



Annunciation Parish

July 15th, 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.

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Fr. Steve, ext. 116

Fr. Ramos, ext. 130

Sent Forth by the Lord

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. *Mk6:7,13*



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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

From the Pastor's Desk

Well that was sure a hot and sticky week we had! The cooling was very nice, and looks like summer is firmly here. This is a time where we do things that we don't get to do at other times - like maybe getting more in touch with nature. When I was young, my family went camping for a couple weeks each summer - haven't had that same chance in the last few years. However, I did have some memories brought back on the 4th when I had the pleasure of going up to Camp Wanocksett in New Hampshire to visit our Boy Scout Troops who were at camp. I had a nice drive up and back with Dick Sioui, a tour of the camp, a chance to visit with the scouts and leaders, and have lunch with them. It was a good diversion from the normal routine and a wonderful chance to see some of our young people having a good time together.

I have mentioned in this column in the past the fact that we had been approached by a solar company to lease land from us for solar projects in land we own adjacent to our cemeteries. This had been discussed at length with the Staff, in Finance Council, and in Pastoral Council. In addition, the opportunity was given for parishioners to express their concerns to me or members of the Pastoral Council. Although some lamented the loss of the trees (and as a nature-loving tree hugger myself, I was in that "camp"), the consensus was that we would go forward with this for the increased opportunities it would provide us for mission and ministry and for building our parish. You may be aware that the City Council has voted down the zoning change that would have allowed for this project. My intention in placing calls to City Counselors on this matter has been somewhat distorted. I called to ask the counselors what their reasons for support or objection had been (since I was unaware that there was such opposition), and also to encourage them to listen to the solar company's responses to counselor questions that had not been adequately answered in the past. This kind of thing is frankly not what I like to do, yet as spokesperson for the parish leadership it is my duty to seek the best interests of the parish community and to represent our position when necessary. Personally, I also wanted to be sure I understood all sides of the issue more clearly. In addition, since this vote concerned a zoning change to our property, as the legally appointed representative of the owner of the property, I thought it appropriate to discuss this matter with counselors (as any other citizen or landowner might do). Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Today we hear of Jesus sending the Apostles out into the world. While living out the Christian vocation, working to minister in the name of Jesus, and joining for prayer and worship, there are some "non-religious" concerns that must be attended to. This is not new; the earliest Christian community struggled with their interactions with the political world in which they were situated as well. All of us have to deal with the reality of civic responsibility, personal security, and taxes while still speaking the truth of Jesus to the world. However, in all this we must be sure that our focus is on the Lord and on our mission - and not on self-interest, politics, money, and power - which are so tempting things to be drawn into. God must be the ultimate goal. Peace,

Fr. Steve

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Mass Intentions

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, July 14th	4:45 p.m.	Laurie Hachey <i>by her husband Gerard</i> Alphee Leger <i>by Mr. & Mrs. Bachand</i> Joseph Barrieau <i>by Aline Roach</i> Raymond J. Boudreau, 5th Anniversary <i>by Michelle, Natasha & his wife Anita</i>
Sunday, July 15th	7:30 a.m.	James Minns <i>by Henry Ares</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Victor Blanchette, Jr., 8th Anniversary <i>by family</i> Ricky Thibeault <i>by The Desroches Family</i>
Monday, July 16th	9:00 a.m.	Ernest Richard <i>by Robert Richard</i> Russell C. Phelps, Jr. <i>by Jay & Melody Phelps</i>
Wednesday, July 18th	9:00 a.m.	Nancy Allain <i>by her sisters Gloria & Dorilla</i>
Friday, July 20th	9:00 a.m.	Mary Parker <i>by Jeanne Furey Coty</i>
Saturday, July 21st	4:45 p.m.	Theresa Perreault, 18th Anniversary <i>by her family</i> Gerald St. John <i>by his wife & children</i> Ernest & Lina St. John <i>by their children</i>
Sunday, July 22nd	7:30 a.m.	Dr. & Mrs. Trento J. Domenici & Family <i>by Greg & Martha Haley</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Mr. & Mrs. John Blanchard <i>by their children</i> Francis, Alice & Robert Audette <i>by family</i> Helen Laperriere, 2nd Anniversary <i>by daughter-in-law & family</i>

Holy Spirit

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, July 14th	4:00 p.m.	Douglas F. Chartrand, 35th Anniversary <i>by his wife Louise</i> Henry & Anna Dupont <i>by their son-in-law and family</i> Lauretta Kraskouskas <i>by Frances McFaul</i> Stephen Zdanowicz, Jr., 31st Anniversary <i>by his daughters</i>
Sunday, July 15th	8:30 a.m.	Edmond Gautreau <i>by Beverly Minns</i>
	12:00 p.m.	To be announced
Tuesday, July 17th	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish
Thursday, July 19th	7:30 a.m.	Yvette Arsenault <i>by Mr. & Mrs. Leandre Cormier</i>
Saturday, July 21st	4:00 p.m.	Edmond Gautreau <i>by David & Felicia Poliks</i> Richard (Ricky) Thibeault <i>by Georgette Thibeault</i> John & Katherine Kraskouskas <i>by the family</i>
Sunday, July 22nd	8:30 a.m.	Clementina DiVito <i>by her children & family</i>
	12:00 p.m.	To be announced

Other Masses This Week.

- * 6:00p.m. Mass on Wednesday July 18th at North Central Correctional Institution
for Rita Frenette by Arthur & Cecilia Bastarache

Upcoming Events and News

Events this Week:

- ⇒ **Saturday July 14th**
 - 3:15—3:34p.m. Confessions at Holy Spirit
 - 3:15—4:00p.m. Confessions at Holy Rosary
- ⇒ **Sunday July 15th**
- ⇒ **Monday July 16th**
 - Coffee Social after 9:00a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary Church
 - 1:30p.m. Intercessory Prayer Ministry at Holy Rosary rectory
- ⇒ **Tuesday July 17th**
 - 6:30p.m. Bible Study in Holy Rosary hall
- ⇒ **Wednesday July 18th**
 - 6:00a.m.—8:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Rosary
- ⇒ **Thursday July 19th**
 - 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 20th**
- ⇒ **Saturday July 21st**
 - 3:15—3:34p.m. Confessions at Holy Spirit
 - 3:15—4:00p.m. Confessions at Holy Rosary
- ⇒ **Sunday July 22nd**

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

Daily Readings for the Week of July 15th, 2018

Sunday July 15th

- Amos 7:12-15
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- Mark 6:7-13

Monday July 16th

- Isaiah 1:10-17
- Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday July 17th

- Isaiah 7:1-9
- Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday July 18th

- Isaiah 10:5-7, 13B-16
- Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday July 19th

- Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19
- Matthew 11:28-30

Friday July 20th

- Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8
- Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday July 21st

- Micah 2:1-5
- Matthew 12:14-21

Question of the Week:

Question for Adults: . Why do you think Jesus sent them out two by two, rather than alone?

Question for Youth: When Jesus sent the disciples out, he was preparing them for the future when he would be gone. How are you growing in your own faith and preparing for a life as a Christian disciple?

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

Take One To-Go!

Grab an extra bulletin on your way out of church for a friend!

Each week, our parish prints enough bulletins to be shared throughout the community. We bring some to the local nursing homes, mail some to elderly parishioners and shut-ins, and our outreach ministries personally deliver some to our homebound parishioners. If you or somebody you know would like to receive bulletins, or if you want to help distribute the bulletins, please contact the parish office at:

Email: office@annunciationgardner.org

Phone: (978)632-0253

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

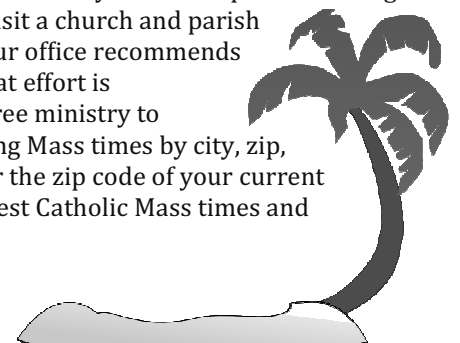


Summer Giving & Mass Times

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.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I recently got into an Uber car for a ride to the airport. I like talking with drivers if I sense they are open to it. On this particular day, the driver was very talkative and told me about how he was an inventor. He had several patents and was about to sell one of his inventions for a ton of money. We had a wonderful conversation, and he was such a warm and interesting person. I asked him why, with his good fortune with inventions and all the work he was doing aside from Uber, he was still driving. He smiled and said, "There are still some people I haven't met yet. I never know who is going to get into my car next."

What an amazing answer! Too often we live our lives in semi-solitude, walking around with blinders on so we don't make eye contact. We have our family and friends, but we don't get up each day wondering with excitement who we will meet that day.

God puts people into our path all the time. Maybe we need them or they need us. But we do not walk through this world alone. If we choose to not be mindful of who is in our midst, we miss the chance to receive whatever gifts they may have to give. In the same vein, they miss out on what we have to share with them if we stay closed and quiet. Pay attention to those around you. God may come to you in the words of a friend, the request of a homeless man, or in the wisdom of an Uber driver.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

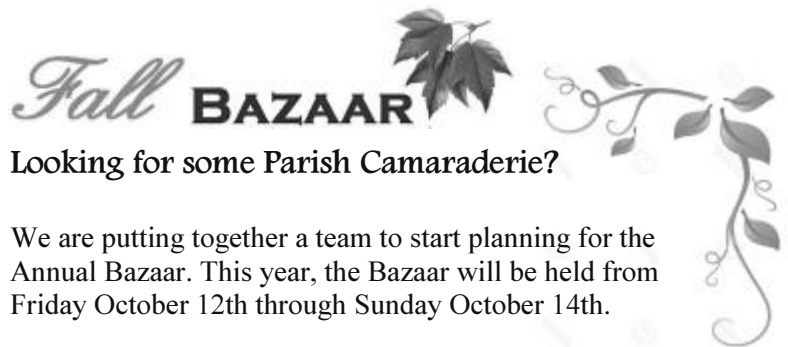
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Thirsting for God

A quote from Thirsting for God: Daily Meditations from the writings of Mother Teresa for July 17th.

God has shown his greatness by using nothingness. Let us give God free hand to use us without consulting us. Let us accept whatever he gives and give whatever he takes with a big smile!

If you haven't gotten a chance to pick up your copy of this beautiful and thought provoking book we encourage you to do so today. Copies are available at the back of both churches they make great summer reading.



Looking for some Parish Camaraderie?

We are putting together a team to start planning for the Annual Bazaar. This year, the Bazaar will be held from Friday October 12th through Sunday October 14th.

Bring your ideas to our first meeting on **Wednesday, July 25th at 6:00p.m.** in the downstairs Meeting Room of the Rectory at 135 Nichols Street in Gardner. The Bazaar usually includes:

- * Kids' Games
- * Chinese & Silent Auctions
- * Crafts
- * Restaurant & Drinks
- * Pie Baking Contest
- * Quilts
- * Bakery & Candies
- * Themed Baskets
- * Gifts Booth
- * Money Raffle
- * Flea Market

but we are looking for new activities, too! Put on your creative thinking cap and share your vision. Can't wait to see you there!

The Pre-School at Holy Family Academy

is open for enrollment!

Full-time and part-time spots are available
Monday-Friday for children ages 3-4.

Before-Care and After-Care programs are offered for full-time students.

For more information on our programs, or to enroll, contact Mrs. Nancy Tyros at (978) 632-8656



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Holy Family Academy Enrollment

Holy Family Academy is open for enrollment! If you—or someone you know—are interested in enrolling your child in a Catholic elementary & middle school, come check us out! To ask questions or schedule a tour, call:

Nancy Tyros at (978) 632-8656 ext. 5

You can also read more about our educational programs, extracurricular activities, and scholarship opportunities for new students on our website at:

<http://www.holyfamilyacademyma.org>



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 religious@annunciationgardner.org or call 978-632-0253.

Religious Education Office Hours:

The Religious Education Office will be closed through Monday July 16th. It will reopen on the morning of Tuesday July 17th to resume its normal weekday hours.

Offering of Treasure for Annunciation Parish July 1st, 2018

<i>Total Regular Envelopes Used</i>	<i>540</i>
Weekly	\$ 8,552.01
Fuel & Energy	\$ 960.00
Maintenance	\$ 705.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 156.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 10.00
Religious Education	\$ 15.00
Restoration	\$ 42.00
Needy Child	\$ 217.00
Total	\$ 10,657.01



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



"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey besides a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money."

Sheepish Question:

What practical matters worry me as I keep my eyes on the Gospel's prize?

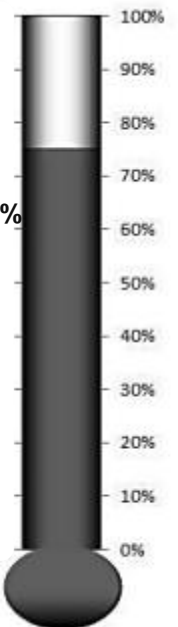
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Faith in Action



Please Pray For:

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, Jimmy Mantz, Benjamin Stone, JoAnn Thibodeau, Vince Leger, Laura Hale, Ron Roy, Alice Campbell, Diane Landry, Theresa Landry, and Alice Page.

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.

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



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