



**FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30):	#645 in <i>Worship</i>
Order of Mass:	Front Page or #202 in <i>Worship</i>
Liturgy of the Word:	#1173 in <i>Worship</i>
Responsorial Psalm (4,8,10:30):	#26 in <i>Gather</i>
Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30):	#329 in <i>Worship</i>
Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30):	#660 in <i>Worship</i>
Acclamations (4,8,10:30)	#369, 370, 382 in <i>Worship</i>
Communion Litany (4,8,10:30)	#596 in <i>Worship</i>

**MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES**

Sat., 8/28 4:00 pm **Tony & Kathy Rano & all deceased of the Rano & Kelley Families**

(Remembrance) **Tommy Desautels**, by his mother

Sun., 8/29 8:00 am **Michael Moran**, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family

10:30 am **Mary Alexandrov**, 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family

6:00 pm **Parishioners' Intentions**

Mon., 8/30 9:00 am **Harold Shankle**,

by Paul & Patti Verderese

Tue., 8/31 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**

Wed., 9/1 9:00 am **Proffitt & Dillon Family Deceased**

Thu., 9/2 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**

Fri., 9/3 9:00 am **Bill Gibbons**, by the Butcher Family

Sat., 9/4 4:00 pm **Parishioners' Intentions**

Sun., 9/5 8:00 am **John O'Gara**, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family

10:30 am **Father Dennis O'Brien**,

by the Painchaud family

6:00 pm **Parishioners' Intentions**

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$2,904.00
(\$421.00 in loose offerings and \$2,483.00 in 78 envelopes)	
-- Holy Day:	\$ 102.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 46.00
-- Baptism Donation:	\$ 100.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$1,521.70
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 183.27
-- Unrestricted Gift:	\$ 50.00
-- Charitable Ministries:	\$ 29.35
-- Holy Day:	\$ 10.00
-- Central/Eastern Europe:	\$ 24.51
-- Haiti Collection:	\$ 25.00

Thank you to all who contributed.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/Jas 2:1-5/

Mk 7:31-37

Albert Einstein said that the “true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination.” Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God’s children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God’s compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God’s word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn’t just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That’s why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It’s risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That’s why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling. ©LPi

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES**

**Catechist Meeting:**

**This Sunday, August 29 in the Hall after the 10:30 am Mass.**

**Registration:**

Material has been mailed to all families who had children in the program in recent years. All public- school students in Grades 1 thru 11 should be registered for grade level programs.

Public school and Catholic School students should be registered for First Communion and Confirmation preparation programs. (Catholic school students will join public school students for 7 sessions in the first semester for First Reconciliation and 7 sessions for First Communion in the second semester and Catholic school high schoolers will join public school students for 7 sessions beginning January 9, 2022.

**2021-2022 Programs:**

Grades 1- 9 will begin weekly sessions on Sunday, September 12 at 9:00 in the OLA School.

Grades 10 & 11 public school students who would like to receive Confirmation in the Spring of 2022 will begin classes at 9:00 am on Sunday, September 19. Catholic school students will join the public- school students on January 9, 2022 for the immediate Confirmation preparation.

**REST IN PEACE**

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Patricia Dulmaine, Patricia Miller Grala, Shirley Mandella* and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

**BAPTISMS**

We baptized the following child last Sunday: *Colin Ludvigson*. We pray that he will all grow to understand what was done for him and learn to practice his faith with the support of their parents and godparents.

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY**

August 31<sup>st</sup> is the last day of the current fiscal year when the annual appeal comes to an end.

We have now raised \$48,940.00 from pledges and one- time gifts offered by Fr. Monroe and 198 other households. This amounts to 85% of our goal of \$57,500.

**FR. MONROE URGES EVERYONE to offer a gift this week – no matter how small it might be to help us get closer to our parish goal!**

Envelopes are available in the tray on the table in the Family Center Atrium.

You can also contribute online at the website where you can view the video describing the annual appeal. Go to <https://www.partners-charity.net>. Gifts will still be accepted through the first week of September!

**LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST**

Vianney Dinners are back! The next Vianney dinner is set for **Thursday Sept. 2** at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies, 51 Illinois St. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. They are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as their schedule allows. **6:05 PM Mass, 6:30 dinner, and 7 PM social.** An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful.

Email [director@worcestervocations.com](mailto:director@worcestervocations.com).

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sun., August 29 – 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinal Sunday

**8:00 am Lord’s Day Mass**  
**10:30 am Lord’s Day Mass**  
**11:30 am Religious Education Catechist Meeting**  
**2-4 pm Throne of God Worship Service**  
**6:00 pm Lord’s Day Mass**

Mon., August 30 – Monday of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinal Week

**8:00 am OLA School Opens**  
**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Tue., August 31 – Tuesday of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinal Week

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Wed., September 1 – Wednesday of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinal Week

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Thu., September 2 – Thursday of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinal Week

**9:00 am Daily Mass**  
**6:30 pm Neighborhood Crime Watch in Hall**

Fri., September 3 – St. Gregory the Great

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Sat., September 4 – Saturday of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinal Week

**3:00 pm Confessions**  
**4:00 pm Lord’s Day Vigil Mass**

**ANNUAL TD BANK AFFINITY GIFT**

Our parish has its account at TD Bank across the street from the rectory. The TD Bank Corporation has a program whereby they allow non-profit organizations to invite their members who have accounts at TD Bank to allow the bank to tag savings and CD accounts with a parish identifier assigned to OLA.

Each year, the TD Corporation disburses money to the participating non-profits based on a percentage of the average daily balances of all tagged accounts of its members. The money is from TD Bank Corporation – nothing is taken from participants’ accounts. We are grateful to a significant number of our parishioners who have done so. Our annual dividend check for 2021 was for \$2,118.26. Anyone who opens an account with TD bank and tags their account receives a \$25 gift and the parish receives \$50. If you have any questions about the program, feel free to call Fr. Monroe or speak with a teller at the bank.

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday, September 4	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, September 5	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

**DRUG OVERDOSE AWARENESS**

On Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm there will be gathering at Worcester City Hall Plaza as part of the observance of International Overdose Awareness Day, honoring the memory of family members lost to drug addiction. The service will be followed by a procession to the Overdose Memorial at Peace Park on Winslow Street. The event will take place rain or shine.

**DRUG OVERDOSE SUPPORT GROUP**

The monthly Support Group for Families who have lost members will be held in our Family Center on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.