



What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of “walking” life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a “Eucharistic” encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.

**REST IN PEACE**

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Maria Carnevale, Joseph Lamarche, Stephen Mahoney* and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

- Weekly Adult Offerings: \$4,732.00
- Easter Envelopes: \$ 510.00
- 120 Club Dues: \$ 175.00
- Funeral Offerings: \$ 300.00
- Maintenance Fund: \$ 150.00
- Memorial Gift: \$ 250.00
- Holy Land Envelops: \$ 105.00
- Rice Bowl Donations: \$ 117.00

We also received the following online donations:

- Weekly Adult Offerings: \$1,503.98
- Easter Donations: \$ 342.86
- Fuel Donation: \$ 10.00
- Maintenance Fund: \$ 144.33
- Debt Reduction: \$ 25.00
- Holy Day Collection: \$ 20.00
- Charitable Ministries: \$ 40.18
- Unrestricted Gifts: \$ 165.00
- Holy Land: \$ 30.00
- Rice Bowl Donations: \$ 25.00

Thank you to those who donated online last week or mailed or dropped envelopes at the rectory. With the continuation of uncertainties due to COVID-19, we are making ends meet thanks to the generosity of many of you.

We know some are furloughed or jobs are closed so we ask that you do what is possible – and if that is nothing at present, we understand.

An excellent way to regularly offer financial support is to join the ranks of those who do online giving using our secure link on the homepage of [www.ourladyofangels.org](http://www.ourladyofangels.org) at the **ONLINE GIVING** link at the top right of the page.

You will be directed to the secure link and guided through the process of setting up your personal profile, indicating the account from which you will donate by transfer to the parish account. Once you have done that and set a password, you will be able to make one time donations or set regular weekly or monthly dates for ongoing donations.

If you need help setting this up, feel free to contact Fr. Monroe by emailing him at [cmunroe@ourladyofangels.org](mailto:cmunroe@ourladyofangels.org) or call him at the rectory at 508-791-0951 and he can walk you through the process.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11  
1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35
- Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
- Tuesday: Acts 7:51 - 8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab  
Jn 6:30-35
- Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
- Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
- Friday: Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14, 16  
Mt 13:54-58
- Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
- Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

**120 CLUB**

The winner of last week’s drawing was *Carol Pingitore - #156*. Checks have been mailed to all winners of the end of cycle drawings.

## OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS SCHOOL

Who would have ever imagined?

At the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year and at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, all OLA teachers engaged in full professional development days intended to introduce them to the educational tools offered by Google Classroom that could potentially help them to “create and organize assignments quickly, provide feedback efficiently, and easily communicate with their classes. Google Classroom helps students organize their work in Google Drive, complete and turn it in, and communicate directly with their teachers and peers.”

Our Mrs. Thurber took the reins at administering our Google accounts. She created email accounts for all of our students in grades K-8 and was lead cheerleader for our teachers as they thought about the ways these new tools could help them at their grade level. We were fortunate, too, that grant funds allowed us the ability to have a 1:1 chrome book/student ratio in grades 4 – 8. Walking into classrooms and seeing our students and teachers using the Chromebooks and these new educational tools I remember thinking, often, “I have amazing teachers.” I cannot tell you how proud I was then of our teachers and students for embracing the new and doing so responsibly and enthusiastically.

Flash forward to the end of February/beginning of March, 2020. At a principal’s meeting, we were informed that we could potentially face school building shutdowns across the country. What would education look like for tuition paying parents in light of the potential pandemic that could shut down the country?

At a meeting with OLA faculty shortly thereafter – steps were laid out to prepare our teachers for such an event. Google-Refresher meetings were scheduled and strategies for continuing education for our students were discussed.

On Sunday, March 15th the official call came. Schools in Massachusetts would be closed until April 6th. Now, our potential return date is May 4th, but the realization of not reopening for the remainder of the school year lingers in the back of all of our minds.

The transition to virtual learning for students at OLA began immediately. Classes meet virtually. Teachers teach virtually. Students are learning virtually. Our curriculum has been moving – to the best of our ability – without missing a beat. Who would have ever imagined that the professional development we agreed on as a faculty as being the best way to use our PD funding to enhance the teaching and learning at OLA School would be the gateway to schooling in a way no one could have predicted?

I must acknowledge for the whole world to know that the work being done by our teachers is unprecedented. When I hear talk of local heroes, I truly believe that OLA teachers should (and in my mind they do) top that list. I still visit “classrooms” and I cannot tell you how amazed I am that because of their tremendous efforts on behalf of their students, these children continue to grow academically and are able to engage with their teachers and classmates in meaningful ways. The workload is difficult, it is very different. Yet each day they find new and innovative ways to make learning fun. Each day they wish they were back in their classrooms but know that this is what school looks like now, so, let’s do this!!

When I mentioned how proud I was of them before, I simply could not put into words now, how grateful I am for the team of educators at OLA School. This group of heroes includes Ms.

Montiverdi, Mrs. Cozza, and Mr. George who continue to work hard to make sure that when we are able to return to our buildings, we will be returning to a school ready to pick up where we left off and in tip-top shape.

And let me not forget to mention that our Virtual School could not be successful without the support of our families. You have taken this as seriously as we have. You have set your child up with a solid, at-home learning environment, you support them with their work, study with them regularly, and let’s face it, you are the “teacher’s aide” in many ways. There are bumps in this road, yet you still travel it with optimism and an open-minded attitude that has truly amazed me.

Virtual school will NEVER be able to replace what happens each day in actual classrooms. I will be grateful and anticipate anxiously the day I can again stand on the top of the stairs and yell, “Gooooood Morning, OLA!!!” But in the meantime, I have never meant this more – “Our Lady of the Angels School is the greatest gift you can give your child.”

Doreen Albert,

Principal, Our Lady of the Angels School

Our school is now in the process of reenrollment of current students and accepting enrollment for all grade levels for new students. If you might be interested in discussing what the school can offer, you can contact the principal, Mrs. Albert, at [doreen.albert@worcesterdiocesek12.org](mailto:doreen.albert@worcesterdiocesek12.org).

## THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., April 26 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

*The church will be open 9 am to 5:00 pm for private prayer!*

**10:00 am** Mass from St. Paul Cathedral – Channel 193 or livestream at [www.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org)

Mon., April 27 – Monday of 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Easter

*The church will be open 10 am to 12 noon for private prayer.*

**9:00 am** Daily Mass from St. Paul Cathedral – Channel 193 & or livestream at [www.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org)

Tue., April 28 – Sts. Peter Claret & Louis Grignon de Montfort

*The church will be open 10 am to 12 noon for private prayer.*

**9:00 am** Daily Mass from St. Paul Cathedral – Channel 193 or livestream at [www.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org)

Wed., April 29 – St. Catherine of Siena

*The church will be open 10 am to 12 noon for private prayer.*

**9:00 am** Daily Mass from St. Paul Cathedral – Channel 193 or livestream at [www.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org)

Thu., April 30 – St. Pius V

*The church will be open 10 am to 12 noon for private prayer.*

**9:00 am** Daily Mass from St. Paul Cathedral – Channel 193 or livestream at [www.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org)

Fri., May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker

*The church will be open 10 am to 12 noon for private prayer.*

**9:00 am** Daily Mass from St. Paul Cathedral – Channel 193 or livestream at [www.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org)

Sat., May 2 – St. Athanasius

*The church will be open 10 am to 12 noon for private prayer.*

Mass can be found at EWTN, channel 18 on Worcester cable