

# Annunciation Parish

ONE PARISH PRAISING GOD IN TWO LOCATIONS

October 10, 2021

## Locations

### Holy Rosary

135 Nichols Street  
Gardner, MA 01440

### Holy Spirit

50 Lovewell Street  
Gardner, MA 01440

## Contact Us

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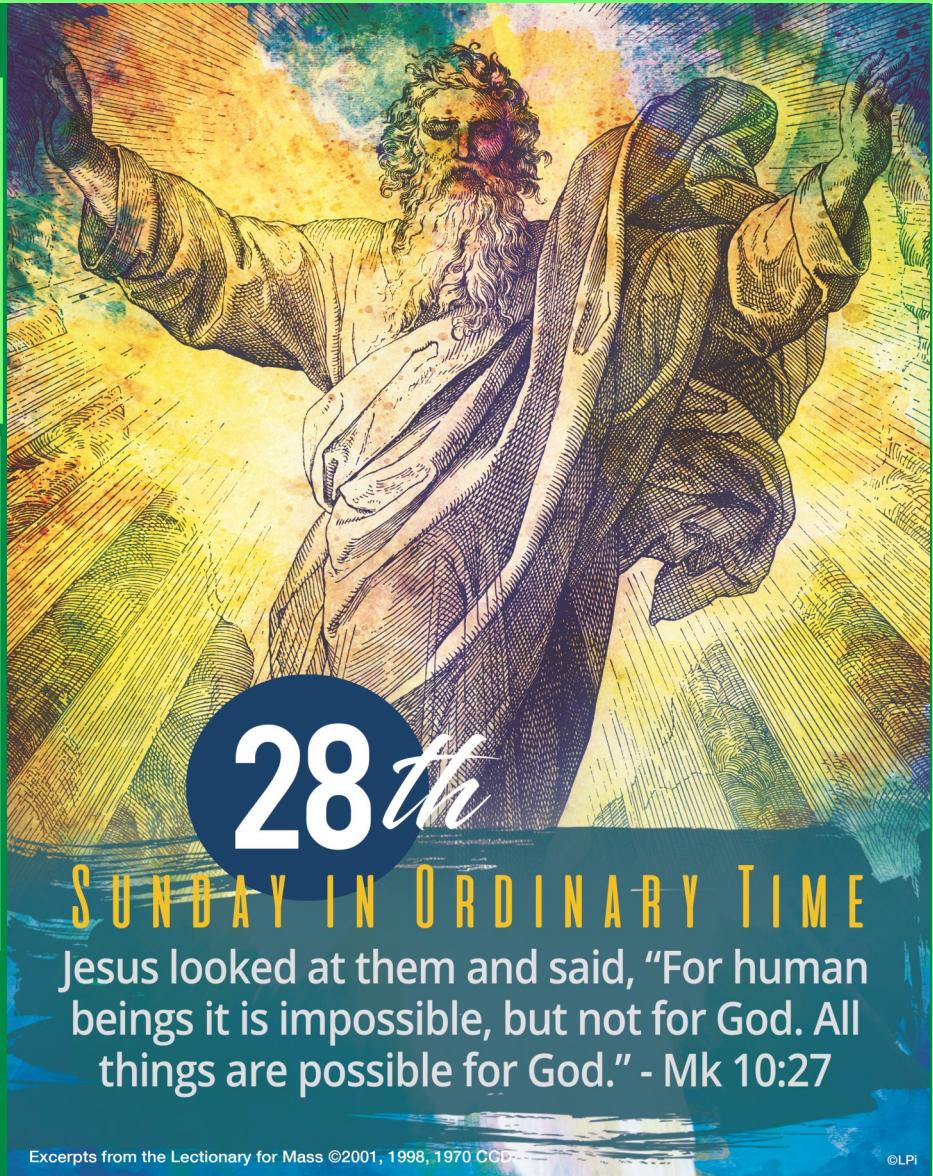
**Office Hours:**

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.



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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)
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](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

<u>Clergy</u>	(978) 632-0253
Pastor <i>Rev. Stephen Lundrigan</i>	Ext. 116
Parochial Vicar <i>Rev. Miguel Pagan</i>	Ext. 130
Deacons <i>Rev. Mr. Stanley Baczewski (978) 855-9805 Retired Deacon — Rev. Mr. Arthur Giard</i>	
 <u>Parish Office</u>	(978) 632-0253
Business Manager <i>Mr. William Lawton</i>	Ext. 113
Parish Secretary <i>Mrs. Joanne Kay</i>	Ext. 110
Administrative Assistant <i>Mrs. Deb McGonigal</i>	Ext. 111
Director of Religious Education <i>Mrs. Maura Sweeney</i>	Ext. 117
Director of Buildings & Grounds <i>Mr. Don Robinson</i>	Ext. 109
Building Maintenance <i>Mr. Eric Cormier Mr. Doug MacIntosh</i>	
 <u>Music Ministry</u>	
<i>Mr. Paul Cormier Mrs. Paulette Fowler Ms. Sharon Sawtell</i>	(978) 602-6166 (978) 660-0215 (978) 632-7216
 <u>Youth Ministry</u>	
<i>Mr. Paul Hartin and Ms. Jackie Nicholson Email: <a href="mailto:youthministry@annunciationgardner.org">youthministry@annunciationgardner.org</a></i>	
 <u>St. Vincent de Paul</u>	Ext. 143
 <u>Holy Family Academy</u>	(978) 632-8656
Principal <i>Mr. Jay Sweet</i>	Ext. 219
Director of Enrollment <i>Mrs. Nancy Tyros</i>	Ext. 250
Executive Assistant <i>Mrs. Alice Mauck</i>	Ext. 213

### From the Pastor's Desk

Jesus is asked today what one must do to enter eternal life. Notice that He does not give some of the answers that we hear like: "just have faith," "be a good person," "everyone goes there so what's the problem" - He shows that not all get there, and that following God's law is essential. But He highlights another important thing - following Him. This means following in the heart, this means to have faith in His words (including what He says today about the stuff in the last sentence), this means also to enter into His life. God is not just something to have on the side, not just someone sitting up on a high place that we can ask to punch our ticket to go to heaven. Jesus is not just someone who came in and paid the bill for us and then goes on His way while we go on ours not having to worry about the debt. Jesus is clear that we must live a life with Him, joined to Him, being His disciple. This may be a difficult thing to do - but if you really have faith in Jesus, then you will believe this too.

Fr. Miguel was on retreat this past week communing with the Lord to be better able to serve you all. I had the opportunity to fill in for him at the Monday adoration at Holy Spirit. I took the opportunity to take some prayer time in front of the Blessed Sacrament. It had been a stressful day - and I tell you, not only was I relaxed that night, but the whole next day all the pressures were able to be negotiated so much easier. It is another practical example for me of how allowing God to penetrate us can be so beneficial. One person likened prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as "radiation treatment" - The very presence of God radiating to us, and if we allow ourselves to be opened, we can be filled.

The school prepares for accreditation and many individuals have worked hard to prepare for the coming of the accrediting agency. Our school continues to develop and grow. Our new principal Mr. Sweet has been doing a great job in getting things going. We have had many productive discussions and his energy and concern will continue to help us to go to new levels. New academic programs, new clubs and activities, a fine teaching staff. We are doing well and have a lot to be proud about.

Due to a worldwide Facebook outage last week, I was unable to do the "Ask the Pastor" segment - this will be rescheduled.

Renovation continues on the parish center - nice to see the actual fruits of this long effort beginning to come together. I also spoke with the architect for the handicap project. I authorized additional drawings to be done so we can get the job bid out and obtain the building permit for the first part of this project. I also spoke to contractors regarding the bathroom in the back of Holy Rosary - I expect to get back more bids next week. We will be patching a few areas of the asphalt that could be trip hazards, however, the paving companies we spoke to indicated that they were unable to get some of the other work done before the winter - these will be pushed till the spring. The rectory painting project is awaiting our selected contractor getting us on the schedule and arriving. When money from Legacy of Hope begins to come in, we can look at some of those projects that were explained as part of that effort.

Thanks be to God who gives us the strength to go on, thanks be to God that we have been given such a companion as our Lord Jesus to lead us on the way, to nourish us and strengthen us with His body and Blood. Peace to you all.  
God Bless  
Fr. Steve

## Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

<b>Mass Date</b>	<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
Saturday, October 9	4:30 p.m.	Mr. Calixte JAILLET, 40th Anniversary by his son Paul Telesphore Maillet, 33rd Anniversary by his family
Sunday, October 10	7:30 a.m.	Aurile & Lorraine Cormier by Roger Cormier & family Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Richard & Joanne by Claudette
	10:30 a.m.	Helen Pasakinskas by her daughter Debbie Taft Ernest Roach, 18th Anniversary by Aline Roach & family
Monday, October 11	9:00 a.m.	John Cronin, 24th Anniversary by his sister Delores Garceau
Wednesday, October 13	9:00 a.m.	Herve LeBlanc by his brothers & sisters
Friday, October 15	9:00 a.m.	Ray Hebert by Bertha Leonard Gilles LeBlanc by Ronald LeBlanc
Saturday, October 16	4:30 p.m.	Henry Cichonski by the Croteau family The Desroches by the family
Sunday, October 17	7:30 a.m.	Gloria LeBlanc, 3rd Anniversary by her husband Roland & family
	10:30 a.m.	Geralda Bourque by Delia Daigle Herve LeBlanc by Anita Boudreau

## Holy Spirit Church

<b>Mass Date</b>	<b>Mass Time</b>	<b>Mass Intention</b>
Saturday, October 9	4:00 p.m.	Eileen Berube from the LeBlanc family Daniel Nicholson by Mark & Maureen Nicholson
Sunday, October 10	8:30 a.m.	All Souls Lost to Suicide by a parishioner
	12:00 p.m.	TBA
Tuesday, October 12	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish Sally Daigle by her husband & daughter
Thursday, October 14	7:30 a.m.	Michelle Boucher-Sargent by Fr. Miguel Pagan
Saturday, October 16	4:00 p.m.	Martin Nicholson by Mark & Maureen Nicholson Mary Ann Sioui, 5th Anniversary by Richard Sioui
Sunday, October 17	8:30 a.m.	Fr. Andre Gariepy by Martha & Jim Nicholson
	12:00 p.m.	TBA

# Upcoming Events

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## Sunday October 10th

Masses as usual  
No Religious Education  
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

## Monday October 11th—Columbus 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 October 12th

1:30p.m. Intercessory Prayer Group in Rectory  
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 October 13th

6:00a.m.—8:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Rosary  
6:30p.m. Walking Toward Eternity in Holy Rosary lower hall

## Thursday October 14th

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

## Friday October 15th

10:00a.m.— 7:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer  
4:30p.m. Bazaar opens to public in Holy Rosary Hall (*details on page 5*)

## Saturday October 16th

8:00a.m.— 4:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer  
10:00a.m. Bazaar opens at Holy Rosary Hall (*details on page 5*)  
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 17th

Masses as usual  
9:00a.m. Religious Education Grades 1-8 at Holy Rosary  
10:00a.m. Bazaar opens at Holy Rosary Hall (*details on page 5*)  
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

## Learn more about what happens at Mass

Our priests will be working together to do a Teaching Mass on **Monday, October 18th at 6:30p.m. in Holy Rosary.** As one priest says the Mass, he will pause at strategic points, so the other may explain what is happening. We invite all of our parishioners to attend and deepen their understanding of what is happening at Mass. This Mass will be recorded and made available on our parish website for all those who are unable to join us.



## 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.

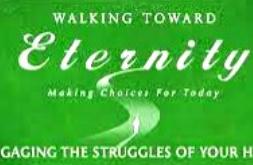
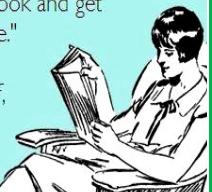
## GRIT AND GRACE BOOK CLUB

All women are invited to join us on **Monday, October 25th** as we continue our discussion of **Women**

**of Hope: Doctors of the Church, by Terry Polakovic.** This month our discussion will focus on the 2nd half of the book and Saints Therese of Lisieux and Hildegard of Bingen. Although these women lived centuries ago they faced challenges with a hope that can inspire us and the church today.

Sometimes I tell myself,  
"Put down the book and get  
some things done."

Then I tell myself,  
"Be quiet."



## IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

### 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.

Discussion on this video series will be facilitated by Fr. Miguel and Mrs. Sweeney on **Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the lower hall at Holy Rosary.** Those unable to attend or who prefer to do so, may participate on their own from home. Contact Mrs. Sweeney at: [religiousued@annunciationgardner.org](mailto:religiousued@annunciationgardner.org) to find out how..

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.



## Legacy of Hope Campaign

### Fall Campaign Update

#### Our Parish's Progress To Date!

Our Target: ..... \$593,768  
 Amount Raised So Far: ..... \$300,353  
 % of goal: ..... 51%  
 # of Donors: ..... 125 families  
 Goal: ..... 200 families

To learn more visit our website at  
**AnnunciationGardner.org.**

Holy Meat Pie Batman!

We must hurry to  
Annunciation  
Parish!



Yes Robin!  
 At \$14.00 for a large and  
 \$7.00 for a small....it  
 won't be long before  
 they run out!



*Celebrate  
Priesthood!*

#### Eighth Annual Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese Gala

For the past seven years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called "**Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese**" as a benefit for Retired Priest's Care. We cannot let a year go by without pausing to reflect on the gift of the priesthood in the lives of all Catholics.

On Thursday, October 28, 2021 we are planning an in-person **Taste of the Diocese** event preceded by live presentations to be streamed online for those who cannot gather with us in person. We are excited to announce a new venue for this year! **Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School** will host our tasting event in the newly refurbished Gymnasium and the live Presentations will be Streamed on the internet from the Burke Auditorium. Attendees can attend both events or simply drop in at any time for the tasting in the Gymnasium. To make a donation, buy tickets for Taste of the Diocese, or to get more information visit [worcesterdiocese.org](http://worcesterdiocese.org) or call Mi-



**Knights of  
Columbus®**

*Into the Breach* is a call to battle for Catholic men which urges them to embrace wholeheartedly masculine virtues in a world in crisis.

For 12 meetings, through videos and small group discussions, we will learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach.

Our kick-off meeting is Monday, October 18th at 7:00pm at Holy Spirit hall

If you have questions, please email Frank Medlar at [frank.medlar@gmail.com](mailto:frank.medlar@gmail.com). Watch all episodes for free at: [kofc.org/intothbreach](http://kofc.org/intothbreach).



#### Fall Bazaar Details!

Our Fall Bazaar begins at Holy Rosary to the public on **Friday, October 15th at 4:30pm** where chicken and veggies will be served (curbside or eat-in), booths and activities inside.

*Note: Bazaar is open to the school only prior to being open to the public.*

**Saturday, October 16th** the bazaar will open at 10:00am At 11:30am hot dogs, golumpki and kapusta will be available. Beef Stew will be served after the 4:30pm Mass.

On **Sunday, October 17th** the bazaar will open at 10:00am. Beef Stew will also be available at 11:30am and a Meat Raffle at 3:00pm

On **Sunday, October 24th at 11:30am** we will be serving a turkey dinner.

#### ALSO....

Poutines and Rapees will be available for purchase beginning **Wednesday, October 13th at noon** behind Holy Family Academy until they run out. There will be an orderly process. Please follow instructions upon arrival.



The rectory office will be closed Monday, October 11th in observance of Columbus Day. Our staff will return on Tuesday, October 12th.

# 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 [religiousued@annunciationgardner.org](mailto:religiousued@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.

## Want to make a difference?

Please join us on October 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop McManus will celebrate a Mass on Sunday October 31<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester honoring couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> etc.) this year, in thanksgiving for their years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian Marriage. Mass will be followed by a light reception and the opportunity to have photographs with Bishop McManus. Couples wishing to attend should pre-register by October 18<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass) or by contacting the Diocesan Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311.



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, Gerald Bourque, June DiFranco, Angela Haws, Joseph Bourque, Eric Johnson, Alexis, Harlynn Lou Hayes, Rosa Cormier, Donna Russell, Patrick, Ann, Gloria St. Hilaire, DP, Joseph K., Claire Albee, Elaine Shultz, Anthony M., Danny G.

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.

## Daily Readings

Sunday October 10

- WIS 7:7-11
- HEB 4:4:12-13
- MK 10:17-27

Monday October 11

- ROM 1:1-7
- LK 11:29-32

Tuesday October 12

- ROM 1:16-25
- LK 11:37-41

Wednesday October 13

- ROM 2:1-11
- LK 11:42-46

Thursday October 14

- ROM 3:21-30
- LK 11:47-54

Friday October 15

- ROM 4:1-8
- LK 12:1-7

Saturday October 16

- ROM 4:13, 16-18
- LK 12:8-12



Knights of Columbus

Coming soon. *Into the Breach* is a video series developed by the Knights of Columbus inspired by an apostolic exhortation to Catholic men by Bishop Olmstead.

The *Into the Breach* series challenges men to seek greatness and to be heroically virtuous, to have a character marked by goodness and truth, strength and courage.

Through shared experience and small group discussion, men build a brotherhood through *Into the Breach*, strengthening them in their mission as disciples.

Times and dates will be announced soon. Watch the episodes for free at [kofc.org/intothbreach](http://kofc.org/intothbreach).



## Welcome to the Faith!

In September we welcomed the following children into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Baptism:

- Yofronolys Almonte Ceballos
- Allegra Laplante
- Sophia Leung
- Yumi Mason

Please pray for them and their parents that they may continue to grow in faith throughout their lives.

WE  
**WANT TO  
PRAY  
FOR YOU!**

We believe in the power of prayer.

We would be honored to pray for any concerns or intentions that you may have.

Prayer requests do not appear in the bulletin and can be passed privately by first name only.

Call **The Prayer Line** at 978-630-2283 and leave your message.

# From the Office

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## From St. Vincent de Paul

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		09/26/2021
Annunciation Parish		
Total Regular Envelopes Used		320
Weekly	\$	5,826.43
Fuel & Energy	\$	281.00
Maintenance	\$	201.00
Restoration	\$	41.00
Catholic School Appeal—HFA	\$	1,851.51
Catholic School Appeal	\$	186.00
All Souls Day	\$	0.00
World Mission	\$	5.00
Religious Ed	\$	10.00
Needy Child	\$	138.00
<i>ONLINE GIVING</i>	\$	900.00
Total	\$	9,444.94

