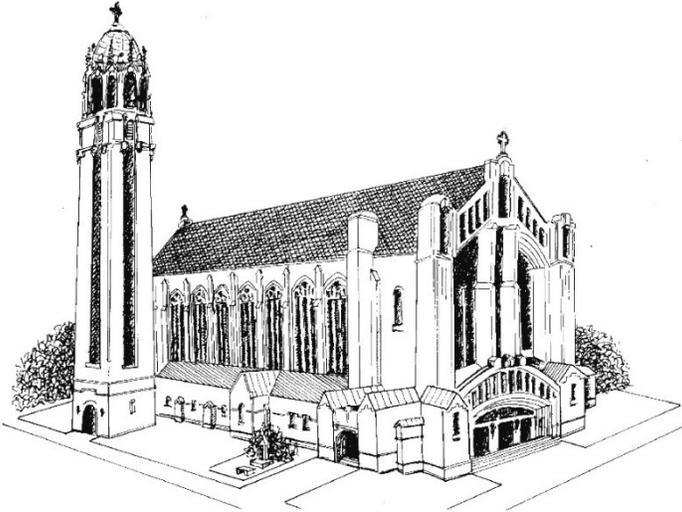


OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

1222 MAIN STREET • WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01603

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.



Pastor

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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@worcesterdiocese.org

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

BISHOP'S EASTER LETTER

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Imagine the joy of Christ's grieving followers gathered in the Upper Room when on Easter the Risen Lord suddenly appeared and said, "Peace be with you." Their joy and peace at Christ's Victory must have been unbounded as they recognized Him in their presence.

But not all of Christ's followers shared that joy. Saint Thomas, who was absent, experienced not joy but doubt. Two other disciples after hearing of Christ's Resurrection, instead of immediately joining the others, departed Jerusalem and were downcast. Even when Jesus drew near and spoke to them of the Scriptures, they did not recognize Him. Only in the breaking of the bread (the Eucharist) did they recognize Him. Only then did they return to Jerusalem to join the disciples assembled in the Upper Room and share in the joy of Easter.

On this Easter Sunday, after a year of COVID isolation, when we seek peace and joy amidst doubts and losses we can profitably reflect on the importance of gathering at the Eucharist. As Jesus came to the disciples gathered together in Jerusalem so, too, He is most present to us, not in our individual reflections upon the Scriptures, but when the Scriptures and Eucharist are celebrated at Mass.

It has been a long year with necessary and prudent precautions keeping many of us from Sunday Mass. Given the extraordinary circumstances of the COVID pandemic, personal prayer, reading the Scriptures and watching the Mass live-streamed have been prudent choices for many. However, such choices are all inferior to being present at Sunday Mass and receiving the Holy Eucharist, which the Second Vatican Council proclaimed as the source and summit of the Church. Like St. Thomas and the disciples on the road to Emmaus, it is harder to recognize Jesus, ward off doubts and avoid being downcast by the trials and tragedies of life when we are not nourished by the Eucharist at Sunday Mass.

As signs of progress in the COVID pandemic begin to give way to hope for a return to a more normal life, and as vaccines become more widely available, it may be time to begin to consider prayerfully a return to Sunday Mass. Certainly, everyone needs to consult family and doctors and use prudence taking into account one's own circumstances and health. Our parishes will continue to require masks and social distancing and employ sanitary precautions. As society moves towards reopening, may the Holy Spirit guide you, along with prudent medical advice, in your consideration about coming back to Sunday Mass in the weeks and months ahead.

With every prayerful best wish for a joyous Easter, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
 Bishop of Worcester

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Sat., 4/3	7:30 pm	Parishioners' Intentions
Sun., 4/4	8:00 am	Parishioners' Intentions
	10:30 am	Donald Painchaud, Birthday, by family
	(Remembrance)	Molly Boyle, Anniv., by a friend
	6:00 pm	Deceased of Proffitt & Dillon Families, by Ken
Mon., 4/5	9:00 am	Parishioners' Intentions
Tue., 4/6	9:00 am	Parishioners' Intentions
Wed., 4/7	9:00 am	Parishioners' Intentions
Thu., 4/8	9:00 am	Parishioners' Intentions
Fri., 4/9	9:00 am	Parishioners' Intentions
Sat., 4/10	9:00 am	Parishioners' Intentions
	4:00 pm	Michael Donoghue, by Sheila Reilly
	(Remembrance)	Concetta & Camillo Finocchi, by family
Sun., 4/11	8:00 am	Parishioners' Intentions
	10:30 am	Rick Dufresne, 5 th Anniv., by family
	(Remembrance)	Stephen Ardito, Month's Mind, by Roy Funeral Home
	6:00 pm	Parishioners' Intentions

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$3,648.00
(\$450.00 in loose offerings and \$3,198.00 in 104 envelopes)	
-- Liturgical Memorials:	\$ 350.00
-- Charitable Ministries:	\$ 5.00
-- Flower Donations:	\$ 510.00
-- Fuel Donation:	\$ 30.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 165.00
-- Memorial Donation:	\$ 50.00
-- Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 73.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$1,202.90
-- Debt Reduction Donations:	\$ 48.39
-- Charitable Ministries:	\$ 10.00
-- Easter:	\$ 25.00
-- Flower Donations:	\$ 35.00
-- Maintenance:	\$ 116.20
-- Unrestricted Gift:	\$ 25.00
-- Catholic Relief Services:	\$ 45.00
-- Holy Land Collection:	\$ 5.00
-- Operation Rice Bowl:	\$ 50.00

Thank you to all who contributed. Thank you to all who donate online using our secure service provided by VANCO.

LITURGICAL MEMORIALS

The bread and wine being used at all Masses this week has been donated in memory of **Andrew and Ed Olson** by their family. The candles being used at the altar and pulpit have been donated in memory of **Andrew and Ed Olson** by their family.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

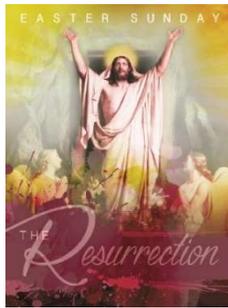
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 & 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are. ©LPi

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

All who contributed last year have received a letter from Fr. Monroe and/or the bishop with the contribution envelope. We ask everyone to pray about what you might be able to contribute this year and fill out the envelope. Drop it in the collection box or mail it to 49 Elm Street. You can also contribute online at the diocesan Partners in Charity website: www.partners-charity.net and click on the **Donate Now!** Icon.

FIRST COMMUNION

On Saturday, April 10, we will celebrate First Communion in our parish. The children who will receive the Sacrament are:

Catherine Anzalone, John Cicero, Rileigh Cusack, Aidan Doyle, Jackson Gervais, Jaxon Green, Christopher Guntor, Hope Hathaway, Lillian Roy, Giuseppe Struppa, James Torres and Mya Toscano.

At this Mass, Jackson Gervais will be baptized before receiving his First Communion. We congratulate all of the children and their families.

On Sunday, April 11 at the 10:30 am Mass, the following children will receive their First Communion: ***Brandon, Ilian & Braden Diaz.*** They were ready to do so last year but due to COVID uncertainties their family decided to delay their First Communion until this year.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of ***John V. DiLiddo*** and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

BAPTISM

Last Sunday we celebrated the Baptism of ***Owen Coogan.*** We congratulate his parents and pray that he will grow in the practice of Christian Faith with the support of parents and godparents.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Sun., April 4 – Easter Sunday
8:00 am Lord's Day Mass
10:30 am Lord's Day Mass
6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass
- Mon., April 5 – Easter Monday
9:00 am Daily Mass
- Tue., April 6 – Easter Tuesday
9:00 am Daily Mass
- Wed., April 7 – Easter Wednesday
9:00 am Daily Mass
- Thu., April 8 – Easter Thursday
9:00 am Daily Mass
- Fri., April 9 – Easter Friday
9:00 am Daily Mass
- Sat., April 10 – Easter Saturday
9:00 am Daily Mass
10:30 am First Communion Mass
4:00 pm Lord's Day Vigil Mass

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who made donations or memorial gifts to help decorate the church for Easter. Thank you as well to all who served as lectors, hand sanitizers or servers.! May the Risen Lord bless us all!