

Annunciation Parish

ONE PARISH PRAISING GOD IN TWO LOCATIONS

September 5, 2021

Locations

Holy Rosary

135 Nichols Street
Gardner, MA 01440



Holy Spirit

50 Lovewell Street
Gardner, MA 01440

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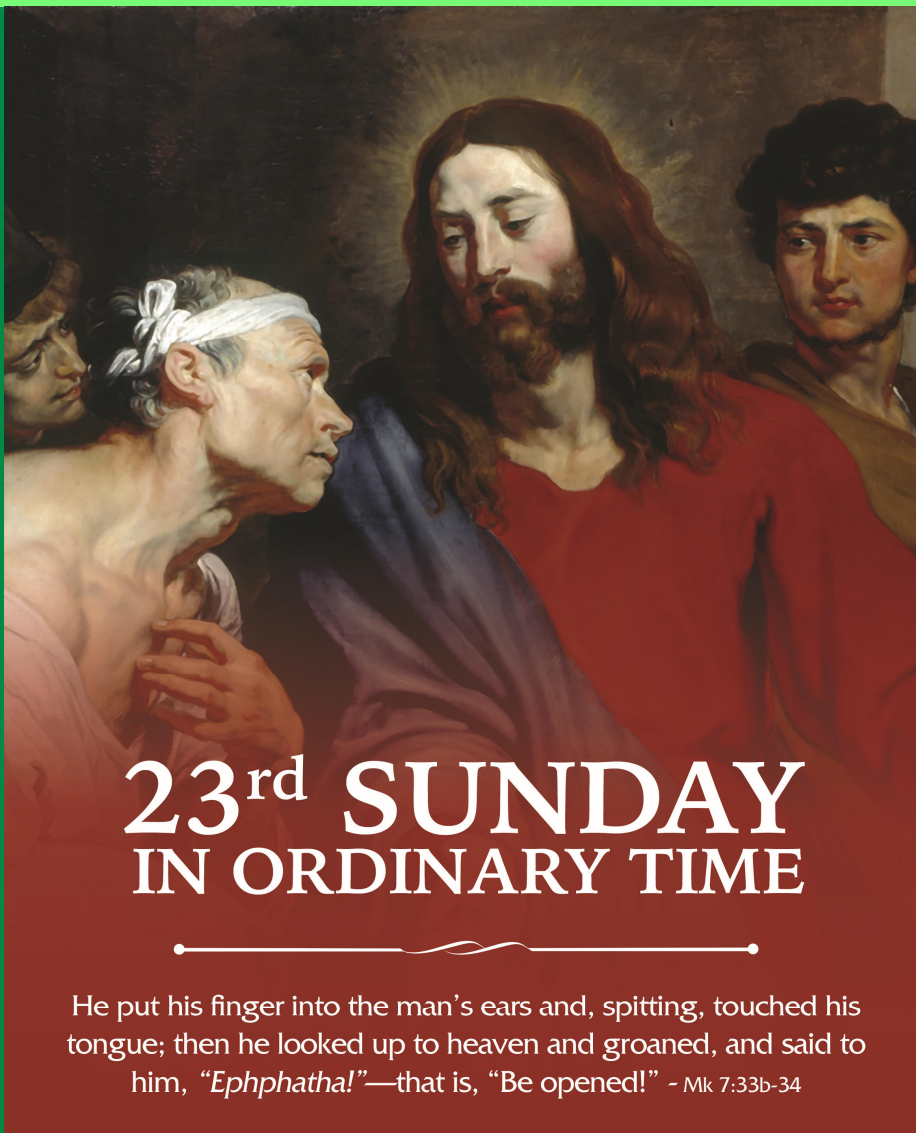
Office Hours:

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



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.



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:33b-34

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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@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

Business Manager

Mr. William Lawton Ext. 113

Parish Secretary

Mrs. Joanne Kay Ext. 110

Administrative Assistant

Mrs. Deb McGonigal Ext. 111

Director of Religious Education

Mrs. Maura Sweeney Ext. 117

Director of Buildings & Grounds

Mr. Don Robinson Ext. 109

Building Maintenance

Mr. Eric Cormier
Mr. Doug MacIntosh

Music Ministry

Mr. Paul Cormier (978) 602-6166

Mrs. Paulette Fowler (978) 660-0215

Ms. Sharon Sawtell (978) 632-7216

Youth Ministry

Mr. Paul Hartin and Ms. Jackie Nicholson

Email: youthministry@annunciationgardner.org

St. Vincent de Paul

Ext. 143

Holy Family Academy

(978) 632-8656

Principal

Mr. Jay Sweet Ext. 219

Director of Enrollment

Mrs. Nancy Tyros Ext. 250

From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus says to a deaf man as he heals him: "Ephphatha!", that is, "Be opened!" He calls all of us to be open to His word. There is a tremendous wisdom in what Jesus says to us, and a great truth about the reality of God and our place in the universe. Be open to His words of challenge - don't close your ears because it is hard to hear. Be open to hearing the truths He speaks. Be open to following as His disciple and learning from the Master. Be open to the needs of those around you and care for them in their need. This openness is so wonderful because as we become more open, we widen a channel for God to come to us. The peace and faith in the Lord that comes has been a great consolation to me in many difficult times. Be open to what He says and thus be open to what He gives.

Finance Council met last week, and we approved the budget for next fiscal year. Due to careful management of our funds, and your continued generosity we hope to look forward to a stable year to come. We will not turn attention to tying up last fiscal year and preparing the summary report that will be given to all of you so you can see how we fared during this strange year. I am encouraged by the confidence that you have all shown as we have solidified some stability and as we embark on renovation. My goal is to make even stronger our financial stability, increase our ministerial effectiveness as a church doing Christ's work, and leaving to the next generation an infrastructure to continue that work and worship. With your continued help I am quite confident we will make the final steps to arrive there.

School started this Monday. It was great to see all the kids and families. We have our new principal in place, and he is very eager and energetic. I stopped in at the beginning of the year faculty meeting last week and was encouraged by the positive attitudes, the camaraderie, and the desire to continue to build our school to its potential. At the opening School Mass on Monday there was an energy and a presence of the Spirit there that was calming and supportive. Please continue to pray for the children and their families as they embark on learning that involves body, mind, and spirit.

On a personal note, I went to Portland Maine on Thursday of last week to preside at a renewal of vows for my sister's in-laws. They have been married for 60 years and are still going strong. It is a great testament to the wonderful fruits and rewards of perseverance. During the ceremony they each said a few words to each other. One line stuck out to me: "I love you now more than I did when I married you." The great joy in a Spirit-filled union can be so touching to behold. The more we are open to Jesus and what He teaches about many things, the more we align ourselves to the great power and Spirit of God which can make miraculous things happen.

So "Ephphatha!"— that is, "Be opened!"

God Bless,
Fr. Steve

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, September 4 <i>First Saturday</i>	9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Annette Korhonen by Elaine & Leo Murray Emil A. Tanguay by his wife Barbara Mr. & Mrs. Albert Bouthol by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Covington
Sunday, September 5	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Leonardo DeAndrade by his wife Maria Gregoire Croteau by his family Father Baker, 12th Anniversary by a parishioner Pearl Schofield, 23rd Anniversary by her grandson Marshall
Monday, September 6	9:00 a.m.	Norman Cormier by his wife Carol & his daughter Linda
Wednesday, September 8	9:00 a.m.	Henry Chichonski by The Croteau Family
Friday, September 10	9:00 a.m.	Doris Richards by Mrs. Mary Richard and family
Saturday, September 11	4:30 p.m.	Aurile Cormier by Leandre & Anna Cormier Henry P. Cichonski by Rene & Pauline D.
Sunday, September 12	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Christa Brideau by Roger Brideau & family Rene Doiron, Month's Mind by his wife Pauline Jerry Richard by Susan & family Erin Barus, Love Mom, Sara & Gianna

Sunday, September 12 Annual Parish Picnic at PACC	12:00 p.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish
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Holy Spirit Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
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
Tuesday, September 7	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish
Thursday, September 9	7:30 a.m.	Frank & Lorraine Antos by The Popik Family David Fisher by Barbara & Glenn Mularella and Lynda Shea
Saturday, September 11	4:00 p.m.	Roger & Nawita Goguen by Mark & Maureen Nicholson Charles Girouard by Mark & Maureen Nicholson
Sunday, September 12	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Scott Bouchard, 9th Anniversary by Mom, Dad & Lisa TBA

Upcoming Events

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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

Monday September 6th—Labor Day (Rectory closed)

10:00a.m.—7:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
6:00p.m.—8:00p.m. Adoration at Holy Spirit Church

Tuesday September 7th

6:30p.m.—8:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
6:30p.m. Bible Study in Holy Rosary Hall and VIA Teleconference
Call 425-535-9043 to join the conversation!
5:30p.m.—7:00p.m. RCIA at the rectory on Nichols Street

Wednesday September 8th

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

Thursday September 9th

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

Friday September 10th

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

Saturday September 11th

8:00a.m.— 4:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
9:30a.m.— 2:00p.m. Yard Sale at the Caring Place, 100 Central St.
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 12th

*Masses as usual

12:00p.m.— 6:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
12:00p.m. Spanish Mass
12:00p.m.— 4:00p.m. Annual Parish Picnic at the PACC (Mass at noon)
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.

PHYSICIAN ASSISTED SUICIDE:

The Abandonment of Hippocratic Medicine

Dr. Mark Rollo will be joining us on **Monday, September 20th at 7:00p.m.** in the church hall at Holy Rosary, 135 Nichols Dt. Gardner. His presentation will address Physician Assisted Suicide and the most recent attempts by the Massachusetts Legislature (*Bills H2381 & S1384*) to enact legislation that would legalize assisted suicide under the guise of "An Act Relative to End of Life options". Please make the time to join us and become informed about this important life issue.

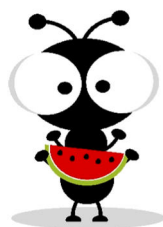


GRIT & GRACE

GRIT AND GRACE BOOK CLUB

Our Women's book club will be meeting on the last Monday of the month, **September 27th** to begin discussing *Women of Hope: Doctors of the Church* by Terry Polakovic. We will be reading just the first 2 parts focusing on Saints Teresa of Avila and Catherine of Siena for our September meeting. We will conclude reading the book for our October meeting..

We have a few copies available at the rectory for anyone who wished to purchase or borrow one just stop by or contact Mrs. Sweeney at religiously@annunciationgardner.org to arrange for pick up.



ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 12th. It's Next Week!

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.

12:00p.m.— Mass will be celebrated. 1:30p.m.—Lunch. There will be a Chicken BBQ meal for anyone who pre-purchases a ticket prior to the event. You can purchase a ticket (\$10 Adult and \$5 Child) in the vestibule after masses at Holy Spirit and Holy Rosary (not 2:00pm Mass). 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 if you 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](tel:978-632-8671)

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

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

How will our parish use our funds?

Brickwork and Water Issues

Deterioration to the brick work at Holy Rosary Church while water drainage issues at Holy Spirit will be explored.

Parking Lots

Our lots at Holy Spirit need to be replaced while repairs are needed at our Nichol Street Campus. Both will be addressed.

Handicap Access

A long-held need for handicap accessibility will be completed with a portion of the funds generated.

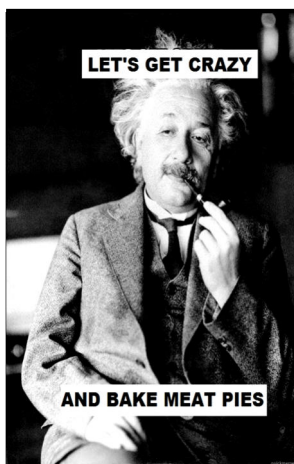
Cemetery Roads and Maintenance

Areas of roadway are in need of attention to provide accessibility to visitors and to honor our final resting places.

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.



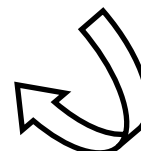
On Tuesday 9/14 and Wednesday 9/15 at 8AM in Holy Rosary Hall Kitchen, we will begin making Meat Pies to be sold at the Bazaar for the benefit of Holy Family Academy.

Anyone who would like to help, please join us. There is a job for everyone, and it is great to share a few laughs and fellowship as we prepare the pies.

PLEASE HELP! WE NEED DONATIONS OF:

- Flour
- Shortening (store brand)

.....to make our fabulous Meat Pies!



Spiritual Guidance

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

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.

IT'S
NOT
TOO
LATE!



RELIGIOUS ED 2021-22

Please 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.

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

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.

Daily Readings

Sunday September 5

- IS 35:4-7
- JAS 2:1-5
- MK 7:31-37

Monday September 6

- COL 1:24-2:3
- LK 6:6-11

Tuesday September 7

- COL 2:6-15
- LK 6:12-19

Wednesday September 8

- MI 5:1-4
- MT 1:1-16

Thursday September 9

- COL 3:12-17
- LK 6:27-38

Friday September 10

- 1 TM 1:1-2, 12-14
- LK 6:39-42

Saturday September 11

- 1 TM 1:15-17
- LK 6:43-49



WALK IN SUPPORT OF GEHM

GARDNER
EMERGENCY
HOUSING
MISSION



SUNDAY:
SEPT 19, 2021

TIME: NOON—3:00PM
NORTH CENTRAL BIKE PATH

- You can walk anytime between noon and 3:00pm
- Any donations will be accepted
- You do not have to walk the entire path



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, Eric Johnson, Victor Dupuis

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.

YARD SALE ALERT!

We will be holding a yard sale on **Saturday, September 11th** **from 9:30a.m.—2:00p.m.** at the Former Caring Place at 100 Central Street, Gardner to benefit Holy Family Academy



Offering of Treasure for		08/22/2021
Annunciation Parish		
Total Regular Envelopes Used		329
Weekly	\$	6,561.55
Fuel & Energy	\$	387.00
Maintenance	\$	318.00
Restoration	\$	520.00
Porch Repair	\$	25.00
World Mission	\$	15.00
Central Europe	\$	22.00
All Souls Day	\$	55.00
All Saints Day	\$	5.00
Religious Ed	\$	118.00
Needy Child	\$	35.00
ONLINE GIVING		\$ 1,015.00
Total	\$	9,081.55



The rectory office will be closed Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day. Our staff will return on Tuesday, September 7th.