OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

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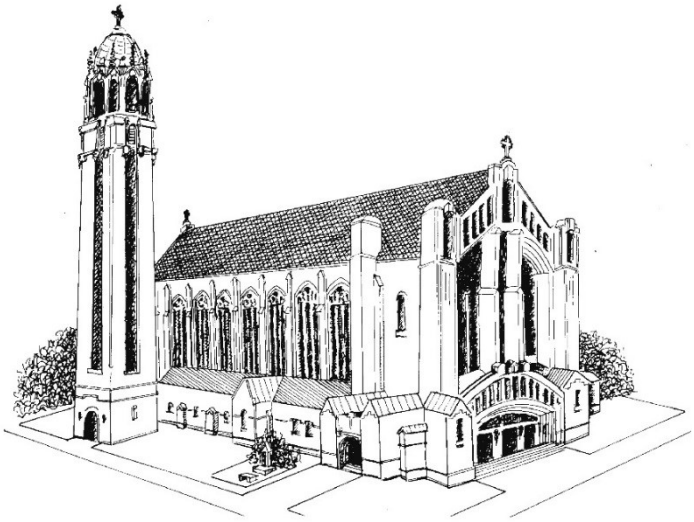
We, the parish community of Our Lady of the Angels, as part of the universal Catholic Church, are answering the call to love and serve one another in this ever-changing world. Part of our call is to be a welcoming community of faith that is nourished and sustained through the mystery of the Holy Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit. Together, we are called and committed to be active witnesses of God's presence among us by serving others in our parish as well as in the community at large, especially the poor. By continual proclamation of the Gospel and celebration of the Sacraments, we are dedicated to growth in knowledge and faith which will enable us to build a strong foundation for all peoples to experience life to the fullest as Jesus intends.



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Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil:	4:00 pm
Sunday:	8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm
Monday – Friday:	9:00 am
Holy Days:	4:00 pm Vigil, 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays, by appointment at present

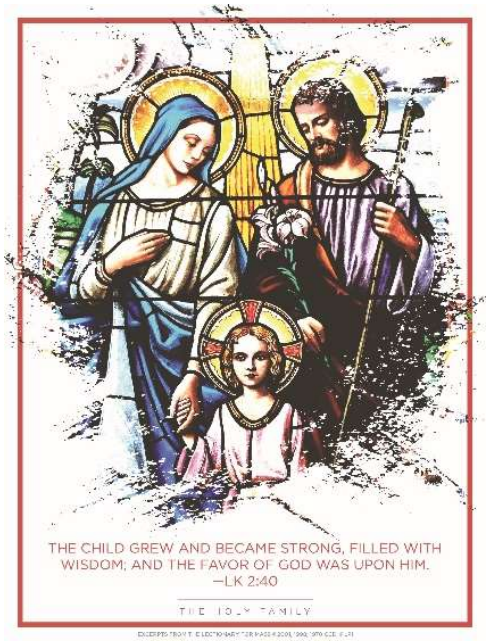
Sacrament of Baptism
Contact the rectory to arrange for Baptism Preparation and schedule the Baptism. We also have a process for adults. Contact the rectory.

Sacrament of Matrimony
Contact the rectory as soon as you decide on a date to begin the preparation process.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
The pastor should be called whenever someone can benefit for the Sacrament of Healing.

Office for Healing and Prevention of Abuse
Judith Audette, 508-929-4364 or Confidential Line: 508-726-2880 – jaudette@worcsterdiocese.org

All are welcome to join the parish community. Please call or come to the rectory to register.



Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us! ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Sat., 12/26	4:00 pm	**Deacon Al Desautels,** by his wife
(Remembrance)		**Kim Tuyen Le,** by family
Sun., 12/27	8:00 am	**Parishioners' Intentions**
	10:30 am	**Kim Tuyen Le,** by family
	6:00 pm	**Adolfo Ortiz, Jr.,** by family
Mon., 12/28	9:00 am	**Pat Mullaney,** Birthday, by family
(Remembrance)		**Kim Tuyen Le,** by family
Tue., 12/29	9:00 am	**Kim Tuyen Le,** by family
Wed., 12/30	9:00 am	**Kim Tuyen Le,** by family
Thu., 12/31	9:00 am	**Kim Tuyen Le,** 16th Anniv., by family
	4:00 pm	**Parishioners' Intentions**
Fri., 1/1	9:00 am	**Parishioners' Intentions**
	6:00 pm	**Parishioners' Intentions**
Sat., 1/2	4:00 pm	**Steven Boudreau, Jr.,** Month's Mind, by Michael Marchand
Sun., 1/3	8:00 am	**Parishioners' Intentions**
	10:30 am	**Charles E. Monroe** (22nd Anniv.) **and All Deceased of the Monroe & Hourihan Families,** by Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	**Parishioners' Intentions**

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	$3,494.00

($346.00 in loose offerings and $3,148.00 in 93 envelopes)

-- Unrestricted Gift:	$ 100.00
-- Immaculate Conception:	$ 25.00
-- Charitable Ministries:	$ 5.00
-- Flower Donations:	$ 461.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	$ 310.00
-- Liturgical Memorial:	$ 25.00
-- Religious Retirement:	$ 245.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	$1,238.45
-- Christmas Collection:	$ 76.00
-- Unrestricted Gift:	$ 75.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	$ 149.78
-- Debt Reduction Donations:	$ 25.00
-- Memorial Donation:	$ 57.02
-- Flower Donations:	$ 75.00
-- Fuel Donation:	$ 10.00
-- Charitable Ministries:	$ 40.00
-- Religious Retirement:	$ 651.00

Thank you to all who contributed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-17
Lk 2:22-40
Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 /Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

HOLY DAY

January First is celebrated as the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God – a holy day. There will be three Masses to observe the Feast: **4:00 pm Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 31st and Masses at 9:00 am and 6:00 pm on Friday, January 1st.**

BAPTISM

We recently baptized ***Elliot Altif.*** We pray he will grow in appreciation of what was done for him through the support of his parents and godparents.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of ***Julie Pierce, Homer Carbonneau*** and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

THANK YOU

Our Charitable Ministries Group would like to thank parishioners and friends of OLA who have been incredibly generous with donations at Thanksgiving and through the Giving Tree for Christmas. We have been able to respond to requests for assistance both at Thanksgiving and Christmas for all who reached out to our parish,

ANOTHER THANK YOU

Fr. Monroe would like to express his appreciation to so many people who have helped during the COVID difficulties - to the men and women who have assisted with sanitizing/cleaning on a weekly basis – to volunteers who help clean and set up for the Christmas celebrations – to Kurt Blomstrom, our organist and cantors: Steve Gagliastro, Kevin Holm, Alana Kearney, Annie Kerins and Karen Lennox (additional Bravo to Steve who once again directed and arranged the musical program for our "Mid Night Mass" at 5:00 pm on Christmas Eve – to our lectors who have remained faithful to proclaiming God's Word at Masses – and to so many of you whose Flower Donations made it possible to decorate the church for the Christmas Feasts. Michael Fleming is no longer able to provide the spectacular decorations of past years and we keep him in our prayers.

MONTHLY RESPECT LIFE PROJECT

Next weekend, we invite you to bring with you to Mass items that would be useful in assisting Visitation House to help expectant and young mothers in need. Items can be placed at the Holy Family Shrine. Recommended items include diapers of all sizes, wet wipes, baby photo albums and toiletries of all kinds, powder, baby blankets or anything else you think would help expectant or new mothers care for themselves and their child.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE NOTE

Over the past several months we have detected leakage issues in the Bell Tower during heavy rain.
We contacted our roofing company last week and they climbed the tower to inspect the situation. There are drain and flashing issues on the main deck area where the carillon speakers are located and some severe damage to the drainpipes that carry water from the upper deck below the cupola that will need to be repaired – requiring use of a crane. The company is developing an estimate of those costs.

2021 CALENDARS

Once again this year, Michael Marchand of Roy Brothers Funeral Home has donated the cost of the Catholic Extension Calendars for our parish. We thank him for his continued generosity and thank him as well for the loving care and assistance he has offered many of our parish families who lost loved ones this past year.
The calendars are available on a stand in the Family Center Atrium. Please feel free to bring one to neighbors you might know who are not able to attend church these days.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., December 27 – Feast of the Holy Family
8:00 am Lord's Day Mass
10:30 am Lord's Day Mass
6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass
Mon., December 28 – The Holy Innocents
9:00 am Daily Mass
Tue., December – St. Thomas Becket
9:00 am Daily Mass
Wed., December 30 – Wednesday in the Octave of Christmas
9:00 am Daily Mass
Thu., December 31 – St. Sylvester I
9:00 am Holy Day Mass
4:00 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass
Fri., January 1 – Feast of Mary, the Mother of God
9:00 am Holy Day Mass
6:00 pm Holy Day Mass
Sat., January 2 – Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Naziansen
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, January 2	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, January 3	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

TELEVISED & ONLINE MASS

Daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Family Rosary continues to stream at worcesterdiocese.org.

Public Access Stations now carrying Masses:

Weekday Mass -- Worcester Ch 194 "the people's channel" at 9 am -- Spencer Ch 192 at 9 am -- Holden Ch 191 at 9 am -- Auburn Ch 191 at 9 am -- Shrewsbury Ch 28 at 4:30 pm
Sunday Mass -- Worcester Ch 194 "the people's channel" Spanish Sunday Mass at 8 am and English Sunday Mass at 10 am (English Sunday Mass replays on Monday at 6 pm) Spencer Ch 192 Sunday at 10 am -- Auburn Ch 191 Sunday at 10 am -- Holden Ch 191 Sunday at 10 am -- Templeton Ch 8 Sunday at 10 am -- Athol/Orange Ch 13/135 Sunday at 10:30 am -- Paxton Ch 192 Sunday at 4 pm (replays Monday at 6 pm and 8 pm)

HOME & HOSPITAL VISITS

At present, due to the increase in COVID cases, Fr. Monroe is not allowed to visit parishioners in either of the hospitals. If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital, tell your nurse you would like a visit from the hospital chaplain.
Fr. Monroe and Sr. Marie have begun making home visits to parishioners on our lists.