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November 4th, 2018

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Holy Rosary

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Holy Spirit

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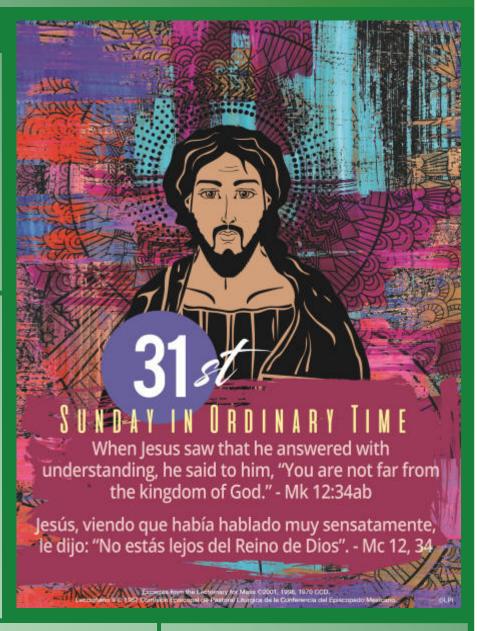
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Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm



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Masses at Holy Rosary Masses at Holy Spirit

Saturday	4:45p.m.	Saturday	4:00p.m.
Sunday	7:30a.m.	Sunday	8:30a.m.
	10:30a.m.	(Spanish)	12:00p.m.
Mon, Wed, Fri	9:00a.m.	Tues, Thurs	7:30a.m

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Rosary: Saturday 3:15-4:00p.m.

Saturday

Holy Spirit:

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

3:15-3:45p.m.

978.632.0253 Rev. Stephen Lundrigan ext. 116 Rev. Wilmar Ramos ext. 130

Welcome to Annunciation Parish

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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. 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 Parish Office during the week.

God's Peace be with you,
Fr. Steve & the Parish Staff

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From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus speaks to us of the two great commandments: Love of God and love of neighbor. In our day-to-day life it can be easy to let either (or both) of these slip. Loving God with our heart, mind, soul, and strength involves us putting some time aside for God (in private prayer and coming to worship at Mass), and stretching in faith to believe all that God has said. The result of loving God is that we see the presence of God more powerfully in our lives and can enter into that relationship of Love that God wants to have with each one of us. Loving neighbor as self is tricky - especially with all the people we can easily dislike. But love is a choice, love is a decision, love does not only go up and down depending on how other people treat us. We all struggle with that and can choose to withhold love based upon conditions of how people act towards us. But this is not Jesus' way; love is a package deal. The love of God (who is love) must flow in our heart. It must flow out to those who it is difficult to love; it must flow out to the God we cannot see (except in the hidden presence of Jesus in the Eucharist). The benefit of this is a closer relationship with God and others and a deeper reception of God's love. This is worth it.

One wonderful example of the movement of God's love in and out of human hearts happened at the woman's day of reflection this past Saturday. Fr. Ramos and I stopped by to join the ladies for lunch, and I was impressed with what I saw. There was a feeling of peace, a feeling of reflection, and a spirit of love in the room. Several of the woman have shared with me that it was a very enriching experience. I am so happy to see this wonderful fruit the Spirit had brought to this group of women. The hours of planning and prayer that the team invested opened the way for the Lord to enter. We look forward to providing more such opportunities in the future.

I know that some have been questioning the progress on the handicap access for the churches. This has certainly not moved as fast as I would have liked. I have been in contact with the architect this past week and received some more information. We hope to have the necessary plans and permits and to continue to look at how to fund this. There is a separate account set up that donations for this project have been placed in. You may donate to this effort through the office if you would like. When we get the plans, we will know what it will cost and can move forward.

After discussions with the office of the Diaconate it appears all but certain that Martin Beck (who has been ministering with us as an Instituted Acolyte) will be assigned to Annunciation Parish upon his ordination as a Deacon this summer. All the feedback I have received from people has been positive, and I think he will continue to be a wonderful addition to our parish. The Deacons and myself will be further discussing their roles here in the parish and what changes may be on the horizon as we reorganize a bit. I will keep you informed. I have asked Martin to facilitate our capital projects committee to examine the needed repairs and improvements that we need to figure out how to complete – more on this when their report comes in. Please continue to pray as we work to move forward, more good things to come.

Peace,

Fr. Steve

at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, November 3rd	4:45 p.m.	Rita Normandin Frennette, 1st Anniversary by husband & family Bertha Richard by Vi Arsenault
Sunday, November 4th	7:30 a.m.	For the deceased parents of Yvon T. Richard Ronald Cormier by his wife & family
	10:30 a.m.	Florence Tourigney by Priscilla Proulx & Henry Ares Florence Tourigney by Rita Johnson Gloria R. LeBlanc by Mr. & Mrs. Rene Doiron
Monday, November 5th	9:00 a.m.	Bronislaw Griczika by The Bresnahan Family Ines Lull by Don & Peg Locke
Wednesday, November 7th	9:00 a.m.	Marianne Bilodeau, 21st Anniversary by her family Gloria R. LeBlanc, Months Mind by the Ladies of St. Anne Society
Friday, November 9th	9:00 a.m.	Sister Irene Barrieau from The Richard Family
Saturday, November 10th	4:45 p.m.	Frank Leger by his sister, Irene Gordon Poirier by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Cormier
Sunday, November 11th	7:30 a.m.	Tony & Deanna Manca, 12th Anniversary by family Norman Gallant by his family Gregoire Croteau by family
	10:30 a.m.	Veterans Ryan Patrick Jones & Gilles Arsenault by Elaine Jones & Kevin Jones

at Holy Spirit Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, November 3rd	4:00 p.m.	Norma Bardzskowski, 11th Anniversary by family All deceased family members of The Duong Family Family
Sunday, November 4th	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	William Richard, 31st Anniversary by Ray & Pat Perreault & family Lucy Amadon, 23rd Anniversary by Bob & Carla Wojtukiewicz To be announced
Tuesday, November 6th	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish Gordon Poirier by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Szoc
Thursday, November 8th	7:30 a.m.	Dick LaFortune, Sr. by Michelle & Don Cormier Stanley T. Koczan by June Girouard
Saturday, November 10th	4:00 p.m.	James Minns by Leonette Gaulzetti Peter P. Kraskouskas by family
Sunday, November 11th	8:30 a.m.	Leo LeTellier, by family Leonard Mailloux, 2nd Anniversary by family
	12:00 p.m.	To be announced

Other Masses this Week

Monday, November 5th 4:00a.m. GarWest Laure Hache	y by Gerard Hachey
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Upcoming Events

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Week of November 4th — 10th

Sunday November 4th

9:00—10:15a.m. Grades 1-8 Religious Education in Holy Family Academy

Monday November 5th

Coffee Social after 9:00a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary Church 7:00p.m. Grit & Grace Book Club in the rectory on Nichols Street

Tuesday November 6th

6:30p.m. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible in Holy Rosary hall

Wednesday November 7th

6:00a.m.—8:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Rosary

Thursday November 8th

9:00a.m. Faith Sharing Group in the rectory on Lovewell Street

1:30p.m. RCIA in the rectory on Nichols Street

6:30p.m. Bingo in Holy Rosary hall

6:00p.m. Curso Biblico (Bible Study) in Spanish at in the rectory on Nichols Street

Friday November 9th

Saturday November 10th

3:15—3:34p.m. Confessions at Holy Spirit

3:15—4:00p.m. Confessions at Holy Rosary

Sunday November 11th

12:00—2:00p.m. Thanksgiving Community Meal

*Note: No Religious Educations Classes so families may enjoy the long holiday weekend together

Please Note:

The presentation on a "Catholic Approach to End of Life Forms" (which was originally scheduled for November 17^{th)} has been rescheduled for this spring. We will let you know as soon a new date is set.

Grit & Grace Book Club

will be meeting this Monday November 5th at 7 p.m. in the rectory on Nichols Street to discuss Chapter 7 through the Conclusion of <u>My Badass Book of Saints:</u> <u>Courageous Women Who Showed Me How to Live.</u>

It isn't too late to join us! Our next book will be <u>Busy</u> <u>Lives, Restless Souls</u>. Copies are available at the Rectory for those who would like to join us.



Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

Fr. Steve is presenting a series designed to help you understand the "Big Picture" of the Bible, how the Old and New Testaments relate to each other, and the role Scripture plays in our Catholic Faith. The series is meeting every other Tuesday at 6:30 in the church hall at Holy Rosary. The next session will be held next Tuesday 11/6. The final session is scheduled for 11/20



Meat Pies for Sale!

Frozen meat pies baked in our church hall are still for sale at the Parish Office on Nichols Street. But act fast—they are selling quickly! All the small pies have been sold and now we only have large pies left.

We accept cash or electronic payments in the Office.

Price:

Large (9") Pie \$ 13.00



Book of Remembrance Page 5

Throughout the month of November all are welcome to write the names of their deceased loved ones ...those whom you wish for us to remember... in the **Book of Remembrance** found near the statue of St. Joseph in both churches, Holy Rosary and Holy Spirit.



Mass of Remembrance-Sunday November 18

Please join us at a special Mass of Remembrance for those who died within the last year (November 1, 2017 through October 31, 2018). This memorable Mass for you, your family and friends, will be held Sunday, November 18th at 6 p.m. at Holy Rosary.

If you have a loved one who you would like remembered at this Mass, please contact the rectory via email of-fice@annunciationgardner.org, or call us at 978-632-0253. We ask that you provide a name and date of death.

The Return of a Tradition—Thanksgiving Community Meal

The Thanksgiving meal that used to be hosted by the Catholic Community in Gardner is being revived! This year, in addition to the elderly and shut-ins, we are extending the invitation to the underprivileged, veterans, and homeless members within our community. We will be cooking, serving and delivering meals with the help of volunteers.

All are welcome to a sit-down dinner in Holy Rosary Hall on 135 Nichols Street on Sunday November 11th from 12:00noon—2:00p.m. For those who are unable to attend due to age or illness, we can deliver a meal to you. If you would like to have a meal delivered to you or a loved one, please call the Parish Office at (978) 632-0253 or complete the form on the Thanksgiving Community Meal page under the Social Activities tab on our website www.AnnunciationGardner.org

If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact:

John Billings Home: (978) 632-1238 Cell: (978) 660-7475



Delve Deeper into the Mass

Additional copies of <u>Living the Mass: How One Hour a Week Can Change Your Life</u> are now available at the back of each church for those who would like to read it. This book by Fr. Dominic Grassi and Joe Paprocki reminds us that the Mass can lead to a transformation of our lives if we allow it to. The book breaks down the parts of the Mass and looks at what they have to teach us about growing closer to God in our everyday lives.

Our parish website is posting discussion questions based upon the book and is providing a forum where you can post comments and questions about the book. You can join the reflection at https://annunciationgardner.org/living-the-mass

Boxes of Joy!



If you are planning on helping us provide a box of Joy for a child from Haiti, The Dominican Republic, Guatemala or Nicaragua, please return your filled box to the rectory or the back of church by this Thursday, November 8th. To participate pick up one of the boxes from the back of church, decide whether you would like your box to benefit a boy or a girl and fill it with small items that a child can play with or might find useful in meeting their basic hygiene needs. A list of suggested items can be found at http://www.crosscatholic.org/uploads/BOJ-2017-Gift-Ideas.pdf or at the back of church. If you can't fill a box by yourself we encourage you to drop off one or two of the suggested items in the donation box at the back of church and our students will assemble a box for you.

Spiritual Guidance

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Information on the Sacraments

Baptism: is celebrated on the Third Sunday of the month at 2:00p.m. or any other Sunday outside the Lenten Season. For Baptismal instruction, call Deacon Paul Carrier and his wife Lorraine at (978) 297-1062

First Communion: for adults and children over the age of 7. Call Maura Sweeney at the Parish Office (978) 632-0253 Ext.117

Confirmation: call Maura Sweeney at the Parish Office (978) 632-0253 Ext. 117

Holy Matrimony: notify the Church approximately one year in advance. For Marriage Preparation, call Deacon Paul Carrier at (978) 297-1062

Anointing of the Sick: call Fr. Lundrigan at the Parish Office Ext.116 or Fr. Ramos at Ext.130





"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength."

Sheepish Question:

How do I describe my yearning for God?

Daily Readings

Sunday Nov. 4th

- Deuteronomy 6:2-6
- Hebrews 7:23-28
- Mark 12:28B-34

Monday Nov. 5th

- Philippians 2:1-4
- Luke 14:12-14

Tuesday Nov. 6th

- Philippians 2:5-11
- Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday Nov. 7th

- Philippians 2:12-18
- Luke 14:25-33

Thursday Nov. 8th

- Philippians 3:3-8A
- Luke 15:1-10

Friday Nov. 9th

- Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12
- 1Corinthians3:9C-11,16-17
- John 2:13-22

Saturday Nov. 10th

- Philippians 4:10-19
- Luke 16:9-15

Sunday Nov. 11th

- 1 Kings 17:10-16
- Hebrews 9:24-28
- Mark 12:38-44

Question of the Week

Question for Adults: When you heard the Greatest and New Commandments, which one should you improve on in your own life?

Question for Youth: How often do you put God first in your life? Do you think you can love others as much as you love yourself?

Help Us Share Books that Deepen Faith

Have you been enjoying the books we have been giving away? Please consider supporting future titles by making a modest donation to our book fund. Checks should be made out to Annunciation Parish and placed in an envelope marked "Book Fund." Your donations will help us offer all families the book on *Beautiful Hope* this Christmas.



Please Pray For:

Tricia McKinley, Brian Como, Henry Cichonski, Kathleen Bliss, Leonne Tagen, Larry Butler, Joan Besch, Mary Beth Brow and Patty LeBlanc.

If you would like to add a person's name to the prayer list, please contact Annunciation Parish at (978) 632-0253, ext. 110. Names will be kept on the prayer list for 4 consecutive weeks. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to put a name back on the list at the end of these 4 weeks.

For other prayers and special intentions, call our Prayer Line at (978) 632-2618

From the Office

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Holiday Baskets

If you or anyone you know needs assistance for the holidays, please call 978-632-0253 X 143 and leave a message.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is now collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets. We are especially looking for cranberry sauce, stuffing, canned gravy, cake mixes and frosting, diabetic desserts, canned vegetables, and special holiday treats. Next weekend we can accept donations of fresh produce such as onions, winter squash, potatoes and carrots.

We are also looking for canned food to sustain families through the holiday season; spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, soups, crackers, baked beans, canned fruit, tuna, and rice or potato mixes would be helpful.

THANK YOU!!

We would appreciate Thanksgiving donations by Nov.11th as the baskets will be delivered on Nov.17th.



Feeling **Creative?**We Want *Your* Ideas!



Our parish is looking to create a new logo and signs ...we need your help! Our logo will be used to represent Annunciation Parish wherever it is displayed, and the signs will be put up to clearly label our various locations. If you have any ideas or drafts for what you think the face of our parish should be, please share them with us! Submit ideas to office@annunciationgardner.org or mail them to us at 135 Nichols Street in Gardner, MA 01440. Your ideas will be welcomed and processed by the committee responsible for this project and brought to Pastoral Council for final approval.

Offering of Treasure for Annunciation Parish	October 21st, 2018	
Total Regular Envelopes Used		480
Weekly	\$	7,750.63
Fuel & Energy	\$	616.00
Maintenance	\$	35.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$	1.00
All Souls	\$	10.00
All Saints	\$	5.00
World Mission	\$	800.27
Catholic Schools Appeal	\$	30.00
Religious Education	\$	135.00
Restoration	\$	239.00
Needy Child	\$	5.00
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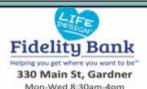
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