



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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Annunciation Parish

JANUARY 7, 2018

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Mass & Times

Holy Rosary Church

Saturday - 4:45pm

Sunday - 7:30am
10:30am

Monday, Wednesday
and Friday - 9:00am

Holy Spirit Church

Saturday - 4:00pm

Sunday - 8:30am
Hispanic Mass-12:00noon

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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Daily Readings For The Week of January 7th

Monday - The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 55: 1-11 or 1 John 5: 1-9

Mark 1: 7-11

Tuesday -

1 Samuel 1: 9-20

Mark 1: 21-28

Wednesday -

1 Samuel 3: 1-10, 19-20

Mark 1: 29-39

Thursday—

1 Samuel 4: 1-11

Mark 1: 40-45

Friday—

1 Samuel 8: 4-7, 10-22a

Mark 2: 1-12

Saturday - Saint Hilary

1 Samuel 9: 1-4, 17-19, 10:1

Mark 2: 13-17

Sunday - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 3: 3b-10, 19

1 Corinthians 6; 13c-15a, 17-20

John 1: 35-42

Question of the Week:

Adult: When have you been jealous or fearful of another person? When are such feelings harmful?

Youth: When have you been jealous because something good happened to another person instead of you? What is the problem with feeling that way?

IN YOUR CHARITY please pray for:

Cindy Kraft, Dorothy Lorenz, Rose Dupuis, Diane Higgins, Diane Brideau, Marie L. Chartrand, Jeaninne Cormier, Diane Gardner, Miles Gardner, Patrick Harkins, Karen Ferrill, Carol Smith, Joseph Laramee, Marie Goguen, Brian Como, Alice Fortin, Donnalee Reynolds, Randall Bouchard, Claire Bourque, Rita Friske, Tracy Gilman, Janice Hadmack, June Hebert, Marie Jacques, John Kane, Edmond Landry, Tricia McKinley, Marilyn Porter, Ashley Rollins, Leonne Tegen, Kathleen Williams, Sarah Williams

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.

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.

We Remember Those Who Have Died

Annunciation Parish

At Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

Saturday, January 6, 2018 *In Remembrance*

4:45 pm - **Omer LeBlanc** 6th Anniversary

By his wife & children

Marie LeBlanc 6th Anniversary

By the family

Laurie Hachey

By her husband Gerard

Anne Marie LeBlanc

By Victor & Annette Melanson

Sunday, January 7, 2018 *In Remembrance*

7:30 am - **Marie Manca** 5th Anniversary

By her husband and family

Kathleen & Sarah Williams for healing
and strength

10:30 am - **Sylvio LeBlanc** 5th Anniversary

By his wife Marie

Rita Frenette

By Fern & Germaine Comeau

Monday, January 8, 2018 *In Remembrance*

9:00 am - **Jean Baptiste & Anna Thebeau**

By their daughter

Wednesday, January 10, 2018 *In Remembrance*

9:00 am - **Henry W. Goyette Sr.** 30th Anniversary

By his family

Friday, January 12, 2018 *In Remembrance*

9:00 am - **Alice Muscarella**

By her family

Saturday, January 13, 2018 *In Remembrance*

4:45 pm - **Charles McKean** 13th Anniversary

By Theresa McKean

Ronald E. Cormier 1st Anniversary

By his wife and family

Margaret Parish

By family and friends

Linda Kohlstrom

By family and friends

Cecile Basque

By family and friends

Sunday, January 14, 2018 *In Remembrance*

7:30 am - **Dorilla M. Richard**

By her husband Yvon

Kathleen & Sarah Williams for healing
and strength

10:30 am - **Aldora Melanson**

By Stephen Gormley

Stephen Palmieri 1st Anniversary

By his family

At Holy Spirit Chapel

Saturday, January 6, 2018 *In Remembrance*

4:00 pm **Alice Reinikainen**

By Donna Daunais & family

Jean-Paul Maillet 13th Anniversary

By his family

Roland Favreau 6th Anniversary

By his wife

Michael Hazel 3rd Anniversary

By his family

Sunday, January 7, 2018 *In Remembrance*

8:30 am - **Joseph Wojtukiewicz** 25th Anniversary

By Carla and Bob Wojtukiewicz

12 noon - **Hispanic Mass**

Rita Frenette

By Irene Fournier

Tuesday, January 2, 2018 *In Remembrance*

7:30 am - **All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish**

Thursday, January 4, 2018 *In Remembrance*

7:30 am - **Raymond Richard** 24th Anniversary

By Ray & Pat Perreault and family

Saturday, January 6, 2018 *In Remembrance*

4:00 pm - **Mary Ann Sioui**

By her husband & family

Leo Letellier

By a friend

Therese J. LeBlanc 8th Anniversary

By her children

Robert C. Mailloux 1st Anniversary

By Roberta Mailloux—Lajoie

Sunday, January 7, 2018

8:30 am - **Eugene Perreault** 21st Anniversary

By Ray & Pat Perreault & family

12 noon - **Hispanic Mass**

Laurie Hachey

By Fern & Janet Arsenault

RECENT FUNERALS IN MEMORIAL

RUTH ZDANOWICZ
JOANNE HIRONS
JAMES KERESSEY
LOLA BEAUDOIN

Upcoming Events and News

Upcoming Events

Every Thursday evening—Bingo 6:30pm
 Every Tuesday evening—Bible Study 6:30pm
 Every Monday morning coffee after Mass.
 Jan. 7 - Religious Ed for Grades 1 & 3-8
 Jan. 8 - 1:30 Intercessory Prayer Group @ Rectory
 Jan. 14 - No classes
 Jan. 21 - Religious Ed Grades 1-5 9AM
 Jan. 21 - Connect for Grades 6-8 @ 6:30PM
 Jan. 28 - Religious Ed Grades 1-8 9:00AM
 Jan. 28 - High School session 11:30AM
 Jan 28 - Hospitality Dinner - 4-5:30 PM

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

It is that time of the year when our thoughts go to preparing our income tax forms. If you would like a printout of your contributions to the church during the past year, please request them by a note, email to office@annunciationgardner.org or you can call the office at 978-632-0253 extension 110.

We will be prepared to fulfill your requests starting the week of January 14, 2018.

Offering of Treasure for Annunciation Parish December 24 & 25, 2017

Total Regular Envelopes Used	701
Weekly Offering	\$ 9,488.33
Fuel & Energy	\$ 273.00
Maintenance	\$ 65.00
Gente Unida	\$ 34.00
Restoration	\$ 124.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 20.00
Needy Child	\$ 30.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 40.00
Religious Ed.	\$ 127.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 20.00
Christmas Offering	\$ 5,501.00
All Saints	\$ 8.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 23.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 18.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 13.00
Catholic Schools	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 15,789.33

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

As we come into 2018 I have been reexamining where we have been going with our initiatives. The Finance Committee will meet Monday and will review the revised budget, sign off on the yearly reports for the Diocese, and look at our financial predictions that have been made. We will be looking on ways to maximize our revenue and allow us to perform God's work as a community. As always your contributions make possible the continued work of the parish - be assured that we are working to see that none of the precious resources you entrust to the parish are wasted.

I will also be making the rounds to see how the seeds we have planted with our various ministries are doing. This is a sleepy time of year and with the holidays we have been moving slowly. I expect that with the coming Spring you will be seeing some wonderful growth in these areas as the things going on in the background move into view. I will be meeting with the leaders of the ministry to the homebound, hospital ministry, and prison ministries to see the progress we are making. Fr. Ramos will also be looking into liturgical ministries and following up with the trainings done previously to insure we complete the work done in this area. I will meet with the committee that was forming to plan youth/young adult oriented ministries and see where we are these. Expect to see some offerings from our adult faith formation team in the future as well.

I am excited for the possibilities for growth in our school. Our new principal Mrs. Tavaska and I have met and she is energetic in helping us to move to the next level of growth and success. The school board will be considering a new financial aid structure that was mentioned previously and which has been recently fleshed out in draft form, and we will also explore ways to make the benefits of our school known to a wider group of people. As we begin the push to bring new students into our school and parish community please consider who you might encourage to explore the wonderful things offered at our school.

The sale is progressing on St. Joseph church building. Some of you have spoken to me about what such a step means to you - please feel free to contact me with any concerns. Let's keep moving forward together, let's keep joining together as a community, let us keep gathering around the Lord who is our strength and hope. God Bless.

Peace to you all,

Fr. Steve

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS JUST RECEIVED

Mr. & Mrs. John Meany for Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Ptasienski,
 Mr. & Mrs. Walter Meany, Mr. Walter Blake,
 Georgianna Haines, F. Delano Girouard, Joan
 Jedlicka, Patricia Blake and Sr. Beatrice E. Meany
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Brodeur for Ernest & Mary Brodeur,
 Edward, Antoinette and Roland Richard
 Mr. Claude LaBatt for Judith LaBatt and Brian LaBatt
 Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Ouellette for Anna & Everett Nygard, Sr.
 and Rosario and Mary Ouellette
 Mrs. Kathleen Cormier for Ronald Cormier, Robert Cormier
 and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Martioski

POUTINE & RAPPEE SALE**SATURDAY JANUARY 27, 2018****11:00AM****TEMPLETON FISH & GAME CLUB****RELIGIOUS ED SNOW POLICY**

The Religious Ed snow policy states the in case of snow or other emergencies, cancellation of Religious Ed activities will be sent out by flocknote and will be broadcast on Boston television channels 4, 5 & 7.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

Masses will be offered each day, as scheduled, regardless of weather. If school is cancelled Mass will still be offered - ALTHOUGH - on these days the Tuesday or Thursday morning Mass will still be at 7:30 but it will be at HOLY ROSARY instead of HOLY SPIRIT. The priests agreed that we should be offering the Mass for the good of the intention of that Mass, and also for any who may feel they could attend. It is up to the individual parishioner to determine if it is safe for them to come to Mass given their age, type of transportation, and condition of the roads in their area. Our Lord is pleased for you to attend Mass, but does not want you to be in a car accident in the process.

Let it snow

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." (Colossians 3:13) Forgiveness - one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Our Lady of Hope House of Prayer**400 Temple Road****New Ipswich, NH 03071****1-603-878-2346****Contemplative Weekends****January 19-21****Or****February 16-18, 2018****Cost \$140 (includes \$30 registration)****NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES**

There will be no religious ed classes on January 14 so families can enjoy the long weekend together.

SPECIAL THANKS

A special thanks to all who donated to support the decoration of our churches. Our celebration of Christmas has been enhanced through your generosity and through the skillful and devoted work of those involved in our Art and Environment ministry. Copies of the 2017 flower donation lists are posted at the church entrance and copies are available in the vestibule of the church for those who may like one.

WORD OF LIFE

"Heavenly Father, thank you for the precious gift of life. Help us to cherish and protect this gift, even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering. ...Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need, and teach us to be merciful to all."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Every Life is Worth Living" Prayer Card, <https://goo.gl/iF9daj>

CALLING ALL CHOIR MEMBERS AND CANTORS!

The NPM Worcester chapter is hosting its annual Choral Clinic on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Holy Family of Nazareth Church, 750 Union St. Leominster, MA 10am-2pm.

Our clinician is Fr. Fran O'Brien, composer, lyricist and priest of the archdiocese of Boston. Come and join us. In addition to choirs showcasing their own music*, there will be a couple of group pieces directed by the choir clinician. Breakout sessions on How to Read Music, Music for Lent and Easter and Vocal Technique too. Potluck lunch to follow. Check out our website: <http://www.npmworchester.org> or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/npmworchester> for more information or call Betsy Fiedler (508-561-5305) or Patricia O'Connor (508-882-3970) to let us know you'll be coming.

Hear you there!

*Also, let us know in advance who is planning to come and what you might plan to sing (name of piece, composer, publisher).

THIRSTING FOR GOD

Last weekend we distributed free copies of the book **Thirsting for God** daily meditations inspired by the writings of St. Teresa of Calcutta to parish families. Each day's short reflection is both hopeful and challenging in its vision of what the kingdom of God can be. The first quote for the new year was "*Let us begin this New Year with a resolution. Be all for Jesus and with Jesus and you will be happy and holy throughout the year...Be a true follower of God in thought, word and deed: if you do this in your family, it will overflow to all.*" May we all strive to follow this advice so we can grow in faith during the year to come. Copies are still available in both churches if you didn't get one last week.

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 months 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 pick up is needed please call Scott Rosengren, the Scoutmaster of Holy Spirit Troop 4 at 978-632-8531 and leave your name, 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.

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 Third 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: religiously@annunciationgardner.org

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.

QUENCH

Twice a month we have been featuring an article written by fellow parishioners sharing some of the ways that they are **quenching** their thirst for God through various devotions, books and other media. Is there something that you have been reading, watching or listening to that has been strengthening your relationship with God? Please feel free to share what is quenching your thirst for God with your fellow parishioners by writing up a short review and submitting it to Mrs. Sweeney at the rectory office or via religioused@annunciationgardner.org.

JOIN FLOCKNOTE AND BE KEPT IN THE LOOP!

Flocknote is a group messaging system specifically designed for parishes that enables us to stay in touch with people (for example: volunteers, religious ed families, or the bible study group) from our parish. Messages can be sent either by text or email and those who receive it can respond with questions that go only to the staff member or ministry coordinator who sent the message so you don't hear every response like you might in a group text. Once you join you may opt out of a group at any time if you find that it is not for you.

Joining is easy just text **GoodNews4U** to 84576 or go to our parish website and click on the little sheep in the blue box on the upper right hand corner of the screen.

Once you enter your name and contact info, you will be allowed to choose the groups you are most interested in hearing from.

How do we intend to use Flocknote here at Annunciation? In addition to using it to keep in contact with parish ministries we will offer options for those who want to receive seasonal reflections, or inspirations, or emergency notifications from the parish. We do not intend to flood you with information. Remember you will get to choose which groups to join so you can control what comes to you. We hope that you will take the time to join our Flocknote Group!

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult who was not confirmed as a teen but is feeling a calling for a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church and desire the guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life you may wish to consider being confirmed at the upcoming Diocesan Confirmation celebration, which will be held on February 4th at 3 p.m. For most who went through faith formation (CCD or Catholic School) when they were younger the preparation process is fairly simple. If you would like to know more about how you can prepare for confirmation please contact Mrs. Sweeney in the Religious Ed. Office as soon as possible.



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