

# Annunciation Parish

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May 23, 2021

## Locations

### **Holy Rosary**

135 Nichols Street  
Gardner, MA 01440

### **Holy Spirit**

50 Lovewell Street  
Gardner, MA 01440

## Contact Us

**Phone:** (978) 632-0253

**Website:**

[www.AnnunciationGardner.org](http://www.AnnunciationGardner.org)

**Email:**

[office@annunciationgardner.org](mailto:office@annunciationgardner.org)

**Office Hours:**

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



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

**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	4:30 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.
First Friday	6:30 p.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Holy Rosary:	Saturday	Holy Rosary Church By St. Joseph Statue 3:00p.m.—4:00p.m.
Holy Spirit:	Saturday	Holy Spirit Hall (follow signs) 2:30p.m.—3:30p.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. 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](mailto: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  
Rev. Mr. Stanley Baczewski (978) 855-9805  
Retired Deacon — Rev. Mr. Arthur Giard

#### Parish Office (978) 632-0253

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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  
Building Maintenance  
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Mr. Doug MacIntosh

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Mrs. Paulette Fowler (978) 660-0215  
Ms. Sharon Sawtell (978) 632-7216

#### Youth Ministry

Mr. Paul Hartin and Ms. Jackie Nicholson  
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#### St. Vincent de Paul Ext. 143

#### Holy Family Academy (978) 632-8656

Principal  
Mrs. Joanne Mallozzi Ext. 219  
Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Ann Savoie Ext. 213  
Director of Enrollment  
Mrs. Nancy Tyros Ext. 250

## From the Pastor's Desk

Today we remember the day of Pentecost. The day that Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit was fulfilled. The condition of the disciples before the Spirit came and their condition after the Spirit came is telling. Like us, without the presence of the Holy Spirit we can be locked in a room of fear - afraid as they were to engage the world and spread the Gospel. Like them we can be unsure of God's working in our life, we can be troubled by all the things in the world. With the presence of the Spirit things are different. Fear changes to confidence, doubt becomes hope, and we can see more clearly how to cooperate with the action of God in the world so that we don't need to be so troubled by the world's various pressures and problems. Jesus does not leave us alone; the Spirit is there for the asking.

Last week I met with Bishop McManus regarding our renovation of the former Reagan Street convent into a Parish Center. He is behind us in our plans to further be able to bring life and ministry engagement to the parish. Also, he is supportive of the Counseling Center that we as a parish are looking to start. Such a chance to provide for the needs of our community, to give options for faith-based counseling to those who are seeking it, and the possibilities of meeting other needs as disciples of Jesus Christ is exciting. I was on the phone with contractors and getting things prepared for the final permitting with the city. Having flexible space for religious education, faith formation, and working space for other meetings, gatherings, and ministries will open many possibilities for us and for those who will follow us.

We finished our round of receptions for the Legacy of Hope Capitol campaign. Materials will be provided in the bulletin and website to further explain this campaign going forward. As we begin to see the returns from the campaign you will see some other long-awaited projects being accomplished. This campaign comes at a good time for us as we do our part (like past generations did) to insure the future life of the parish. Please join me in participating. If people would like to have another reception or two let me know and we can set it up.

Pastoral Council met this past week. We reviewed progress on our renovation projects and updated and discussed our ministries that will be coming back online (Youth, Hospital, Prison, Nursing Home, Home-bound). Thanks to those who have stepped forward to take a leadership role in some of these. You can always get your name in to be part of the post COVID ministries. We also explored suggestions regarding music at Mass and discussed the loosening of restrictions that will start next month.

We hosted the regional confirmation this past Friday. Once again Fr. Miguel, Gustavo, and I were able to have dinner with the Bishop and priests from surrounding parishes before the Mass. We also had our First Communion Mass on Saturday where many of our young people received the Lord in the Eucharist for the first time. Please pray for them and for those confirmed that they take an active role in their faith and in the life of the Church. It is a breath of hope that we can do these things again and to have less worry and anxiety as we engage in the important work of bringing others to a deeper life with Christ.

Enjoy the warmer weather and the increased ability to meet with family and friends. May God Bless you all.

Peace,  
Fr. Steve

## Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, May 22	4:30 p.m.	Emil Tanguay by his wife Barbara Lucien Bosse by his family
Sunday, May 23	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Richard "Ricky" Thibeault, 3rd Anniversary by his brother Michael Gregoire Croteau by his family Valmond Ouellet by Ulyess & Theresa Cormier Camilla Cormier by Marcel & Cathy Leger
Monday, May 24	9:00 a.m.	Elaine Gauthier by Marcia & Michael LeBlanc and family
Wednesday, May 26	9:00 a.m.	Gilles Comeau, 1st Anniversary by his sister & brother-in-law Claudette & Eric Richard
Friday, May 28	9:00 a.m.	Edmond & Louie LeBlanc by their family Rose Dupuis by Violet Arsenault
Saturday, May 29	4:30 p.m.	Edmond Richard by Susan & family Seanna Donnelly by her family
Sunday, May 30	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Joseph Arsenault by Judy Robichaud Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Cormier by their daughters Robert & Patricia Lajoie by their children & family Valmond Ouellet by Mr. & Mrs. Yvon & Jeannette McCaie

## Holy Spirit Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, May 22	4:00 p.m.	Gloria & George Billings by Bob Whipple Janet Mulqueen, 9th Anniversary by her husband John
Sunday, May 23	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	All Lives Lost to Suicide by a Parishioner TBD
Tuesday, May 25	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish Norman Baril by his daughter Denise MacAloney Don Sawtell by his wife Sharon & family
Thursday, May 27	7:30 a.m.	The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, May 29	4:00 p.m.	Nancy Mulqueen, 19th Anniversary by her father John Anne Richard by Mark & Maureen Nicholson
Sunday, May 30	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Elizabeth-Ann DeConinck by her sister Deb TBD

# Upcoming Events

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## Sunday May 23rd

Masses as usual following safety guidelines on page 5

- 9:30a.m.—12:00p.m. Holy Spirit Church open for private prayer
- 11:30a.m.—1:00p.m. Hospitality Dinner behind Holy Rosary Church
- 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 May 24th

- 10:00a.m.—7:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
- 6:30p.m. Grit & Grace Book Club at Holy Rosary church hall

## Tuesday May 25th

- 8:00a.m.—1:00p.m. Holy Spirit Church open for private prayer
- 6:30p.m.—8:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer

## Wednesday May 26th

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

## Thursday May 27th

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

## Friday May 28th

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

## Saturday May 29th

- 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. Confessions - Holy Spirit Hall
- 3:00p.m.—4:00p.m. Confessions at Holy Rosary Church by St. Joseph Statue
- After 4:00p.m. Mass at Holy Spirit—Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Sunday May 30th

- \*Masses as usual following safety guidelines on page 5
- 9:30a.m.—12:00p.m. Holy Spirit Church open for private prayer
- After 10:30a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary—Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 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



Please remember to get your raffle tickets in! The drawing will be on Monday, May 31st so be certain to submit your tickets in the collection baskets after mass or dropping them off at the rectory by **Saturday, May 30th** for your chance to

**WIN!**

**NO BIBLE STUDY  
THIS WEEK**

...or next week.

Bible Study will resume  
Tuesday, June 8th

## Confessions

### Saturdays

- Holy Spirit Hall  
(follow signs)  
2:30p.m.—3:30p.m.
- Holy Rosary Church  
By St. Joseph Statue  
(right side of altar)  
3:00p.m.—4:00p.m.

*God is always ready*  
**TO DEMONSTRATE  
HIS LOVE AND  
FORGIVENESS TO  
ALL WHO SEEK IT.**



There will be a Hospitality Dinner **THIS Sunday, May 23rd, 2021** behind Holy Rosary Church at 11:30a.m. The menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Pasta Salad. Curbside pick-up of course!

## Grit & Grace Women's Book Club

All women are welcome to join us this **Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM** in the church hall at Holy Rosary. We are reading



**"Forgiveness Makes You Free: a Dramatic Story of Healing and Reconciliation from the Heart of Rwanda"** by Fr. Ubald Rugirangoga. In his book he reflects on 5 spiritual keys which draw us closer to Christ who is the only lasting source of peace. Please feel free to join us for a lively discussion even if you haven't been able to read the book ahead of time.

## The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please join us next weekend for the Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (After the 4:00pm Mass at Holy Spirit and after the 10:30am Mass at Holy Rosary)



Mary received the promised "never fading crown of glory" because her life so perfectly resembled that of her Son's and because she shared in all His sufferings. -1Peter 5:4

Please take a Baby Bottle and help support Care Net who helps pregnant women and their families. The drive will go from **Mother's Day through Father's Day**, and end on the 4th of July.

Theme: FREEDOM!



## Legacy of Hope Campaign



### ANNUNCIATION PARISH

#### Campaign Highlights!

*Thanks to all those who attended our Legacy of Hope Campaign receptions.*

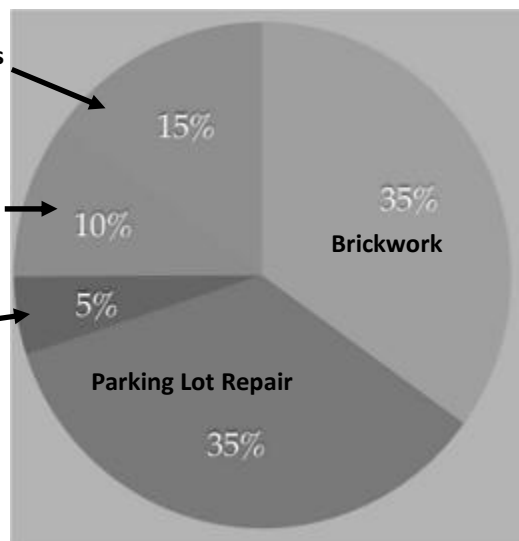
*We had great attendance but if could not joined us, it's not to late to learn about the needs of our parish.*

*To summarize our efforts, our parish has identified a number of capitol projects that this campaign will fulfill:*

#### Handicap Access Projects

#### Cemetery Improvements

#### Holy Spirit Drainage



We have a unique opportunity to provide for our parish's future.

We encourage you to view the campaign video which can be found on our website (see below right for easy instructions). Feel free to speak with our general chair people, Dianne Hunt and Jon Swedberg, or chat with Father Steve.



As a parish our **target is to raise \$593,768, with 40% of all monies raised to remain here.**

This means that **our parish has the potential to raise \$237,507.** If we exceed our target then 60% over our target will remain here.

To learn more visit our website at  
**[AnnunciationGardner.org](http://AnnunciationGardner.org)**



#### Consider volunteering some of your time to **Our Father's Table**

Our Father's Table is a Christian feeding ministry for the needy, located at Faith Christian Church, 40 Boutelle Street in Fitchburg is looking for a volunteer lead cook and a cook's helper for our Thursday suppers.

Hours on **Thursdays are from 1:00p.m. to 5:30p.m.**

Cooking experience is helpful but not required, training will be provided. All food items to be prepared are on site and menus are pre-arranged by our food coordinator. Food safety regulations are required to be followed.

If you are interested or know someone who may want to help feed the hungry, please call David Sciabarrasi at 978-874-5270 or email david.sciabarrasi@comcast.net or you may contact Pat O'Shea at 978-632-8671.

#### Important Notice:

Boy Scout Troop 4 Bottles and Cans collector is moving to Horrigan Laundry across from Kentucky Fried Chicken. Please continue to bring us your MA 5 cent deposit bottles and cans at our new location. If you need pick up for bottles and cans please call 978-632-8531 leave phone number and number of bags.

**BOTTLE  
DRIVE**



## 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](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. Donato Infante at [director@worcestervocations.org](mailto: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. Steve at Ext.116 or Fr. Miguel at Ext.130.



## GREETERS MINISTRY

Throughout the pandemic our Ushers and Cleaners have heroically given of their time to help create a safe environment for those who have been able to join us for Mass. They have served a wonderful ministry of welcome, making us feel safe to worship together.

As Covid winds down (hopefully in the next few months) and the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass comes to an end (on Pentecost 5/23), we would like to see an extension and transformation of our Usher Ministry into a Greeting Ministry. What would the difference be? In addition to welcoming people our ushers have been responsible for things like insuring that we did not have overcrowding, that people were wearing masks etc.

The focus for Greeters, may, for a time, have to include helping people find a seat that is safely distanced from their neighbor, but they would primarily be focused on making sure that people feel welcome as they enter or leave our parish. They may also be called upon to serve as a resource to answer people's basic questions, such as where is the restroom / changing table, and be able to direct people to resources, such as the bulletin or registration forms.

There is no age limit to this ministry. Those who are single, couples or families are all welcome to get involved. It would be great if the faces we see as greeters represent the diversity of our parish community. We will plan to do a quick basic training for new volunteers on several dates at the end of May and beginning of June.

## Daily Readings

Sunday May 23

- GN 11:1-9
- ROM 8:22-27
- JN 7:37-39

Monday May 24

- GN 3:9-15, 20
- JN 19:25-34

Tuesday May 25

- SIR 35:1-12
- MK 10:28-31

Wednesday May 26

- SIR 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17
- MK 10:32-45

Thursday May 27

- SIR 42:15-25
- MK 10:46-52

Friday May 28

- SIR 44:1,9-13
- MK 11:11-26

Saturday May 29

- SIR 51:12cd-20
- MK 11:27-33



## WHAT IS RCIA?

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is designed for anyone over the age of 7 who wants to deepen their relationship with God through the Sacraments of the Church.

RCIA is appropriate for those who...

- Have never been Baptized.
- Belong to another Christian Faith but would like to explore becoming Catholic.
- Were Baptized as infants but never received their First Communion and/or Confirmation.

Sessions for both Children and Adults are available.

If you are interested in learning more about the RCIA process or just want to ask some basic questions about being Catholic please feel free to contact Mrs. Sweeney at 978-632-0253 or [religioused@annunciationgardner.org](mailto:religioused@annunciationgardner.org)



## Prayer Requests

**Please Pray For:** Marsha Roy, KerryAnne Drury, Martha Gauvin, Marie L. Chartrand, Chase Daunais, Michelle Boudreau, Michael Muldoon, M. Celeste Barron, Andrea Suchocki, Lynn LaCoss Bradley, Claire Richard, Kevin Skeiber, Alfreda Bergeron, Rose May LeBlanc, Michelle, Robert Lee, Laura Darling, Larry Butler, Gloria St. Hilaire, Laura, Jerry Fisher, Claudia Commadore, Pamela Sharpe, Maleah and Enzo, Andres Crespo & family, Patrick, Fred Monette, Jennifer Morgenstern, Angela Haws, Jerry Fisher, Kim Tremble, Henry Cichonski, Jovannexen Rivera, Gordon Dickie, Ronald, Carol, Harold Clapp, Olivia Laliberte, G.D., Jerry Casey, Donato Quintiliani, Rosa Cormier, David McKinley, Kerry Anne Drury, Rich Buiwit, Mark Wiseman, Steve Gormley

**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.**



## Offering of Treasure for 05/09/2021

### Annunciation Parish

Total Regular Envelopes Used	355
Weekly	\$ 7,806.11
Fuel & Energy	\$ 612.00
Maintenance	\$ 166.00
Restoration	\$ 557.00
Catholic Communications	\$ 50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 5.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 0.00
Catholic Free Press	\$ 0.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 0.00
Religious Ed	\$ 12.00
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Easter Offering	\$ 5.00



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