



It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed. ©LPI

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

<u>Sat., 9/5</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	Mary Blanchard , 27 th Anniv., by family
<u>Sun., 9/6</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	H. Kurt Krull , by family
	<u>10:30 am</u>	Mary Lucey , by Ida Paz
	(Remembrance)	Marie Donahue , Birthday, by family
	(Remembrance)	Peter Quoc Hung Tang , by family
	<u>6:00 pm</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
<u>Mon., 9/7</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Francis Lacombe , by family
<u>Tue., 9/8</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Daniel John Martin , 5 th Anniv., by family
<u>Wed., 9/9</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
<u>Thu., 9/10</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Msgr. Joseph M. Lynch , 3 rd pastor
<u>Fri., 9/11</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
<u>Sat., 9/12</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
<u>Sun., 9/13</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	Parishioners' Intentions
	<u>10:30 am</u>	Mary Lucey , Month's Mind, by the McFadden Family
	<u>6:00 pm</u>	Parishioners' Intentions

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$3,688.00
(\$253.00 in loose offerings and \$3,435.00 in 93 envelopes)	
-- Assumption Envelopes:	\$ 16.00
-- Funeral Offerings:	\$ 300.00
-- Rieger Hall Use Donation:	\$ 50.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 130.00
-- Debt Reduction Donation:	\$ 10.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$ 995.02
-- Charity:	\$ 10.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 139.51
-- Assumption Donation:	\$ 10.00
-- Fuel Donation:	\$ 9.49
-- Central/Eastern Europe:	\$ 10.00
-- Catholic School Appeal:	\$ 10.00

Thank you to all who contributed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
 Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24
 Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
 Next Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
 /Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

REST IN PEACE

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

BAPTISM

Last Sunday we celebrated the Baptism of **Gabriel Gagne**. We congratulate his parents and pray that they and his godparents will help Gabriel grow in understanding the meaning of his Baptism and practice of Christian faith.

ANNUAL HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Each year on Good Friday, Catholic parishes around the world take up a collection to assist the Church in the Holy Land to maintain the sacred sites and fund their ministries.

This year, due to COVID-19, Holy Week did not “happen” and without people coming to church, we collected just slightly more than half of what we usually send to Holy Land Commission.

We are grateful to those who mailed or dropped off envelopes or made online donations.

Pope Francis has asked Catholic parishes around the world to take up a second collection on the weekend of September 12 & 13 to make up some of the deficit for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land who are struggling to survive. With COVID, tourism is down and that has left the Christian communities devastated.

Since we still cannot take up actual collections at Mass, there will be a small container on the table at the Holy Family Shrine and at the Main Street exits for any contributions you might be able to make if you are coming to church.

We invite those who are reading this announcement online to mail or drop off a donation or go to our website and make an online gift. “Holy Land” is on the list of contributions at the VANCO page.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

As of Tuesday, September 1st, we reached 81.2% of our goal to help fund 25 ministries and pastoral services offered by our Diocese. Fr. Monroe and 194 other households contributed \$46,675 in onetime gifts and pledges. Fr. Monroe thanks all who contributed to let the work of the Gospel continue through our diocesan Church.

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE

Due to the restrictions of the coronavirus pandemic, a public celebration of the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will not be held this year. Congratulatory certificates from Bishop McManus to couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2020 will be issued by postal mail. Couples wishing to receive certificates should complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass by **October 15** or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

120 CLUB

The winner of last week’s drawing is **Joan Leary - #22**.

NEW FISCAL YEAR

Fiscal year 2019-2020 ended at Midnight August 31st. Our Finance Committee will be reviewing the end of year figures and prepare the annual summary report to be mailed to all parishioners, submitted to the Diocesan Fiscal Affairs Office, and then posted on our website in mid-October.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We encourage families to go to the RELIGIOUS EDUCATION link at www.ourladyofangels.org to fill out a registration form for this year so that when we might be able to have in person classes we will be able to contact those who have registered. We will begin classes for First Penance (Gr. 2) and Confirmation (Gr. 10) on Saturday, September 26th. The schedule is at the link on the website.

HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR PRIESTS

On **Friday, Sept. 11 from 7 - 8 pm**, a holy hour for lay people to pray for priests will take place at Immaculate Conception Church on 353 Grove St., Worcester. This holy hour will consist of time for silent adoration, as well as a short reflection, the rosary, and benediction. Please join us for this important act of service and prayer for our priests. *Repeats every second Friday of the month.*

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., September 6 – 23rd Ordinal Sunday

8:00 am Lord’s Day Mass

10:30 am Lord’s Day Mass

6:00 pm Lord’s Day Mass

Mon., September 7 – Labor Day – Monday of 23rd Ordinal Week

Parish Office Closed for the Holiday

9:00 am Daily Mass

Tue., September 8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00 am Daily Mass

Wed., September 9 – Wednesday of the 23rd Ordinal Week

9:00 am Daily Mass

Thu., September 10 – St. Peter Claver

9:00 am Daily Mass

Fri., September 11 – Friday of the 23rd Ordinal Week

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., September 12 – The Holy Name of Mary

3:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH IN WORCESTER

The **9th Annual Novena to St. Joseph** will take place at Christ the King Parish on Monday evenings this fall. There will be prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, for the end of the pandemic, and to raise awareness about all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide or euthanasia. Beginning **September 14**, the Novena will be celebrated **nine consecutive Mondays from 7:15 to 8 pm**. This year’s dates and homilists/speakers are: Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Sept. 14); Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone (Sept. 21); Bishop Robert J. McManus (Sept. 28); Fr. Stephen Gemme (Oct. 5); Fr. John Gavin, SJ (Oct. 12); Msgr. Peter Beaulieu (Oct. 19); Catherine Pimley (Oct. 26); ‘Jo’ Massarelli (Nov. 2); and Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Nov. 9). The names of those people who are terminally or critically ill, and who will be prayed for during the Novena, can be mailed to Msgr. Sullivan at the parish (1052 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA 01602), or you can call them in (508-754-5361), or you can email them to tsullivan5@mac.com.

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, September 12	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, September 13	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

TV MASS NOTE

Beginning this Sunday, Sept. 6, Sunday Mass is Live from our Cathedral at 10 am and the Spanish Mass is at 11 am (which is a rebroadcast of the 8 am Live Mass). Spectrum will no longer air the replay of the English Mass at 6 pm. You can continue to access the Sunday Mass online at worcesterdiocese.org for live viewing at 10 am and on VIMEO after the Mass finishes.