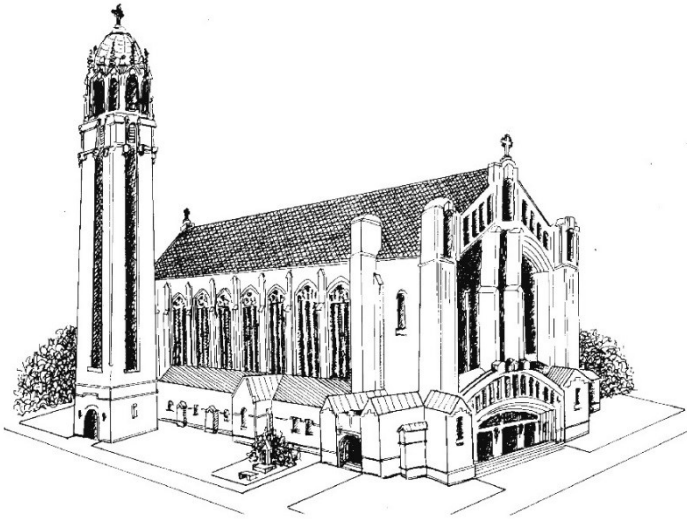


# OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

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.

## **Religious Education**

(Contact Fr. Monroe)

## **Pastoral Assistant for the Elderly**

Sr. Marie Therese Martin, C.S.J.(ext. 19)

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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 from 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.*



Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening. ©LPi

**MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES**

Sat., 1/16 4:00 pm **Marguerite McShera**, 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv., by family  
*(Remembrance)* **Ann Feeley**, Birthday, by family  
*(Remembrance)* **Jean King**, Birthday, by Barbara Burdzel  
*(Remembrance)* **Minh Tran**, by Khuyen Do  
Sun., 1/17 8:00 am **Flo Carlson**, Birthday, by family  
10:30 am **Charles & Julia Monroe**, 73<sup>rd</sup> Anniv. of Marriage, by Fr. Monroe & family  
*(Remembrance)* **Minh Tran**, by Khuyen Do  
6:00 pm **Clement & Judith Anish and Paul & Alice Chase**, by family  
Mon., 1/18 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**  
Tue., 1/19 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**  
Wed., 1/20 9:00 am **Julie Pierce**, by Mary Lynn Ritchey  
Thu., 1/21 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**  
Fri., 1/22 9:00 am **John J. McShera**, Birthday, by family  
Sat., 1/23 9:00 am **Proffitt & Dillon Family Deceased**, by Ken Proffitt  
4:00 pm **Thomas Leary**, by family  
Sun., 1/24 8:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**  
10:30 am **Joseph O'Connor**, by Jean Foley Ravelli  
6:00 pm **Elizabeth LeBlanc**, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv., by family

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$5,255.00
(\$280.00 in loose offerings and \$4,875.00 in 104 envelopes)	
-- Baptism Donation:	\$ 60.00
-- Charitable Ministries:	\$ 100.00
-- Funerals:	\$1,200.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$2,280.00
-- Debt Reduction Donation:	\$ 10.00
-- Jan. 1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Day:	\$ 238.00
-- Memorial Donation:	\$ 50.00
-- Catholic Free Press:	\$ 60.00
-- Christmas:	\$ 125.00
-- Catholic University:	\$ 582.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$2,017.47
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 402.64
-- Fuel Donation:	\$ 9.64
-- Holy Day:	\$ 60.00
-- Unrestricted Gifts:	\$ 50.00
-- Debt Reduction Donations:	\$ 75.00
-- Religious Retirement:	\$ 120.00
-- Catholic University:	\$ 70.00

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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  
 Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c/Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21  
 Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 7:29-31  
 Mk 1:14-20

**FIRST COMMUNION**

We will begin preparation classes in February for the children who will make First Communion at a Mass on **Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.**

There will be seven classes from 10:00 am to 11:15 am on Saturdays February 6, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 in the Rieger Hall.

There will be two parent sessions with Fr. Monroe during class time on Saturdays February 6 and March 6 in the church. A rehearsal for the First Communion Mass will be held in the church after the last class on March 27. At least one parent or guardian will be asked to participate.

**CONFIRMATION**

Due to COVID restrictions on numbers of people we can accommodate for meetings, the inability to have classes last Fall and lack of a catechist who is comfortable being in a session with a group – we will NOT do Confirmation preparation this year. A letter is being mailed to all who would have been in the group this year

This year's sophomores and next year's group will be invited to be part of preparation classes next Fall and Winter/Spring of 2022 to receive the Sacrament sometime in May of 2022.

**COLLECTION -- PRIESTS' RETIREMENT**

Beginning this **Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17**, the parishes of our diocese will take up an annual collection to support the retirement costs of our diocesan priests. For many years the parishes of our diocese have generously supported a collection to assist religious communities with the retirement costs of their sisters, brothers and priests. These funds have gone to religious communities like the Venerini Sisters, the Sisters of Saint Joseph, the Assumptionists and the Trappists. These funds have not gone to support the retirement costs of the priests of the Diocese of Worcester.

We will continue to support the Retirement Fund for Religious in December but please join us in taking care of our diocesan priests this Ash Wednesday as we work to find new revenues to support them in their retirement. Thank you for your support.

**When the Bishop formally announced the decision to have this collection, our envelope company had already printed the January-February envelopes.**

**Therefore, we will print our own and mail them to those who receive envelopes with a cover letter from Fr. Monroe and have additional ones in the church.**

**CONFESSIONS**

Fr. Monroe is available in the church each Saturday from 3:00 to 3:35 pm for anyone who would like to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Penance Room does not have adequate ventilation so he hears confession in the Main Street vestibule. If you come to church for this purpose, come to the sacristy, if he is not in the vestibule and he will be happy to meet you there.

You may also call the rectory and schedule an appointment for confessions any day during the week.

**BAPTISM**

Last Sunday we celebrated the Baptism of **Joseph Manzi LaGorce**. We congratulate his parents and pray that they and his godparents will help Joseph grow in appreciation of what they did for him and learn to practice Christian Faith.

**LITURGICAL MEMORIALS**

The candles being used at the altar and pulpit have been donated in memory of **Deceased parishioners.**

**REST IN PEACE**

Pray for the repose of the souls of **Maureen Bowe** and all deceased relatives and benefactors.

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sun., January 17 – Second 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., January 18 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Tue., January 19 – Tuesday of 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinal Week

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Wed., January 20 – St. Fabian

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Thu., January 21 – St. Agnes

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Fri., January 22 – Day of Prayer

for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Sat., January 23 – St. Vincent the Deacon

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

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

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday, January 23 4:00 pm Fr. Monroe

Sunday, January 24 8:00 am Fr. Dougherty

10:30 am Fr. Monroe

6:00 pm Fr. Monroe

**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!