**

Anyone wishing to remember a loved one and help beautify our church sanctuary during the Christmas season is invited to do so by way of our Christmas poinsettia memorial.

A \$10 donation will include the name of the person you are remembering / honoring in a special Christmas supplement to our bulletin.

To make arrangements, please contact the rectory during the week.



**The Second Sunday in Advent**

Second Sunday of Advent			
Readings: # 901			
Opening	333		
Offertory	337	325	743
Communion			
Recessional	718		

**Sponsoring a Refugee Family**

Thanks to a tremendous outpouring of support, we have received \$5100 to date and another \$600 in pledges for this effort. In addition 55 people have indicated a willingness to volunteer in some capacity to welcome a refugee family. St. Paul's and Allin Congregational Church have also received a similar groundswell of support. We are well on our way to becoming a successful welcoming community.

We are awaiting a Supreme Court decision on the status of refugees which is expected this month. After that date we will have a clearer idea of when to expect our family.

Interfaith committees are being formed to help with Pre-Arrival needs like finding an apartment, furniture, housing needs like food and utilities, and Post Arrival needs such as finding jobs, enrolling in neighborhood schools and help with learning English.

There are flyers at the back of the Church outlining the many needs we have for volunteers and financial donations going forward. We encourage parishioners to take one and consider being part of this important work.

We are all set to welcome once we get the word!

Father Steve

**Doggett Circle**

Doggett Circle Christmas Mass will be on Friday, December 15 as 10:30 AM. All are welcome to join us.

**Saint Francis and Therese Catholic Worker House  
Fresh Breads**

Scott Shaeffer-Duffey will be here this week-end with his fresh made breads of every type. Cinnamon rolls, Irish soda bread, honey wheat, raisin breads and more will be available in the rear of the church after all weekend masses.

Your donations will support the ongoing work of their Catholic Worker ministry at 52 Mason Street in Worcester.

Your support has helped tremendously in the past. We thank you in advance as this weekend will help make a big impact for their residents this Christmas.

**✠✠ In Loving Memory ✠✠**

During December the hosts for our liturgies has been donated in loving memory of **Anthony Ricci** from Mary Anne Ricci.

**Adult Faith Formation**

This coming Monday, December 11, we will conclude our two-week event with Professor Nathaniel DesRosiers entitled "**The Role of Saint Paul**". Professor DesRosiers will continue to walk with us the path of Saint Paul at the very beginnings of Christianity, even before the Gospels were written.

As usual, the session will run from 7 to 9 PM in the Parish Hall, and there is no fee and no pre-registration requirement. Refreshments are free as well. Free Will Offerings are gratefully accepted to cover our costs. We will see you then.

**Decorating the Church for Christmas  
Calling all Elves !**

Join us for the hanging of the wreathes and putting up the Christmas tree on Friday night, December 22, at 7:00 PM.



**The Manger at St. Susanna**

Our parish manger is now ready to greet parishioners and visitors alike in front of the church. This year you may notice an addition that wasn't there before.

Lining the walls on the inside are hand-painted signs indicating some of the mass shootings that have taken place across our country in recent years... from Columbine to Sandy-Hook to the more recent Orlando Nightclub and Las Vegas concert killings.. Next to each name is a number representing the number of people killed. Our listing is incomplete: we only included 16 of the mass shootings that have occurred — but they cover the wide range of places (schools, concerts, churches, military facilities, coffee shops, nursing homes etc.) where they have occurred.

The banner overhead reads: "**If only you knew the things that make for Peace**" from Luke's Gospel.

The total number of those killed from the 16 signs equals 300 - the same number as that of all those we have buried here at St. Susanna's since 2005.

A sobering reminder. Hopefully one that jars our imagination and commitment to work for the things that make for peace.

**Upcoming Events in December**

Sun. Catholic Worker Bake Sale  
"Blessing of Baby Jesus" 10 AM  
"Sing Along" at New Bridge on the Charles from 11.30 to 12 noon.

Mon. Adult Faith Formation 7-9 PM  
Confirmation Class I and II 7-9 PM

Tues. Scripture Study 7-9 PM  
Knitting Group 7 PM

Wed. Prayer Group 1 PM  
AA Meeting 7:30 PM

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Dec. 17 Faith Formation Caroling to the Homebound 11:15AM - 12 PM

**Faith Formation**

**Sunday, December 10**

Sing Along at New Bridge on the Charles from 11.30 AM to 12 noon.

**Confirmation I and II**

Next Class Monday, December 11 from 7-9 PM

**Sunday, December 17**

Christmas Caroling for homebound parishioners from 11.15 AM to 12 PM. We meet in church after 10 AM Mass.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

**Christmas Eve .... 4 & 6 PM**  
**Christmas Day .... 10 AM**

**New Year Feast of Mary Mother of God**

**New Year's Eve ..... 4 PM**  
**New Years' Day .... 9 AM**

**Blessing of Baby Jesus from Home Nativity Scene**

On Sunday, December 10 at the 10 AM Family Mass, we are inviting families and children to join us with their baby Jesus. Your children will be invited to come forward with their Jesus figurines after the homily for this special blessing.

