

# Annunciation Parish

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April 21, 2019

## Locations

### **Holy Rosary**

135 Nichols Street  
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### **Holy Spirit**

50 Lovewell Street  
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## Contact Us

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**Office Hours:**

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



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# EASTER SUNDAY

*He is risen*



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## Masses at Holy Rosary

Saturday	4:45p.m.
Sunday	7:30a.m.
	10:30a.m.
Mon, Wed, Fri	9:00a.m.

## Masses at Holy Spirit

Saturday	4:00p.m.
Sunday	8:30a.m.
	(Spanish) 12:00p.m.
Tues, Thurs	7:30a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Rosary:	Saturday	3:15-4:00p.m.
Holy Spirit:	Saturday	3:15-3:45p.m.

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

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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](mailto:office@annunciationgardner.org), or you can stop by the Parish Office during the week.

## Annunciation Parish Mission Statement:

*Strengthened by the Eucharist, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and sent by Christ we seek by worship and service to compassionately meet the corporal and spiritual needs of our parish family and beyond. We desire to warmly welcome the stranger and one another, and together reach a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. In doing this, we are committed to the caring and ongoing Christian formation of others by providing opportunities for spiritual, intellectual, and social growth within our faith and local community.*

### Parish Staff

#### Clergy (978) 632-0253

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Rev. Wilmar Ramos Ext. 130

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### From the Pastor's Desk

**HAPPY EASTER!** Today we celebrate the day when Jesus rose from the dead. This event is so important because it shows us that the most final thing we think of in life, the thing that so many people fear, is no match for God. We are told that if we are joined to Jesus through Baptism and remain united to him that we rise with him. Today is a day to rejoice, a day to be happy, a day to look at the wonderful promise we have in Jesus Christ. Christ makes all things new by sacrificing himself to make up for all sins, and making it possible to join ourselves spiritually to his very risen body. What love God has for us to make this step for us. What love God has to provide this way that we can escape death and live in peace.

As Christians we are called to live in this life on a daily basis while we await our final transformation. Our parish is a way to encounter Jesus powerfully in word and in the Eucharist each week. This is so very important because it takes many years, many times being immersed in the words of scripture and the mystery of the Eucharist for us to gain the insight that leads us to Jesus. The life of our parish has grown and contains many opportunities for ministry - our website [annunciationgardner.org](http://annunciationgardner.org) has pages for each of these, and contact information. The Lord calls all of us to be disciples (learners) who learn by study of the ways of the Lord (which weekly Mass is a part), and also by being an "apprentice" of his way of life. We do this by ministering to others as part of the Church community, in our daily lives and encounters, and by engaging with Jesus directly in the sacraments. Let the joy of this day encourage you to explore this path of discipleship more fully.

With architectural work underway for the handicap access, a roof replacement being scheduled (thanks be to God insurance will cover almost all of this), and new parish activities being planned and developed, we continue to move forward. We are looking to provide more opportunities for socializing and learning, more chances to work with others for the good of those in need, and more opportunities for prayer and connection with the Lord. In many practical ways we are preparing for the future of our parish. I am so pleased with all those who give so generously and who are so committed to our parish. I have never felt more at home here, and so optimistic for the future. God is indeed blessing us, and will continue to do so.

Let's encourage all who may be away to come back home. There may be some differences in surrounding, there may be a few new family members, but really the same faith in Jesus Christ is here, and there are many familiar faces to reunite with. Easter is a time of new beginnings, a time of triumph of life over death - a time to realize that anything that seems to be dead can be raised by the power of our Lord. Let us walk in that light together!

God Bless You,

*Fr. Steve*

## at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, April 20th	7:30 p.m.	Easter Vigil
Sunday, April 21st	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Adrien & Dorilla Brodeur by their daughter , Janice Barbara & Donna Brodeur by their sister, Janice Gloria LeBlanc by friends Ronnie Albee by his wife & children
Monday, April 22nd	9:00 a.m.	Ronald E. Cormier by his wife Gloria & children Dr. Max Frei by the Monday Rosary Group
Wednesday, April 24th	9:00 a.m.	Yvonne M. Mitko by Agnes Gallant Rene & Marion Bilodeau by their family
Friday, April 26th	9:00 a.m.	Bob Prechette by Catherine R. Gaudet William "Veto" Kalanta, 13th Anniversary by his wife, Albina
Saturday, April 27th	4:45 p.m.	Emilien Richard, 10th Anniversary by his family Charles & Cecilia McKean by daughter, Karen Kelley
Sunday, April 28th	7:30a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Liz & Leo Thibodeau and their son Bob by daughter/sister LuAnn Jeannine Cormier "for better health" by Omer & family Alban Cyr 21st Anniversary by Georgette Mr. & Mrs. George Martin by Georgette

## at Holy Spirit Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Sunday, April 21st	8:30 a.m.	Cherrie Bourgeois by family
Tuesday, April 23rd	7:30 a.m.	All parishioners of Annunciation Parish
Thursday, April 25th	7:30 a.m.	Michael Popik Jr., 36th Anniversary by family
Saturday, April 27th	4:00 p.m.	Herve Roy, 3rd Anniversary by his wife & daughter
Sunday, April 28th	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Herve Roy by the Mack family Living & Deceased Members of the St. Joseph's Holy Rosary Sodality by St. Joseph's Holy Rosary Soldality

# Upcoming Events

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Week of April 21st– April 28th

## Sunday April 21st \_ EASTER SUNDAY

Reminder– no Religious Ed Classes this week & next week (April 21)  
– so families may enjoy their school vacation week

## Monday April 22nd

Coffee social after 9:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary  
6:30 p.m. Grit & Grace Book Club in the Rectory

## Tuesday April 23rd

6:30 p.m. Bible Study in Holy Rosary Hall

## Wednesday April 24th

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

## Thursday April 25th

9:00 a.m. Faith Sharing Group  
1:30 p.m. RCIA in the Rectory  
6:30 p.m. Curso Biblico (Bible Study) at the Rectory at Holy Spirit

## Friday April 26th

## Saturday April 27th

9:00 a.m.– Noon Women's Morning of Reflection at Holy Spirit  
3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Confessions at Holy Spirit  
3:15 p.m. -4:00 p.m. Confessions at Holy Rosary

## Sunday April 28th

9:00 a.m. Grades 1-5 Religious Ed at Holy Rosary  
9:00 a.m. Grades 6-8 Connect Session at Holy Rosary  
2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Devotions and refreshments at Holy Rosary  
4:00-5:30 p.m. Hospitality Dinner at Holy Rosary Hall



Mark this on Your Calendar:

**1st Annual HFA Golf Classic** (formerly Robert Langlois Classic). Join us on Friday May 31st at the Gardner Golf Course. Look for additional Information in next week's bulletin. For more information contact Eileen O'Shea at 978-632-8671

## Food Pantry Requests!



The Saint Vincent de Paul food pantry has been very busy, and at this time, we are most in need of soup, canned corn, peas, carrots, baked beans, tuna, chicken and jelly. Thank you for your continued support of this mission.

Need Equipment? We have free equipment available for long & short term use—canes, crutches, walkers, tub seats, commodes, wheelchairs, etc. Call 978-632-0253, ask for extension 143, and leave a message.

## DANCING WITH JESUS

Ladies, join us next Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Holy Spirit for a morning of reflection on the ways that Jesus invites each of us into an intimate relationship with him through all of life's stages. Loretta DiPietro will help us recognize how life becomes more like dancing when we let Jesus take our hand & lead us. Coffee will be served at 9 a.m. and we will begin our prayer at 9:30 sharp.

To register complete one of the flyers at the back of church or go to our website at [annunciationgardner.org](http://annunciationgardner.org) We hope that you will accept this invitation to stop being a wall flower and enter the dance with our Lord.

## EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE MASS BUT HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO ASK



Rev. Mr. David Wong will be joining us for a Q & A session on the Mass on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Spirit Chapel. Bring your curiosity and questions to what promises to be an engaging evening of conversation.

## WELCOME TO OUR FAITH!

Recently we welcomed Oliver Chaves into our faith through the sacrament of Baptism. Please keep him and his parents in your prayers that as they continue to grow



## GRIT & GRACE BOOK CLUB

Our women's book club will resume meeting this Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory. Our new book will be **Hidden Women of the Gospels** by Kathy Coffey. In reflecting on the stories of the powerful encounters that women from the Gospels had with Jesus, the author invites us to imagine them a real women with names whose lives are transformed by their meeting with Christ just as ours can be.

## RICE BOWL REMINDER

If you have been using a CRS Rice Bowl this Lent for your almsgiving sacrifice, please return it to the rectory, or to the sacristy at either church any time between April 14th and May 5th.

## Save the Date - Spring Festival – May 10th and 11th

Come join us for a fun-filled and tasty weekend for our Annual Spring Festival. All proceeds support Holy Family Academy.

- Friday May 10 12:00 -8:00pm  
\*Pork Loin Dinner 4:30-8:00pm
- Saturday May 11 10am—4:00pm  
**Food Court** (French , Polish and American food)
- Both days enjoy: Booths, cash raffles, sweets, pastries, ice cream, silent auction, attic treasures and children's games.

## COOKS WANTED – No Experience Necessary

Learn how to make poutines —join the fun!

- ♦ Friday May 10th at 7:00am prep work
- ♦ Saturday May 11th at 7am cooking

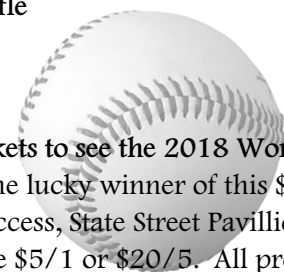
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Normand Legere 978-632-4594 or  
Eileen O'Shea at 978-632-8671  
or 978-502-2449.



## Holy Family Academy Red Sox Ticket Raffle Ticket Sale Extension to May 11!

There is more time to purchase raffle tickets to see the 2018 World Champion Red Sox battle the Texas Rangers on Monday, June 10, 2019. You could be the lucky winner of this \$1,000 package which includes 4 tickets (each ticket \$240 face value), Pre-game field access, State Street Pavillion, and a \$40 food allowance. Please contact Leonette Roy at 978-632-8318. Tickets are \$5/1 or \$20/5. All proceeds benefit Holy Family Academy.



*And it's 1, 2, 3 Strikes You're Out at the Ol' Ball Game!*

## BECOME PART OF OUR FLOCK!



"Flocknote" is a communication tool that lets you choose what information you would like to receive from our parish's ministries and groups via text or e-mail. You can choose the groups that you want to receive info from. Most communications typically include details on upcoming events, and schedule updates. There are three ways to join our parish's flocknote group.

- Through our parish website, AnnunciationGardner.org. Just look for and click on the little lamb in the blue book in the upper right hand corner of the home page.
- Text "GoodNews4U" to 84576 from your phone.
- Visit our parish's page at flocknote.com/ AnnunciationGardner You can change the groups you want to receive info from or unsubscribe at any time.

## Information on the Sacraments

**Baptism:** is celebrated on the Third Sunday of the month or any other Sunday. If you would like to have your child baptized call Maura Sweeney at (978) 632-0253 Ext. 117, or email [religioused@annunciationgardner.org](mailto:religioused@annunciationgardner.org)

**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 Orders:** If you are feeling called to explore a vocation to the priesthood, please contact our diocesan vocations director Fr. Jim Mazzone at [jmazzone@charter.net](mailto:jmazzone@charter.net) or by phone at 508-340-5788

**Holy Matrimony:** notify the Church approximately one year in advance. For Marriage Preparation, call the Parish Office at (978) 632-0253

**Anointing of the Sick:** call Fr. Lundrigan, Ext.116 or Fr. Ramos, Ext.130



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"Were not our hearts burning within us?"

### Sheepish Question:

So what really IS my greatest hope?

### Question of the Week

**Adults:** What change could the hope of the resurrection of Christ inspire you to make?

**Kids:** What bad habit would you like to "clear out" during the hopeful time of this Easter season?

## Daily Readings

### Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup>

- Acts 10:34A,37-43
- COL3:1-4
- JN20:1-9

### Monday April 22nd

- Acts 2:14,22-33
- MT 28:8-15

### Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Acts 2:36-41
- JN 20:11-18

### Wednesday April 24th

- Acts 3:1-10
- LK 24:13-35

### Thursday April 25th

- Acts 3:11-26
- LK 24:35-48

### Friday April 26th

- Acts 4:1-12
- JN 21:1-14

### Saturday April 27th

- Acts 4:13-21
- MK 16:9-15

### Sunday April 28th

- Acts 5:12-16
- RV 1:9-11A,12-13,17-19
- JN 20:19-31

## WELCOME TO THE FULLNESS OF FAITH!

This weekend at the Easter vigil we welcomed 6 adults who completed their initiation into the Catholic church. Josette Tanza and Christian Victorino were baptized, confirmed and received their first communion. Kelli-Sue LaFosse who had been baptized in the Lutheran tradition made her profession of faith, was confirmed and received her first communion. Hope Bonilla, Lissette Lopez and Shannon Lupaczuk who were baptized catholic as children completed their initiation with the sacrament of Confirmation as well.

An additional 6 men who have been preparing for the sacraments through our prison ministry will be receiving

**Please Pray For:** Mary Beth Brow, "Little" Genevieve, Patricia Beaton-King, Elliott Russell, Marie Celeste B., Leonne Tagen, John Scott St. Cyr, Marie Jurgelonis, Alfreda "Marie" Bergeron, Judy Woodwarth, Addison Auza, Billy Foss, Henry Cichonski, Marguerite Pouliot, Larry Butler, Stephaine Peterson, Omaira Lopez, Chase Daunais, Lou Robichaud, Steve Gormley and Elaine Richard.

For other prayers and special intentions, call our Prayer Line at (978) 630-2283. These intentions will not appear in the bulletin and can be passed privately by first name only.

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Thank you for your donations which are greatly appreciated. The campaign will continue through August. Please note that donations to the campaign can be made from our website, [annunciationgardner.org](http://annunciationgardner.org). Simply click on the Partners in Charity logo and provide our parish name "Annunciation Parish". Thank you.

If you are able, please bring a dessert to share following our Divine Mercy Devotions on Sunday April 28. Contact the rectory office at 978-632-0253. Thank you for your continued kindness.

	April 7, 2019	
<b>Annunciation Parish</b>		
<i>Total Regular Envelopes Used</i>		554
Weekly	\$	8,679.68
Fuel & Energy	\$	1,258.00
Maintenance	\$	666.00
Religious Ed	\$	243.00
Restoration	\$	174.00
Needy Child	\$	80.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$	20.00
Easter Flowers	\$	303.00
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