

# Annunciation Parish

ONE PARISH PRAISING GOD IN TWO LOCATIONS

February 27, 2022

## Locations

### **Holy Rosary**

135 Nichols Street  
Gardner, MA 01440

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### **Holy Spirit**

50 Lovewell Street  
Gardner, MA 01440

## Contact Us

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

**Website:**

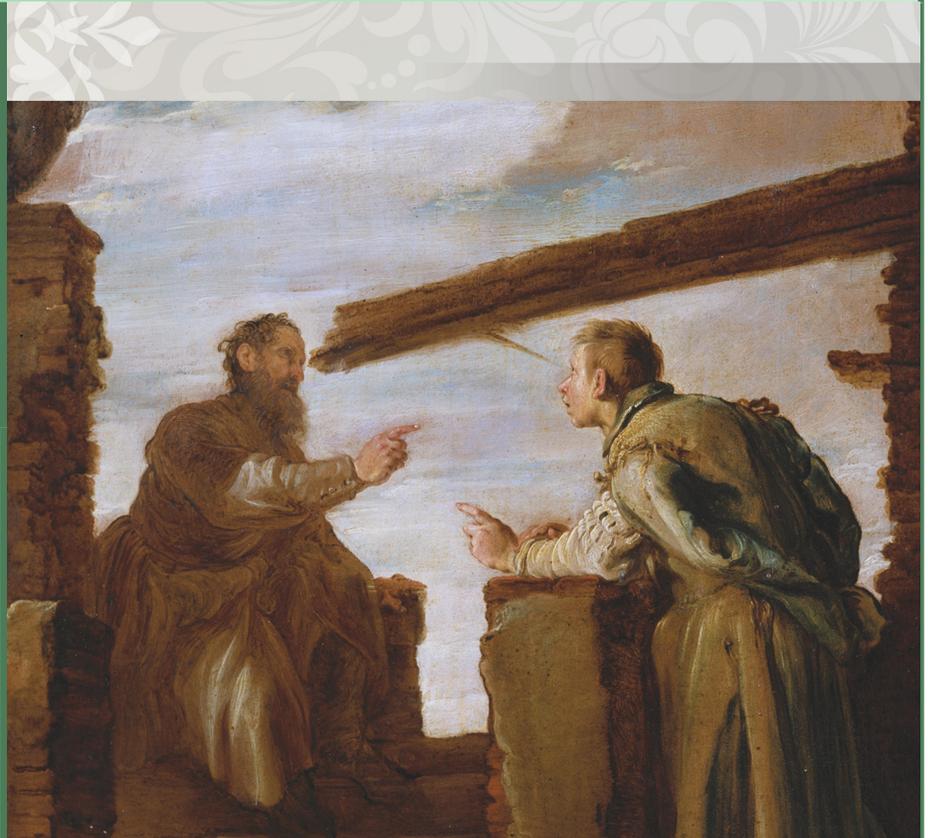
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You can scan this QR Code to quickly access our website.



## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye?" - Lk 6:42a

**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)	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 In Confessional 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.

978.632.0253

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

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](mailto: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

Executive Assistant  
Mrs. Alice Mauck Ext. 213

### From the Pastor's Desk

Have you ever spoken to a person who talked like they knew it all, but they didn't. They give advice just to give advice, but they really don't know what they are doing. More importantly ... have you ever been that person? Jesus reminds us that before you try to lead someone, you must have yourself straightened out. The blind cannot lead the blind, our own hypocrisy gets in the way of seeing others clearly ("remove the wooden beam from your eye"). If we want to produce good things (good fruit) we must be a good tree (a person with a healthy mind and soul). Jesus focuses us to look at our need to take care to improve ourselves. Not just the improvement you hear about in self-help programs - but the real growth in our souls that only can be accomplished with God as part of the picture. To leave God out and try to go on a self-improvement program without God ... that is like trying to see clearly with a big plank of wood in your eye (you don't even see what you are missing).

We have put out our yearly schedules for prayer and growth for Lent. This is a time of year where we can take a step back, see what we need to improve on so that we can be more helpful to ourselves and others. It is a time to focus on the spiritual (not just the "spiritual" as secular groups speak about it - or self-define it), but rather the spirituality based upon the one who placed our spirit within us. God has revealed to us who we are at our deepest level and has told us of how we can reach a real fulfillment. All the self-help programs alone can't do this. So, I invite you to look at these prayer and formation activities and see what you can do this Lent. You don't know what you aren't seeing until you remove the beams from your eye.

We have seen a change at the school. Mr. Sweet who has served as our principal since August is moving on. We are grateful for the energy he showed and the initiatives that he tried to put in place. We wish him success with his new endeavor. We are so pleased that one of our own parishioners Colette Goguen, a parent of children in the school, will be taking the reigns as Interim Principal while a formal search is undertaken. Since Mr. Sweet began his personal leave, Ms. Leonette Roy (Chair of the School Board, former student, and teacher in one of our schools) has been doing an exceptional job as acting principal. She agreed to do this for a short time only, however, the impact of her work has been closely and positively felt. Please join me in thanking Ms. Roy for her great work, and for praying for Mrs. Goguen as she continues to develop the school and shepherd us through the registration process.

There have been contacts made regarding construction projects - which I will update you on when more gets going. Our Youth Ministry Team met together for a second meeting, and they are looking forward to a launch of these ministry efforts. This is long in coming, and I am grateful for their active and inspired work. They will open for us youth, family, and young adult ministry options that are so needed. Thanks be to God!

Next week holds the beginning of Lent with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Please see the list of Masses and services of ashes. Teams will be distributing ashes at nursing homes and the hospital, we are holding a Mass for the prisoners at NCCI, and I look forward to us all entering this celebration as a community. Please be assured of my prayers this Lent.

God Bless,  
Fr. Steve

## Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, February 26	4:30 p.m.	Mary Richard by Judy Richards and Suzanne Roy Al LeBlanc by his friend Linda
Sunday, February 27	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Ronald J. Cormier, 10th Anniversary by his wife & children Doris & Leo Richards by their son Philip and daughter-in-law Deborah Joseph, Mary & Paul Camden by granddaughter & niece Kathleen Ginette Vautour by Doris Collette
Monday, February 28	9:00 a.m.	Leandre Cormier by Aline Roach Charles Baril by his sister Denise MacAloney
Wednesday, March 2 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	9:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Mary Lou Gilman by Bob Whipple Janet Erickson (for better health) by Marilyn Malik Andrew Boucher by Jeanine Girouard Arthur "Goo Goo" Melanson by Pete & Gloria St. Hilaire
Friday, March 4	9:00 a.m.	Cecilia McKean by her daughter Karen Kelley Richard Cormier, 2nd Anniversary by his wife Carole & sister Linda
Saturday, March 5 <b>First Saturday</b>	9:00a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Viola Lowell by her family Robert Leonard, 23rd Anniversary by his family Emil Tanguay, 2nd Anniversary by his wife Barbara
Sunday, March 6	7:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Leonardo deAndrade by his wife and family Gemma Cormier by her sister Anna Cormier & family Paul & Theresa Vincent by Paula & Len Roland J. Babineau his sister Jean Blacquiere

Friday, February 4 Heywood Commons	2:00 p.m.	Geralda Bourque by Gerry & Shirley
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## Holy Spirit Church

Mass Date	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Saturday, February 26	4:00 p.m.	Florence Gosselin, Month's Mind by her sister Theresa LeBlanc Jim Minns, 4th Anniversary by Beverly & family
Sunday, February 27	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	TBA
Tuesday, March 1	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners of Annunciation Parish
Thursday, March 3	7:30 a.m.	
Friday, March 4 <b>First Friday</b>	6:30p.m.	Henry Ares by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Yablonski
Saturday, March 5	4:00p.m.	Doris & Jack Eliason by their family
Sunday, March 6	8:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Doris & Leo Richards by their son Philip & daughter-in-law Deborah TBD

# Upcoming Events

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## Sunday February 27th

Masses as usual

- 9:00a.m. Grade 1-8 Religious Ed at Holy Rosary
- 11:30a.m.—1:00p.m. Hospitality Dinner behind Holy Rosary (curbside)
- 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 February 28th

- 10:00a.m.—7:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
- 6:30p.m. Grit and Grace at the Rectory
- 7:00p.m.—8:30p.m. Into The Breach at Holy Spirit Hall

## Tuesday March 1

- 5:30p.m. RCIA at the Rectory
- 6:30p.m.—8:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
- 6:30p.m. - Bible Study Holy Rosary Hall or via teleconference  
425-535-9043

## Wednesday March 2—Ash Wednesday

- 6:00a.m.—8:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration at Holy Rosary
- 7:30a.m. Mass at Holy Spirit
- 9:00a.m. Mass at Holy Rosary
- 12:00p.m. Liturgy of the Word & Ashes at Holy Rosary
- 6:00p.m. Mass in Spanish at Holy Spirit
- 7:00p.m. Mass at Holy Rosary

## Thursday March 3

- 9:00a.m. Faith Sharing Group at Holy Spirit rectory
- 6:00p.m. Lenten Evening Mass at Holy Spirit
- 6:30p.m. Bingo at Holy Rosary Hall (masks encouraged)

## Friday March 4

- 10:00a.m.—7:00p.m. Holy Rosary Church open for private prayer
- 4:30p.m. Stations of the Cross at Holy Spirit
- 5:00p.m.—7:00p.m. Fish Fry at Holy Spirit

## Saturday March 5

Masses as usual

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

## Sunday March 6

Masses as usual

- 9:00a.m. Grade 1-8 Religious Education at Holy Rosary
- 9:00a.m. Sacramental Prep at Holy Rosary hall
- 11:30a.m.—1:00p.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
- 7:00p.m. Sacramental Prep. Parent Meeting on Zoom

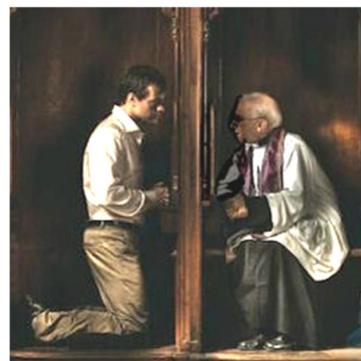


## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays

**Holy Spirit Church**  
In Reconciliation Room—  
right of altar  
2:30p.m.—3:30p.m.

**Holy Rosary Church**  
In Confessional  
3:00p.m.—4:00p.m.



Get ready for

## Fish-Frydays!

Fridays during Lent  
(except March 25th) we  
will be having our Fish  
Fry from **5:00p.m.—**

**7:00p.m. at Holy Spirit Hall.** Meals can be eat-in  
or take-out!

Menu:

- Baked or Fried Fish
- Baked Potato or French Fries
- Clam Chowder
- Dessert
- Drink

All this for the fantastic price of \$12 per adult and  
\$6 per child 12 and under!



## HOSPITALITY DINNER



There will be a Hospitality Dinner  
**this Sunday, February 27th at**  
**11:30a.m. behind Holy Rosary.**  
Dinner will be curbside.

The menu is a ham dinner!





Thanks to the generous contributions to our *Legacy of Hope Campaign*, An-nunciation Parish received it's first check of \$50,034.52! As presented at our Legacy of Hope meetings last year, the breakdown of how the funds will be distributed is:

Brickwork .....	\$17,512.08
Parking lots.....	\$17,512.08
Handicap Access.....	\$ 7,505.18
Cemetery Roads .....	\$ 5,003.45
Holy Spirit Hall Drainage ...	\$ 2,501.73

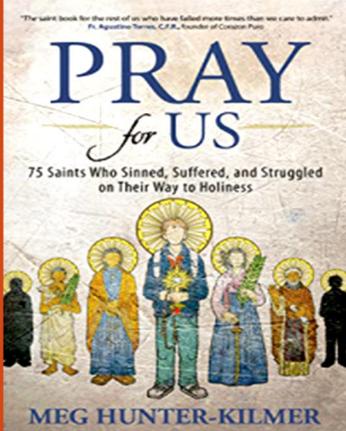
Stay tuned for updates on the progress of our projects and again THANK YOU for your donations.

**SAVE THE DATE**

## Holy Family Academy Banquet & Auction

**Saturday March 19, 2022**  
Gardner Polish American Citizen's Club  
171 Kendall Pond W. Gardner, MA 01440

HFA Art Auction, Raffles, Dinner & more.  
Stay tuned for more details.



### Grit & Grace

All women are invited to join us this **Monday, February 28th at 6:30pm in the rectory** as we wrap up our discussion of *Pray for Us: 75 Saints Who Sinned, Suffered and Struggled Their Way to Holiness*, by Meg Hunter-Kilmer. This book includes short stories of a variety of saints who can give us hope that we too can pursue the path of sanctity. Some of

the chapters include saints who defied expectations, saints who had difficult families, saints who never gave up, saints who were failures and more. Rather than read the entire book at this busy time of year, participants are encouraged to browse the book and pick at least 1 saint from each chapter to discuss. Our discussion will begin with parts 11 & 12 before revisiting any other saints that caught our fancy from previous chapters. Contact Mrs. Sweeney at 978-632-0253 if you need a copy of the book.

February 24, 2022

My dear friends in Christ,

It is always a joy for me to gather with our retired priests as they reminisce about cherished moments in their lives when they were in active ministry. It is equally edifying for me to witness the admiration our parishioners have for the retired priests who served them and their loved ones over the years, particularly at the annual gathering for *Celebrate Priesthood*.

I write today to ask for your support for the **Ash Wednesday Collection** that assists in the care of retired priests of the Diocese of Worcester. Unlike the annual December collection for the Retired Religious priests, sisters and brothers who are members of religious orders throughout the country, the Ash Wednesday collection was inaugurated last year to help in the care of diocesan priests who do not benefit from the December collection.

We currently have 49 retired priests. In the next eight years, we estimate an additional 42 priests will reach our normal retirement age of 75. The annual costs for health insurance, housing and monthly stipends for retired priests have averaged between \$2.2 and \$2.6 million. Recent changes were made for future retirement benefits for priests who have not yet retired. Those measures are expected to save up to \$12 million through 2050. While *Partners in Charity*, *Celebrate Priesthood* and the endowments from *Forward in Faith* and *Legacy of Hope* are critical sources of support for priests' retirement, it took the addition of this Ash Wednesday collection last year for the Priests Retirement program to experience a more balanced budget.

Our retired priests have cared for us and our families throughout the decades. Please consider beginning the Season of Lent with a sacrificial gift to the Ash Wednesday Collection on March 2nd to support our retired priests.

Please be assured of my prayerful gratitude for your support of all our various Diocesan efforts and for your consideration of this request.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Robert J. McManus*  
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus  
Bishop of Worcester

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Bishop of Worcester



Our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in need of the following items:

- Jelly
- Crackers
- Cookies
- Diabetic Desserts
- Mayonnaise
- Coffee

As always, thank you for helping us help others!

## 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@annunciatingardner.org](mailto:religioused@annunciatingardner.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.

## Daily Readings

### Sunday February 27

- SIR 27:4-7
- 1 COR 15:54-58
- LK 6:39-45

### Monday February 28

- 1 PT 1:3-9
- MK 10:17-27

### Tuesday March 1

- 1 PT 1:10-16
- MK 10:28-31

### Wednesday March 2

- JL 2:12-18
- MT 6:1-6, 16-18

### Thursday March 3

- DT 30:15-20
- LK 9:22-25

### Friday March 4

- IS 58:1-9
- MT 9:14-15

### Saturday March 5

- IS 58:9b-14
- LK 5:27-32



**FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS**

The Prayer Line is available to pray for your special concerns! Call The Prayer Line at (978) 630-2283, and leave a message. These intentions will not appear in the bulletin, and can be passed privately by first name only.



**TAKE UP  
THE  
CROSS  
AND  
FOLLOW ME**

## The Spiritual Adoption Program

This weekend begins our Spiritual Adoption Program! Members from our Respect Life Committee will be handing out Prayer Cards for anyone who wishes to participate in this worthwhile program. Participants will pray daily for an unborn child for 9 months. Each month we will feature an article in our bulletin and on our website detailing the development of a preborn child.

The program will conclude with a Baby Shower in the fall during which we will be collecting baby items for new moms in need.

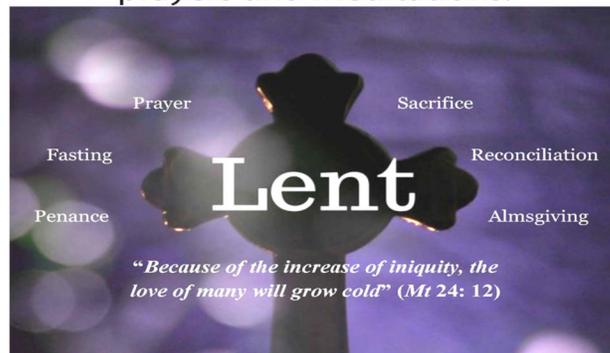
### Month Two

**"I can suck my thumb now!"** The developing baby is now called a "fetus" (Latin for "little one"). She is making rapid progress developing all her external and internal organs. During the second month baby teeth are formed, and fingers and toes are developing. Her ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. The central nervous system is now functioning, and so forty muscle sets begin their first exercises. By 8 weeks all body systems are present. This little one can now suck her thumb and is about two inches long.



*Thank you for praying for this precious little baby!*

During Lent watch our Facebook Page for daily posts of reflections, prayers and meditations.



**Lent**

*"Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold" (Mt 24: 12)*



Prayer Requests

**Please Pray For:** KerryAnne Drury, Martha Gauvin, Marie L. Chartrand, Chase Daunais, Michelle Boudreau, Michael Muldoon, Claudia Commodore, Elaine Schultz, Danielle & Raelynn Lehman and Wesley, Bertha Prentiss, Jerry Fisher, Theresa McKean, Jerry Fisher, Mary Lou Verla, Kathy Richards, Lynn LaCoss Bradley, Edward L., Special Intention, Claire Albee, Michael John Crowley, Janet Erickson, Jerry Fisher, Angela Haws, Betty Stone, James Irvin

**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.**

## Pastoral COUNCIL

Are you interested in joining our Pastoral Council? We have a few open slots as some member terms are coming to an end. If so, contact Father Steve. Get involved and help make a difference by offering your ideas for the betterment of our Parish!

Offering of Treasure for		2/13/2022
Annunciation Parish		
Total Regular Envelopes Used		355
Weekly	\$	5,637.51
Fuel & Energy	\$	1,164.00
Maintenance	\$	362.00
Restoration	\$	276.00
Catholic University	\$	45.00
Immaculate Conception	\$	10.00
Initial Offering	\$	5.00
Catholic Free Press	\$	284.00
Latin America	\$	770.00
Home Missions	\$	110.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	0.00
Religious Ed	\$	88.00
Needy Child	\$	35.00
Altar Supplies	\$	49.00
<b>ONLINE GIVING</b>	\$	911.00
<b>Total</b>	\$	<b>9,746.51</b>

