

## Annunciation Parish

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@ Holy Spirit Chapel

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## Mass & Times

Holy Rosary Church Holy Spirit Church

Saturday - 4:45pm Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 7:30am Sunday - 8:30am

10:30am 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 (or by appointment)

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Daily Readings For The Week of March 19
Monday - St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin
Marv

2 Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a,16 Romans 4: 13, 16-18, 22

Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2: 41-51a

Tuesday -

Daniel 3: 25, 34-43 Matthew 18: 21-35 **Wednesday** –

Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5-9 Matthew 5: 17-19

Thursday— Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

Jeremiah 7: 23-28 Luke 11: 14-23

Friday— Blessed Oscar Romero

Hosea 14: 2-10 Mark 12: 28-34

Saturday - The Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7: 10-14; 8:10 Hebrews 10: 4-10 Luke 1: 26-38

Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41 or 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

#### Question of the Week:

Adult: Where have you found a source of "living

water" for your own journey of faith?

Youth: Name some times when your belief in Jesus

helped make you stronger?

#### IN YOUR CHARITY please pray for:

Claire Bourque, Robert Charland, Brian Como, Jeannine Cormier, Karen Culkeen, Alice Fortin, Leonette Gagne, Butch Gauthier, Tracy Gilman, Anie Gosselin, Betty Ann Gowdeckus, June Hebert, Marie Jacques, Claire Johnson, John Kane, James Keresey, Cindy Kraft, Gloria LeBlanc, Patricia LeBlanc, Adah Lovejoy, Tricia McKinley, Aldora Melanson, Patrick, Marilyn Porter, Julia Powers, Donna Lee Reynolds, Serge Richard, Ashley Rollins, Marie Rosenthal, Rachel Sousa, Leonne Tagen, Arnold Thomas, Noreen Valentine, Jennie Vautour, Benoit Vienneau, Edward Wagner, 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, March 18, 2017 In Remembrance

4:45 pm - Raymond LeBlanc

By family

Helen Laflamme

By family

Francois Bourque

By his wife and family

Josh Perini 1st Anniversary

By Grandma and family

Leo LaChance

By Diane Ballweg

**Jeffrey Fisher 6 month Anniversary** 

By the family

Sunday, March 19, 2017 In Remembrance

7:30 am - Robert Paul Cormier 30th Anniversary

By his family

Ronald E. Cormier

By Linda Cormier

**Shirley Henry Months Mind** 

By Robert & Annette Bourgeois and family

Rock Barrieau

By Bernard & Christine DiPasquale

10:30 am - Delphine Henrie

By Maria and Donald Riccardi

Mr. & Mrs. Uldege Laflamme

By family

Marion Robichaud 15th Anniversary

By her son Roger

**Normand Desroches** 

By his wife and children

Monday, March 20, 2017 In Remembrance

9:00 am - Henry Robichaud

By Max & Louise Frei

Barbara Surette

By her family

Noella LeBlanc

By her husband and children

Saturday, March 25, 2017 In Remembrance

4:45 pm - Raymond LeBlanc 37th Anniversary

By family

Vincent Surette 4th Anniversary

By family

Claire & Ivon Johnson

By Francis & Jean Murray

Ronald E. Cormier

By Rejean & Jeannete Beaulieu

**Julienne Doucet** 

By Rejean & Jeannete Beaulieu

### @ Holy Spirit Chapel

Saturday, March 18, 2017 In Remembrance

4:00 pm - Peter Kraskouskas 1st Anniversary

By his family

Sunday, March 19, 2017 In Remembrance

8:30 am - Lorraine Woitukiewicz

By Carla & Bob Wojtukiewicz

12 noon - Hispanic Mass

Tuesday, March 21, 2017 In Remembrance

7:30 am - Joseph F. & Rollande Hamel

By their family

**Edward Casazza 3rd Anniversary** 

By Anne Hurst

Wednesday, March 22, 2017 In Remembrance

7:30 am - All Living & Deceased members of the

St. Joseph's Rosary Socality

Thursday, March 23, 2017 In Remembrance

7:30 am - Moonen Corley

By a friend

Friday, March 24, 2017 In Remembrance

7:30 am - Virginia Richard 38th Anniversary

By Ray & Pat Perreault & family

Saturday, March 25, 2017 In Remembrance

4:00 pm - Victoria Kelley

By a friend

Sunday, March 26, 2017 In Remembrance

8:30am -

12 noon - Hispanic Mass

Sunday, March 26, 2017 In Remembrance

7:30 am - Adelard (AJ) Roberts

By his family

Ronald E. Cormier

By Suzanne M. Walker

Corey Bouchard 5th Anniversary

By Grams and family

10:30 am - Delphine Henrie

By Eric & Alphonsine Richard

All deceased members of Helen

Laflamme family

By Kathy Rastley

Joseph (Phil) Richard 6th Anniversary

By his wife and family

## **Upcoming Events and News**

#### **Upcoming Events**

Every Thursday evening—Bingo 6:00pm

March 26—Hospitality Dinner 4-5:30 pm

March 24 - Fish Fry at Holy Spirit 5:30 - 7:00

March 25 & 26 - Scouting for Food Holy Spirit

March 25 - Flea Market 8:am-12:00noon Holy Rosary

Church Hall

April 1—School banquet 5:30 Great Wolf Lodge April 5—Spaghetti & Meatball Supper 5-7PM Holy Rosary Church Hall

#### Religious Ed Upcoming Events

3/19 - Gr. 1-10 Classes 9am Holy Rosary

3/19 - Gr. 7-9 Classes 6:30 @ Holy Spirit

3/20 - RCIA 6:30pm Holy Rosary Rectory

3/26 - Gr. 1-8 Classes 9am Holy Rosary

3/26 - Confirmation Retreat @ St. Edward

3/26 - Gr. 7-9 Classes 6:30pm Holy Spirit

3/27 - RCIA 6:30pm Holy Rosary Rectory

4/1 - 1st Communion Session 9am Holy Spirit

4/2 - Gr. 1-10 classes 9am Holy Rosary

4/2 - Gr. 7-9 Classes 6:30pm Holy Spirit

4/3 - RCIA 6:30pm Holy Rosary Rectory

4/8 - RCIA morning of Reflection

4/8 - Confirmation Prep. 4-8 Holy Spirit

4/9 - Gr. 1-6 Classes 9 am Holy Rosary

4/9 - Gr. 7 & 8 Parent & Student Night 7pm Holy Spirit

#### PARTNERS IN CHARITY

Next weekend, March 25 and 26th, is In Pew Commitment Weekend for the 2017 Partners in Charity Appeal. Once a year, we commit ourselves to the ongoing work by supporting this life giving appeal. We reflect on God's great generosity, and respond with generous giving of our own. With your support, faith in action is visible every day in the compassionate outreach of Catholic Charities, to the least among us; in the prayerful witness of our retired priests and the joy of new priestly vocations; to the many diocesan ministries and programs that heal, teach and care for others. Watch the Appeal Video at home this week at www.partners-charity.net. Please come to Mass next weekend prepared to make a commitment to the appeal. Thank you

#### **THANK YOU**

A great big thank you to Chair City Oil for their generous monetary donation to The Caring Place. The children and teachers are very appreciative!

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS**

We are looking to form a Festival Choir which will sing at special occasions at both churches. All parishioners of Annunciation Parish are invited to join us as we celebrate the Triduum.

All rehearsals will be held on Tuesday evenings, at the Holy Spirit Church. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

March 21st 6:30 to 8:30pm Music for Holy Thursday will be covered.

**March 28th 6:30 to 8:30pm** Music for Holy Thursday and Good Friday will be covered.

April 4th 6:30 to 8:30 Music for the Easter Vigil will be covered.

**April 11th 6:30 to 8:30pm** Review of Music for the Triduum.

If you are only able to help us out for one, several or all of the services during Holy Week. All singing voices are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions please contact:

Paul Cormier 978-602-6166

Paulette Fowler 978-345-1398

Sharon Sawtell 978-632-7216

#### **WAY OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday during Lent everybody is invited upstairs in the church at Holy Spirit for the Way of the Cross. We will begin at 7:00PM.

Please come join us.

## Offering of Treasure for Annunciation Parish March 5, 2017

Total Regular Envelopes Used	691
Weekly Offering	\$ 8,090.00
Fuel & Energy	\$ 1,198.00
Maintenance	\$ 889.00
Gente Unida	\$ 163.00
Restoration	\$ 10.00
Religious Ed	\$ 34.00
Needy Child	\$ 179.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 40.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 599.00
Easter Offerings	\$ 10.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 21.00
Misc. Diocesan Collections	\$ 7.00
Misc. Parish Collections	\$ 21.00

**Total** \$ 11,261.00

#### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Is the LORD in our midst or not?" Let God enhance your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are April 22-23, 2017 in Brewster, MA 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.

#### ANNUAL BANQUET

SATURDAY April 1, 2017

5:30pm

Come and join **Holy Family Academy** for our Annual Banquet and Fundraiser!

This year we will be hosting at **Great Wolf Lodge**, **Fitchburg**, **MA** 

Take advantage of a night out or spend the weekend away at discounted room rates for you and your family to enjoy.

# 17TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY APRIL 1ST, 2017 ASSUMPTION COLLEGE, WORCESTER, MA

Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic Leaders: Fr. Chase Hilgenbrinck, Shawn Carney, Chris Stewart & Tony Brandt, Joe Dittmar and Jeff Cavins. To learn more about these speakers and their talks, visit the website at www.FirstMensConf.org.

Lunch is included. Bishops and Priests will hear confessions and Bishop McManus will conclude the day with Conference Mass.

Tickets are \$45 for Men, and \$30 for Students until March 15th. Tickets purchased after that will be \$60 for Men and \$30 for Students. Tickets can be purchased online at www.FirstMensConf.org or by calling Julie Schroeder at 508-929-4345.

Fr. Joe has graciously offered to refund \$25 of the price of each ticket.

Carpooling is available and strongly encouraged. For more info contact:
Brian LaRoche 978-630-1110
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Charlie Hodgkinson 978-302-0431

Or visit the website www.FirstMensConf.org.

#### STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again." (John 4:13) Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus, when we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered".

#### THANKS

Supporting our Faith Community, Chair City Oil has given generously to Annunciation Parish, Holy Spirit Chapel, and our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

We are very grateful.

Donation to Holy Family Academy
In memory of
Ronald E. Cormier
By
Peter N. Richard
Catherine M. Deans

#### **DEANERY LENTEN PILGRIMAGE**

March 22, 2017
St. Denis @ 85 Main Street
Ashburnham, MA
6:00 PM Confessions Available
7PM Lenten Service (Mass, Rosary or other
devotions
Scriptural Message
Fellowship and refreshments afterwards

#### MARCH SPECIAL EVENT

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Annunciation Parish has been notified that they have been chosen to be the recipient of the Hannaford Cause Bag program. This means that for each Fight Hunger reusable bag sold at the Gardner Hannaford store, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will receive 25 cents.

This purchase will carry a dual benefit, you will be helping your local St. Vincent de Paul Society Fight Hunger and you will also help our environment by reusing the bag and reducing the use of plastic bags.

Thank you for your continued support.

#### WORD OF LIFE

"Life is a gift from God and so is his mercy. May we cherish and promote both!"

Bridges of Mercy for Post-Abortion Healing USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-2017 Respect Life Program

#### HOLY FAMILY ACADEMY STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Holy Family Academy 7th and 8th grade students are to participate in the upcoming 37th Annual J. Ulysse Cormier School Government Program with a number of activities that will provide them the opportunity to learn about the function of government on both a local and state level.

This Civics Program is made possible with the cooperation of the various City Departments, the Fire Department, The Police Department, Mayor Hawke, The City Council, Judge Haley, and the Superintendent of the North Central Correctional Institution.

In addition Sheriff Evangelidis, State Representative Zlotnik, State Senator Flanagan and their staffs help make this a unique experience for the students.

The program at the school is under the direction of Principal Stephen Chartier, Teacher Donna Carrier, Headmaster and Pastor Rev. Joseph Jurgelonis, and city Council President Ronald Cormier.

The Students will participate in the following and other activities:

- Workshops on how local governments work.
- A mock City Council meeting help by student councilors elected by their peers.
- An Assembly with State and Local Officials at the Holy Rosary Church Hall on March 22.
- Visits by students elected as various government officials with their real life counterparts at City Hall, NCCI, the Police Department, the Fire Department and the Gardner Court House on March 23rd and 24th.

The purpose of this program is to introduce the students to the importance of civic engagement with the hope that they grow to be involved citizens in the future.

**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: religioused4annunciation@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.

#### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Pack 4 and Troop 4 of Holy Spirit Chapel will be sponsoring a Scouting for Food. After mass on March 18th and 19th Troop 4 will be handing out tagged bags for our Scouting for Food donation program. On March 25th and 26th Scouts will be available to assist with any donations of food. All food donations are for the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at Annunciation Parish. Please help, take a bag and return it the next week with a food donation.

#### **KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Next Sunday March 26th our confirmation students will be joining with more than 60 others from our region for their Confirmation Retreat at St. Edwards in Westminster. Please keep all of these young people in your prayers as they make their final preparations for the sacrament of Confirmation in May.

#### **THANK YOU**

A special thanks to all who filled out surveys, attended our Parish Meeting, and who helped in any way.

Watch future bulletins for Summary.

#### **LENTEN FISH FRY**

Annunciation Parish's famous Fish Fry will be starting on Friday, March 3, 2017 and run every Friday thru Lent. It is being held at the Holy Spirit Church Hall. Doors open at 5:00pm, dinner is served from 5:30-7:00pm. Meal includes choice of fried or baked haddock, French fries or baked potato, clam chowder, coleslaw, refreshments and homemade desserts. Take out is also available. Price is \$10 for Adults and \$6 for children under 12.

#### BAKED GOODS NEEDED FOR FISH FRY

We need your help with Baked goods for the Fish Fry. Whatever you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Baked goodies can be brought to the Holy Spirit Church hall anytime on Fridays before 5:00pm. Please call Ann-Marie LaRoche at 978-630-1110 should you have any questions.



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