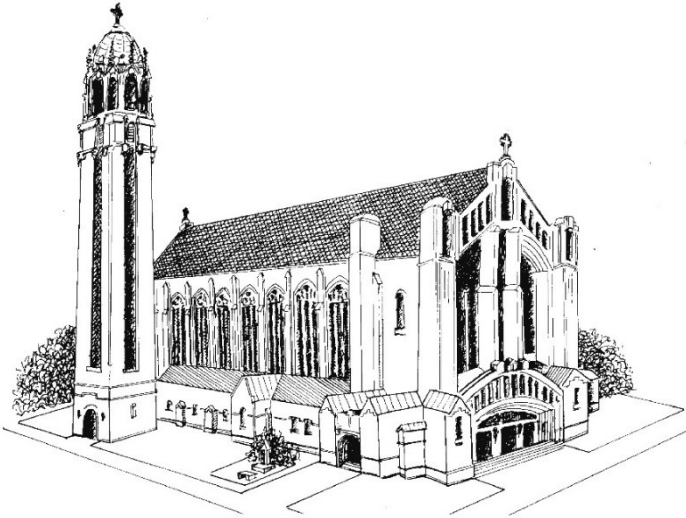


OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

1222 MAIN STREET • WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01603

We, the parish community of Our Lady of the Angels, as part of the universal Catholic Church, are answering the call to love and serve one another in this ever-changing world. Part of our call is to be a welcoming community of faith that is nourished and sustained through the mystery of the Holy Eucharist and guided by the Holy Spirit. Together, we are called and committed to be active witnesses of God's presence among us by serving others in our parish as well as in the community at large, especially the poor. By continual proclamation of the Gospel and celebration of the Sacraments, we are dedicated to growth in knowledge and faith which will enable us to build a strong foundation for all peoples to experience life to the fullest as Jesus intends.



Pastor

Rev. Charles F. Monroe.....(ext. 10)

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Rev. Terrence Dougherty, O.C.D.

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Mrs. Karen Barrows(ext. 18)

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Weekly Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Monday – Friday: 9:00 am

Holy Days: 4:00 pm Vigil, 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays, by appointment at present

Sacrament of Baptism

Contact the rectory to arrange for Baptism Preparation and schedule the Baptism. We also have a process for adults. Contact the rectory.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Contact the rectory as soon as you decide on a date to begin the preparation process.

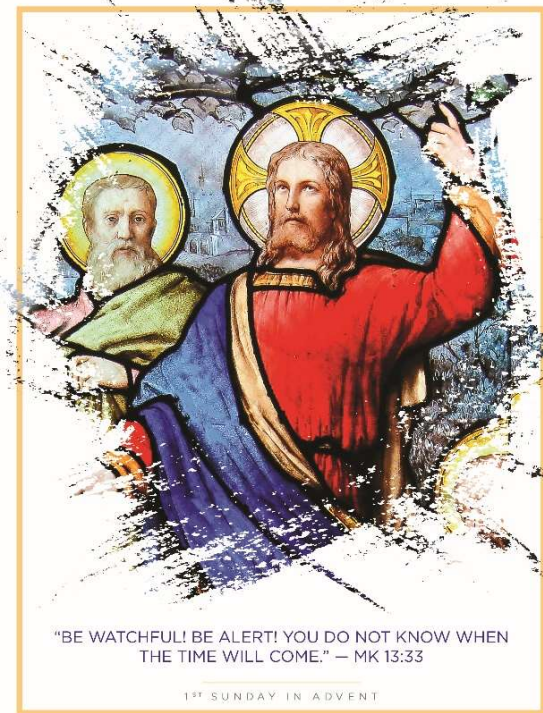
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The pastor should be called whenever someone can benefit for the Sacrament of Healing.

Office for Healing and Prevention of Abuse

Judith Audette, 508-929-4364 or Confidential Line:
508-726-2880 – jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org

*All are welcome to join the parish community.
Please call or come to the rectory to register.*



You are at the eye doctor and it's time for the peripheral vision test. You know the one. It's where you put your head up to a contraption and have to click a switch every time you see a squiggly line. If you don't concentrate and maintain optimal focus, you will miss them and skew the outcome of the test. You can easily find yourself with a diagnosis that really isn't accurate! Concentration and focus are key to succeeding with this evaluation. They are also key to developing a healthy, vibrant spiritual life. If we do not bring our full consciousness to the task, concentrate with all our might, be watchful and vigilant, we are not going to see God's loving presence flashing before our eyes!

That's why we need Advent. Let's face it. We can easily get distracted, focus on nonessential and superficial things and lose touch with what really matters. Our attentions wander. We daydream and even become a bit overwhelmed and tired. All of the stresses and demands of life consume us and we find ourselves constantly trying to play catch up rather than relishing the moment of the now. "Now" moments are so fleeting. They flash before us like those squiggly lines on a screen. Present moments go as quickly as they come but it is important to discover them and rest in them as often as we can. Though gone in a flash, these now moments of encounter with God teach powerful lessons and offer a grounding in truth that can be found nowhere else. It's the grace of Advent to become watchful and attentive because we are never sure when God will surprise us.

God loves surprises and love thrives on them! God's now moments of surprises come as tender instants of intimate connection where I find profound peace, experience joy, and rest in love. These are Advent times reflective of the now moments when Christ first was born, when God surprises us during every time we care to watch and when the great surprise of Christ's second coming dawns upon us all. But, to discover the grandeur and experience the awe of these now times, we have to be ready. We have to want to be there. We have to believe. And, we have to have the desire to soak in as much as we can in the time we have before us. ©LPi

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

- Sat., 11/28 4:00 pm **Donald Painchaud**, 7th Anniv., by family
(Remembrance) **Jimmy Dame**, 3rd Anniv., by Mary Desautels
(Remembrance) **Nancy Chakuas**, 1st Anniv., by family
- Sun., 11/29 8:00 am **All Souls**
10:30 am **Jeremiah Lucey**, 21st Anniv., by family
6:00 pm **Adolfo Ortiz, Jr.**, by family
- Mon., 11/30 9:00 am **James Killory**, by Jim & Joan Fanning
- Tue., 12/1 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Wed., 12/2 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Thu., 12/3 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Fri., 12/4 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Sat., 12/5 4:00 pm **Nellie** (10th Anniv.) & **Albert** (36th Anniv.)
Rabidou, by family
(Remembrance) **Tommy Desautels**, by his mother
- Sun., 12/6 8:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
10:30 am **William Hoey**, 8th Anniv., by family
6:00 pm **Parishioners' Intentions**

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

- Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:
- Weekly Adult Offerings: \$4,252.00
 - (\$217.00 in loose offerings and \$4,035.00 in 108 envelopes)
 - Holy Day Envelopes: \$ 15.00
 - Charitable Ministries: \$ 255.00
 - Maintenance Fund: \$ 95.00
 - All Souls for Maintenance: \$ 10.00
 - Campaign for Human Development: \$ 751.00
- We also received the following online donations:
- Weekly Adult Offerings: \$1,422.39
 - Unrestricted Gift: \$ 50.00
 - Maintenance Fund: \$ 75.12
 - Debt Reduction Donations: \$ 39.35
 - Holy Day Collection: \$ 25.14
 - Charitable Ministries: \$ 15.00
 - Campaign for Human Development: \$ 50.00

Thank you to all who contributed.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
- Monday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
- Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Mt 9:35 -10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

MAINTENANCE FUND

The "second collection" this weekend is for your monthly offerings to the Maintenance Fund for the upkeep and repair of our buildings and property. As usual, since there is no collection basket passed, place your envelope or loose cash donations in the smaller container at the Holy Family Shrine or at the Main Street vestibule doors.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Due to COVID restrictions and curfew, we will be unable to have a Mass for Midnight at 11:00 pm this year.

In an attempt to help parishes provide sufficient Mass opportunities for people, Bishop McManus has moved back the earliest time for Vigil Masses to 3:00 pm.

Therefore, we will NOT have the usual 4:00 pm Vigil Mass.

Instead, we will celebrate the **Vigil Mass at 3:00 pm.**

We will then offer the "**Mass for Mid Night at 5:00 pm**" with some preludes and instrumental music to enhance the Mass. The organist and cantors will be in the choir loft socially distanced from each other and away from the congregation.

We will have the usual **8:00 am** and **10:30 am** Masses on **Christmas morning.**

We remind you that we have a limit of 140 individual spots available for 6 feet distancing. However, spouses and others who live in the same house can sit in the same row without the 6 foot separation.

It would be helpful if you plan on attending a Christmas Mass if you would **call the rectory (508-791-0951) and leave your name, indicating which Mass you plan to attend and number of people who would be coming.**

You can also do it online at cmonroe@ourladvofangels.org

Thank you for helping us to be sure we can accommodate those who wish to attend a Christmas Mass.

By scheduling two early Masses for Christmas Eve, Fr.

Monroe would be able to add an additional one if the numbers require it.

GIFT CARD RAFFLE

Copies of the flier with the form to purchase chances for the Charitable Ministries Gift Card Raffle are on the table in the Family Center Atrium.

If you pay with a check, make the check out to OLA Charities. The winners will be drawn on Sunday, December 13th.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Ruth Capite* and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors especially those whose names rest beneath the altar this month.

TELEVISED & ONLINE MASS

Daily Mass, Sunday Mass, Family Rosary continues to stream at worcesterdiocese.org.

Public Access Stations now carrying Masses:

Weekday Mass -- Worcester Ch 194 "the people's channel" at 9 am -- Spencer Ch 192 at 9 am -- Holden Ch 191 at 9 am -- Auburn Ch 191 at 9 am -- Shrewsbury Ch 28 at 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass -- Worcester Ch 194 "the people's channel" Spanish Sunday Mass at 8 am and English Sunday Mass at 10 am (English Sunday Mass replays on Monday at 6 pm) Spencer Ch 192 Sunday at 10 am -- Auburn Ch 191 Sunday at 10 am -- Holden Ch 191 Sunday at 10 am -- Templeton Ch 8 Sunday at 10 am -- Athol/Orange Ch 13/135 Sunday at 10:30 am -- Paxton Ch 192 Sunday at 4 pm (replays Monday at 6 pm and 8 pm)

GIVING TREE PROJECT

This year, we have made a donation of \$1,000 to the Urban Ministry rather than having gift tags on the tree.

We invite parishioners to take a card from the tree with a request for a Walmart gift card (to enable us to assist local families who are seeking help to purchase gifts for their children) or for diapers for Visitation House. As usual, place the gift card in an envelope and drop it in the collection box or bring it to the rectory. Diapers can be placed at the tree.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent

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., November 30 – St. Andrew

9:00 am Daily Mass

Tue., December 1 – Tuesday of 1st Week of Advent

9:00 am Daily Mass

Wed., December 2 - Wednesday of 1st Week of Advent

9:00 am Daily Mass

Thu., December 3 – St. Francis Xavier

9:00 am Daily Mass

Fri., December 4 - Friday of 1st Week of Advent

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., December 5 - Saturday of 1st Week of Advent

4:00 pm Vigil Mass

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, December 5	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, December 6	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Join us for the traveling holy hour for vocations on **Monday, Nov. 30 at 7 pm** at Saint Mary Parish in Shrewsbury. All are welcome to attend and pray for vocations to priesthood and religious life in our diocese. Facemasks required.

ST. PAUL JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

The Admissions Exam will be held on **December 5 from 8 to 11:30 am**. For information and registration go to www.saintpaulknights.org/admissions/entrance_exam.cfm

FOR ADULTS DURING ADVENT

"A Time Will Come for Singing" is a four-session program for adults during Advent. Each weekly session will be online and will include a brief lesson and prayer, a short Advent-related video, and closing comments and prayer. Twenty minutes tops - from your own laptop, tablet, or mobile phone! Login whenever you want to during each of the four weeks. Take a step back from the hectic pace of the holidays to reflect on the true reason for the season. FREE, but you must register ahead of time so you can receive a link each week. Contact Romeo Marquis, Director of Faith Formation, Blessed Sacrament Church, Worcester. Rmarquis48@outlook.com for details and to register.