



What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free. For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?

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**SECOND "COLLECTION" THIS WEEKEND**

Due to the lack of liturgies on Good Friday this year, the annual collection for the Holy Land was decidedly less than usual. The Church in the Holy Land is suffering financially and in many other ways as well and depend on international support to exist.

Pope Francis has asked all Catholic parishes around the world to invite members to contribute this weekend.

Since we cannot pass the basket, there is a smaller container on the table at the Holy Family Shrine for anything you can offer.

People can also mail donations to the rectory – be sure to mark Holy Land on the check or envelope. You can also contribute online at our ONLINE DONATION link on the homepage of our website: [www.ourladyofangels.org](http://www.ourladyofangels.org).

**MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES**

<u>Sat., 9/12</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	<b>Parishioners' Intentions</b>
<u>Sun., 9/13</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	<b>Parishioners' Intentions</b>
	<u>10:30 am</u>	<b>Mary Lucey</b> , Month's Mind, by the McFadden Family
	<u>6:00 pm</u>	<b>Parishioners' Intentions</b>
<u>Mon., 9/14</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<b>The Dominican Sisters of Spokane</b> , by Mary Lynn Ritchey
<u>Tue., 9/15</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<b>Parishioners' Intentions</b>
<u>Wed., 9/16</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<b>Parishioners' Intentions</b>
<u>Thu., 9/17</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<b>Parishioners' Intentions</b>
<u>Fri., 9/18</u>	<u>9:00 am</u>	<b>Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini</b> , 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv., by parishioners
<u>Sat., 9/19</u>	<u>4:00 pm</u>	<b>Peggy Socha</b> , Birthday, by her sister, Mary Desautels
	<i>(Remembrance)</i>	<b>Mary (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) &amp; Patrick (31<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) Murphy</b> , by family
	<i>(Remembrance)</i>	<b>Eileen &amp; Jim Diggins</b> , by family
<u>Sun., 9/20</u>	<u>8:00 am</u>	<b>Charles &amp; Charlotte Quinn</b> , by family
	<u>10:30 am</u>	<b>Lionel Bourcier</b> , 32 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by family
	<i>(Remembrance)</i>	<b>Leo Riopel &amp; family</b> , by Robert Riopel
	<i>(Remembrance)</i>	<b>Patrick Mastromatteo &amp; family</b> , by Robert Riopel
	<i>(Remembrance)</i>	<b>Oscar &amp; Grace St. Thomas</b> , by family
	<u>6:00 pm</u>	<b>Parishioners' Intentions</b>

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- <b>Weekly Adult Offerings:</b>	<b>\$6,700.00</b>
(\$348.00 in loose offerings and \$6,352.00 in 110 envelopes)	
-- <b>Charitable Reimbursement:</b>	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
-- <b>Charitable Ministries:</b>	<b>\$ 135.00</b>
-- <b>Unrestricted Donation:</b>	<b>\$ 500.00</b>
-- <b>Holy Day Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
-- <b>Maintenance Fund:</b>	<b>\$1,098.00</b>
-- <b>Debt Reduction Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 58.00</b>
-- <b>Memorial Gift:</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
-- <b>Catholic School Appeal:</b>	<b>\$ 150.00</b>

We also received the following online donations:

-- <b>Weekly Adult Offerings:</b>	<b>\$1,224.61</b>
-- <b>Maintenance Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 184.21</b>
-- <b>Fuel Donation:</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>
-- <b>Unrestricted Gifts:</b>	<b>\$ 255.00</b>

Thank you to all who contributed. We have begun a new fiscal year and will be preparing an annual report.

**REST IN PEACE**

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Lucienne LaFlamme, Peter Barrett, Carrie Pye, Daniel Slevin* and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES**

We invite all families with children to go to the Religious Education link on the homepage of our website to fill out a registration form so that when we are able to begin weekly classes we will be able to contact them. Go to [www.ourladyofangels.org](http://www.ourladyofangels.org). There is no need to pay fees for Grades-1,3-9 at this time.

**We will be having preparation classes for First Penance (Grade 2) and Confirmation (Grade 10) only.**

The classes will be in the Rieger Hall on Saturdays beginning September 27<sup>th</sup> -- 9-10 am for Grade 2 and 10-11 am for Grade 10. The registration form and calendar are available at the Religious Education link as indicated above. We would ask you to pay the indicated fees for these programs.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Sir 27:30 - 28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12  
Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-25  
Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11  
Jn 3:13-17  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2, 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6,  
15-16, 20/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12, 22  
Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15  
Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18  
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**RESPONDING TO NATURAL DISASTERS**

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are struggling to recover from natural disasters in Louisiana and California, Bishop McManus along with his brother Bishops are asking Catholics around the country to donate to the Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund which funds relief efforts led by Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services. If you would like to make a donation to help those impacted by recent disasters including Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires, please visit [worcesterdioocese.org](http://worcesterdioocese.org) for more information on where to send a check or to make an online contribution. Please keep all the families who have lost everything as a result of these disasters in your prayers.

**VIRTUAL CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD EVENT**

On **October 26 at 6 pm** Bishop McManus will host a Virtual Celebrate Priesthood gala to continue to raise needed financial support for Retired Priests.

**HOSPITAL VISITS**

Fr. Monroe is now making weekly visits to the hospital when the hospitals provide us with admission information. They do not always ask about church affiliation during admission, so it is good for family to call the rectory when someone is admitted.

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS SCHOOL**

On Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:35 am, the students and faculty of Grades 3 thru 8 from our school will come to the church for a Mass of the Holy Spirit to ask God's blessing on their efforts this year. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 limitations, we cannot invite families to join us this year. At 10:30 am, students and teachers of K thru 2 will have a prayer service in the church for the same purpose.

**PARTNERS IN CHARITY FINAL REPORT**

Our parish reached 82% of its 2020 goal of \$57,500 to help fund 25 ministries and pastoral services offered by our Diocese. Fr. Monroe and 198 other households contributed or pledged a total of \$46,945. **THANK YOU** to all who contributed! The diocesan wide effort has fallen \$649,483 short of the goal of \$5,000,000 to level fund the ministries and pastoral services so cuts will obviously have to be made to those services and ministries.

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sun., September 13 – 24<sup>th</sup> Ordinal Sunday  
**8:00 am Lord's Day Mass**  
**10:30 am Lord's Day Mass**  
**12:00 pm Baptism**  
**6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass**  
Mon., September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
**9:00 am Daily Mass**  
**9:35 am OLA School Opening Mass**  
**10:30 am Prayer Service for OLA School K-2**  
Tue., September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows  
**9:00 am Daily Mass**  
Wed., September 16 – Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian  
**9:00 am Daily Mass**  
Thu., September 17 – St. Robert Bellarmine  
**9:00 am Daily Mass**  
Fri., September 18 – Friday of 24<sup>th</sup> Ordinal Week  
**9:00 am Daily Mass**  
Sat., September 19 – St. Januarius  
**3:00 pm Confessions**  
**4:00 pm Vigil Mass**

**120 CLUB**

The winner of last week's drawing is **Debra D'Agostino - #112.**

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday, September 19	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, September 20	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

**YOUNG MEN'S PROGRAM**

Attention Young Adult Men! Are you looking to revamp your prayer life, grow in self-discipline, and find community with other men striving to grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ? If so, then we invite you to join us for Exodus 90, a 90-day spiritual program focused on prayer, asceticism, and fraternity. If you are interested, we will have an informational meeting on **Tuesday, September 15 at 7:30 pm** on Zoom. The program itself will begin on September 26. To get the Zoom link for the meeting, go to [neworchester.org/exodus-90](http://neworchester.org/exodus-90) and get complete details on the program.