



We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, “I’m tired of struggling with this cold, I can’t wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better.” Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire. ©LPi

REST IN PEACE

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

LITURGICAL MEMORIAL

The bread and wine being used at all Masses this week has been donated in memory of *John O’Gara* by his family.

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

- Sat., 8/15 4:00 pm **Deacon Al Desautels**, by his wife
(Remembrance) **The Deceased of the Grady, Flynn & Mahoney Families**
- Sun., 8/16 8:00 am **John O’Gara**, 3rd Anniv., by family
10:30 am **Mary Hoey**, 11th Anniv., by family
(Remembrance) **Nadine Hoey**, 3rd Anniv., by family
(Remembrance) **Mary Alexandrov**, 9th Anniv., by family
6:00 pm **Emmanuel Okrah**, 2 mo. Anniv.,
by Fr. Monroe
- Mon., 8/17 9:00 am **Mary Mooney**, by parishioners
(also) **Thomas Keating**, 7th Anniv., by family
- Tue., 8/18 9:00 am **James B. Hughes**, by family
- Wed., 8/19 9:00 am **Donald Henderson**, Birthday, by family
(Remembrance) **Anna LaPosta DeFeudis**, Birthday,
by Fr. Monroe
- Thu., 8/20 9:00 am **Parishioners’ Intentions**
- Fri., 8/21 9:00 am **Parishioners’ Intentions**
- Sat., 8/22 4:00 pm **Richard & Margaret McGrail**, by family
(Remembrance) **Norman Gallant**, Birthday,
by his wife, Doreen
- Sun., 8/23 8:00 am **Parishioners’ Intentions**
10:30 am **Richard & Margaret McGrail**, by family
(Remembrance) **Harry Adamiak**, Birthday, by family
6:00 pm **Parishioners’ Intentions**

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

- Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:
- **Weekly Adult Offerings:** **\$4,304.00**
(\$318.00 in loose offerings and \$3,986.00 in 97 envelopes)
 - **Unrestricted Donation:** **\$ 700.00**
 - **Funeral Offerings:** **\$1,200.00**
 - **Maintenance Fund:** **\$ 198.00**
 - **Debt Reduction Donation:** **\$ 10.00**
 - **Memorial Gifts:** **\$ 320.00**
 - **Assumption Envelopes:** **\$ 248.00**
 - **Central/Eastern Europe:** **\$ 478.00**

- We also received the following online donations:
- **Weekly Adult Offerings:** **\$1,499.78**
 - **Unrestricted:** **\$ 255.00**
 - **Maintenance Fund:** **\$ 223.70**
 - **Debt Reduction Donations:** **\$ 80.00**
 - **Assumption:** **\$ 5.00**
 - **Fuel:** **\$ 5.00**
 - **Central/Eastern Europe:** **\$ 5.00**

Thank you to all who are contributing by mail, dropping donations off at the rectory or donating online at our website. God bless everyone for their generosity!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32
Mt 15:21-28
- Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22
- Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab
Mt 19:23-30
- Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
- Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
- Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
- Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
- Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8/Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

Due to the restrictions caused by COVID-19, we will not be having any on site classes for K-I, 3-9 this Fall.

We were hoping to be able to do Sacramental Preparation for First Penance-First Communion (Grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 10) during the Fall beginning in Mid-September.

HOWEVER, due to a spike in numbers of COVID cases, Governor Baker has pushed public social gatherings in hall spaces back to 8 people per 1000 sq. feet which means we can have no more than 10 people in our hall (1290 sq. ft.) where we were planning on holding the class sessions.

So, we ask parents to watch the website and bulletin for updates. Parents who would like to work with their children at home this Fall can access Gospel weeklies for free online material:

<http://www.pflaumweeklies.com/family/>

If you would like hard copy material, we will provide our usual textbooks for all grade levels to anyone who would like a copy. Simply email Karen at kbarrowsola@aol.com or call the rectory and leave a message for her. Copies will be made available for pick up at the rectory.

LITURGICAL MEMORIALS

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SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The following couple celebrated their wedding in our church:
Anthony & Samantha (Sampaio) Cozza – August 8, 2020
We congratulate them and wish them many happy years of being a public witness to God’s love through their marriage.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

IN EVERYDAY LIFE – INFORMATION NIGHT

CHANGE IN DATES FOR FOLLOWING due to last week’s storm:

A 30 week directed prayer experience in the tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola is being offered by a team of Jesuits and lay people experienced in Ignatian prayer.

Information Nights explaining the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life will be held at the following:

on Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 pm St. Peter Church, 929 Main St., Worcester, in the lower church

and on Tuesday, August 25 at 6:30 pm, St. Joseph Church, 10 H Putnam Road Ext, Charlton.

Starting on September 29, 2020, each weekly session will be approximately ninety minutes and will include reflection, direction and a presentation. Sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings at St. Peter’s Church in Worcester, adjacent to Clark University.

Information and an application form is available on the website: www.ignatianspiritualexercisesworchester.com or contact the team by email at worcspex19@gmail.com or call Dick Kirk at 508-885-4462.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Because the Reconciliation Room is small and does not provide decent air circulation, Fr. Monroe is not scheduling regular hours right now but inviting people to schedule appointments by calling him at the rectory or email him at cmunroe@ourladyofangels.org to make an appointment. He is available between 3 and 3:30 pm on Saturdays but needs to know you are coming.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

We have reached 72.3% of our parish goal for the 2020 annual appeal to fund services and ministries offered by our diocesan Church.

By virtue of Baptism, Catholics are part of three different Church structures: worldwide, diocesan and Parish. Weekly collections or online giving support the ministries and needs of the parish Church.

The annual *Partners in Charity* appeal raises the funds for the diocesan Church to do its work. Several second collections throughout the year raise the funds for the worldwide Church to do its work.

Every Catholic is expected to offer something from his/her resources to fund all three dimensions of Church that you became part of when you were baptized.

Please prayerfully consider offering something to this year’s *Partners in Charity Appeal* – any gift no matter how small is vital. We are currently \$15,965 away from reaching our parish goal of \$57,500. There are still nearly 100 households who contributed last year but have not done so this year. Fr. Monroe urges them to contribute something!

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., August 16 – 20th Ordinal Sunday

8:00 am Lord’s Day Mass

10:30 am Lord’s Day Mass

12:00 noon Baptism

6:00 pm Lord’s Day Mass

Mon., August 17 – Monday of 20th Ordinal Week

9:00 am Daily Mass

Tue., August 18 – Tuesday of 20th Ordinal Week

9:00 am Daily Mass

Wed., August 19 – St. John Eudes

9:00 am Daily Mass

Thu., August 20 – St. Bernard

9:00 am Daily Mass

Fri., August 21 – St. Pius X

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., August 22 – Queenship of Mary

3:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

120 CLUB

The winner of last week’s drawing is *Mary Ellen Boyle - #15*.

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, August 22	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, August 23	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

HOSPITAL VISITS

The Worcester hospitals are now allowing parish priests to make brief visits to parishioners who are hospitalized. Fr. Monroe will begin to check for OLA members who are admitted. St. Vincent Hospital seems to be asking those admitted for religious affiliation and parish information if they would like a visit from their parish priest. The UMass/Memorial hospitals are not as consistent in this regard. It would be helpful if you call the rectory if a family member is admitted especially with any serious illness or surgery.

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