

Annunciation Parish

July 1st, 2018

Holy Rosary Church

135 Nichols Street
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Holy Spirit Church

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Office Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30a.m.—5:00p.m.

Masses & Times

Holy Rosary Church

Saturday 4:45p.m.

Sunday 7:30a.m.
10:30a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9:00a.m.

Holy Spirit Church

Saturday 4:00p.m.

Sunday 8:30a.m.
12:00noon (Spanish)

Tuesday, Thursday
7:30a.m.

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Holy Rosary Church

Saturday 3:15—4:00p.m.

Holy Spirit Church

Saturday 3:15—3:45p.m.

You may also call one of the priests at the Rectory to schedule a private appointment for Confession.

978-632-0253

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Fr. Ramos, ext. 130



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13th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

So he went in and said to them,
“Why this commotion and
weeping? The child is not dead
but asleep.” - Mk 5:39

Welcome to Annunciation Parish!

For those who are new to the parish or returning after some time away, we would like to welcome you to our Catholic community.

In this bulletin you will find many opportunities to be enriched and involved and we would love to see you. If you would like to register as a member or have any questions, you can call us at 978-632-0253, email us at office@annunciationgardner.org, or you can stop by the rectory office during the week.

God's Peace be with you,

Fr. Steve & the Parish Staff

Parish Staff

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From the Pastor's Desk

In the Gospel today we hear of the healing power of Jesus. We all have times when we wonder if Jesus really can help us through our pain, our loss, our suffering. The key to the healing in the Gospel was faith, a faith in the power of Jesus even when it seemed that there was nothing that he could do. Even when it doesn't seem that God is there and working, God is present and moving - just maybe not on our schedule or plan. It is through that faith that we see the quiet, subtle, and unseen action of God in our lives.

Included in the bulletin and on the website this week is a copy of the Interim Financial Report that was promised. This report covers the first nine months of our fiscal year (Sept 1 - June 1). The narrative of the report should help to lay out in a very transparent way the financial condition of the parish, and also discuss the outlook for the future. We plan to have a member of the Finance Council come and give a brief word about the report at Masses in the future. This report and the encouraging initial enrollment figures at the school give us hope that we are truly poised for a period of growth. Finance Committee was also presented with the draft budget on Monday evening; it is a good start - thank you Bill for all your good work. We now have plenty of time to continue to work on it before the final vote in August.

We had discussions in Staff Meeting about a few summer activities and reviewed the responses received from Flocknotes. If you want to be able to give feedback in to this process and get other information about parish life and activities, please sign up for Flocknotes (instructions are in the bulletin, or click the blue and white sheep on our website). Stay tuned for more information on these activities and our growing ministries.

I have been in contact with the priest from the Coptic Orthodox church and our lawyer and we are continuing to work out details related to the sale of Sacred Heart Church. I know that this step will be difficult for many of our parishioners who worshipped at Sacred Heart for so many years. I continue to want to know how this all is effecting you - please don't think that my encouraging us to move forward as a single family means I want to brush under the carpet the continuing struggles that remain. I am open for a discussion with anyone who wishes to do so. We need to be able to move forward together while recognizing the challenges that we all face in this process (whether you are feeling a loss of a home, or are sharing what was your home with a larger family). We have to continue to trust the Lord to help us to find ways to share all that is ours in this parish: the buildings, history, legacy, and faith - and to accentuate our unity over the differences. Let's all trust in the power of Jesus to make this a reality.

Peace,

Fr. Steve

Mass Intentions**Our Lady of the Holy Rosary**

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, June 30th	4:45 p.m.	Robert Richard <i>by family</i> Oscar Maillet <i>by wife & family</i> Leo J. Melanson, 2nd Anniversary <i>by Lena Melanson & family</i>
Sunday, July 1st	7:30 a.m.	Aline Blais, 20th Anniversary <i>by Sally & Marcel Martin</i> Joseph, William, & Margery Robichaud <i>by their family</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Carmella Morris <i>by family</i> John Broderick, 21st Anniversary <i>by children</i> Elizabeth Glinski <i>by St. Joseph's Rosary</i>
Monday, July 2nd	9:00 a.m.	Mary Ellen Chanley <i>by Eileen & Pat O'Shea</i>
Wednesday, July 4th	9:00 a.m.	Paul Bastarache <i>by Joe & Claudette Bastarache</i>
Friday, July 6th	9:00 a.m.	Normand Jalbert <i>by Janet Oliver</i>
Saturday, July 7th	4:45 p.m.	Luann Cross, 2nd Anniversary <i>by family</i> Leo Cormier <i>by wife & family</i> Irma Cormier <i>by Gerald A. Cormier & family</i>
Sunday, July 8th	7:30 a.m.	Gregoire Croteau <i>by family</i>
	10:30 a.m.	James Keresey <i>by The Curcios</i> Romeo & Florence Duteau <i>by Becky McCaffrey & family</i> Buddy Hunt, Sr. <i>by Diane Hunt & family</i>

Holy Spirit

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, June 30th	4:00 p.m.	Raymond & Lillian LaRocque <i>by family</i> Joseph Barrieau <i>by Leona Lashua</i> Lauretta Kraskouskas <i>by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Jaillet</i> Ruth A. Zdanowicz, 6 Months <i>by her daughters</i>
Sunday, July 1st	8:30 a.m.	Gilles J. Arsenault <i>by Kevin & Gloria Gaboury</i> Edmond Gautreau, 1st Anniversary <i>by his wife Albina</i>
	12:00 p.m.	To be announced
Tuesday, July 3rd	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish
Thursday, July 5th	7:30 a.m.	James Keresey <i>by Arthur & Linda Noonan</i>
Friday, July 6th First Friday Mass	6:30 p.m.	Alma Melanson <i>by Dianne Lupaczyk</i>
Saturday, July 7th	4:00 p.m.	Joseph Barrieau <i>by Gerald Cormier & family</i> Karen Favreau, 8th Anniversary <i>by her Mother</i> Bernard "Bud" Goguen <i>by Bob & Carol Cormier</i>
Sunday, July 8th	8:30 a.m.	Jeannette Hallock <i>by family</i> Edmond Gautreau <i>by Roger & Joann Thibodeau</i>
	12:00 p.m.	To be announced

Other Masses This Week.

- * 4:00p.m. on Monday July 2nd at GarWest *for Malvina McCuster by Kyle Brinkmann*
- * 2:00p.m. on Friday July 6th at Heywood Commons *for Yvette Arsenault by Ernest Collette*

Funerals in Memorandum.

- * Clementina DiVito

Upcoming Events and News

Events this Week:

- ⇒ **Saturday June 30th**
 - 3:15—3:34p.m. Confessions at Holy Spirit
 - 3:15—4:00p.m. Confessions at Holy Rosary
- ⇒ **Sunday July 1st**
- ⇒ **Monday July 2nd**
 - Coffee Social after 9:00a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary Church
 - 1:30p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry at Holy Rosary rectory
- ⇒ **Tuesday June 3rd**
 - 6:30p.m. Bible Study in Holy Rosary hall
- ⇒ **Wednesday July 4th**
 - **No Eucharistic Adoration this week**—it will resume next Wednesday, July 11th from 6:00a.m.—8:00p.m.
- ⇒ **Thursday July 5th**
 - 8:30a.m. Faith Sharing Group*
 - 6:30p.m. Bingo at Holy Rosary hall
 - 6:30p.m. Curso Biblico (Bible Study) in Spanish at Holy Spirit
- ⇒ **Friday July 6th**
 - 6:30p.m. First Friday Mass, Confessions, Exposition, and Benediction at Holy Spirit
- ⇒ **Saturday June 7th**
 - 3:15—3:34p.m. Confessions at Holy Spirit
 - 3:15—4:00p.m. Confessions at Holy Rosary
- ⇒ **Sunday July 8th**

*For the Faith Sharing Group, contact Diane Scott, at (978) 928-1372.

Is God calling you to life in Christ through the Catholic Church?

RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is a process for those over the age of 7 who wish to be initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. It is also for those who have been baptized in other Christian traditions who wish to join in full communion with the Catholic Church. For most people the process takes about a year and includes reflecting on Gospels so you can grow in relationship with Jesus Christ, learning about the basic teachings of the church and answering your questions about God and the church. In addition to a process for adults we offer groups for families with children, and teens. If you are feeling nudged by God to explore the Catholic Church please contact Mrs. Sweeney in the Religious Ed office at 978-632-0253 or religioused@annunciationgardner.org

Daily Readings for the Week of July 1st, 2018

Sunday July 1st

- Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24
- 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15
- Mark 5:21-43

Monday July 2nd

- Amos 2:6-10,13-16
- Matthew 8:18-22

Tuesday July 3rd

- Ephesians 2:19-22
- John 20:24-29

Wednesday July 4th

- Amos 5:14-15,21-24
- Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday July 5th

- Amos 7:10-17
- Matthew 9:1-8

Friday July 6th

- Amos 8:4-6,9-12
- Matthew 9:9-13

Saturday July 7th

- Amos 9:11-15
- Matthew 9:14-17

Question of the Week:

Question for Adults: What are some of the miraculous moments in your own life? Do you ever pray for miracles?

Question for Youth: How does sharing with others bring happiness to you?

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

With Jesus, our Intercessor, and the Holy Spirit, the Light that guides us, we gather together twice a month for one hour to pray for the needs of our faith community and the world. We offer our petitions and give praise, honor, and thanks to our heavenly Father for His unconditional love and mercy through various prayers of the Church, song, Sacred Scripture, silent reflection and sharing.

If this prayer style interests you, consider joining us.

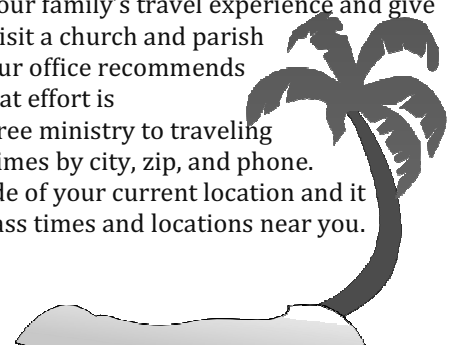
For further information please contact
Louise Plamondon at 978-632-8679

Summer Giving & Mass Times

As we move into the summer months, please continue to be regular with your support of the parish. We generally experience a summer shortfall in giving as people leave the area for summer fun. With that in mind, please remember to set up regular gifts to support the parish.

Also — continue to be regular in your Mass attendance as you travel. It will enhance your family's travel experience and give you an opportunity to visit a church and parish family. A website that our office recommends and will be helpful in that effort is

Masstimes.org. It is a free ministry to traveling Catholics, listing Mass times by city, zip, and phone. Simply enter the zip code of your current location and it will suggest Catholic Mass times and locations near you.



Do You Have Beautiful Feet?

Referencing the prophet Isaiah, St. Paul wrote **"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring [the] good news!"** (Rom 10:15) He didn't mean that those who share good news would always look like they'd recently had a pedicure. He was talking about the blessings poured out on those who share the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Catholic Faith with others.

This fall we expect to have approximately 200 children and young people from grade 1 through high school gathering in our parish for our religious education programs. Their families enroll them so they can hear the Good News of the Gospel from others in addition to those at home. As a volunteer catechist (a.k.a. CCD teacher) you could help these young people grow in their faith and you might just find that you grow in your own as well. We provide volunteers with training, materials and support. Volunteers share the most valuable thing they have with their students, their relationship with Jesus.

Please prayerfully consider whether or not you might be being called to share the Good News with our young people. If you would like to learn more about (having beautiful feet and) sharing the Good News with the young people of Annunciation parish please contact:

Mrs. Sweeney
Phone: 978-632-0253

Email: religioused@annunciationgardner.org



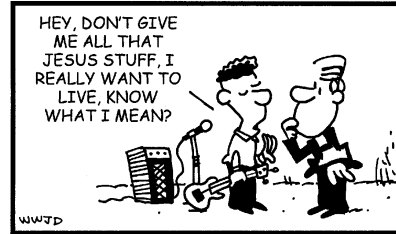
Remember to pick up a kid's bulletin at the back of the Church!



Children (and their parents or grandparents) are welcome to pick up their very own bulletin from the back doors of both churches as they leave each week.

Bulletins feature a coloring page, word game and a summary of the week's Gospel with ideas on how to live what you've learned. These are the perfect way to help your child understand the Mass and Jesus' teachings each week.

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Young Adult Theology on Tap

Join us for the next Theology on Tap on **Tuesday, July 10 beginning at 6:30 pm** at Compass Tavern in Worcester! Our speaker will be Fr. Jim Boland and the topic will be "Mission Possible: Living Your Call in the Modern World". Open to all young adults (ages 18-39). Doors open at 6:30 for food and drinks. The speaker will begin at 7:15. Compass Tavern is located at 90 Harding St, Worcester.



Diocesan Young Adult Retreat

Renewed
through the Wilderness
Ephesians 4:23



Who: Young Adults (ages 18-39)

When: August 3-4, 2018

Where: Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center Putnam, CT

Cost: \$50/person

To register, go to neworchester.org/young-adult-events or contact Tim Messenger, Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 508-929-4360 or at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org

August 3-4, 2018

Immaculate Conception Spiritual Renewal Center
Putnam, CT

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 questions.

Religious Ed Registration has begun!

Religious Education forms have been sent to those who registered last year and those who requested information. If your child is in grades 1-10 and will be new to our religious education program next year and you would like information you may pick up a packet from the back of church or contact the Religious Ed Office at religiously@annunciationgardner.org or call 978-632-0253.

Holiday Office Hours:

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday July 4th in observance of the Independence Day holiday. It will reopen at 8:30a.m. Thursday morning to resume its normal weekday business hours of 8:30a.m.—5:00p.m.

Offering of Treasure for Annunciation Parish		June 17th, 2018
Total Regular Envelopes Used		422
Weekly	\$	7,716.43
Fuel & Energy	\$	450.00
Maintenance	\$	123.00
Religious Education	\$	90.00
Restoration	\$	164.00
Needy Child	\$	12.00
Easter Offering	\$	20.00
Total	\$	8,575.43

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 at 978-632-0253 ext. 110.



Want to receive updates about our events? Join our Flock through Flocknote, where you can choose what information you would like to receive from our parish's ministries and groups. Notes are sent out via email or text. Simply text **GoodNews4U** to **84576** or visit flocknote.com/AnnunciationGardner online.

Flocknote



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"Do not be afraid; just have faith."

Sheepish Question:

Is there something that I've been afraid to ask of Jesus?

Loving God by serving others.

Faith in Action

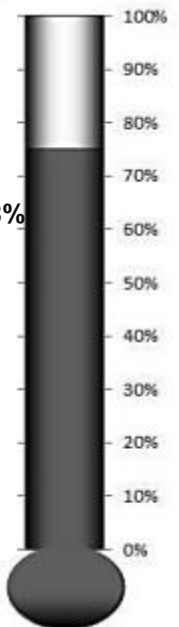


Thank you to everyone who has made their gift to the 2018 Partners in Charity Appeal! Our parish is \$48,345 towards our goal of \$65,000.

Goal: \$65,000
Received: \$48,345

74.38%

Whether you have given annually to this appeal or have not done so in a while, your gift is also an opportunity to express your gratitude to God for all the good that you have received in your lives.



Please Pray For:

Ines Lull, John Kane, Scott Richard, Leonne Tagen, Amanda Loyer, William Nacke, Alice Fortin, Donnalee Reynolds, Tricia McKinley, Larry Butler, Paul Bastarache, Marguerite Vautour, Ed P. LaRoche, David Balfrey, Scott St. Cyr, Alyssa Happe, Mary Beth Brow, Brian Como, Catherine Trowbridge, Dwight Misner, Alden Johnson, Little Genevieve, the Becker Family, and Jimmy Mantz

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



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: 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.

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