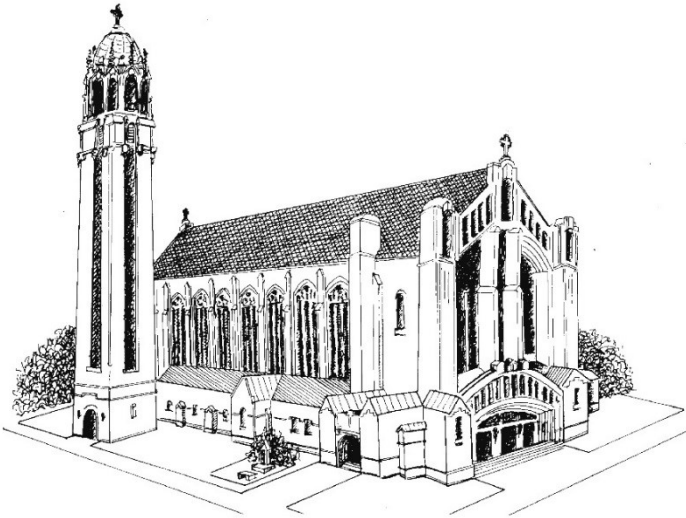


# OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

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)

## **Priest in Residence**

Rev. Terrence Dougherty, O.C.D.

## **Pastoral Assistant for Education**

(Contact Fr. Monroe)

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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**

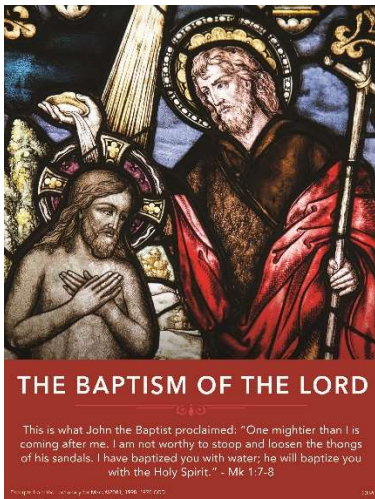
The pastor should be called whenever someone can benefit for the Sacrament of Healing.

## **Office for Healing and Prevention of Abuse**

Judith Audette, 508-929-4364 or Confidential Line:

508-726-2880 – [jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org](mailto:jaudette@worcesterdiocese.org)

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



We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so? ©LPi

**MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES**

- Sat., 1/9 4:00 pm **Michael Chalifoux**, by family  
(Remembrance) **Tommy Desautels**, by his mother
- Sun., 1/10 8:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**  
10:30 am **Amelia Diaz**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by family  
(Remembrance) **Joseph & Gloria Fenuccio**, by children  
6:00 pm **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Mon., 1/11 9:00 am **Deacon Al Desautels**, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.,  
by Mary Desautels
- Tue., 1/12 9:00 am **In Honor of St. Jude for favors received**,  
by Florence Richard
- Wed., 1/13 9:00 am **Sandra Larson**, by family
- Thu., 1/14 9:00 am **Julie Pierce**, by morning Mass congregation
- Fri., 1/15 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Sat., 1/16 9:00 am **Deceased Members of the Proffitt & Dillon Families**, by Ken  
4:00 pm **Marguerite McShera**, 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.,  
by family  
(Remembrance) **Ann Feeley**, Birthday, by family
- Sun., 1/17 8:00 am **Flo Carlson**, Birthday, by family  
10:30 am **Charles & Julia Monroe**,  
73<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Marriage, by family  
6:00 pm **Clement & Judith Anish and Paul & Alice Chase**, by family

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

- Weekly Adult Offerings: \$5,365.00  
(\$312.00 in loose offerings and \$5,053.00 in 111 envelopes)
- Flower Donations: \$ 85.00
- Charitable Ministries: \$1,000.00
- Christmas Collection: \$ 130.00
- Maintenance Fund: \$ 769.00
- Debt Reduction Donation: \$ 8.00
- Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Day: \$ 820.00

We also received the following online donations:

- Weekly Adult Offerings: \$ 923.43
- Maintenance Fund: \$ 59.63
- Christmas Collection: \$ 218.73
- Holy Day: \$ 50.00
- Charitable Ministries: \$ 135.00

**LITURGICAL MEMORIALS**

The candles being used at the altar and pulpit have been donated in memory of **Ann Feeley** by her family.

**REST IN PEACE**

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Joseph O'Connor, Robert Ringer, Evelyn Coggans, Daniel Dumas**.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38  
Mk 1:7-11
- Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
- Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA**

The annual collection for the Parish Based Scholarship Fund and other needs of CUA is being taken at all Masses this weekend. Since the basket cannot be passed, simply put the envelope or loose donation in the smaller container at the Holy Family Shrine or on stands at the Main Street vestibule.

**CHARITABLE GRANT**

The \$1,000 Charitable Ministry listed to the left was a grant from *Northeast Great Dane* with an office in Auburn, MA. The letter from Frank Korn, Executive Vice President said: "Each year our company supports local charities or organizations that serve those in need. In line with that please find a donation of \$1,000. We would like this donation to be utilized in your continuing community outreach efforts."

**ORDINARY TIME - WINTER**

What do the words Ordinary Time mean? Dorothy Day said, "The words 'Ordinary Time' in our prayer books put me in a state of confusion and irritation. To me, no time is ordinary." She was right. The Ordinary in Ordinary Time refers to **ordinal—counted—time**, not to a lack of something to celebrate. The Roman document, General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar, says: "Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character [Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum and Eastertide], 33 or 34 weeks remain in the yearly cycle that do not celebrate a specific aspect of the mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on the Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its aspects." (#43) How do we celebrate "the mystery of Christ in all its aspects"? Sunday is our original feast day. Christians have gathered every Sunday—the day of Christ's resurrection, the first day of the week—ever since there were Christians. Each year there are two blocks of Ordinary Time, one in the winter between Christmastime and Lent, and the other in summer and fall, from Pentecost through Christ the King. When we gather on Sundays in Ordinary Time, we hear the scriptures proclaimed. We systematically read through the gospels. The first readings from the first testament of the Bible were chosen for their relationship to the gospel passages. The second readings come from the various letters of the second testament of the Bible. The mystery of Christ "in all its aspects" unfolds.

What is the heart of our Sunday celebration? We do our eucharist; that is, we do our thanksgiving. We praise and thank God for all creation; we pray for the whole world, as we remember Christ's life, death and resurrection. We share the bread and wine, the body and blood. We are sent forth to be the body and blood of Christ in our homes, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, our towns, our cities, our country, our world.

Sunday is a point of arrival and departure for Christians on their way to the fullness of the kingdom. This is not ordinary at all. This is the fabric of Christian living.

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**2020 CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Once we close out the December financial reports, Sue Allard will prepare and mail 2020 contribution reports for all households that requested one last year. If you are new to the parish or have not requested a statement in the past but would like one this year, call Sue at 508-791-0951, ext. 12 or email her at [sallard@ourladyofangels.org](mailto:sallard@ourladyofangels.org).

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

We thank all of our parishioners and friends who made donations to help defray the cost of decorating the church for the Christmas Feasts. The envelopes have been placed at the feet of one of the shepherds in the creche scene and those living and deceased listed on them are being prayed for at all Masses during the Christmas season.

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sun., January 10 – Baptism of the Lord

**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., January 11 – Monday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinal Week

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Tue., January 12 – Tuesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinal Week

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Wed., January 13 – St. Hillary

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Thu., January 14 – Thursday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinal Week

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Fri., January 15 – Friday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinal Week

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Sat., January 16 – Saturday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinal Week

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

**4:00 pm Lord's Day Vigil Mass**

**JOIN THE NATIONAL NOVENA FOR LIFE**

**9 Days for Life** is a focused period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage set aside to mark the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion during all nine months of pregnancy.

**The novena will take place nationwide from January 21 through 29, 2021.** During this time, all are invited to participate by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the nine days.

Visit [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com) to learn more and to download a free app for your smartphone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages with each day's prayer intention. Your prayers matter! Your sacrifices make a difference!

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday, January 16	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, January 17	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe