

Annunciation Parish

ONE PARISH PRAISING GOD IN TWO LOCATIONS

April 26, 2020

Locations

Holy Rosary

135 Nichols Street
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Holy Spirit

50 Lovewell Street
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Office Hours:

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



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



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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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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'd like to welcome you to our Catholic community. In this bulletin you'll find many opportunities to be enriched and involved. If you'd 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.

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Rev. Miguel Pagan Ext. 130

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From the Pastor's Desk

This week we concluded the celebration of the Easter "Octave." The Church has long felt that the joy of Easter is too much to only keep in a 24 hour period, so we stretch out the celebration for a week. It concludes with Divine Mercy Sunday. We did have the Divine Mercy devotions (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, and singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet) - you can still access the recording of this on the website to pray along (there is a link on the main page, and it is in the "Virtual Prayer" section). I invite you to take some time with your spouse, family, or friend to watch and pray these together. Also setting aside the time that you would go to Mass and watching electronically is also a good way to stay connected for the day when we can celebrate together again.

We continue to try to stay connected. Regular postings of the Mass are put up on the Website and Facebook. We have timed the recording to have the 4:00 Mass on line by 4:00pm so that you can keep as close to your routine as possible. We have also been recording the 10:30, but have to do the recording at 10:30 in order to be able to align with the radio - so it is up a little later. Two daily Masses a week are also posted for you to have a brief and perhaps more intimate experience of the Mass. There were also suggestions that we try to have a Drive-In Mass. Although the Bishop has not yet approved these, I have an FM Transmitter arriving Friday (used my own money) so that if we get the OK you can join an outdoor Mass in your car and tune the radio to hear the audio. We plan to resume Drive-In confessions this Saturday. Please let me know if you have any other suggestions.

I promised an update on our financial situation in this letter. We now have the numbers in from Easter. As it stands now collections are down \$13,842 from where we were last year at this same time. In the 6 months prior to the shutdown we took in an average of \$9,500 per week. That average is now down to \$7,700. This loss of \$1,800 per week in regular income is responsible for much of this shortfall. This shortfall will only continue to grow in the future, at this rate. I appreciate all those who have made the effort to continue to donate, and especially those who have contributed a bit more to help with the shortfall. I was talking to a friend, who truly sees the value not only in supporting the church and its mission, but also of the spiritual value of the sacrifice required. She admitted that with the change of routine, she had just gotten out of her usual routine and missed donating. She said to me in a call last night that she sent in her contribution. I suspect there are others who have been disrupted by these times. A reminder that collections can be mailed, slipped in the mail slot at the rectory, or you can sign up (and many have) for the electronic giving option on the website.

Enough of that - as many of you know, I don't like to have to speak about money but you deserve to know where we stand. I am praying that our spirit of connection stands firm, and that our spirit of stewardship increases and when we come back together we can be even stronger than before in many ways. Let me know what we can do to help to keep people involved - some suggestions that have been given are in the works (like the Drive-in Masses), and others are being looked at in planning meetings. May God continue to bless us and to give us protection and support. May we also bring a bit of the peace of heaven to this earth by the strength of our community.

God Bless,
Fr. Steve

All Masses are private. Not open to the public.

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, April 25	4:00 p.m.	Marie Maillet by Aurele and Louise Boudreau Herve J. Roy, 4th Anniversary by his wife and daughter
	4:45 p.m.	Charlie and Cecilia McKean by their daughter Karen Kelly Leo E. Cormier, 13th Anniversary...love Yvonne
Sunday, April 26	7:30 a.m.	Arturo Obregon by his family Evelyn Perreault, 41st Anniversary by Ray and Pat Perreault and family
	8:30 a.m.	RoseLee Swartz by her family
	10:30 a.m.	Roland & Cecile Laberge; and Cyr Levasseur by their family Alice Breau, 22nd Anniversary by her family
	12:00 p.m.	TBD
Monday, April 27	9:00 a.m.	All the deceased members of the Henri LeBlanc family by the family Emil Tanguay by Roger Tousignant
Tuesday, April 28	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish Michael Popik Jr., 37th Anniversary by his family
Wednesday, April 29	9:00 a.m.	Anita Boudreau by Gloria Bourgeois
Thursday, April 30	7:30 a.m.	Ron Teague by his wife and family
Friday, May 1	9:00 a.m.	All those affected by COVID-19
Saturday, May 2	4:00 p.m.	Peter J. Manca from his loving wife Lorraine Rose & Adrien LeBlanc by their daughter
	4:45 p.m.	Mr. & Mrs. Calixte Jaillet by their son Paul Sofia and Edward d'Entremont, Jr. by their family
Sunday, May 3	7:30 a.m.	Ricky Thibeault by Beverly Minns and family Albertine Collette by Francis and Rosella Ouellet
	8:30 a.m.	Ryan Patrick Jones by his parents Elaine and Kevin Jones
	10:30 a.m.	Beatrice Hudson, 6th Anniversary by her daughter Nancy
	12:00 p.m.	TBD

Upcoming Events

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Sunday April 26th

No public Masses offered—please check our website for video recordings of the private Masses.

9:30a.m.—12:00p.m. Holy Spirit Church open for private prayer
12:00p.m.—6:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer

Monday April 27th

10:00a.m.—7:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer

Tuesday April 28th

8:00a.m.—1:00p.m. Holy Spirit Church open for private prayer
6:30a.m.—8:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
6:30p.m. Bible Study VIA TELECONFERENCE
CALL [425-535-9043](tel:425-535-9043) to join the conversation!

Wednesday April 29th

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

Thursday April 30th

8:00a.m.—5:30p.m. Holy Spirit Church open for private prayer

Friday May 1st

10:00a.m.—7:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer

Saturday May 2nd

8:00a.m.—4:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
2:30p.m.—4:00p.m. Holy Spirit Church open for private prayer
3:00p.m.—5:00p.m. Drive-up Confessions at 135 Nichols Street (Rectory parking lot)

Sunday May 3rd

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9:30a.m.—12:00p.m. Holy Spirit Church open for private prayer
12:00p.m.—6:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer



CHURCHES ARE OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

In order to allow for opportunities for personal prayer in church, the following are times that churches will open (please use front door at Holy Spirit, or handicap door at Holy Rosary):

- MONDAY:** Holy Rosary will be open from 10:00am to 7:00pm
- TUESDAY:** Holy Spirit from 8:00am to 1:00pm; Holy Rosary 6:30pm to 8:00pm
- WEDNESDAY:** Holy Rosary will continue to be open from 6:00am to 8:00pm
- THURSDAY:** Holy Spirit will be open from 8:00am to 5:30pm
- FRIDAY:** Holy Rosary will be open from 10:00am to 7:00pm
- SATURDAY:** Holy Rosary from 8:00am—4:00pm; Holy Spirit from 2:30pm—4:00pm
- SUNDAY:** Holy Spirit open at 9:30am—Noon; Holy Rosary open Noon—6:00pm



KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

This Friday, May 1st was when our Confirmation Celebration was scheduled.

Please keep the following young people (along with their peers from neighboring parishes) in your prayers as they would have been receiving this sacrament. May God strengthen them and give them perseverance as they wait to hear when they will be able to be confirmed.

Trinity Arsenault	Madison Lashua
Bernice Brutus	Leah LeBlanc
Rebecca Cormier	Alexander Lucier
Gino DiVito	Olivia Narkevicius
Brett Earle	Michael Newton
Brianna Earle	John William Scheeler
Chloe Frushell	Ashley Sevigny
Matthew Grandich	Brian Sierra
Erin Hartin	



Drive-up Confessions
135 Nichols Street
(Rectory parking lot)
Saturday 3:00p.m.—5:00p.m

Receive the grace this precious sacrament offers.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.



**Watch, O God,
over those who wake,
or watch, or weep tonight,
and give Your angels charge
over those who sleep.
Tend the sick ones,
Rest the weary ones. ★
Bless the dying ones.
Soothe the suffering ones.
Pity the afflicted ones.
Shield the joyous ones.
And all, for Your love's sake.
Amen.**

RESPECT LIFE

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FROM THE RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY:

The pandemic made the 40 Days For Life Campaign the most challenging ever. But that didn't stop resilient volunteers from persevering in their lifesaving prayer, fasting, and community outreach efforts. Saving babies, praying for their parents and our culture.

Fellow parishioners, please say this prayer daily and at the end of each decade of the Rosary:

JESUS, PROTECT AND SAVE THE UNBORN.

He will bring goodness into these difficult days.

Spiritual Adoption Program - April

Month Four

- Reflexes are developing, like sucking and swallowing. The baby might start to suck its thumb
- Tooth buds are growing
- It is easy to tell if the baby is a boy or a girl now
- Skin is a bright pink and is transparent



The baby is about 6 inches long and weighs 6-10 ounces. It is about the size of an onion.

The Word Among Us

For those who have found the **Word Among Us** helpful this Lent we have additional copies available for the Easter Season. They will include the Mass readings as well as reflections for Easter through to Pentecost. Please feel free to stop by and pick up your copy from the back of either church.



Community Connection

In order to connect people and promote community during this time of social isolation and distancing, we are trying to establish phone ties between parishioners for ongoing mutual support and connection. If you wish to participate call Peg and Don at 978-632-6402

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.

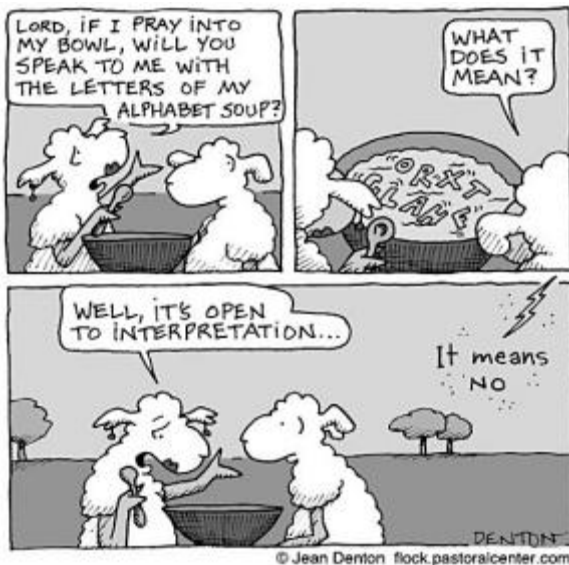
First Communion: for adults and children over the age of 7. Call Maura Sweeney at the Parish Office (978) 632-0253 Ext.117.

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.



"Their eyes were opened
and they recognized him."

Sheepish Question:

As I follow Jesus today, where do I look and listen for him?

Question of the Week

Question for Adults: In what way have you come to know Jesus better through the breaking of the bread at Eucharist and spiritual communion?

Question for Youth: When you accept Jesus into your heart, what would you like to thank him for?

FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS

The Prayer Line is available to pray for your special concerns! Call The Prayer Line at (978) 630-2283, and leave a message. These intentions will not appear in the bulletin, and can be passed privately by first name only.

Daily Readings

Sunday April 26

- ACTS 2:14:22-33
- 1 PT 1:17-21
- LK 24:13-35

Monday April 27

- ACTS 6:8-15
- JN 6:22-29

Tuesday April 28

- ACTS 7:5 1-8
- JN 6:30-35

Wednesday April 29

- ACTS 8:1-8
- JN 6:35-40

Thursday April 30

- ACTS 8:26-40
- JN 6:44-51

Friday May 1

- ACTS 9:1-20
- MT 13:54-58

Saturday May 2

- ACTS 9:31-42
- JN 6:60-69



Please Pray For: "Little" Genevieve, Marsha Roy, Mary Ann Medlar, Kathleen Krupa, M. Celeste Barron, Don Sawtell, George Billings, Alfrida Bergeron, Larry Butler, Lorraine LeBlanc, Jerry Richard, Leonne Tagean, Tricia McKinley, Mary Biear, Frank Skeiber, Karen Brackett, Herve LeBlanc, Marie Jurgelonis, KarryAnne Drury, Jay McGee, Annette Markel, Janette Leger, Martha Gauvin, Lynn LaCoss Bradley, Claire Richard, Adrienne Dubois.

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.

From the Office

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Total Regular Envelopes Used		391
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Maintenance	\$	323.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$	350.00
Restoration	\$	227.00
Easter Flowers	\$	50.00
Needy Child	\$	0.00
Catholic Relief	\$	10.00
Religious Ed	\$	62.00
Total	\$	10,883.00

EASTER OFFERING	\$	4,000.00
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For the safety of our parishioners and staff, our Rectory Office is closed for all foot traffic.

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