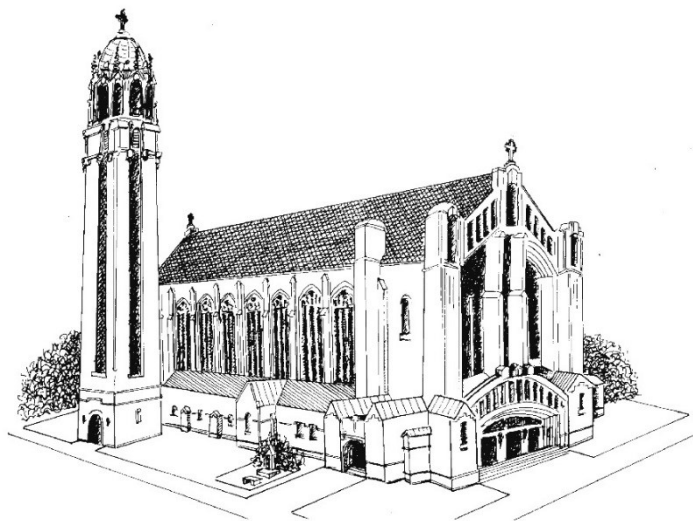


# OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

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**

Rev. Charles F. Monroe.....(ext. 10)

## **Priest in Residence**

Rev. Terrence Dougherty, O.C.D.

## **Pastoral Assistant for Education**

Position is vacant at present

## **Pastoral Assistant for the Elderly**

Sr. Marie Therese Martin, C.S.J.(ext. 19)

## **Organist**

Mr. Kurt Blomstrom

## **Office Director**

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## **School Principal**

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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.

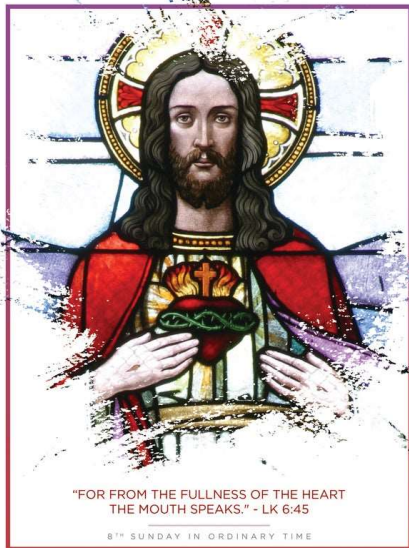
## **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

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](mailto:jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org)

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



What we say and how we say it reveals the true intentions of our hearts. The content and manner of our speech is a window into the recesses of our souls. Our consciences, attitudes, sentiments, weaknesses, and motives are displayed. As much as we think we can hide the truth of our lives from others, we cannot. Who we really are is not only expressed on our lips but is written on our faces. Jesus says precisely this, "For every tree is known by its own fruit." What does the fruit of our lives say about us?

Because we like to play the game of hide and seek with ourselves, in pretending that we are hiding we deflect attention others may give to us by becoming more critical of others. After all, the more time one can spend analyzing others' behavior the less time one has to look at his or herself. Often, the behaviors we abhor most in others are the very ones we are guilty of ourselves. We just don't know it yet. The more we put ourselves in the role of a judge, the more satisfaction and control we seem to achieve. Yet, what about ourselves? In focusing our attention on the beams in others' eyes, the aridity and barrenness of our lives goes unchecked. St. Ambrose reminds us that "no one heals himself by wounding another." Bringing our brothers and sisters down by being overly critical, serves no positive purpose.

But the one who knows how easy it is to fall into sin and weakness and how quickly errors in judgment can be made, knows the depth of true compassion, mercy, and kindness. Having recognized our own poor choices, misguided opinions, negative emotions, and ability to do horrendous things, we can be more sympathetic and understanding of where others may be. We are designed to be mentors and guides to one another. In walking the journey together, we can help each other become the best we can be. Humility is the order of the day and the primary virtue that prevents us from being hypocrites. ©LPi

### LITURGICAL MEMORIALS

The tabernacle candles for the month of March have been donated in memory of *Catherine (Gearin) Phelan, R.N.*, by her friend, Peter Maybay.

### REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Thaddeus Tarasiak, Kathleen O'Connor* and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

### FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30): #885 in *Worship*  
 Order of Mass: Front Page or #202 in *Worship*  
 Liturgy of the Word: #1132 in *Worship*  
 Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30): #208 in *Worship*  
 Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30): #627 in *Worship*  
 Acclamations (4,8,10:30) #368, 369, 370, 382 in *Worship*  
 Communion Litany (4,8,10:30) #590 in *Worship*

### ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

On Wednesday, March 2, we will begin the holy season of Lent with the blessing and imposition of ashes according to the following schedule:

**9:00 am Mass - Imposition of Ashes**  
**3:30 pm Liturgy of the Word - Imposition of Ashes**  
**7:00 pm Mass - Imposition of Ashes**

### FASTING DURING LENT

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are expected to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday – eating one substantial meal and two lesser meals and refraining from eating in between meals. Catholics 14 years of age and older are expected to refrain from eating meat and poultry on Ash Wednesday and ALL Fridays of Lent.

Pope Francis posted the following suggestion for Catholics of all ages that goes beyond giving up things for Lent:

### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

Fast from hurting words and say kind words. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope. Fast from worries and trust in God. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity. Fast from Pressures and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled with God and others.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen to God.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

Cardboard containers and information sheets are available on the table in the Family Center Atrium. This program is designed to feed the hungry locally and around the world through the efforts of Catholic Relief Services. One suggestion is to make one of your meals each week a very light affair and place what you would have spent in the container.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/1 Cor 15:54-58/  
 Lk 6:39-45

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14,17

2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

**MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES**

Sat., 2/26	4:00 pm	Kim Tuyen Le, by family
Sun., 2/27	8:00 am	Parishioners' Intentions
	10:30 am	Dominic Nompoggi,
		6 <sup>th</sup> mo. Anniv., by family
		(Remembrance) John Reilly, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.,
		by Sheila & family
		(Remembrance) Kim Tuyen Le, by family
	6:00 pm	Parishioners' Intentions
Mon., 2/28	9:00 am	Joseph F. Conwell, SJ, 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.,
		by Mary Lynn Ritchey
Tue., 3/1	9:00 am	Fr. Monroe's Birthday,
		by the Painchaud family
Wed., 3/2	9:00 am	Parishioners' Intentions
	7:00 pm	Parishioners' Intentions
Thu., 3/3	9:00 am	Parishioners' Intentions
Fri., 3/4	9:00 am	James Hughes, 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family
Sat., 3/5	9:00 am	Deacon Al Desautels, by his wife
Sun., 3/6	8:00 am	Earl Bruso, by Phil & Joan Cournoyer
	10:30 am	Parishioners' Intentions
	6:00 pm	Parishioners' Intentions

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$4,132.00
-- Fuel Envelopes:	\$2,051.00
-- Catholic Free Press:	\$ 90.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 138.00
-- Home Missions:	\$ 166.00
-- Wedding Donation:	\$ 250.00
-- Funerals:	\$ 600.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$1,171.75
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 170.00
-- Catholic Free Press:	\$ 120.00
-- Fuel Donations:	\$ 220.00
-- Holy Day:	\$ 10.00
-- Charitable Ministries:	\$ 15.00
-- Unrestricted Gifts:	\$ 50.00

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sun., February 27 – 8<sup>th</sup> Ordinal Sunday

8:00 am	Lord's Day Mass
10:30 am	Lord's Day Mass
2-4 pm	Throne of God Worship Service
6:00 pm	Lord's Day Mass

Mon., February 28 – Monday of 8<sup>th</sup> Ordinal Week

9:00 am	Daily Mass
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Tue., March 1 – Tuesday of 8<sup>th</sup> Ordinal Week

9:00 am	Daily Mass
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Wed., March 2 – Ash Wednesday

9:00 am	Mass & Distribution of Ashes
3:30 pm	Liturgy of the Word & Ashes
7:00 pm	Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Thu., March 3 – St. Katherine Drexel

9:00 am	Daily Mass
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Fri., March 4 – St. Casimir

9:00 am	Daily Mass
4:00 pm	Way of the Cross

Sat., March 5 – Saturday after Ash Wednesday

4:00 pm	Lord's Day Vigil Mass
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**PRIEST RETIREMENT COLLECTION**

My dear friends in Christ,

It is always a joy for me to gather with our retired priests as they reminisce about cherished moments in their lives when they were in active ministry. It is equally edifying for me to witness the admiration our parishioners have for the retired priests who served them and their loved ones over the years, particularly at the annual gathering for *Celebrate Priesthood*.

I write to day to ask for your support for the **Ash Wednesday Collection** that assists in the care of retired priests of the Diocese of Worcester. Unlike the annual December collection for the Retired Religious priests, sisters and brothers who are members of religious orders throughout the country, the Ash Wednesday collection was inaugurated last year to help in the care of diocesan priests who do not benefit from the December collection.

We currently have 49 retired priests. In the next eight years, we estimate an additional 42 priests will reach our normal retirement age of 75. The annual costs for health insurance, housing and monthly stipends for retired priests have averaged between \$2.2 and \$2.6 million. Recent changes were made for future retirement benefits for priests who have not yet retired. Those measures are expected to save up to \$12 million through 2050. While *Partners in Charity*, *Celebrate Priesthood* and the endowments from *Forward in Faith* and *Legacy of Hope* are critical sources of support for priests' retirement, it took the addition of this Ash Wednesday collection last year for the Priests Retirement program to experience a more balanced budget.

Our retired priests have cared for us and our families throughout the decades. Please consider beginning the Season of Lent with a sacrificial gift to the Ash Wednesday Collection on March 2 to support our retired priests.

Please be assured of my prayerful gratitude for your support of all our various Diocesan efforts and for your consideration of this request. With every prayerful best wish, I remain

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

**NOVENA OF GRACE**

The 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Novena of Grace, in honor of St. Francis Xavier,

will be held March 4 to March 12, 2022, at St. John's Church, 44 Temple St., Worcester. Special guest speaker will be Fr. Matt Malone, S.J., President and Editor in Chief, America Media. Mass and Novena Prayers – Weekdays – 9:15 am, 12:15 pm, 6:15 pm. Saturday, 4:15 pm, 7:15 pm. Sunday – 8:00 am, 10:15 am, 12:15 pm, 7:15 pm.

On March 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> there will also be Benediction and Novena Prayers at 2:15 pm.

Call 508-756-7165 for questions.