



There are many things of which we can be afraid: being rebuked, rejection, anger, being challenged, having to defend ourselves, standing alone, insecurity, failure, and even death. For some, identifying and overcoming their fears is a daunting task. Regardless of how much they may want to break the cycle of fear, they find that they remain close friends with old and dysfunctional behavioral habits and norms. Maybe what they really fear is change. There are many who gravitate to the familiar and comfortable, and find safety and security in doing so, even if they remain mired in mediocrity. Human beings have to learn that there is life beyond the “what has always been” and that happiness and depth are possible when old structures and systems have to be left behind.

Can you leave the near and dear, the comfortable and familiar, the safe and secure, and discover new opportunities? The sheer thought of doing so can bring on feelings of apprehension, intense anger, resentment, defensiveness, reluctance, resistance, and even apathy. If we have to be responsible for making the change, cowardice can creep in. If someone else is to blame for making the change, any number of possible negative reactions are possible. In the end, only one thing is required and that is God. If I can rely on and deepen my relationship with God, especially in the Eucharist along with a community of believers, then little else is of great concern. We have to figure out what is really important. It is not always what we think.

The Gospel calls us to stretch ourselves and try new things, not to remain stuck and stagnant in familiar ways. We are asked to live life more deliberately, radically, and intentionally. We are asked to leave the familiar behind and learn to live with changing, and often limiting, human structures. We cannot get too caught up in the physical, ideological, or structural systems we are used to. The Holy Spirit always leads and guides us. If we trust this, we will find ourselves doing things we never thought we could do. Always seek the path to joy and love. They keep us from falling victim to our fears and from seeking the nostalgic crutches we think we need to achieve a sense of well-being and happiness. ©LPI

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS SCHOOL

There are openings in all grades for the 2020-2021 school year. We offer a wonderful academic and healthy personal growth program for Pre-school through Grade 8. If you would like to examine what we have to offer your children, contact Doreen Albert, our principal, at doreen.albert@worcesterdiocesek12.org or call the school at 508-752-5609. You can also gather information at the school website: www.ourladyoftheangels.us.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$4,736.00
(\$194.00 in loose offerings and \$4,542.00 in 99 envelopes)	
-- Liturgical Memorial:	\$ 25.00
-- Rel. Ed. Reg. Fees:	\$ 50.00
-- Funeral Offerings:	\$ 300.00
-- Baptism Donation:	\$ 70.00
-- Ascension:	\$ 25.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 446.00
-- Catholic Communications:	\$ 541.00
-- Memorial Gifts:	\$ 150.00
-- Father's Day:	\$ 355.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$1,272.96
-- Unrestricted Gift:	\$ 5.33
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 275.00
-- Debt Reduction Donations:	\$ 62.00
-- Fuel Donation:	\$ 10.00
-- Catholic Communications:	\$ 10.00
-- Peter's Pence:	\$ 10.00

Thank you to all who contributed.

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

<u>Sat., 6/20</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	John (7th Anniv.) & Mary (5th Anniv.) Murray , by family
		<i>(Remembrance)</i>
		Ann-Marie Deely Carver , 1 st Anniv., by family
		<i>(Remembrance)</i>
		Pauline Gauthier , 8 th Anniv., by her husband, Jean
<u>Sun., 6/21</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	Mary Cousineau , 38 th Anniv., by Shirley & Jerry Prachniak
	<u>10:30 am</u>	Fathers Enrolled in Triduum
	<u>6:00 pm</u>	Clement & Judith Anish and Paul & Alice Chase , by family
<u>Mon., 6/22</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Fathers Enrolled in Triduum
<u>Tue., 6/23</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Fathers Enrolled in Triduum
		<i>(Remembrance)</i>
<u>Wed., 6/24</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Andrew Edmund Olson , by family
		<i>(Remembrance)</i>
		William Curran , by Paul & Carol Johnston
		Rev. John Cahill , 64 th Anniv. of Ordination, by Lorraine Olson
<u>Thu., 6/25</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
<u>Fri., 6/26</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Mary & Arthur Cousineau , by family
<u>Sat., 6/27</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	Bill Sullivan , 17 th Anniv., by family
		<i>(Remembrance)</i>
		Deacon Al Desautels , by his wife
		<i>(Remembrance)</i>
		Norman Gallant , 6 th Anniv., by his wife Doreen and daughters
<u>Sun., 6/28</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	Mary & Arthur Cousineau , by Shirley & Jerry Prachniak
	<u>10:30 am</u>	In Thanksgiving for 45 years of Ordination , by Fr. Monroe
	<u>6:00 pm</u>	Adolfo Ortiz, Jr. , by family

LITURGICAL MEMORIAL

The bread and wine being used at all Masses this week has been donated in memory of *Bill Sullivan* by his family.

REST IN PEACE

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

ANNUAL OBSERVANCE

Religious Freedom Week will be celebrated in dioceses nationwide from June 22 to June 29. Throughout the week the focus is on the importance of preserving the essential right of religious freedom for Catholics and all people of faith. This year's theme is "For the Good of All". During the week, we commemorate Sts. Thomas More, John Fisher, John the Baptist, Peter & Paul. They all inspire us to follow the example of these great saints who loved God above all and remained faithful in the face of adversity. Please visit www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek to download the "Pray-Reflect-Act" one-pagers for each day on various religious liberty topics. These excellent resources inspire us to learn more about religious liberty from a Catholic perspective, help us to pray about particular issues, and provide us with tools to act on what we learn.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., June 21 – 12th Ordinal Sunday

8:00 am Lord's Day Mass

10:30 am Lord's Day Mass

6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass

Mon., June 22 – Sts. Paulinus of Nola, John Fisher, Thomas More

9:00 am Daily Mass

Tue., June 23 – Tuesday of 12th Ordinal Week

9:00 am Daily Mass

Wed., June 24 – Nativity of John the Baptist

9:00 am Daily Mass

Thu., June 25 – Thursday of 12th Ordinal Week

9:00 am Daily Mass

Fri., June 26 – St. Cyril of Alexandria

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., June 27 – Saturday of 12th Ordinal Week

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

For Confession, contact Fr. Monroe for an appointment!

120 CLUB

The winner of last week's drawing is *Dora Beaudin - # 11*.

LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD

Last week the Physician Assisted Suicide bills were reported "favorably" by the Joint Committee on Public Health. This is the first time the bills have received a favorable recommendation from a committee. The two bills were also amended slightly and merged into one bill. It has now been assigned to the Health Care Finance Committee for its review. We must do what we can to prevent it from going any further than the committee level. Efforts by the Mass. Catholic Conference and other like-minded groups and individuals to defeat these bills are ongoing. You can also help by letting your senator and representative know where you stand on this issue. Learn more and find out legislative contact info at www.macatholic.org.

ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The Christian exists to serve, not to be served. - Pope Francis, Homily of the Mass, April 26, 2018

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of June 27/28 our diocese will take up the **Peter's Pence Collection**. The collection has ancient roots that reach all the way back to New Testament times. The early Christians provided material support that the disciples—those preaching the Gospel—could distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29). Today, the Peter's Pence Collection is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with victims of war, natural disaster, and oppression in their time of need.

In September and October 2018, violent earthquakes and a tsunami in Indonesia killed 1,500 and injured thousands more. On the island of Sulawesi, the Mount Soputan volcano erupted hours after the earthquake, further endangering people already affected by the first disaster. Your generosity to the Peter's Pence Collection facilitated much-needed support for victims of the Indonesian catastrophes. Pope Francis responded with a contribution of \$100,000 to be distributed to those in areas most affected by the disaster, with a prayer that "the Lord comfort them and support those working in the rescue efforts" (Angelus, September 30, 2018). Your contributions help Pope Francis fulfill his prayer that the Church will reach out with acts of mercy.

I invite you to join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help Pope Francis reach the marginalized in our world. Thank you for considering how you can respond to the call to be a "Witness of Charity" by your prayers, by your spreading the word about this good work, and by your financial support.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D.

Bishop of Worcester

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15

Mt 10:26-33

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36

Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15/Acts 13:22-26

Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29

Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21

Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

We have now raised \$35,685 toward our \$57,500 goal for this year's appeal to fund 25 pastoral services and ministries of education and charity. Fr. Monroe has mailed a letter with a contribution card to all who contributed last year but have not yet done so this year. Please prayerfully consider responding this week with a contribution mailed or brought to the rectory.