

Annunciation Parish

ONE PARISH PRAISING GOD IN TWO LOCATIONS

September 26, 2021

Locations

Holy Rosary

135 Nichols Street
Gardner, MA 01440



Holy Spirit

50 Lovewell Street
Gardner, MA 01440

Contact Us

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Website:

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Email:

office@annunciationgardner.org

Office Hours:

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



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



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

“There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.” - Mk 9:39b

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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 (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

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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@annunciatingardner.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

Executive Assistant
Mrs. Alice Mauck Ext. 213

From the Pastor's Desk

In the Gospel this weekend Jesus really tells us a few things. First is that every action has a consequence. We shouldn't think about it in terms of God being happy or mad at us and rewarding or punishing because of this emotion. Every action has a natural consequence - good or bad - and Jesus is clear that we should remove anything that can lead us to committing sin. He then speaks of the consequence of this sin as Gehenna - which is a boring garbage dump outside of Jerusalem that he uses as an image of Hell. In this teaching He reminds us that not only are there natural consequences for all actions, but there is such a thing as sin, and as Hell. These last two we tend to try not to think about (so we don't have to realize our dependence and need for God), and we believe that we can control the consequences of our behavior (which would let us indulge in the illusion that we get to pick the consequences that actions will bring). A little look at life will tell us that we can't control all the consequences of our actions, and that there have always been things we didn't know and were beyond our power. Jesus wants us to not wrestle with trying to create a false reality - but rather to simply follow Him in the way that has, as it's natural consequence, a life of peace and fulfillment in Heaven.

I have continued in my "isolation" period (from my positive COVID test) and returned to regular duty on Thursday. The time away allowed me to appreciate and think about being with you all, and it gave me some additional time for prayer and reflection. Mass Sunday was a bit different as I said Mass for you all on a kitchen counter - as I said you were in my thoughts. I was able to attend some meetings on ZOOM, and have some phone calls, but largely have been by myself. I tried to catch up on some work and get a few other things done. Please join me in praying for Fr.'s Miguel, Joe, and Lucas who covered Masses and funeral services in my absence. It is encouraging to see how well things continue to go on - it shows how as a community we are joined together by a force which is more powerful than is contained in any individuals alone.

We have received updated sign designs for our parish signs, and I have reviewed and approved these. Bill has followed up with the painter for our rectory painting project, and a few plans for the Annunciation Health Center have been progressing as well. The lawyer continues to work on paperwork for the potential sale of 100 Central Street, and preparations for the Fall Bazaar are underway. We have begun our programs of Adult Faith Formation, and I again encourage everyone to look at the list and select one thing you can participate in. Our faith is beautiful and extremely sensible. The biggest tragedy is that more people don't know and understand it fully.

Well, I look forward to seeing you all when I return for the end of the week. May God bless you all, and may you have peace as we transition from Summer to Fall. God watches over us at all seasons, and we follow in faith the way that he has pointed out. It is a way that involves mental faith, and practical action; it is built of acts of worship, prayer, and love - it is centered on the One who is Love itself who seeks to guide us to fulfillment in Heaven.

Peace,
Fr. Steve

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, September 25	4:30 p.m.	Helen Pasakinskas by Pete & Gloria St. Hilare Rene Larcenaire by his brother Paul
Sunday, September 26	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Robert J. Cormier, 10th Anniversary by his wife Ruth Margaret & Lionel Brideau by Elaine & Ron Leger Roland St. Laurent and Andrew St. Laurent by Georgette Charlie & Cecilia McKean by their daughter Karen
Monday, September 27	9:00 a.m.	Mary Lou Gilman by Eileen & Pat O'Shea For all the deceased members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society by Annunciation Conference
Wednesday, September 29	9:00 a.m.	Paul St. Louis, Month's Mind by his family Patricia Keresey by her family
Friday, October 1	9:00 a.m.	Paul St. Louis by his family Edmond Cormier by his sister-in-law Gloria Cormier
Saturday, October 2 First Saturday	9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Rose A. Murphy by her daughter Barbara Tanguay Marie Flora Poirier, 4th Anniversary by her family Joseph Mong by the Duong family
Sunday, October 3	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Leonardo DeAndrade by his wife Maria Paul St. Louis by his family Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Leger by their family

Holy Spirit Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, September 25	4:00 p.m.	Don Sawtell by his wife Sharon & family Herve & Jean-Paul Maillet by Don & Aline Cosentino
Sunday, September 26	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Sally Daigle by her husband & daughter Alice Krauss, 6th Anniversary and Miguel Desouza by their families TBA
Tuesday, September 28	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish
Thursday, September 30	7:30 a.m.	Jerry Richard, 1st Anniversary by Susan & family
Friday, October 1 First Friday	6:30 p.m.	Living & Deceased Members of the St. Joseph's Rosary Sodality
Saturday, October 2	4:00 p.m.	Mary Keney by the Cormier family Lillian Genis by the Cormier family
Sunday, October 3	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Ted Higgins by the Popik family TBA

Upcoming Events

Sunday September 26th

Masses as usual

- 9:00a.m. Religious Ed Classes Grades 1-6 at Holy Rosary
- 11:30a.m. Hospitality Dinner behind Holy Rosary
- 12:00p.m.—6:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
- 12:00p.m. Spanish Mass
- 2:00p.m. Extraordinary Form Mass at Holy Rosary
- 6:30p.m. Connect for grades 7 & 8 at Holy Spirit

Monday September 27th

- 10:00a.m.—7:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
- 1:30p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group at rectory on Nichols Street
- 6:00p.m.—8:00p.m. Adoration at Holy Spirit Church
- 6:30p.m. Grit & Grace Book Club in Rectory

Tuesday September 28th

- 3:30p.m.—4:30p.m. RCIA for children in the rectory on Nichols Street
- 5:30p.m.—7:00p.m. RCIA for adults in the rectory on Nichols Street
- 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!

Wednesday September 29th

- 6:00a.m.—8:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Rosary
- 8:00a.m. Fruit Pie preparation at Holy Rosary Hall kitchen
- 6:30p.m. Religious Ed Parent Meeting in Holy Rosary hall

Thursday September 30th

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

Friday October 1st

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

Saturday October 2nd

- 8:00a.m.—4:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
- 9:00a.m. First Saturday Mass at Holy Rosary
- 2:30p.m.—3:30p.m. Confessions - Holy Spirit Reconciliation Room
- 3:00p.m.—4:00p.m. Confessions -Holy Rosary Church by St. Joseph Statue

Sunday October 3rd

Masses as usual

- 9:00a.m. Religious Ed Classes Grades 1-8 at Holy Rosary
- 9:00a.m. Sacramental Preparation at Holy Rosary
- 11:30a.m. High School Religious Ed at Holy Rosary
- 12:00p.m.—6:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
- 12:00p.m. Spanish Mass
- 2:00p.m. Extraordinary Form Mass at Holy Rosary

Second Collection this week

This weekend's second collection will be for the **Catholic School Appeal.**

Please be as generous as you can.



Meat pies are now available at the rectory or by calling Eileen at 978-502-4559

\$14 for large
\$ 7 for small



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

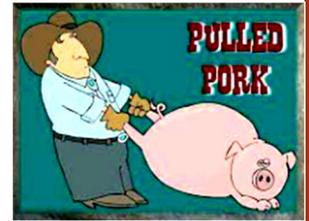
Saturdays

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.

HOSPITALITY DINNER THIS SUNDAY!

There will be a Hospitality Dinner **this Sunday at 11:30a.m. behind Holy Rosary** (curbside). Menu includes, pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, and potato salad!



GRIT AND GRACE BOOK CLUB

Our Women's book club will be meeting this Monday, **September 27th** at 6:30p.m. in the rectory to begin discussing **Women of Hope: Doctors of the Church** by Terry Polakovic. We will be discussing the first 2 parts focusing on Saints Teresa of Avila and Catherine of Siena. Feel free to join us even if you have not had a chance to read the book.

Blessing of the Animals will be conducted on **October 3rd** after the 10:30 Mass on the front lawn at Holy Rosary. All pets are welcome!



SPEAK FOR THOSE WITHOUT A VOICE

The **40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN** is on again. Please join us on **October 6th from 10am-2pm** and/or **October 27th from 10am to 12noon.**

HELP SAVE LIVES BY PRAYING FOR AN END TO ABORTION HERE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

This peaceful vigil is the world's LARGEST grassroots movement to end abortion.

God has used 40 DAYS FOR LIFE to establish a proven track record of saving lives and closing abortion facilities in over 1000 cities in 64 countries.

470 Pleasant St. in Worcester. Parking on side streets.

Bring your Rosary, your singing voice, a cheerful heart and whatever other gifts God has given you.

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.

Daily Readings

Sunday September 19

- NM 11:25-29
- JAS 5:1-6
- MK 9:38-43

Monday September 20

- ZEC 8:20-23
- LK 9:46-50

Tuesday September 21

- ZEC 8:20-23
- LK 9:51-56

Wednesday September 22

- DN 7:9-10, 13-14
- JN 1:47-51

Thursday Sept. 23

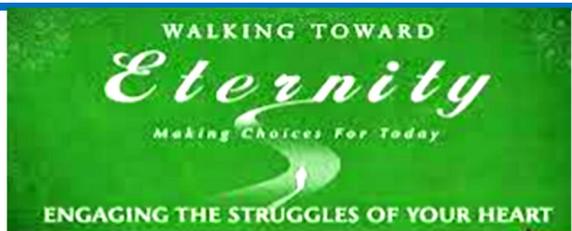
- NEH 8:1-12
- LK 10:1-12

Friday September 24

- BAR 1:15-22
- LK 10:13-16

Saturday September 25

- BAR 4:5-12, 27-29
- MT 18:1-5, 10



WALKING TOWARD ETERNITY:

ENGAGING THE STRUGGLES OF YOUR HEART

Many of us struggle with anger, fear, shame, hopelessness or other spiritual roadblocks. This thought-provoking video series by Jeff Cavins challenges us to take the struggles that sometimes seem insurmountable and offer them to Christ to be transformed. The accompanying prayer journal and suggested scripture readings will help us to reflect on where Christ is acting in our lives, what He is calling us to do, and refocus on where we are headed... eternity.

Discussion on this video series will be facilitated by Fr. Miguel and Mrs. Sweeney on **Wednesday evenings beginning October 6th at 6:30 in the lower hall at Holy Rosary**. Those unable to attend or who prefer to do so, may still benefit from the program by watching the videos and journaling at home.

The suggested donation is \$23 per person and includes the journal and online access to all videos in the series. Please know that no one will be turned away if they are unable to make a donation at this time. You may preregister through our parish website or by contacting Mrs. Sweeney at 978-632-0253 or religioused@annunciationgardner.org

Go ahead, ask.

How can we pray for you?

Do you have a private prayer request? We will pray for you. Requests do not appear in the bulletin and passed privately by first name only. Call **The Prayer Line** at [978-630-2283](tel:978-630-2283) and leave your message.

Reasons to Oppose Assisted Suicide Laws

If you missed Dr. Mark Rollo's presentation this week but want to learn more about the proposed Assisted Suicide Laws in MA, feel free to pick up a copy of a flyer summarizing some of the concerns about the bills, available at the back of both churches and on our website. This bill will be going to its first committee hearing on October 1st so it is important to contact your legislators with your concerns as soon as possible.

Ask The Pastor is BACK!

Got questions about the Catholic Faith? Ask Fr. Steve! He is now accepting questions to be answered on Facebook Live at **7:00pm on Monday, October 4th**. To submit questions, you may use the form on our website annunciationgardner.org or call the rectory. Then go to our parish Facebook page Annunciation Parish Gardner to watch your questions answered live. Can't be near your computer that night? Visit our parish website a few days later to find the recording of his presentation!



Prayer Requests

Please Pray For: KerryAnne Drury, Martha Gauvin, Marie L. Chartrand, Chase Daunais, Michelle Boudreau, Michael Muldoon, M. Celeste Barron, Herve LeBlanc, Bertha Prentiss, Bob, Celeste L., Jeff Cormier, Claudia Commodore, Geraldina Bourque, June DiFranco, Alcide Arsenault, Angela Haws, Joseph Borque, Eric Johnson, Alexis, Harlynn Lou Hayes, Rosa Cormier, Donna Russell, Patrick, Ann, Gloria St. Hilaire, DP, Joe

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.

PREPARING FOR OUR FALL BAZAAR!

We will be making Poutines, Rappe and Fudge for this year's Bazaar! In order for us to make as much as possible, we are looking for donations of sugar and butter Crisco. Donations of these items will be greatly appreciated!

More details about the Bazaar will be in next week's bulletin



Our food pantry is in need of the following items:

Jelly, Canned Baked Beans, Instant Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Pasta, Canned Pineapple, and Canned Tuna

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Offering of Treasure for	09/12/2021
Annunciation Parish	
Total Regular Envelopes Used	292
Weekly	\$ 6,305.85
Fuel & Energy	\$ 403.00
Maintenance	\$ 313.00
Restoration	\$ 540.00
Catholic School Appeal	\$ 120.00
All Souls Day	\$ 40.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 20.00
World Mission	\$ 20.00
Religious Ed	\$ 0.00
Needy Child	\$ 70.00
ONLINE GIVING	\$ 1,020.00
Total	\$ 8,851.85



The Unforgiven.