

Annunciation Parish

ONE PARISH PRAISING GOD IN TWO LOCATIONS

August 2, 2020

Locations

Holy Rosary

135 Nichols Street
Gardner, MA 01440



Holy Spirit

50 Lovewell Street
Gardner, MA 01440

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Office Hours:

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



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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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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.

Masses at Holy Rosary

Saturday	4:45 p.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
(E.F. / Latin)	2:00 p.m.
Mon, Wed, Fri	9:00 a.m.
First Saturday	9:00 a.m.

Masses at Holy Spirit

Saturday	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.
(Spanish)	12:00 p.m.
Tues	7:30 a.m.
Thurs	7:30 a.m.
(Spanish)	6:00 p.m.
First Friday	6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Rosary:	Saturday	3:00-4:00 p.m.
		Holy Rosary parking lot
Holy Spirit:	Saturday	2:30-3:30 p.m.
		Holy Spirit parking lot

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.

Parish Staff

Clergy (978) 632-0253

Pastor

Rev. Stephen Lundrigan Ext. 116

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Miguel Pagan Ext. 130

Deacons

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Retired Deacon — Rev. Mr. Arthur Giard

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Business Manager

Mr. William Lawton Ext. 113

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Mrs. Joanne Kay Ext. 110

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Mrs. Deb McGonigal Ext. 111

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Mrs. Maura Sweeney Ext. 117

Director of Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Don Robinson Ext. 109

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Mr. Doug MacIntosh

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Mr. Paul Cormier (978) 602-6166

Mrs. Paulette Fowler (978) 660-0215

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Administrative Assistant

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Director

Mrs. Jane Pineo

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From the Pastor's Desk

I want to share with you all a story of something that happened a week or so ago. I was dealing with a situation with a phone company for the parish. We were hitting brick walls left and right, 3 hours on tech support for two days, continued barriers. It was frustrating. By day 3 we were down to the last hurdle - I was to receive an e-mail that would allow me access to the account to fix the problem. I simply had to click on this button and they would call with a verification code that I needed for the next step. I tried 3 times, no good; tried changing numbers, no good; got on tech support for another hour, no good. They said this is the only way to move on - and it wouldn't work. Eventually I was so beaten I stopped trying. I went to the chapel to say Evening Prayers. After prayers I stayed in the chapel and I prayed to God, trusting that God can do great and small things, and left it in his hands, saying I would try one last time. I went to my office, pressed the button that I had pressed 100 times already ... the phone rang ... I picked it up and heard: "You have requested a verification code, the code is, etc." Just when we doubt that there is a God, just when we forget that God is present when we work according to his plans - God can show Godself in a big or little way.

We are currently in the process of developing next year's budget. Finance Council will be meeting this coming week to look at the preliminary budget so that we can have a final version later in the month. These challenging economic times will mean that this will be a bit of work - but I am determined that we will have a balanced budget. Your continued good stewardship of the resources God has given will help us to continue our mission and be strong as a parish without having to cut out important things.

Preparations continue for opening the school in the fall. We have worked with the guidelines that have been given us, have taken stock of our unique situation, and are working to create flexible yet safe ways to educate the children in the most normal environment possible. I mentioned earlier that Mrs. Tavaska, our principal, is retiring this year. A search committee will be formed and we will begin the process of finding her successor. Please continue to pray for her and also for Mrs. Bresnahan, and Mrs. Barrieau who are also retiring this year.

I am pleased that we have been able to continue our Intercessory Prayer Group, Bible Studies (in English and in Spanish), and the Catholicism series during these times. I have asked for you to get ideas to Maura for further faith formation activities, and she and I will be meeting to look over what we will be providing this fall. Stay tuned.

Our COVID committee met again and reviewed where we are with our response, and looked into a few additional measures. We are working to provide the safest environment for everyone, and to do so with the least disruption to our Liturgies. I appreciate the cooperation with the measures. Things like wearing masks (even when uncomfortable), and observing other measures are really acts of charity. Whenever we do something extra to benefit the health of others, or to make them more comfortable and able to focus at Mass, we are showing our caring and concern for our brothers and sisters. Thank you.

Take care of yourselves during these hot summer months. May God make you more and more aware of the big and little things that he does for you each day.

Peace, Fr. Steve

at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, August 1	9:00 a.m.	Mary Leuci by her daughter Marie Levanti
	4:45 p.m.	Thomas Jalbert by his family Jean B. and Rita McCaie by their son Yvon and family
Sunday, August 2	7:30 a.m.	Edward Maillet by Lucile Maillet and family
	10:30 a.m.	Malvina Darmetka, 9th Anniversary by her son Ronald David Laperriere, 7th Anniversary by his wife Janice and children
Monday, August 3	9:00 a.m.	Kyle Brinkman by a friend
Wednesday, August 5	9:00 a.m.	Delia A. Jean, Month's Mind by her daughter and son-in-law Anne-Marie and Larry
Friday, August 7	9:00 a.m.	Kyle Brinkman by Michelle Cormier
Saturday, August 8	4:45 p.m.	Marie Flora Poirier by Jo-Ann Leonard David DeConinck, 25th Anniversary by his daughter Deborah-Jean & family
	7:30 a.m.	Janina Slonka, 2nd Anniversary by the Roy and Slonka families Martin Foley by Frank and Lorraine Foley
Sunday, August 9	10:30 a.m.	Hector Cormier by his daughters Gloria, Dorilla and Nancy Rose Vautour, 42nd Anniversary by her family

at Holy Spirit Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, August 1	4:00 p.m.	Peter J. Manca by his loving wife, Lorraine
Sunday, August 2	8:30 a.m.	Scott Bouchard by his mom and dad All Lives Lost to Suicide by a parishioner
	12:00p.m	Health & Recovery of Rosalie Faith Toro-Perez by her grandmother Deliris Perez
Tuesday, August 4	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish
Thursday, August 6	7:30 a.m.	Hank Gariepy, 25th Anniversary by his family
Friday, August 7	6:30p.m.	All Souls in Purgatory by Anonymous
Saturday, August 8	4:00 p.m.	All Living and Deceased Members of the St. Joseph's Holy Rosary Sodality By the St. Joseph's Holy Rosary Sodality
Sunday, August 9	8:30 a.m.	Audrey Santo by Heather Theisen Nick Wojtukiewicz by his parents
	12:00p.m.	TBD

Upcoming Events

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Sunday August 2nd

*Masses as usual following safety guidelines on page 5
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
12:00p.m. Spanish Mass at Holy Spirit
2:00p.m. Extraordinary Form Mass at Holy Rosary

Monday August 3rd

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

Tuesday August 4th

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
6:00p.m.—6:30p.m. Training for Ushers and Cleaners at Holy Rosary
6:30p.m. Bible Study in Holy Rosary Church Hall and VIA TELECONFERENCE
CALL [425-535-9043](tel:425-535-9043) to join the conversation!

Wednesday August 5th

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

Thursday August 6th

8:00a.m.—5:30p.m. Holy Spirit Church open for private prayer
6:00p.m. Spanish Mass at Holy Spirit Church
6:30p.m. Estudio Biblico at Holy Spirit Rectory

Friday August 7th

10:00a.m.—7:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
6:30p.m. First Friday Mass and Devotions at Holy Spirit Church

Saturday August 8th

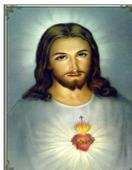
8:00a.m.— 4:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
2:30p.m.— 4:00p.m. Holy Spirit Church open for private prayer
2:30p.m.— 3:30p.m. Drive-up Confessions - Holy Spirit parking lot
3:00p.m.— 4:00p.m. Drive-up Confessions at Holy Rosary
(Rectory parking lot)

Sunday August 9th

*Masses as usual following safety guidelines on page 5
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
12:00p.m. Spanish Mass at Holy Spirit
2:00p.m. Extraordinary Form Mass at Holy Rosary

***When attending Mass please adhere to NEW safety guidelines on page 5**

The golf tournament is being held **August 7th at Gardner Municipal Golf Course**. It is not too late to sponsor or sign up. During these challenging times your donations to help this fundraiser for our Catholic Parish School is extremely appreciated. If you have any questions please call Eileen O'Shea at 978-502-4559.



FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Please join us this **Friday, August 7th** for our First Friday Mass and devotions at **Holy Spirit at 6:30p.m.** in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CHURCHES ARE STILL 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

Please be mindful of social distancing.

Drive-up Confessions every weekend!

2:30p.m.—3:30p.m.
Holy Spirit (parking lot)

3:00p.m.—4:00p.m.
Holy Rosary (rectory parking lot)



The Committee from HFA Golf Classic would like to thank the following generous sponsors:

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Mr. & Mrs. Peter Jaillet



Religious Education Update

Even though we do not yet know all the details of what our religious education program will look like as we plan for the fall we do know that there will be religious education classes as well as sacramental preparation for students of all ages. If you have a child who will be entering our program for the first time this year please contact Mrs. Sweeney in the Religious Education office at 978-632-0253 or religioused@annunciationgardner.org so we can add you to our mailing list and make sure to update you as we know more. Registration forms will be sent out by email this week and hard copy forms will be available in the back of the church next week-end.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“Restore the Church — Build the Future” is the theme for the **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE)** which will be taken up in our diocese on the weekend of August 9th. Your donation supports strengthening Catholic education, seminary formation and development of new lay leaders in 28 countries.

Around the world, women who face unplanned pregnancies or who have experienced abortion or miscarriage suffer psychological stress. They need material and emotional support to help them to heal. This reality is especially true in Eastern Europe, where for decades, the Soviet system proposed abortion as a method of birth control. Today in this developing region of the world, many pregnant women face difficult financial situations, are abandoned by partners and family members, and confront other hardships that compound their circumstances. In the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, however, women who previously would have been alone and vulnerable in such times now have access to assistance and support when they face challenging pregnancies or losses.

Since 2014, Crisis Pregnancy Center has provided a wide range of long-term help to hundreds of women: psychological counseling, job search assistance, training in infant care, life skills such as budget management and group therapy for women who have experienced miscarriages and lost babies. Where few government resources are available to support these kinds of services, local organizations — with the help of the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe (CCEE) - are accompanying the most vulnerable women and helping them to choose life, even in their time of greatest need.

For more information about the collection and who it supports, visit www.usccb.org/ccee. I ask that you keep these programs in your prayers and that we join our fellow Catholics in the United States in contribution generously to this collection. Thank you for your help to restore the Church and build the future in Central and Eastern Europe.

With every prayerful best wish, I am
Sincerely yours in Christ,


Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

*NEW Safety Guidelines for Masses

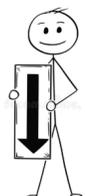
Out of charity for others please observe the following safety guidelines when attending Mass.

- Wear a facemask at all times during Mass except when receiving communion. We have extras if you need one.
- Please use hand sanitizer upon entering the church. It is also available at the communion stations.
- Worship aids are being used instead of missalettes at this time. At the end of Mass please discard them in the trash cans provided at the back of church.
- Always maintain a social distance of 6 feet from those who do not live in your household. This includes in the communion line and when leaving church. The blue tape on the floor will help to guide you.
- Do not sit closer than 6 feet to those who do not live in your household.
- If the church has reached its capacity with social distanced seating, you may go down to the church hall to watch the Mass live with a video and sound feed. Communion will be brought downstairs to those who are seated there.
- Instructions on receiving communion safely will be given at Mass.
- Donations may be left in the baskets by the doors.
- Singing by the congregation is temporarily limited to help reduce the spreading of virus carrying aerosolized droplets.

You may also find it comforting to know that:

- Doors and windows are being left open to increase ventilation
- Some seats have been blocked off to help us properly social distance
- Our priests and Eucharistic Ministers will set down the Ciborium holding the Eucharist and sanitize, if they think they may have touched someone before continuing to distribute communion.
- Volunteers sanitize the church after each Mass.
- Ushers are available to help you if you have any question.

A message from Bishop McManus



Our next Hospitality Dinner will be **Sunday, August 23rd at 11:30a.m.** at the grounds of Holy Rosary Church! More details will be provided in upcoming bulletins!

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 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. Donato Infante at director@worcestervocations.org or by phone at 508-630-4473.

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.

Daily Readings

Sunday August 2

- IS 55:1-3
- ROM 8:35, 37-39
- MT 14:13-21

Monday August 3

- JER 28:1-17
- MT 14:22-36

Tuesday August 4

- JER 30:1-2, 12-15
- MT 14:22-36

Wednesday August 5

- JER 31:1-7
- MT 15:21-28

Thursday August 6

- DN 7:9-10, 13-14
- 2 PT 1:16-19
- MT 17:1-9

Friday August 7

- NA 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7
- MT 16:24-28

Saturday August 8

- JER 26:11-16
- MT 17:14-20

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.



Because We Care

Our Rectory Office is currently closed for all foot traffic.

Please use your phone or email to conduct business with the rectory office and staff.

Priests may be contacted 24/7 by phone.

We Believe in Keeping You Safe

GET INVOLVED IN MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO SAFELY ATTEND MASS!

We've had a great response from volunteers who have been helping us as ushers and cleaners since we've returned to Masses after our Covid Quarantine. (**Thank you all!**) But we are looking for some new volunteers to join our ranks. A brief training for volunteers will be available.

If you can help us with this important new ministry, please contact Maura Sweeney at 978-632-025 or religioused@annunciationgardner.org. Our hope is to be able to have enough volunteers so that people may serve on a rotating basis.

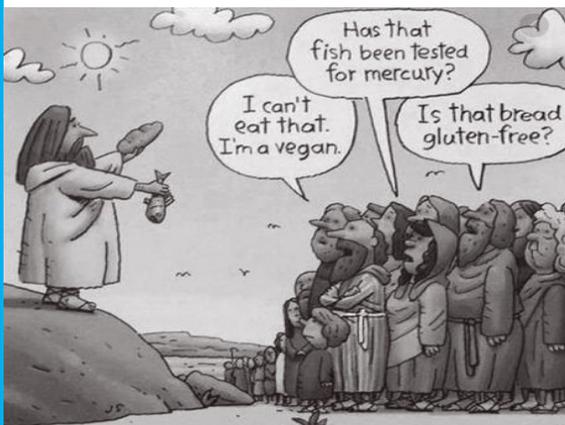
Our next training will be held:

Tuesday, August 4 at 6 p.m. at Holy Rosary

Or you may call to set an appointment for one on one training. Training lasts only 1/2 hour.

May your week be **Peaceful, Joyful** and filled with **Unexpected Blessings.**

If Jesus had to feed the 5000 today...



Prayer Requests

Please Pray For: "Little" Genevieve, Marsha Roy, Mary Ann Medlar, Kathleen Krupa, M. Celeste Barron, Don Sawtell, Alfrida Bergeron, Larry Butler, Lorraine LeBlanc, Jerry Richard, Tricia McKinley, Mary Biear, Frank Skeiber, Herve LeBlanc, Marie Jurgelonis, KarryAnne Drury, Jay McGee, Annette Markel, Janette Leger, Martha Gauvin, Lynn LaCoss Bradley, Claire Richard, Adrienne Dubois, Ron Pelletier, Marie L. Chartrand, Chase Daunais, John Kolb, Angela Haws, Michelle Boudreau, Denise Kuehl, Deacon William B. Coñ, Deliris Perez, Ken, Tim Bertman, Lucille Sampson, Rob Touzet, Ann Savoie, Michael Muldoon

If you would like to add a person's name to the prayer list, please contact the rectory at (978) 632-0253, ext. 111. 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.

Partners in Charity Campaign



Offering of Treasure for	07/19/2020	
Annunciation Parish		
Total Regular Envelopes Used		252
Weekly	\$	6,339.19
Fuel & Energy	\$	638.00
Maintenance	\$	90.00
Peter's Pence	\$	50.00
Restoration	\$	130.00
Needy Child	\$	199.00
Religious Ed	\$	5.00
Catholic Communications	\$	15.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$	810.00
Total	\$	8,276.19



GRIT & GRACE: A WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Women of all ages are welcome to join us for our monthly meetings. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday, August 31st at 6:30p.m. in the church hall at Holy Rosary**. This month we will begin discussing Pope Francis' first Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* a.k.a. The Joy of the Gospel. This book on the proclamation of the Gospel in today's world speaks to the joy we are called to share while being frank about addressing the challenges that we may face.

You may download it from the Grit and Grace page on our parish website or contact the Religious Education office at 978-632-0253 to arrange to pick up a hard copy.