

Annunciation Parish

ONE PARISH PRAISING GOD IN TWO LOCATIONS

August 29, 2021

Locations

Holy Rosary

135 Nichols Street
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Holy Spirit

50 Lovewell Street
Gardner, MA 01440

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



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



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass #2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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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 Church Reconciliation Room 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@annunciatingardner.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

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Rev. Stephen Lundrigan Ext. 116

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Miguel Pagan Ext. 130

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From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus speaks about lip service and the service of the heart. People can say the right things, look good and do all the right pious things, but if the heart is not in it, it is missing the crucial element. Take for example the person who gives a dollar to a homeless person. If they do so thinking that this is the only way to get rid of the person, and they are sensitive to who may be watching them and they feel guilty into it, and they do it with a lot of negative thoughts about the individual then they are doing an act outwardly, but missing the love. Such an action may be a charitable act, but it is not an act of charity (that is the love that is spoken of in the scriptures). However, if it is done with a true conviction to help the other, looking at them as a child of God, with a sincere regard for the other - then this is what we are really being called to do. Not just to distribute what people need - which we must do to help them - but in doing it to increase the presence of the love of God in the world.

I have been speaking about the projects in the parish and I imagine that some of you are as frustrated as I am with more talk than action happening. I met this week with the architect and contractor for the renovation of the former convent into our parish center. Contracts have been signed, down payments have been processed, and timetables are being laid in. This is the most substantial step to the project to date. You will notice that the work on the rectory porch continues. Due to the generosity of a few parishioners, we will be able to replace the aging and deteriorated capitols on the top of the columns. A test one has been ordered, and if it fits, the others will be as well. The final plan for the parish signs has been approved. I have directed to start the work ASAP. Some of the work will be done by the contractor, others by our parish staff, and more by volunteers - including our Scout Units.

We are nearing the point of arranging a lease of our building on Central Street where the Caring Place was located. This will relieve us of the financial burden of the building while we move to the next steps towards a sale. Our various councils have taken up the issue of our present and future needs for space and we are moving forward with that plan. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the Pastoral Council with any concerns.

The parish picnic will return on September 12th. As we did before COVID, there will be a Mass at noon followed by a meal, games, live music, and time to socialize. It will be held at the P.A.C.C. so there will be both an indoor and an outdoor venue of the comfort of all age groups. You can bring your own picnic lunch or purchase a B-B-Q chicken dinner. Please pick up tickets for the dinner after Masses or call the office so we can get an accurate count for ordering the food. This was a great time for all last time - please come by for as much as you are able.

We do need to minister to others - this is part of our embodying Jesus in our world. Stay tuned for information on upcoming Faith Formation activities, and more details on participating in parish ministries that will be provided in the fall. When we praise God in Mass, when we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, when we learn more about the wisdom of our God, and the more we live out that faith in Christian living and loving charity - it is then that we can really experience the completeness and wonder of the Christian life.

Peace,
Fr. Steve

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, August 28	4:30 p.m.	Leo (Red) Poirier by Theresa George & Henry Duval by their family
Sunday, August 29	7:30 a.m.	Aurile & Lorraine Cormier by Roger Cormier & family Annette Korhonen by Holly & Larry Walsh
	10:30 a.m.	Alban Cyr & Mr. & Mrs. Vital Cyr by Georgette Helen Pasakinskas by Dan & Karen Kelly
Monday, August 30	9:00 a.m.	Doris Richards by the Berube Family Paul R. LeBlanc, Sr. by his family
Wednesday, September 1	9:00 a.m.	Emil Tanguay by his wife Barbara Ed Wagner by Christine & Bernie DiPasquale
Friday, September 3	9:00 a.m.	Sr. Geraldine Goguen (Presentation of Mary) by all her cousins
Saturday, September 4 <i>First Saturday</i>	9:00a.m.	Annette Korhonen by Elaine & Leo Murray
	4:30 p.m.	Emil A. Tanguay by his wife Barbara Mr. & Mrs. Albert Bouthol by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Covington
Sunday, September 5	7:30 a.m.	Leonardo DeAndrade by his wife Maria Gregoire Croteau by his family
	10:30 a.m.	Father Baker, 12th Anniversary by a parishioner Pearl Schofield, 23rd Anniversary by her grandson Marshall

Holy Spirit Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, August 28	4:00 p.m.	Aime Gosselin by his wife & children Lorraine LeBlanc by Mary Anne
Sunday, August 29	8:30 a.m.	Victor & Helen Swartz by their family Herve LeBlanc, Month's Mind by The Leger Family
	12:00 p.m.	TBA
Tuesday, August 31	7:30 a.m.	Sally Daigle by her husband & daughter All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish
Thursday, September 2	7:30 a.m.	Ernest Kirby by Bruce & Carol Mierzejewski
Friday, September 3 <i>First Friday</i>	6:30p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph's Rosary Sodality
Saturday, September 4	4:00 p.m.	Claire Schiappa by her friend Phyllis Riley Charles Girouard by Don, Aline & Gary Cosentino
Sunday, September 5	8:30 a.m.	All Souls Lost to Suicide by a Parishioner Rene Doiron by Joan LeBlanc
	12:00 p.m.	TBA

Upcoming Events

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Sunday August 29th

Masses as usual

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 August 30th

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

1:30p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group at Holy Rosary rectory

6:00p.m.—8:00p.m. Adoration at Holy Spirit Church

Tuesday August 31st

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

6:30p.m. Bible Study in Holy Rosary Church Hall and VIA Teleconference

Call 425-535-9043 to join the conversation!

Wednesday September 1st

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

Thursday September 2nd

6:30p.m.—9:30p.m. Bingo at Holy Rosary Hall

Friday September 3rd

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

6:30p.m. First Friday Prayers & Devotions at Holy Spirit Church

Saturday September 4th

8:00a.m.— 4:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer

9:00a.m. First Saturday Mass at Holy Rosary Church

2:30p.m.— 3:30p.m. Confessions - Holy Spirit Reconciliation Room

3:00p.m.— 4:00p.m. Confessions at Holy Rosary Church by St. Joseph Statue

Sunday September 5th

*Masses as usual

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



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

Holy Spirit Church

In Reconciliation Room—
right of altar

2:30p.m.—3:30p.m.

Holy Rosary Church

By St. Joseph Statue
(right side of altar)

3:00p.m.—4:00p.m.

Watch for it!

Thanks to all those who gathered to share their ideas for adult faith formation events this past Wednesday. In a few weeks we will be publishing a flyer with upcoming Adult Faith Formation

events for the fall.

Please watch for it and plan to join us at one or more events!



HOSPITALITY DINNER

This Sunday, August 29th

there will be a hospitality dinner (curbside takeout) behind Holy Rosary Church from **11:30am—1:00pm** On the menu is oven roasted potatoes, peppers, onions, sausages, ham and a salad.

WALK IN SUPPORT OF GEHM

(Gardner Emergency Housing Mission) **Sunday, September 19th from 12-3:00PM** at the North Central Bike Path.



Annual Parish Picnic!

Sunday, September 12th at the PACC



Come and enjoy our Annual Parish Picnic at PACC, 171 Kendall Pond Rd W, Gardner from **noon—4PM**. There are no changes in the normal weekend Mass schedule; however this added Mass will fulfill Sunday obligation.

At noon Mass will be celebrated. Lunch will begin at 1:30pm. There will be a Chicken BBQ meal for anyone who pre-purchases a ticket prior to the event. The meal will include chicken, baked potato, corn on the cob, cranberry sauce, watermelon, ice cream and a drink (water, coffee, raspberry sherbet punch). You can purchase a ticket (\$10 Adult and \$5 Child) in the vestibule after masses at Holy Spirit and Holy Rosary. You can also purchase a ticket at the rectory.

Please note you do not need a meal ticket to attend the gathering. For those who prefer, you can bring your own food for your family.

Games will be available for those who would like to participate after the meal!

For those who may need transportation to the PACC or have any questions, please call Eileen O'Shea 978-632-8671



Legacy of Hope Campaign



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

ANNUNCIATION PARISH CAPITAL PROJECTS

- 35%: brick work to help seal our buildings and prevent further deterioration
- 35%: parking lot issues at Holy Spirit and Holy Rosary
- 15%: handicap access at both churches
- 10%: cemetery roads and grounds
- 5%: drainage issues at Holy Spirit Hall

How can you get involved?

Learn more about the Legacy of Hope campaign on our parish website.

To make a gift online: Click on the "Donate Now" banner to make your gift.



Summer Campaign Update

Our Parish's Progress To Date!

Our Target: ----- \$593,768
 Amount Raised So Far: ----- \$288,703
 % of goal: ----- 48.6%
 Avg. Gift: ----- \$2,788 (just \$58 a month)
 # of Donors: ----- 118 families
 Goal: ----- 200 families

Your financial contributions over the years have significantly impacted the success of our parish. For your selfless support we are immensely grateful.

During the past few months, Annunciation Parish has raised just about half of our targeted funds for the Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign. The major projects anticipated for the near future are vital, and are intended to keep our parish alive by funding improvements to our buildings and parking lots.

As we look forward to the future, know that we appreciate your continued vision and support with this campaign. If you haven't already, please consider making a contribution today!

Thank you.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO EXPLORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Consider joining the RCIA Process. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for those who are 7 + who have never been Baptized, those who grew up in another faith tradition but wish to become catholic and those who were baptized catholic as infants but never received the sacraments of Eucharist (a.k.a. communion) and Confirmation. In our weekly sessions we will encounter Christ through the Scriptures and learn the essential teachings of the Catholic Church. We offer separate sessions for adults and youth. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings for adults **beginning September 7th and beginning September 14th** for children. To learn more, contact Maura Sweeney at 978-632-0253 or religious@annunciationgardner.org



RELIGIOUS ED 2021-22

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for one of our Parent Meetings held on **Sunday, Sept 19th at 9:00a.m.** at Holy Rosary Church Hall and by **Zoom on Sunday, Sept 19th at 7:00p.m.** and on **Wed, Sept 22nd at 6:30p.m.** in the lower hall at Holy Rosary. These meetings are important this year as we will be going over the Covid safety precautions we plan to follow, *Circles of Grace* which is the new diocesan mandated safe environment program for students and answering questions and concerns about the upcoming year.

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 religious@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. Steve at Ext.116 or Fr. Miguel at Ext.130.

Daily Readings

Sunday August 29

- DT 4:1-2, 6-8
- JAS 1:17-18
- MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday August 30

- 1 THES 4:13-18
- LK 4:16-30

Tuesday August 31

- 1 THES 5:1-6, 9-11
- LK 4:31-37

Wednesday September 1

- COL 1:1-8
- LK 4:38-44

Thursday September 2

- COL 1:9-14
- LK 5:1-11

Friday September 3

- COL 1:15-20
- LK 5:33-39

Saturday September 4

- COL 1:21-23
- LK 6:1-5

Go ahead, ask.

How can we pray for you?

Allow God to hear you and touch your life through your prayer request. We will pray for you. Intentions do not appear in the bulletin and can be passed privately by first name only. Call **The Prayer Line** at [978-630-2283](tel:978-630-2283) and leave your message.

THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER!



If you haven't yet registered your children for Religious Education Classes it is not too late, but we ask that you do as soon as possible so we can be prepared to welcome your child

when classes begin at the end of September. Forms are available at the back of church or may be found on our parish website at annunciationgardner.org. If you have any questions about our programs, please feel free to contact Mrs. Maura Sweeney at 978-632-0253.

WILL YOU PRAY WITH US?

The Prayer Line are looking for new members to add to the prayer chain. The only requirement is that you are willing to offer prayers for people who request them, and also pass the request down to the next person on the chain. There are no meetings to attend. Contact Peg Locke @ 978-632-6402

SACRAMENTAL PREP FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

In keeping with diocesan policy, preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation (a.k.a. penance or confession) Eucharist and Confirmation happens with in the context of their home parish **not** in the catholic school. Students attending Catholic schools do not need to attend regular parish religious education, but they will participate with their peers in the free standing sacramental prep programs that focus specifically on preparing for each of these sacraments. For more information about these preparation programs please pick up one of the brochures from the back of church or check out our website at <https://annunciationgardner.org/religious-education>



THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

This month we welcomed 3 children into the Catholic Church through the sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for **Ellery Erdmann, Mason Erdmann and Aria Lopez** and their families that they may continue to grow ever closer to Christ.



Prayer Requests

Please Pray For: KerryAnne Drury, Martha Gauvin, Marie L. Chartrand, Chase Daunais, Michelle Boudreau, Michael Muldoon, M. Celeste Barron, Andrea Suchocki, Lynn LaCoss Bradley, Jason Hakkila, Margo Flanagan, Kimberly, Cello Ciccone, Bev Grady, Brooke Fletcher, Ruby, Sandy Normindin, Carol, Herve LeBlanc, Bertha Prentiss, Bob, Celeste L., Jeff Cormier, Claudia Commodore, Geralda Bourque, Alcide Arsenault, Angela Haws, Joseph Borque

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.

From the Office

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St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank all the generous parishioners for the numerous pantry items. It's because of your generosity SVDP has not had to purchase needed items.

We are currently in need of the following: **soup, crackers, coffee, mayonnaise, instant potatoes, shampoo, soap and toothbrushes.**

Thank you for your generous donations!

FaceBook News



Starting August 29th the following series will run on our Facebook page. **MY DAILY BREAD - A Summary of the Spiritual Life Simplified and Arranged for Daily Reading, Reflection and Prayer By Fr. Anthony J. Paone, S.J. 1954**—a meditation manual designed to take the reader through the various stages of spiritual growth.

We will examine these books over the next 209 days. Each day we will read one chapter. Chapters are very small and are not dependent on each other as they are independent readings.

Offering of Treasure for	08/15/2021
Annunciation Parish	
Total Regular Envelopes Used	308
Weekly	\$ 6,530.75
Fuel & Energy	\$ 168
Maintenance	\$ 105.00
Restoration	\$ 1,471.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 5.00
Latin America	\$ 0.00
Central Europe	\$ 35.00
All Souls Day	\$ 7.00
Candles/Altar Supplies	\$ 24.00
Religious Ed	\$ 73.00
Needy Child	\$ 35.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 845.00
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