



# 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

- Mt 5:10

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Holy Rosary Church	Holy Spirit Church
Saturday - 4:45pm	Saturday - 4:00pm
Sunday - 7:30am 10:30am	Sunday - 8:30am Hispanic Mass-12:00noon
Monday - 9:00am	Tuesday - Friday - 7:30am

### Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation Saturday

3:15 - 4:00 PM                      3:15 - 3:45 PM  
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### **Daily Readings For The Week of January 29**

#### **Monday -**

Hebrews 11: 32-40

Mark 5: 1-20

#### **Tuesday - Saint John Bosco**

Hebrews 12: 1-4

Mark 5: 21-43

#### **Wednesday -**

Hebrews 12: 4-7, 11-15

Mark 6: 1-6

#### **Thursday— The Presentation of the Lord**

Malachi 3: 1-4/Hebrews 2:14-18

Luke 2: 22-40 or 2: 22-32

#### **Friday— Saint Blaise and Saint Ansgar**

Hebrews 13: 1-8

Mark 6: 14-29

#### **Saturday -**

Hebrews 13: 15-17, 20-21

Mark 6: 30-34

#### **Sunday - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 58: 7-10

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

Matthew 5: 13-16

### **Question of the Week:**

**Adult:** When you heard the Beatitudes announced today, which one struck you most strongly?

**Youth:** Who is welcome in the reign of God? Who would you like to tell about the reign of God?

### **IN YOUR CHARITY please pray for:**

Brian Como, Karen Culkeen, Alice Fortin, Leonette Gagne, Butch Gauthier, Tracy Gilman, Lenny Gonthier, Anie Gosselin, Betty Ann Gowdeckus, June Hebert, Marie Jacques, Claire Johnson, John Kane, James Keresey, Cindy Kraft, Patricia LeBlanc, Timmy LeBlanc, Adah Lovejoy, Theresa McKean, Tricia McKinley, Patrick, Marilyn Porter, Julia Powers, Donna Lee Reynolds, Serge Richard, Ashley Rollins, Marie Rosenthal, Leonne Tagen, Arnold Thomas, Noreen Valentine, Benoit Vienneau, Donna Watts, Doreen Wyatt

If you would like a person's name to be added to the prayer list, please contact Celeste C. LaPrise at Annunciation Parish, (978) 632-0253, ext. 110.

## We Remember Those Who Have Died

### Annunciation Parish

#### @ Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

**Saturday, January 28, 2017** *In Remembrance*

4:45 pm - **Mr. & Mrs. Uldege Laflamme**

By family

**Laurie Blacquiére** 7th Anniversary

By his wife and family

**Denise Agnelli**

By Henry P. Ares

**Richard Desaulnier**

By Sylvinna LeBlanc

**Raymond Cormier** 6th Anniversary

By his wife and family

**Sunday, January 29, 2017** *In Remembrance*

7:30 am - **All deceased family members of**

**Helen Laflamme**

By Kathy Rastley

10:30 am - **Alonzo McGrath**

By Hector LeBlanc

**Delphine Henrie**

By Valerie & Lumina Landry

**Robert Latour**

By Janet Latour and family

**Robert Plourde**

By Therese Belliveau & Denise

**Robert Rosebury**

By Nancy

**Monday, January 30, 2017** *In Remembrance*

9:00 am - **Jean Baptiste McCaie**

By Anne Marie & Everett Belliveau

**Bernadette Meunier**

By Claire

**Saturday, February 4, 2017** *In Remembrance*

4:45 pm - **Helen Laflamme**

By family

**Roland Ducharme** 5th Anniversary

By his family

**Denise Agnelli**

By Henry P. Ares

**Leo LaChance**

By Theresa and family

**Sunday, February 5, 2017** *In Remembrance*

7:30 am - **Mr. & Mrs. Uldege Laflamme**

By family

10:30 am - **Delphine Henrie**

By Gerard & Geralda Caissie

**Robert Plourde**

By Therese Belliveau & Denise

**Doris Hebert**

By George & Eleanor Babineau

#### @ Holy Spirit Chapel

**Saturday, January 28, 2017** *In Remembrance*

4:00 pm - **Leonard Mailloux**

By Lorraine Gallant

**Mary Maynard**

By the family

**John Morrissey**

By his family

**Irene Charboneau** Month's Mind

By Marie Maillet

**Doris Hebert** Month's Mind

By David & Paulette Rochleau

**Sunday, January 29, 2017** *In Remembrance*

8:30 am -- **Mary Maynard**

By Janet Huntington

12 noon - **Hispanic Mass**

**Tuesday, January 31, 2017** *In Remembrance*

7:30 am - **All living and deceased members of the**  
**St. Joseph Rosary Sodality**

By

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017** *In Remembrance*

7:30 am - **Alice Desolier**

By St. Joseph Rosary Sodality

**Richard Specter**

By John Wagner

**Thursday, February 2, 2017** *In Remembrance*

7:30 am -

**Friday, February 3, 2017** *In Remembrance*

7:30 am -

**Saturday, February 4, 2017** *In Remembrance*

4:00 pm - **Gary Chisolm**

By Bob Carlson

**Sunday, February 5, 2017** *In Remembrance*

8:30am - **Bonnie Heglin** 26th Anniversary

By her mother

12 noon - **Hispanic Mass**

## Upcoming Events and News

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Every Thursday evening—Bingo 6:00pm  
Jan. 29—Hospitality Dinner 4-5:30 pm

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

1/29 Grades 1-6 & 9-10 @ Holy Rosary 9-10:15  
1/29 Grade 9 @ Holy Spirit 6:30-8  
1/29 Parent/Teen Night at 7 pm @ Holy Rosary  
1/30 RCIA 6:30-8 in Holy Rosary Rectory  
2/4 Confirmation Prep 4-8pm.  
2/5 Grades 1-6 @ Holy Rosary 9-10:15  
2/5 Grades 7 & 8 Hosting Bingo @ Holy Rosary  
11:30-1:30  
2/6 RCIA 6:30-8

### REDISCOVER JESUS AND INVITATION

We hope that you will join us over the next few months as we continue to read REDISCOVER JESUS. (additional copies are available at the back of each church) This week please join us in reading:

Chapter 13—Who is the Greatest Follow up by going out of your way to serve a child of God today. For example; tell someone how much he/she is loved, listen to someone sharing their struggles, donate to the parish food pantry or volunteer with a local charity.

Chapter 14 - Purity of Heart Follow up by scheduling a time to go to a place where what you see elevates your soul.

Chapter 15 - Making Sense of Suffering Matthew Kelly references a passage from the Gospel of John. Mark this passage in your bible.

Chapter 16 - Do not Judge Follow up by considering how many times you have judged yourself today. Ask God to liberate you from making judgements.

*It is not too late to join a small faith sharing group to discuss this book. Groups are meeting Monday evenings at Holy Spirit and Wednesday mornings at Holy Rosary Rectory. Please contact Louise at 978-632-8679 or [lrap1942@gmail.com](mailto:lrap1942@gmail.com) to confirm that you will be joining us.*

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION IS BEGINNING

Confirmation Students and their sponsors will begin their preparation next Saturday, February 4th by attending the 4 pm Mass at Holy Spirit. Mass will be followed by a meal and class.

### YES WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

St. Vincent de Paul here at Annunciation Parish is in need of our help! **Please save and bring in your MA 5 cent returnable bottles and cans during the month of December and January. A special box will be set up in the vestibule at Holy Spirit.** The Troop 4 Boy Scouts at Holy Spirit have agreed to assist with this project. If pickup is needed please call Scott Rosengren the Scoutmaster of Holy Spirit Troop 4 at 978-632-8531, leave you name and phone number. All proceeds from this drive will go to St. Vincent de Paul here at Annunciation Parish! By working together yes we **can** make a difference!

### THANK YOU

The St. Vincent de Paul Society needs your help. The holidays have depleted our food pantry. We are reaching out again to the generous members of Annunciation Parish so we can continue help the families that are in need of some basic needs. We need macaroni & cheese, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, baked beans, canned vegetables, cereals, canned fruit, peanut butter and jelly.

We thank all of the parishioners for their generosity. Without your help we would not be able to help these families with their basic need for food.

### Offering of Treasure for Annunciation Parish January 15, 2017

Total Regular Envelopes Used	735
Weekly Offering	\$ 8,482.50
Fuel & Energy	\$ 612.00
Maintenance	\$ 332.00
Gente Unida	\$ 105.00
Restoration	\$ 490.00
Religious Ed	\$ 25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 5.00
Needy Child Fund	\$ 61.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 146.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00
Catholic University	\$ 31.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 10.00
Church in Latin America	\$ 1.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 20.00
Candles and Altar Supplies	\$ 496.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 105.00
First Offering	\$ 105.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,031.50</b>

**Donations to Annunciation Parish**

In memory of

**Edna LeBlanc**

By

Carol A. Zalewski  
Alexander & Carolyn Zalewski**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy."  
As we reflect upon the beatitudes, let us explore how to understand our spouse better by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are March 17-19, 2017 in South Kingstown, RI and June 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-9963, visit our webpage at [www.wwmema.org](http://www.wwmema.org).

**WINTER POLICY FOR DAILY MASS**

For the safety of all, if roads and walkways are dangerous enough to have Gardner Schools **cancelled or delayed, Daily Mass will be cancelled as well.**

Mass intentions will be transferred to the next day.

**DIOCESE ANNUAL REPORT**

We have received copies of the Diocese Annual Report. If you are interested, please pick up a copy at the back of the church.

**Donation to Holy Family Academy**

In memory of

**Henry Robichaud**

By

Trudy St. Clair  
Omer Cormier  
Ted Chognowski  
Rita Thibeault  
Leo & Della Arseneau  
Kevin & Diane Sabourin**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE**

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3) This one confuses even Stewards. Replace the word "humble" for "poor" and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember—God first in all circumstances.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church will be open (ramp door) each **Wednesday** from **6:00AM to 8 PM** **beginning August 17, 2016.**

Those who wish to sign up to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament or receive more information on this devotion may call Anne Marie Roberts (978-632-4075) or Theresa Violette (978-939-2173).

**MEAT PIES**

We have large meat pies available at the Rectory. Large are \$12.00 each.

As always, all proceeds are for the benefit of Holy Family Academy.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**

The students, teachers and administration of Holy Family Academy want to express our appreciation to the parishioners of Annunciation Parish. You have been very generous both with your time and financial support of our endeavors. Catholic Schools Week starts this week and we want to take the time to let you know that we truly appreciate all you do for our School. We wish to continue to make you proud of our School and ask that God continues to hold you in his heart.

**WORD OF LIFE**

"For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, 'Abba, Father!'"

*Romans 8:15, NABRE @2010 CCD. Used with Permission.*

**HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY NEWS**

Holy Family Academy held its annual Geography Bee recently. This year's winner was Anthony Agnelli. Spencer Sweeney was the runner up.

Anthony will now take an on-line test to compete with all the winners in Massachusetts. The top 100 will move on to the state bee.

Congratulations to all who participated in the Holy Family Academy Geo Bee!

Good Luck Anthony!!

## 2016 Church Contribution Report for Annunciation Parish, are available from the parish office.

If you are interested in obtaining your church contribution report for 2016, please call the rectory at **978-632-0253**, or you may complete the request form below and drop it in the collection basket at Mass.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please mail my 2016 church contribution report to the address below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_ (if known)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers: The Prayer Line ministry offers prayers for people in need. Prayer requests are submitted by parishioners and are passed down through a list of volunteers who pray for the people. This ministry is carried out in your own home; there are no meetings. If you wish to be part of this ministry which supports our parish community, please call Peg Locke at 978-632-6402.

**Sacrament of Baptism** – celebrated on the Third Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm. Baptisms can also be celebrated at any Sunday liturgy outside the Lenten Season. **Baptismal Instruction** - held on the Second Monday of every month at Annunciation Parish on Nichols St. in the meeting room at 7:00 pm. Call Deacon Paul and his wife Lorraine at 978-297-1062.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** – for those who are non-baptized above the age of 7 and those baptized in another Christian community beside Roman Catholic seeking a relationship with Christ Jesus and membership in the Roman Catholic faith. Please contact Mrs. Maura Sweeney for more information at 978-632-0237 ext. 117 or via e-mail: [religiously4annunciation@gmail.com](mailto:religiously4annunciation@gmail.com)

**First Penance/Reconciliation & First Communion** – adults and children over the age of 7. Call Mrs. Maura Sweeney, Ext. 117.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** – call Mrs. Maura Sweeney, Ext. 117.

**Sacrament of Marriage** – please contact the Church a year in advance. Contact Deacon Paul and his wife Lorraine at 978-297-1062.

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick** – call Fr. Jurgelonis at ext. 116 or Fr. Ramos at ext. 130.

**Bereavement** – please contact your parish office.

**St. Vincent de Paul** – a ministry of care providing assistance within the community. Call Holy Rosary (978) 632-0253, ext. 143.

**Prayer Line** – For prayers for your special intention call 978-632-2618.



### THE GOOD SHEPHERD BANNER

At the back of Holy Spirit church has little lambs on it with the names of our children who received first confession last week. Next week the Banner will be moved to the back of Holy Rosary so we can celebrate with our families that "what was lost" has been found. Please continue to pray for our young people as they now turn their attention toward preparing for first communion in the Spring.

### RAINBOW BOXES

This weekend our Religious Ed students in Grade 8 kick-off their annual Rainbow Box Project under the guidance of Mrs. Eileen O'Shea. The Rainbow boxes are boxes of personal care items for Gardner's own homeless persons which will be distributed by the Gardner CAC. Please consider donating one or more of the following items to help our area's homeless citizens.

New Warm Socks  
Tooth brushes, toothpaste and mouthwash  
Hand Sanitizer, Facial/hand wipes  
Body Wash, Shampoo  
Individually wrapped bars of soap  
New Face Cloths  
Deodorant  
New Single Hair Brush  
Hand warmers  
Facial/toilet tissues.

Collection boxes will be available at the doors of both churches through January and February for donations.

### BINGO ON SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

All Senior Citizens from our parish are invited to attend a Bingo game hosted by our 7th and 8th grade Religious Education Students on Sunday February 5th immediately following the 10:30 Mass until 1:30pm in the Upper Church Hall at Holy Rosary. Free Snacks and great company will be provided. There will be no cost to play and no cash prizes. We do ask that those attending consider donating a warm pair of socks for our students' rainbow box project or a non-perishable food item for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Next weekend while many will celebrate a football game with lavish snacks and meals, there will be others in our community who will be longing for something as simple and nourishing as a warm bowl of soup. With awareness of this reality each year we invite you to help us restock our St. Vincent de Paul food pantry which serves approximately 125 families each year. Volunteers will be collecting non-perishable food and cash donations at the doors of the church after all masses next weekend to support their efforts. Please be as generous as you are able.



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