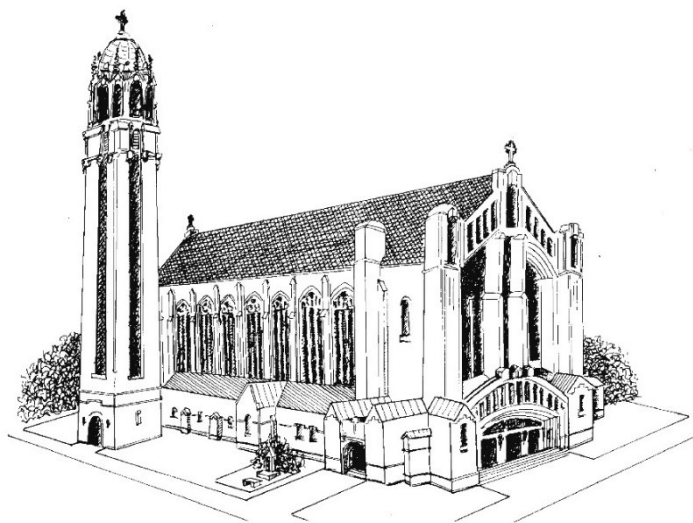


OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

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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.



Pastor

Rev. Charles F. Monroe(ext. 10)

Priest in Residence

Rev. Terrence Dougherty, O.C.D.

Religious Education

(Contact Fr. Monroe)

Pastoral Assistant for the Elderly

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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 at 3:00 pm or by appointment.

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

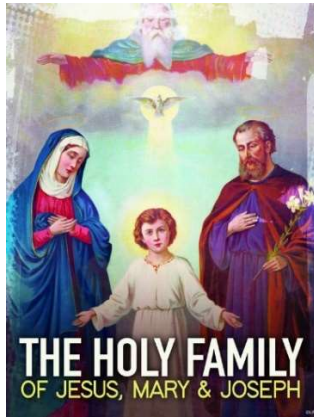
The pastor should be called whenever someone can benefit for the Sacrament of Healing.

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.*



Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTE

There will be no classes next Sunday, January 2, 2022. The schedule mistakenly had Grades 1-9 listed for January 2 but since it is the end of the Christmas vacation break, we will not have those classes.

Please note on January 9, there will be class for all groups: Grades 1 thru 9 and the first Confirmation Class for all students from Public and Catholic Schools.

The amended schedule for January will be as follows:

Grades 1-8 on January 9, 16, 23 & 30

Grade 9 on January 9, 16 and 30

Confirmation (public & Catholic Schools) on January 9 & 23.

FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30): #424 in *Worship*
 Order of Mass: Front Page or #202 in *Worship*
 Liturgy of the Word: #1017 in *Worship*
 Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30): #420 in *Worship*
 Acclamations (4,8,10:30) #353, 356, 367, 384 in *Worship*
 Communion Litany (4,8,10:30) #606 in *Gather*

JANUARY 1ST HOLY DAY

January 1st is The Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

When it falls on a Saturday, **there is no obligation to participate in Mass.** Since there is no obligation to attend Mass, we will have just **one Mass at 9:00 am Saturday, January 1st** for those who would like to observe the Feast.

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Sun., 12/26 8:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
 10:30 am **Thomas Cotter**, by family
 (Remembrance) **Kim Tuyen Le**, by family
 6:00 pm **Proffitt & Dillon Families**, by Ken
 Mon., 12/27 9:00 am **Dominic Nompoggi**, 4 mo. Anniv., by family
 (Remembrance) **Kim Tuyen Le**, by family
 Tue., 12/28 9:00 am **Tommy Desautels**, by his mother
 (Remembrance) **Kim Tuyen Le**, by family
 Wed., 12/29 9:00 am **Pat Mullaney**, Birthday, by family
 (Remembrance) **Kim Tuyen Le**, by family
 Thu., 12/30 9:00 am **Joseph Prachniak**, by family
 (Remembrance) **Jack Gagliastro**, 2nd Anniv., by family
 (Remembrance) **Kim Tuyen Le**, by family
 Fri., 12/31 9:00 am **Kim Tuyen Le**, 17th Anniv., by family
 Sat., 1/1 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
 4:00 pm **Charles E. Monroe**, 23rd Anniv. and all deceased of Monroe & Hourihan Families, by family
 (Remembrance) **Kim Tuyen Le**, by family
 Sun., 1/2 8:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
 10:30 am **Charles E. Monroe**, 23rd Anniv. and all deceased of Monroe & Hourihan Families
 6:00 pm **Raymond Trifone**, by the Erickson family

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$5,544.00
-- Charitable Ministries:	\$ 175.00
-- Christmas Flowers:	\$ 262.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 315.00
-- Funerals:	\$ 300.00
-- Liturgical Memorials:	\$ 50.00
-- Immaculate Conception:	\$ 68.00
-- Religious Retirement Appeal:	\$ 115.00
-- Christmas:	\$ 255.00
-- Music Donation:	\$ 175.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$1,304.53
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 198.91
-- Charitable Ministries:	\$ 90.00
-- Christmas:	\$ 25.00
-- Fuel Donation:	\$ 25.00
-- Flower Donations:	\$ 45.00
-- Immaculate Conception:	\$ 25.00
-- Unrestricted:	\$ 50.00
-- Religious Retirement Appeal:	\$ 505.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-17

Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

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

LEARN MORE ABOUT PRIESTHOOD

The next Vianney dinner is **Wednesday January 12, 2022** at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies. Please note the change of date. 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 to director@worcestervocations.com is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count of those who will attend.

FUNDRAISER

The Guild of Our Lady of Providence is sponsoring a calendar raffle in lieu of their Mini-Fair which has been cancelled due to COVID restrictions. The cost of the calendar for the month of March 2022 is \$10 with 31 chances to win \$100, \$50 or a gift card worth \$50. Calendars can be purchased by calling Jo-Anne Cronin at 508-842-1569. Proceeds assist the Guild in its mission to assist medical and educational needs in the Diocese of Worcester. Your support is greatly appreciated.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men of all ages, including teens and college, are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for Assumption University on **Saturday, April 2, 2022**. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online.

Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Father Anthony Hamaty and Dr. Pat Castle.

For further information call Msgr. Tom Sullivan at 508-450-2556. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 21st; afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30.

HALO SUPPORT GROUP

HALO stands for Healing After Loss due to drug overdose. On the first Monday of each month this support group meets to provide family members cope with the loss of a loved one from drugs or alcohol.

They meet at 7:00 pm in the Rieger Hall of our church. The next session will take place Monday, January 3rd. For more information or to ask questions, contact Aileen Lovejoy at 508-755-5041 or Deb Dowd-Foley at 508-248-5622.



THANK YOU

The parish is blest with so many generous members and volunteers. We were able to assist 30 households with Christmas meals and ability to purchase gifts for their children because of the amazing response to the Giving Tree Project. Thank you for all liturgical ministers who volunteered for service at Christmas Masses and many who helped prepare and decorate the church for the holy days. Once again this year, Steve Gagliastro assembled and directed a choral group for our Mass in Mid Night at 10:00 pm Christmas Eve. Thank you to the musicians who shared their talent, including Jane Shivick, Kevin Holm and Karen Lennox, the cantors at the other Masses and Kurt Blomstrom, our organist, who played for all four Masses.

LITURGICAL MEMORIALS

The bread and wine for all Masses this week have been donated in memory of *Deceased of the Bujnowski & Lambert Families*. The Tabernacle Candles for the month of January have been donated in memory of *Michael Chalifoux* by his family.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Eileen Slater* and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., December 26 – Feast of the Holy Family

8:00 am Lord's Day Mass

No Religious Education Classes

10:30 am Lord's Day Mass

2-4 pm Throne of God Worship Service

6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass

Mon., December 27 – St. John the Evangelist

9:00 am Daily Mass

6:30 pm Confessions

Tue., December 28 – Holy Innocents

9:00 am Daily Mass

Wed., December 29 – St. Thomas Becket

9:00 am Daily Mass

Thu., December 30 – St. John of Kanty

9:00 am Daily Mass

Fri., December 31 – Friday of 4th Week of Avent

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., January 1 – Mary the Mother of God

9:00 am Holy Day Mass

4:00 pm Lord's Day Vigil Mass

“CURSILLO FOR WOMEN”

It's time to learn more about your Faith. It's time to experience what our religion can do for you. Jesus is waiting for you, personally. Cursillo weekends are a wonderful, fun way to give you a start on this journey. Two weekends are coming up for early 2022. A **Women's Weekend February 3-6**; and a **Men's Weekend March 17-20**. Visit www.fourthday.org and download an application today or call Pam Hamilton at 774-239-8909 for more information. You will be so very glad you did!

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, January 1	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, January 2	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe