



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” - Mt 13:23

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Using the best seeds doesn't always guarantee the best plants. An older Italian gentleman straight from Italy gave me these amazing tomato seeds that he claimed produced the best tomatoes ever grown. Without doubt, the fruit he shared with me was a testament to that fact. These tomatoes were amazing! I couldn't wait until the next growing season to plant these seeds and harvest my own tomatoes. The whole experiment ended up a failure. I did everything the gentleman said, but my fruit didn't even come close. What happened? At first I was perplexed, then some years later the light dawned. The problem wasn't the seeds, it was the soil!

You cannot sow seeds in any old place and in a haphazard way and expect them to be at their best. It doesn't work that way. Planting the seeds is the easiest part. Preparing the soil is the challenge. Tilling, mulching, enriching, and building up the nutrients are all required for good fruit. Then after the seeds are planted, more care is required in order to maintain that healthy, nutrient rich environment for those seeds to sprout, grow, and flourish. God happily sows the seeds of his Word. What do we do with them?

If we expect to be a passive bystander and have good fruit magically grow, we are mistaken. Bearing the good fruit of God's Word requires preparation and work. We have to cultivate the soil of our lives so that those seeds can find a proper home. This one thing alone takes a great deal of patience, time, and effort. What kind of preparation have we put into our lives so that we can be a recipient of God's seed? It takes a great deal of soul-searching and ego-checking to properly prepare. God is the ever faithful and persistent sower. If the seeds do not bear fruit the first time, God will come back time and time again, giving it another try.

If we have created a suitable bed for sowing, then once the seed is sown, we must properly maintain them. What is our maintenance plan for the seeds of God's Word? We need not only a source for water but a watering schedule. We need to weed, aerate the soil, nurture the young plants, protect them, and provide proper nutrients. What does our spiritual maintenance plan look like? If we have done all things well, imagine what the seeds of God's Word could produce in us! ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

<u>Sat., 7/11</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	Marie Simpson , Birthday, by family
	(Remembrance)	Jim Ruchala , 4 th Anniv., by family
	(Remembrance)	Michael Stone , 1 st Anniv., by family
	(Remembrance)	Richard Berthiaume , 19 th Anniv., by family
<u>Sun., 7/12</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
	<u>10:30 am</u>	Iris Rose , by Roy's Funeral Home
	(Remembrance)	Amalia Diaz , Birthday, by family
	<u>6:00 pm</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
<u>Mon., 7/13</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Emery & Norman Gauvin , by sister, Doreen Gallant
<u>Tue., 7/14</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Enrico Palumbo , 95 th Birthday, by family
<u>Wed., 7/15</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	James Simpson , Anniv., by family
<u>Thu., 7/16</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Jose Oquendo , by Jack Murphy
<u>Fri., 7/17</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
<u>Sat., 7/18</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
<u>Sun., 7/19</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
	<u>10:30 am</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
	<u>6:00 pm</u>	Clement & Judith Anish and Paul & Alice Chase , by family

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$5,463.00
(\$309.00 in loose offerings and \$5,154.00 in 105 envelopes)	
-- Easter Envelope:	\$ 5.00
-- Charity:	\$ 175.00
-- Ascension Envelope:	\$ 5.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$1,066.00
-- Debt Reduction Donations:	\$ 58.00
-- Peter's Pence:	\$ 95.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$1,183.88
-- Fuel Donation:	\$ 14.49
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 110.00
-- Debt Reduction Donations:	\$ 30.00
-- Charitable Ministries:	\$ 50.00
-- Unrestricted:	\$ 255.00
-- Peter's Pence & Mission Coop:	\$ 105.00

Thank you to all who contributed.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Josephine Brewster, Linda O'Malley** and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23
Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9
- Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 10:34—11:1
- Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15
Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab, 15, 16-18, 19-21
Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21
- Next Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16
Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

LITURGICAL MEMORIALS

The bread and wine being used at all Masses this week has been donated in memory of *Richard Berthiaume* by his family.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

We have now raised \$37,275 – 65% of our \$57,500 goal for this year’s annual appeal to fund 25 pastoral services and ministries. We urge those who have contributed in the past to do so again this year and invite others to join the ranks of parishioners supporting our diocesan ministries. You can donate online at the Partners webpage: www.partners-charity.net or call the rectory and we will mail the material to you.

DO YOU KNOW OF ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for adults who desire to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. It’s goal of the RCIA process is full, conscious and active participation in an exciting life with Jesus Christ within His Catholic Church. RCIA helps adults grow in their relationship with God, become familiar with Catholic teachings and practices, get acquainted with the faith community and get involved in service within the community. Many people who want to join the Catholic Church have already been baptized in another Christian Church. They do not need to be rebaptized. They participate in the process with those never baptized to familiarize themselves with the Roman Catholic Tradition. Others may have been baptized in the Catholic Church and need to complete the sacraments of initiation by receiving first Eucharist and/or Confirmation. All will have an opportunity to grow in their relationship with God and learn more about the faith before receiving the Sacraments. If you know of someone who might be interested in learning more about RCIA, call the rectory to speak with Fr. Monroe or Karen Barrows or email cmonroe@ourladyofangels.org or Karen at kbarrowsola@aol.com.

TD BANK --AFFINITY PROGRAM

Our parish has its account with TD Bank which offers a wonderful non-profit benefit to customers like us. They allow members of the parish who have accounts at the bank to consider having their savings or cd accounts tagged indicating your membership in the parish. On an annual basis, the TD Bank Corporation donates 1/10th of one percent of the average daily balances of all tagged savings accounts and certificates of deposit. Fr. Monroe has his personal accounts at the bank and has his account tagged and a significant number of households have done so as well, resulting in a check for \$1,235.45 to the parish in fiscal year 2018. If any existing bank customer who is not yet participating decides to do so, we receive \$10 for each person who does so and \$50 for anyone who opens a new account at TD Bank and asked to have that savings or certificate of deposit account tagged. If you have any questions about the charitable program, please contact Fr. Monroe or speak to the manager at the TD Bank.

HOSPITAL VISITS

The Worcester hospitals are now allowing parish priests to make brief visits to parishioners who are hospitalized. Fr. Monroe will begin to check for OLA members who are admitted. It would be helpful if you call the rectory if a family member is admitted since the admission process does not always ask for church membership.

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS SCHOOL

There are openings in all grades for the 2020-2021 school year.

The school administration, with input from faculty and parents, is now engaged in developing the framework for onsite learning this Fall.

We already have structures in place for virtual instruction should that become necessary at any point during the school year. Our school successfully finished the last academic year with 11 weeks of online **teaching** -- 4 1/2 days a week throughout the shutdown.

We offer a wonderful academic and healthy personal growth program for Pre-school through Grade 8 with excellent teachers under the guidance and supervision of our principal, **Doreen Albert**. We also have some financial assistance to offer to families of our parish who could use some help to be able to enroll their children.

If you would like to examine what we have to offer your children, contact Doreen Albert, our principal, call the school at 508-752-5609 or email her at doreen.albert@worcesterdiocesek12.org. You can also gather information at the school website: www.ourladyoftheangels.us.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

<u>Sun., July 12</u>	<u>Fifteenth Ordinal Sunday</u>
8:00 am	Lord’s Day Mass
10:30 am	Lord’s Day Mass
6:00 pm	Lord’s Day Mass
<u>Mon., July 13 – St. Henry</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Tue., July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Wed., July 15 – St. Bonaventure</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Thu., July 16 – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Fri., July 17 – Friday of 15th Ordinal Week</u>	
9:00 am	Daily Mass
<u>Sat., July 18 – St. Camillus de Lellis</u>	
3:00 pm	Confessions
4:00 pm	Vigil Mass

120 CLUB

The winner of last week’s drawing is *Andy Power* - # 27.

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, July 11	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, July 12	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

HOLY HOUR FOR LAY PEOPLE

On July 10 at 7 pm, a holy hour for lay people to pray for priests took place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. It takes place every second Friday of the month (August 14 next month). This holy hour will consist of time for silent adoration, as well as a short reflection, the rosary, and benediction. Please join us for this important act of service and prayer for our priests.

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