

FOR THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGIES

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30):	#440 in <i>Worship</i>
Order of the Mass:	Front Page or #202 in <i>Worship</i>
Liturgy of the Word:	#1017 in <i>Worship</i>
Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30):	#328 in <i>Worship</i>
Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30):	#442 in <i>Worship</i>
Acclamations (4,8,10:30):	#353, 356, 357, 384 in <i>Worship</i>
Communion Litany (4,8,10:30):	#600 in <i>Gather</i>



“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. - Mt 2:19-21

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

<u>Sat., 12/28</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	Pat Mullaney , Birthday, by family
	<i>(Remembrance)</i>	Kim Tuyen Le , by family
<u>Sun., 12/29</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
	<u>10:30 am</u>	Jack McShera , by the Erickson Family
	<i>(Remembrance)</i>	Robert Miller , 10 th Anniv., by family
	<i>(Remembrance)</i>	Kim Tuyen Le , by family
	<u>6:00 pm</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
<u>Mon., 12/30</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Kim Tuyen Le , by family
<u>Tue., 12/31</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Kim Tuyen Le , 15 th Anniv., by family
	<u>4:00 pm</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
<u>Wed., 1/1</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
	<u>6:00 pm</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
<u>Thu., 1/2</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Ronald Joseph Chiapulis, Ho Thi Kim Lien & Maria Ho Thi Huong , by Tuan Chiapulis
		Parishioners' Intentions
<u>Fri., 1/3</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
<u>Sat., 1/4</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	Arthur Wood , Anniv., by family
	<i>(Remembrance)</i>	Michael Chalifoux , by family
	<i>(Remembrance)</i>	Mimi Ritchotte , 5 th Anniv., by family
	<i>(Remembrance)</i>	Tommy Desautels , by his mother
<u>Sun., 1/5</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
	<u>10:30 am</u>	Charles E. Monroe , 21 st Anniv., deceased of Monroe & Hourihan Families
	<u>6:00 pm</u>	Parishioners' Intentions

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Friday:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
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

2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Susan Allard will prepare a summary report of the 2019 contributions for all households who have regularly asked for one. If you are new to the parish this year or have not asked for one in the past but would like one this year, please email Susan at sallard@ourladyofangels.org or call her at the rectory.

FEAST OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God, a holy day of obligation. Masses for the feast will be as follows:

4:00 pm Vigil Mass – Tuesday, December 31st
9:00 am Morning Mass – Wednesday, January 1st
6:00 pm Evening Mass – Wednesday, January 1st

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Because of the Christmas and New Year holidays, the bulletins of December 29th and January 6th must be transmitted early – before collections get counted. The list of donations for December 21/22 weekend will be in the January 6th bulletin and the December 28/29 totals will be listed in the January 13th bulletin along with the January 5/6 totals.

Last weekend's Religious Retirement Collection totaled \$2,026.00.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

Classes will resume for Grades K-10 on Sunday, January 5th.

Confirmation Preparation:

Students in public and parochial schools who are candidates for Confirmation this year are reminded that their first class will take place on Sunday, February 9th at 9:00 am in the school. The remaining classes will take place on Sundays – February 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. There will be a session for their sponsors on Sunday, January 26th at 11:45 am in the Rieger Hall. The Confirmation Retreat will be held at Assumption College on Saturday, February 29th from 10 am to 3:00 pm. Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 pm at the Cathedral.

First Communion Preparation:

Parents of children who will make their First Communion this year are reminded of the session for them that will take place on Sunday, February 9th at 9:00 am in the school.

Classes will begin for the children in both public and parochial schools on Sunday, February 23rd and continue on Sundays, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th. Rehearsal for First Communion will take place at 5:00 pm in the church on Wednesday, April 15th. The retreat experience will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 9:00 to 11:30 am. First Communion will be celebrated at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, April 19th.

THANK YOU

We are grateful for the help and ministry of all who made our Christmas celebrations successful and meaningful: Mike Fleming and his assistants who decorated the church so beautifully – Kurt Blomstrom, our organist, -- Steve Gagliastro, who gathered, prepared and directed our choir for the “Midnight” Mass – all our Cantors, Lectors, Communion Ministers and Altar Servers -- Karen Barrows, who prepared the students in our Religious Education program for the Christmas pageant – and our catechists who share their faith with our youth each week.

REST IN PEACE

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

2020 CATHOLIC EXTENSION CALENDARS

Copies can be found in trays at the church doors, compliments of Michael Marchand of Roy Funeral Home.



Our parish is entering the final week of our active involvement in the diocesan capital campaign. As of December 20th, we had raised \$424,344.94 from Fr. Monroe and 201 other households. This represents 102% of our parish target.

Over the next 4 years as people pay their pledges, we will receive a dividend check every 3 months beginning at the end of June of 2020. The check will be the total of all pledge payments received during the previous quarter of the year. We will receive 40% of our goal amount of \$417,987 which will be \$167,194.80 and 60% of everything over that amount – at the present moment, that is an additional \$3,814.76 for a total of \$171,009.55.

Thank you to all who have made pledges and onetime gifts – your generosity is outstanding! May God bless you!

While our parish reached its goal, more than half of the parishes involved in this second phase have not yet done so. We urge others to consider making a onetime gift or pledge – again, OLA will now receive 60% of whatever you donate. Envelopes can still be found in racks at the church doors.

VIANNEY DINNER

The next Vianney dinner is **Thursday, Jan. 16** at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies, 51 Illinois St., Worcester. Please note the schedule change! **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. 6:00 PM Mass, 6:30 dinner, and 7 PM social. An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful in getting an accurate count for food. Please contact Fr. Donato Infante at 508-630-4473 or email him at director@worcestervocations.com.

A MINUTE IN THE CHURCH

Copies of this booklet are available in trays at the church doors. It contains brief, well thought out presentations of the basics of our faith. The leaflets are the gift of an anonymous donor.

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.

HALO SUPPORT GROUP

HALO stands for **Healing After Loss (from) Overdose**. On the first Monday of each month this support group meets to help 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 6th. For more information or to ask questions, contact Aileen Lovejoy at 508-755-5041 or Deb Dowd-Foley at 508-248-5622.

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Question:

If God is eternal and infinite, how can God have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

Answer:

The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and human. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' *human* nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary **Theotokos**. Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer. Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God. ©LPi

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., December 29 – Feast of the Holy family

8:00 am Lord's Day Mass
9:00 am Religious Education Classes
10:30 am Lord's Day Mass
12:00 pm Baptism
6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass

Mon., December 30 – Seventh Day in Octave of Christmas

9:00 am Daily Mass

Tue., December 31 – St. Sylvester

9:00 am Daily Mass

Wed., January 1 – Mary, the Mother of God

9:00 am Daily Mass

Thu., January 2 – Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 am Daily Mass

Fri., January 3 -The Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., January 4– St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

3:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

120 CLUB

The winner of last week's drawing is *Amanda Whittemore - #240*.

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

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

We pray in thanksgiving for all that has been a blessing this past year and wish everyone a blessed New Year!