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Mass & Times

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, Wednesday and Friday - 9:00am	Tuesday & Thursday - 7:30am

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation Saturday

3:15 - 4:00 PM 3:15 - 3:45 PM
(or by appointment)



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16th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.'" - Mt 13:30

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Daily Readings For The Week of July 23rd

Monday - Saint Sharbel Makhluf

Exodus 14: 5-18
 Matthew 12: 38-42

Tuesday - Saint James

2 Corinthians 4: 7-15
 Matthew 20: 20-28

Wednesday - Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Exodus 16: 1-5, 9-15
 Matthew 13: 1-9

Thursday—

Exodus 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b
 Matthew 13: 10-17

Friday—

Exodus 20: 1-17
 Matthew 13: 18-23

Saturday - Saint Martha

Exodus 24: 3-8
 Matthew 13: 24-30

Sunday - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12
 Romans 8: 28-30
 Matthew 13: 44-53 or 13: 44-46

Question of the Week:

Adult: What weakness can the power of the Spirit help you overcome?

Youth: When will you need the help of the Holy Spirit this week?

IN YOUR CHARITY please pray for:

Randall Bouchard, Erika Boudreau, Claire Bourque, Robert Charland, Brian Como, Karen Culkeen, Alice Fortin, Rita Friske, Jesse Fruit, Leonette Gagne, Butch Gauthier, Tracy, Tracy Gilman, Dennis Gionet, Aime Gosselin, Betty Ann Gowdeckus, Janice Hadmack, June Hebert, Marie Jacques, John Kane, James Keresey, Cindy Kraft, Joseph E. L., Edmond Landry, Gloria LeBlanc, Patricia LeBlanc, Adah Lovejoy, Michelle, Tricia McKinley, Patrick, Marilyn Porter, Julia Powers, Donna Lee Reynolds, Serge Richard, Ashley Rollins, Marie Rosenthal, Rachel Sousa, Leonne Tagen, Noreen Valentine, Jennie Vautour, Benoit Vienneau, 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

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Saturday, July 22, 2017 *In Remembrance*

4:45 pm - **Uldege and Exilda Laflamme**

By family

Helen Lapierrere

By family

Mr. & Mrs. Angus Hachey

By their son

Sunday, July 23, 2017 *In Remembrance*

7:30 am - **Dr. & Mrs. Trento J. Domenici and their children Maria and Trent**

By their family

Rollande Hamel 34th Anniversary

By her family

10:30 am - **Aldora Melanson**

By Stephen Gormley

Clarence J. Cormier

By Acadien Social Club

Anthony Baublis

By family

Monday, July 24, 2017 *In Remembrance*

9:00 am - **Helen Laflamme**

By family

Leonard "Skip" Marsh

By Sacred Heart Rosary Group

Raymond Violette

By Mr. & Mrs. Omer Cormier

Wednesday, July 26, 2017 *In Remembrance*

9:00 am - **Helen Sirois**

By family and friends

Friday, July 28, 2017 *In Remembrance*

9:00 am - **Camille Gallant**

By Anna & Leandre Cormier

Roland Poirier

By his sister and family

Saturday, July 29, 2017 *In Remembrance*

4:45 pm - **Theresa Perreault 18th Anniversary**

By family

Leo J. Melanson

By his wife

Rose, Bob & Lloyd Babineau

By Sister Jean

Lucien Bosse

By his wife and family

@ Holy Spirit Chapel

Saturday, July 22, 2017 *In Remembrance*

4:00 pm - **Edmond J. Gautreau**

By Rene & Pauline Doiron

Martin Foley

By Roland & Gloria LeBlanc

Sunday, July 23, 2017 *In Remembrance*

8:30 am - **Timothy LeBlanc**

By Mary Lou Gilman

12 noon - **Hispanic Mass**

Tuesday, July 25, 2017 *In Remembrance*

7:30 am - **Jeanne Hetnik**

By family

Thursday, July 27, 2017 *In Remembrance*

7:30 am - **Marie Curcio**

By James & Stella Keresey

Saturday, July 29, 2017 *In Remembrance*

4:00 pm - **Martin Foley**

By his loving wife Catherine

Sunday, July 30, 2017

8:30 am - **Timothy LeBlanc**

By Mary Lou Gilman

Scott Bouchard

By his parents

12 noon - **Hispanic Mass**

THE REPLACEMENT IS HERE

You might have noticed the absence of the Poor Box in the back of the church.

It was stolen right off the wall awhile back. We have replaced it with a new and stronger box. It is located in the back of the church.

All proceeds collected in the Poor Box are utilized by the St. Vincent de Paul for assistance to the needy of the City of Gardner.

Thank you for your help.

Upcoming Events and News

Upcoming Events

Every Thursday evening—Bingo 6:00pm
July 30—Hospitality Dinner

HOLY ROSARY MASS INTENTIONS (CONT)

Sunday, July 30, 2017 *In Remembrance*

7:30 am - **Madeliene Melanson**

By Janice Lapierrere

10:30 am - **All deceased members of Helen**

Laflamme's family

By Kathy Rastley

All deceased members of the Leger family

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

One of the most common comments I have been receiving is a call for greater communication and coordination among the various ministries and departments in the parish. Increased communication will also assist me as I learn about the parish, the needs that exist, and the various opinions regarding how these needs can be addressed. I have been trying to postpone all but essential decisions until they can be brought before a group for feedback and discussion. As a parish we need to be able to hear the voice of the Lord guiding us, and this voice is often heard in the context of various individuals bringing to the table their own understandings of the best way forward - a way that we then need to coordinate with the Lord's plan. This weekly column is one way to increase communication as I share with you the fruits of discussions and continue to invite you to be part of those discussions. As a way to begin, we will be reestablishing a regular staff meeting for the various leaders of the parish to come together to insure greater communication and coordination and to build even greater relationships of cooperation. Please bring concerns, ideas, issues to these individuals (contact information in the bulletin) or to myself, Fr. Ramos, or one of the deacons. We hope to see greater opportunities for input of a larger group of parishioners in the months and years ahead. Thank you for your patience as I continue to learn how to best work with you to hear and to serve the Lord as a parish community. God Bless.

Fr. Steve.

Annunciation Parish follows the guidelines of the National Charter for the protection of children and young people approved by the US bishops and Diocese of Worcester policies. Contact Judith Audette, Victim Services Coordinator, at the hotline 508-726-2880 (direct and confidential). You can also contact the parish Safe Environment Coordinator: Celeste C. LaPrise at 978-632-0253 ext. 110.

PLEASE HELP US

Unfortunately summer is almost half over but the need for help never changes. We receive calls all the time for people in need of life's essentials. The St. Vincent de Paul Society is ready to assist those in need, however, we need your help. Our pantry shelves are nearly barren of food for these needy people. This week we could really use soups, jelly and jams, cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, rice.

We thank you for your contributions and generosity in helping us help those in need.

10:30 PRAISE BAND

Do you enjoy singing? Can you play an instrument? If the answer is YES then the 10:30 Praise Band at Annunciation Parish needs you. Please consider joining our Praise Band.

Our group practices each Sunday at 9:30AM in the church. If interested, please contact Christian Orobello at christianorobello@gmail.com.

Offering of Treasure for Annunciation Parish July 9, 2017

Total Regular Envelopes Used	532
Weekly Offering	\$ 7,748.00
Fuel & Energy	\$ 494.00
Maintenance	\$ 251.00
Gente Unida	\$ 178.00
Restoration	\$ 469.00
Religious Ed	\$ 35.00
Needy Child	\$ 108.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 9,293.00

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Just as a small mustard seed can become a large and elaborate bush, discover how to encourage your marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are September 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA. And Oct. 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH. For more information call Steve and Michelle O'Leary at 1-800-710-9963, visit our webpage at www.wwmema.org.

2017 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

The Gardner Knights of Columbus #396, located at 110 South Main St., will be hosting its annual chicken BBQ Sunday August 13th, 2017 from Noon-5pm rain or shine. The event includes a BBQ Chicken Dinner, Music, and more. Meals served 12:30pm-2:30pm. Tickets at the door but will be limited, therefore advanced ticket purchase is recommended (Daily 5pm-8pm) Phone number is 978-632-9819. Cost is \$10 per person.

PILGRIMAGE

St. Mary's Church in Orange, MA is sponsoring a pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beaupre on August 18, 19 & 20, 2017. They have a few seats left and would like to offer them to people from our parish. The cost is \$176.00 for the trip.

If you are interested please call Heather Barber at 978-413-6583.

ATTENTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL FAMILIES

In keeping with diocesan guidelines our sacramental preparation programs are free standing and not part of a regular religious education or catholic school curriculum. Immediate preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation do not occur in your child's catholic school. If you would like your child to receive these sacraments you will need to enroll your child in your parish's sacramental preparation program and participate with your child. For more information on our sacramental preparation programs please pick up one of the flyers at the back of church or contact Mrs. Sweeney directly with any question.

WORD OF LIFE

"A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying."

Pope John Paul II, "address to the New Ambassador of New Zealand to the Holy See." 2000 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. <https://goo.gl/sUqzbC>

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." (Matthew 13: 24, 37-38) As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

HISTORICAL NOTE

In addition to the postcards of St. Joseph's, we have very recently found the 100th Anniversary books for St. Joseph's Parish. If anybody would like one of these, please call Celeste at 978-632-0253 ext. 110 anytime during regular office hours.

Upcoming Events at St. Benedict Abbey in Still River

Father and Son Retreat—Sons ages 14-18. Come and experience Monastic life for a weekend—1 weekend remaining from: Friday, July 28-Sunday July 30.

Monastic Weekend—Men ages 18-30. Be a Monk for a weekend and experience Monastic life on Friday, August 11-Sunday, August 13. Space is limited, register now. For more information and to register visit www.abbey.org or contact Fr. Anthony Kloss, O.S.B. at vocation@abbey.org or 978-877-3694.

PARISH CENSUS/REGISTRATION

Thanks to all who have returned forms to update our Parish records. If, per chance, your family was away when they were distributed, please pick one up at the main entrance of either church. Return completed form to the rectory or add it to the collection basket, at your earliest convenience.

Thank you

GARDNER EMERGENCY HOUSING MISSION

The Gardner Emergency Housing Mission (GEHM) is very proud of the work they have been able to accomplish in a short time. This work is only possible because of the partnership and commitment from churches in the community including Annunciation Parish.

Over the past 11 months we have been able to:

- Established a volunteer list of over 50 people
- Hold two volunteer trainings
- Established a committed board of directors
- Raised over \$7,000 in start-up funds
- Connected with a number of faith communities
- Connected with other emergency housing organization in the area
- Established an intern program through Fitchburg State University
- Established a Facebook page and a website

We have much more to do, and with your help we will be able to be a resource for homeless families in our community.

The support of the community is vital in the success of GEHM and we ask that you continue your amazing support for GEHM as we move along this path in the hopes of hosting our first families in the late fall of 2017.

Thank you

Gardner Emergency Housing Mission Board of Directors

P.S. We have created a t-shirt which you can purchase through Amazon to support our efforts. Please go to <http://www.gehm.co/tshirt>

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. Lundrigan 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.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

Did you know there is never a "bad time" to respond to God's call to be in a deeper relationship with Him through the church? Whether you are parents who have children who need to "catch up" on their sacraments, an adult who didn't get confirmed as a teen by feels called to do so now or an adult who is seeking to enter the Catholic Church, our parish offers programs to help those of every age come into deeper relationship with the church through the sacraments. Each situation can be unique so we urge you to contact Mrs. Sweeney 978-632-0253 ext. 117 so you can meet and discuss the best path for your situation.

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD

Grandparents, Aunties, Uncles, and neighbors, do you know of a family who has children who might benefit from our religious education programs? Please feel free to pick up the flyer at the back of church entitled **5 Reasons to Enroll your Child in Religious Education** and share it with your loved ones. Your gentle invitation may be the catalyst for a deepening relationship with Christ in a family that you love.

A HUGE THANK YOU...

A huge thank you to all those who made a memorial donation in memory of Moe Vautour to our parish's religious education program. Your gifts will enable us to send High School Students to the Diocesan Youth Rally and other out of class room faith experiences this year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS ONGOING

Religious Education registration forms and information are available at the back of church and on our parish website under the Faith Formation tab, as well as by request from the religious education office. All families with children in grades 1-10 whose children do not attend catholic schools are encouraged to enroll their children. While we do ask for a donation of \$35 per child or \$80 per family you should know that we will NEVER question or turn away any family who is unable to make that donation. Please do not allow financial concerns prevent you from enrolling your child.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Religious Education Program please feel free to contact Mrs. Maura Sweeney in the religious education office at 978-632-0253 ext. 117 or religiousedannunciation@gmail.com. She will be happy to set an appointment to meet with you at your convenience to discuss your family situation and how we might be able to best help you.



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