

Annunciation Parish

ONE PARISH PRAISING GOD IN TWO LOCATIONS

October 27, 2019

Locations

Holy Rosary

135 Nichols Street
Gardner, MA 01440



Holy Spirit

50 Lovewell Street
Gardner, MA 01440

Contact Us

Phone: (978) 632-0253

Website:

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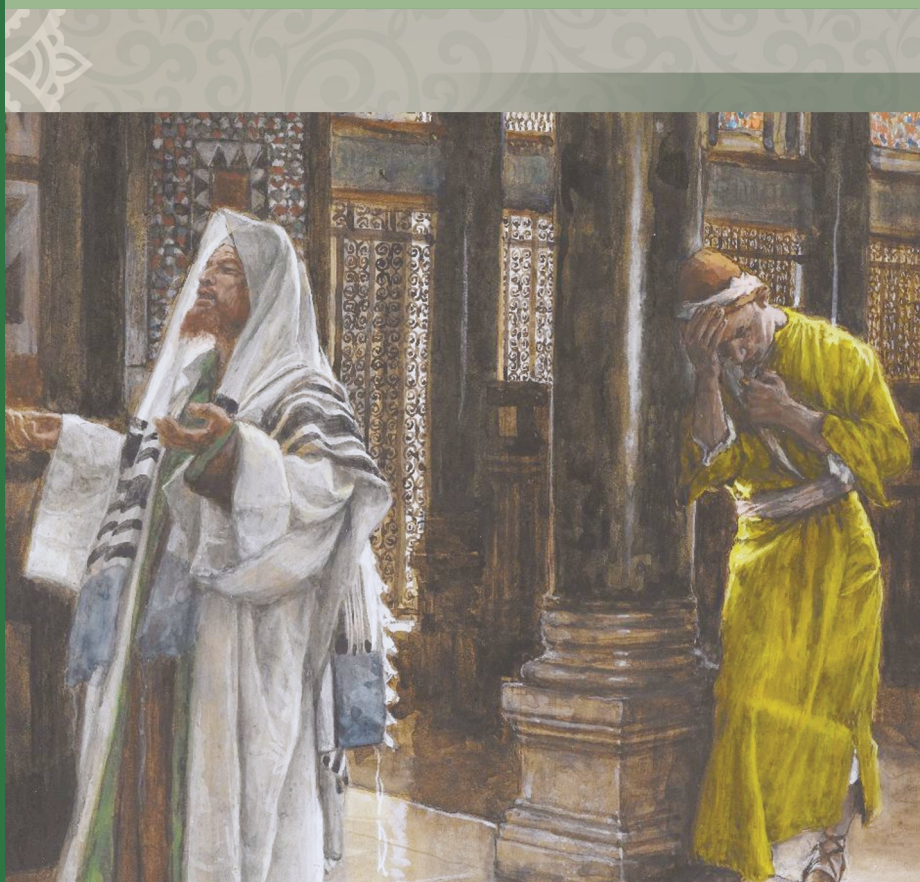
office@annunciationgardner.org

Office Hours:

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



You can scan this QR Code to quickly access our website.



30th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Safety Environment Notice: Our parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children & young people approved by the US Bishops & Dioceses of Worcester policies. If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to Judith Audette, Director of the Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester at (508) 929-4393.

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"But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'" - Lk 18:13

Masses at Holy Rosary

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

Masses at Holy Spirit

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

You may also call one of the priests at the Rectory Office to schedule a private appointment for Confession
978.632.0253

Rev. Stephen Lundrigan ext. 116
Rev. Miguel Pagan ext. 130

Welcome to Annunciation Parish

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For those who are new or returning to the parish, 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, call us at 978-632-0253, email us at office@annunciationgardner.org, or 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

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From the Pastor's Desk

Today we hear about the Pharisee and the Publican. A parable about humility and realizing our real status in life. Humility is not about thinking poorly of yourself, it is about knowing the truth about yourself. The Publican knew his position with respect to God, he knew that he (and all of us) are unworthy of the great attention and love that God shows us. He realizes that his sins (and we all sin) have caused a rift in his relationship with God. He simply pleads with God—not making excuses—asking for God to forgive him. The Pharisee is too busy praising himself and looking down on others to even be aware of his sins (or even aware of the separation in his relationship to God). God does not want us to be hopelessly crushed by the reality of our sin, but simply to be honest about it and to turn to him rather than make excuses or focus on the faults of others. This is hard for all of us (present company included), but working on his brings a treasure of the humility that help to reconcile us to God.

Our Bazaar was a success! Special thanks to all who participated: all those who helped making meat pies, or Polish specialties, the crew in the Poutine Factory, the cooks in the kitchen that kept mountains of food coming, those who assisted with running booths, and all the set-up and take-down done by staff and volunteers. Also thanks to all who came and participated in this event not just to raise money, but also to come together as a parish. We continue to work on creating more unity in Gardner—thanks to all who came in a spirit of that unity.

The Men's Group seems to be starting to gel. Men are stepping forward into leadership and we had a wonderful discussion this past week. I see great possibilities for this group to continue to be a place where men can discuss their faith and join in service to the Church and community together. The next meeting is on November 18th. There is a Flocknote group for the Men's Group that men may join to receive updates and meeting reminders.

I'm please to announce that the bidding for the convent renovation has been completed and contractor has been selected. I am please with the cost—which is reasonable—and also with the individual who will be leading the project. We have also had two contractors do walk-throughs regarding the handicap access project. I'd like to get whatever portion of that work started that we can. I will keep you posted.

Many of you have noticed that Deacon Mick has not been around lately. He is currently on a leave of absence and will not be participating in ministry at this time. I have met with him recently and we are going to be doing so regularly. I look forward to have more information to share with all of you as it becomes available. Thank you for your concern. I will communicate to him that his absence is noticed.

Finance Council meets this coming Monday and we will be reviewing and approving the final reports for last fiscal year. The hope is to also have the draft of the report to parishioners to be reviewed by the council as well—we will be including this in the bulletin and on the website once completed as usual.

God Bless,
Fr. Steve

Mass Intentions

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at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, October 26	4:45 p.m.	Louis Tassone by his son, Luigi Tassone Irene Beaudoin, 10th Anniversary by her family
Sunday, October 27	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Claire and Ivan Johnson by Jean Murray and family Marilyn Dapkevich by her daughter and son, Donna and John Edmond J. LeBlanc by his wife and family Leo Vautour by Rebecca Cox Mr. & Mrs. Sylvain Blanchard by their grandchildren Doris and Cindy
Monday, October 28	9:00 a.m.	Ray Violette by his wife Theresa Robert Guertin by his cousin Louise
Wednesday, October 30	9:00 a.m.	Lorraine Roy by Simone and Buddy Hutton Anita Boudreau by Susan Fournier and Larry Deblois
Friday, November 1—First Friday All Saints Day	9:00 a.m.	Maria Sang by the Duong family Yvonne Mitko by Cindy Boucher
Saturday, November 2	9:00 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	All Deceased Members of Annunciation Parish Alfred Richard, 21st Anniversary by his wife Jeannette and family Madeleine Melanson by her husband and daughters
Sunday, November 3	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Janice Hadmack by Gloria Cormier All Deceased Police Members of City of Gardner by a fellow police officer Gloria LeBlanc by Anonymous All Deceased Ancestors and family members by the Duong family

at Holy Spirit Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, October 26	4:00 p.m.	John Morrissey by his wife Frank Antos by his family
Sunday, October 27	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	All Lives Lost to Suicide by a parishioner Walter J. Dubzinski Sr. in memory of his 100th birthday by Anne & John, Kathleen & Peter Jasinski TBD
Tuesday, October 29	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish Irma Cormier, 2 year Anniversary by Florine Barrieau and family
Thursday, October 31	7:30 a.m.	Theresa DesRoche by her nephew Michael
Friday, November 1—First Friday All Saints Day	7:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	All Deceased Members of Annunciation Parish Harry Harrigan, Months Mind by a good friend Laura Smith by her family
Saturday, November 2	4:00 p.m.	Joseph Tatro by Beverly Minns Marie Maillet by Aurele and Louise Maillet
Sunday, November 3	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Doris and Leonard Mailloux by their family Leo Letellier by his wife Jeannie, son Todd & his family & sister Jackie TBD

Other Masses

Friday, November 1—Heywood Commons	2:00p.m.	Theresa Downing by her sister Doris Collette
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Upcoming Events

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Sunday October 27th

Masses as usual

- 9:00a.m. Religious Ed for grades 1-8 at Holy Rosary
- 12:00p.m. Spanish Mass at Holy Spirit
- 2:00p.m. Extraordinary Form Mass
- 4:00p.m. Hospitality Dinner at Holy Rosary Church Hall
- 6:30p.m. Confirmation Meeting at Holy Spirit

Monday October 28th

- Coffee Social after 9:00a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary
- 4:00p.m. RCIA in the Rectory on Nichols Street
- 6:30p.m. Grit & Grace Book Club in the Rectory on Nichols Street

Tuesday October 29th

- 6:30p.m. Bible Study in Holy Rosary lower hall

Wednesday October 30th

- 6:00a.m.—8:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Rosary
- 6:30p.m.—8:00p.m. Oremus Series on Prayer in Holy Rosary lower hall

Thursday October 31st

- 9:00a.m. Small Faith Sharing Group *
- 5:30p.m. Estudio Biblico (Bible Study) in the Rectory on Nichols Street
- 6:30p.m. Bingo at Holy Rosary church hall

Friday, November 1st—First Friday/All Saints Day

- 7:30a.m. All Saints Mass at Holy Spirit
- 9:00a.m. All Saints Mass at Holy Rosary
- 6:30p.m. All Saints/First Friday Mass & Devotions at Holy Spirit

Saturday November 2nd—All Souls Day

- 9:00a.m. All Souls Day Mass at Holy Rosary
- 3:00p.m. Rosary for Life at Holy Spirit
- 3:15p.m.—3:45p.m. Confessions at Holy Spirit
- 3:15p.m.—4:00p.m. Confessions at Holy Rosary
- 6:30p.m. Hispanic Choir rehearsal at Holy Spirit

Sunday November 3rd

- 9:00a.m. Religious Education for grades 1-8 at Holy Rosary
- 9:00a.m. Reconciliation Prep Session 2 at Holy Rosary
- 11:30a.m. High School Religious Education at Holy Rosary Hall
- 2:00p.m. Extraordinary Form Mass

*please reach out to Dianne Scott at 978-928-1372 to confirm the location of this week's meeting

CONFIRMATION MEETING

There will be a mandatory confirmation meeting for students planning on being confirmed this year and their parents this **Sunday, October 27th** at 6:30 at Holy Spirit. At this brief meeting we will go over the dates, expectations and answer any questions or concerns.



Grit & Grace Book Club

We will be meeting to discuss **The Fisherman's Tomb: The True Story of the Vatican's Secret Search** by N.Y. Times best-selling author John O'Neill this **Monday October 28th at 6:30p.m.** in the Rectory. This book shares the incredible true story of the brilliant and determined female archeologist who navigated the politics of the Vatican to definitively prove the location of St. Peter's tomb.



Pro-Life Ballot Initiative

Abortion destroys the smallest and most helpless members of the human family. We, as Catholics (Christians), are called by God to protect His precious gift of life.

Did you know that your tax dollars are being used to pay for abortions in Massachusetts? Fortunately, there is something each of us can do to stop this.

This weekend, **October 26 & 27** volunteers from the Massachusetts Alliance to Stop Taxpayer Funded Abortions (website: www.stoptaxpayerabortion.org) will be collecting signatures on a petition to amend the state constitution so that taxpayer subsidized abortions are no longer a constitutional entitlement in Massachusetts. Please stop and sign this petition to help save the lives of unborn babies.

If you want to get involved and do more to help the prolife movement, please contact Shelley Austin (shellduc@yahoo.com 401-595-4534) or Melody Phelps 978-602-2966 to volunteer. Learn more at www.stoptaxpayerabortion.org.

Let Us Pray

OREMUS (LET US PRAY): A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER

It's not too late to Join us for OREMUS (LET US PRAY): a Guide to Catholic Prayer this video assisted series on Prayer is being led by Fr. Steve, Fr. Miguel and Mrs. Sweeney. Our

Oremus series resumes meeting this **Wednesday, October 30th at 6:30p.m.** in the lower church hall at Holy Rosary.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION REMINDER

Students preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and their parents will be meeting next **Sunday November 3rd at 9 a.m.** Please gather in the church at Holy Rosary for our opening prayer.

REMEMBERING ALL SOULS

Traditionally during the month of November, Catholics remember our deceased loved ones in prayer. This year we are offering 3 special ways to do this.



- Join us for morning Mass on the ***Feast of All Souls***, **Saturday, November 2 at 9 a.m.** at Holy Rosary Church.
- Add the names of your deceased loved ones to our ***Book of Remembrance***. There will be a copy of this book available near the statue of St. Joseph in both churches beginning on **November 1st** and **throughout the month of November.**
- Join us at our ***Mass of Remembrance*** for those who have died within the last year (Nov. 1, 2018-Oct. 31, 2019) on **Sunday November 24th at 6 p.m.** at Holy Rosary. During this Mass we will remember by name all those who died from our parish. If you have a loved one who died this past year whom you would like us to add to this remembrance please contact the rectory with their name and date of death, via email at office@annunciationgardner.org or phone at 978-632-0253.



Tuesday, October 29th, is our inaugural participation in the 40 DAYS FOR LIFE. Please come for an hour or two between **10am and 4pm.** to pray with us in front of Planned Parenthood at 470 Pleasant Street, Worcester.

The best parking is on 2 side streets: Dewey St. and Mason St., across from Planned Parenthood.

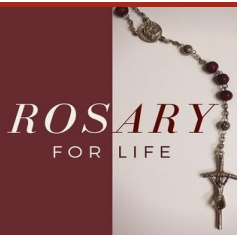
We will pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and others, on the sidewalk. It is a public right-of-way and 40 Days for Life has permits for this. There are also two benches.

Please sign in with Father Pagan or Melody Phelps when you arrive.

For those who can't come, please pray to Mary, especially October 29th, *"to protect the teenagers who are lured to this facility—and to ask her Son, Jesus, to have mercy on the pre-born babies whose lives are ended."*

Also: we are grateful that Holy Cross parishioners are participating with us.

**from Prayer at the Planned Parenthood Facility, American Life League*



As requested, we will continue with our ***Rosary for Life*** on the first Saturday in November, **Nov 2nd at 3PM** inside Holy Spirit Church and on the first Saturday in December, **Dec 7th** at 3PM inside Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church. Please join us.

Also we will have a book in front of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Holy Spirit Church for sign up once a week through the months of November and December. If you sign up you are asked to bring a rose and spend a half hour with Our Lady. Due to church hours the weekend is considered the best time. This is also a good family prayer devotion.

Holiday Baskets

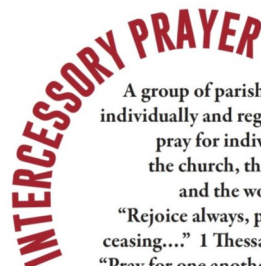
If you or anyone you know needs assistance for the holidays, please call 978-632-0253 x143 and leave a message for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

A GUIDE TO THE SAINTS THAT SURROUND US.

Have you ever wondered about the saints portrayed in the windows at Holy Rosary Church? Beginning next weekend, you may pick up a guide to the saints from the pamphlet racks near the doors of the church. We encourage you to take some time before or after Mass to do a self-guided tour and get to know them better.

Don't forget that we have a similar guide explaining the stained-glass windows which portray the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit available at the back of that church.

In both cases we only ask that you return the guide to where you found it so others may enjoy it as well.



A group of parishioners that individually and regularly meet to pray for individuals, the church, the nation and the world.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing..." 1 Thessalonians 5:16, "Pray for one another," James 5:17

This Ministry is made up of parishioners who gather for an hour twice a month to praise God and thank God, with Psalms, Song, and other prayers of the Church; listen to and reflect on the word of God; share the fruit of personal reflection on Gospel reading; petition the Father through his Son Jesus the Christ for the

needs of our faith community, our personal needs, the Church, our country and those, known or not known, of the world.

Next meeting: Monday, November 4th, 1:30-2:30p.m.

Where: Rectory on Nichols Street

Information on the Sacraments

Baptism: If you would like to have your child baptized call Maura Sweeney at (978) 632-0253 Ext. 117, or email religiously@annunciationgardner.org.

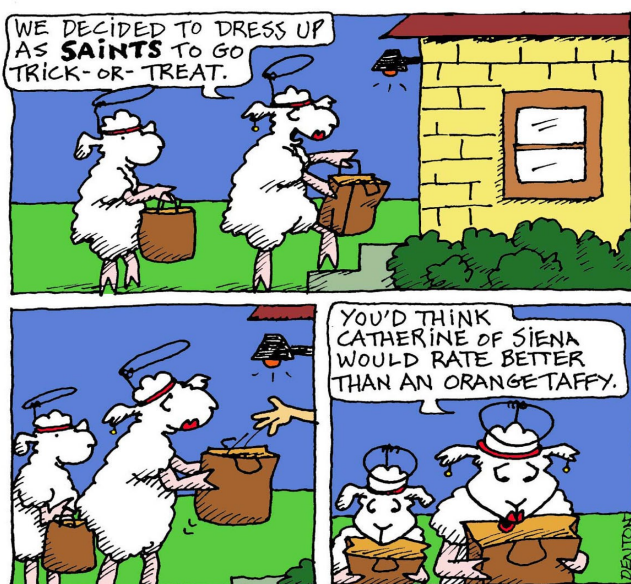
First Communion: for adults and children over the age of 7. Call Maura Sweeney at the Parish Office (978) 632-0253 Ext.117.

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 or by phone at 508-340-5788.

Holy Matrimony: notify the Church one year in advance. Call the Parish Office at (978) 632-0253 for Marriage Preparation.

Anointing of the Sick: call Fr. Lundrigan at Ext.116 or Fr. Miguel at Ext.130.



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“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Sheepish Question:

Without dressing myself up, how would I rate saint-wise?



Knights of Columbus Turkey/Meat Raffle

110 S. Main St. Gardner

Friday Nov 1st 2019

- * Doors Open at 6pm
- * Raffle begins approx. 7:00pm
- * Turkey/Beef/Lobster/Pork
- * New Format. No wheel.

Tickets for all rounds!

Giant Food Basket Raffle Too!

Telephone: 978-632-9819

Daily Readings

Sunday October 27

- SIR 35:12-14, 16-18
- 2 TM 4:6-8, 16-18
- LK 18:9-14

Monday October 28

- EPH 2:19-22
- LK 6:12-16

Tuesday October 29

- ROM 8:18-25
- LK 13:18-21

Wednesday October 30

- ROM 8:26-30
- LK 13:22-30

Thursday October 31

- ROM 8:26-30
- LK 13:22-30

Friday November 1

- RV 7:2-4
- JN 3:1-3
- MT 5:1-12a

Saturday November 2

- WIS 3:1-9
- ROM 5:5-11

Question of the Week

Question for Adults: When have you done more than was required of you in the service of others?

Question for Youth: When have you done something extra for someone in your family without being asked? What did you learn from this?

Prayer Requests

Please Pray For: “Little” Genevieve, Chase Daunais, Dennis Dickie, Marcia Roy, Marie Jurgelonis, Etienne, Donna LeBlanc, Angie Perez Ovalle, Al Watts, Henry Cichonski, Kenny Stone, Louise Flagg, Larry Butler, Steve Gormley, Jerry Richard, Isaac E. Cerna, Pamela R. Sharpe, Earlene Dickson, Pauline Coderre, Ron Gonthier, Patti Malcolmson, Stephanie Pederson, Lorraine Gallant, Michelle LeBlanc, Mark Riley, Ronald Pelletier, and G.C.

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) 630-2283. These intentions will not appear in the bulletin and can be passed privately by first name only.



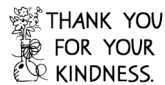
WISH LIST

Saint Vincent de Paul Society is now collecting food for Thanksgiving baskets. We are especially looking for:

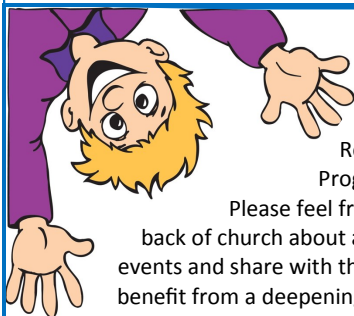
cranberry sauce	stuffing
canned gravy	cake mixes and frosting
diabetic desserts	canned vegetables
special holiday treats	

We are also looking for canned food to sustain families through the holiday season:

soups	crackers
baked beans	canned fruit
tuna	rice or potato mixes



Offering of Treasure for	10/13/2019
Annunciation Parish	
<i>Total Regular Envelopes Used</i>	<i>481</i>
Weekly	\$ 8,185.15
Fuel & Energy	\$ 368.00
Maintenance	\$ 232.00
Diocesan Campaign—Catholic School	\$ 10.00
— Peter's Pence	\$ 5.00
— World Mission	\$ 10.00
— Central/East Europe	\$ 5.00
Holy Days	
All Souls Day	\$ 5.00
All Saints Day	\$ 25.00
Religious Education	\$ 107.00
Restoration	\$ 470.00
Needy Child	\$ 15.00
Total	\$ 9,437.15



Do you know of a family member or neighbor who might be interested in one of our parish programs? For example: our Religious Ed or Adult Faith Formation Programs?

Please feel free to pick up information from the back of church about any of our upcoming programs or events and share with those whom you know who might benefit from a deepening relationship with Christ and His Church.