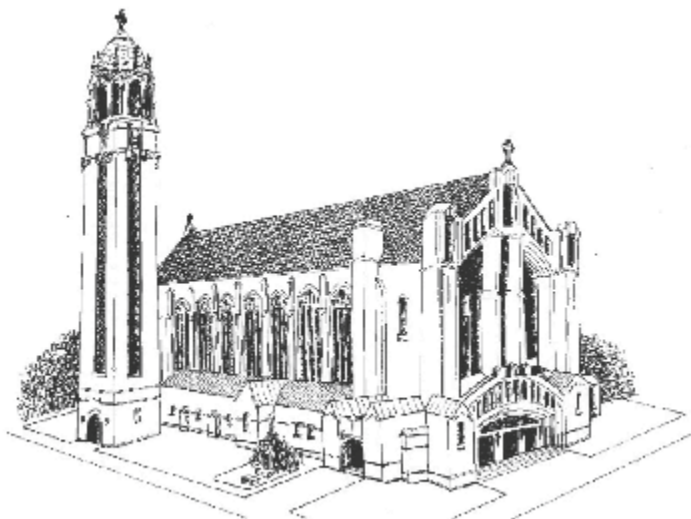


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We, the parish community of Our Lady of the Angels, as part of the universal Catholic Church, are answering the call to love and serve one another in this ever-changing world. Part of our call is to be a welcoming community of faith that is nourished 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.



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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.*



“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods. But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.

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HELP FOR HAITI

Next weekend, August 28 & 29, we will take up a second collection for financial assistance for the devastated nation of Haiti. Our diocese has a covenant relationship with the diocese of Les Cayes in the southwestern part of the country which was a center of destruction.

If you would like your donation to be recorded, there are envelopes at the church doors for you to use next weekend.

FOR THIS WEEKEND’S MASSES

Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30):	#836 in <i>Worship</i>
Order of Mass:	Front Page or #202 in <i>Worship</i>
Liturgy of the Word:	#1170 in <i>Worship</i>
Responsorial Psalm (4.8.10:30):	#46 in <i>Gather</i>
Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30):	#329 in <i>Worship</i>
Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30):	#684 in <i>Worship</i>
Acclamations (4,8,10:30)	#369, 370, 382 in <i>Worship</i>
Communion Litany (4,8,10:30)	#618 in <i>Worship</i>

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

Sat., 8/21 4:00 pm **Kevin Grady**, 6 mo. Anniv., by family
(Remembrance) **Jerry Lucey**, by Joan Leary & family

Sun., 8/22 8:00 am **Al LaChance**, 20th Anniv., by family
10:30 am **Parishioners’ Intentions**
6:00 pm **Parishioners’ Intentions**

Mon., 8/23 9:00 am **Intercession of the Holy Family**,
 by Catherine Darenbourg

Tue., 8/24 9:00 am **Intercession of the Holy Family**,
 by Catherine Darenbourg

Wed., 8/25 9:00 am **Proffitt & Dillon Families**, by Ken
(Remembrance) **Edmund Desautels**, by Mary Desautels
(Remembrance) **Harry Adamiak**, Birthday, by family

Thu., 8/26 9:00 am **Parishioners’ Intentions**

Fri., 8/27 9:00 am **Dennis Wixted**, 14th Anniv., by family
(Remembrance) **Sr. Mary Laureann, C.S.S.F.**
 by the Alexandrowicz family

Sat., 8/28 4:00 pm **Tony & Kathy Rano & all the**
deceased of the Rano family, by family
(Remembrance) **Tommy Desautels**, by his mother

Sun., 8/29 8:00 am **Michael Moran**, 5th Anniv., by family
10:30 am **Mary Alexandrov**, 10th Anniv., by family
6:00 pm **Parishioners’ Intentions**

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:
 -- Weekly Adult Offerings: \$4,187.00
 (\$812.00 in loose offerings and \$3,320.00 in 103 envelopes)

-- Assumption:	\$ 951.00
-- Funerals:	\$ 300.00
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 155.00
-- Church Use:	\$ 200.00
-- Catholic Free Press:	\$ 38.00
-- Central/Eastern Europe:	\$ 67.00

We also received the following online donations:

-- Weekly Adult Offerings:	\$1,191.57
-- Fuel Donation:	\$ 9.64
-- Maintenance Fund:	\$ 255.82
-- Central/Eastern Europe:	\$ 150.00

Thank you to all who contributed. Online giving is a great way to offer regular support for the parish. You can do so at our website: click on Online Giving at the top of the homepage.

PARTNERS IN CHARITY

We have now raised \$48,940 as a result of pledges and one-time gifts offered by Fr. Monroe and 198 other households. This amounts to 85% of our goal.

We urge EVERYONE to offer a gift – no matter how small it might be! There are still several households who contributed last year who have not yet done so this year.

Envelopes are available at the church doors. You can contribute online at www.partners-charity.net

The money you donate funds the following ministries and pastoral services: **Catholic Charities, McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys, Pernet Family Health Service, Priests' Retirement, Retired Priests Health Ministry, St. John Diocesan Cemetery System, Advanced Studies for Clergy and Laity, Catholic Schools Office, Communications Ministry, Grant-in-Aid for Schools, Office of Religious Education, Ongoing Priestly Formation, Seminarian Education, African Ministry, Catholic Campus Ministry, Hispanic Apostolate, Minister to Priests, Office for Divine Worship, Office of Hispanic/Latino Ministry, Office of Marriage and Family, Office of the Diaconate, Respect Life Office, St. Paul Cathedral, Vocations Office and House of Studies, Youth and Young Adult Ministries.**

This year's appeal will end on August 31st – the last day of the fiscal year for the diocese.

PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION!

LITURGICAL MEMORIALS

The bread and wine being used at all Masses this week has been donated in memory of *Dennis Wixed* by his family.

The candles being used at the altar and pulpit have been donated in memory of *Harry Adamiak* by his family.

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of *Marcia Booth, Leona Vincent* and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

BAPTISMS

We baptized the following children over the last several weeks: *Lomel Jeffy-Dennis* and *Rocco Villa*. We pray that they will grow to understand what was done for them and learn to practice their faith with the support of their parents and godparents.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b
Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab
Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14, 17
Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration material and schedule for programs have been mailed to households who had children enrolled in our programs for the 2019-2020 school year. The material is also available at our website: www.ourladyofangels.org at the Religious Education page. Copies are also available in trays at the church entrances. We ask parents to have the completed forms at the rectory by September 8th so that we can adequately plan class assignments.

We thank parishioners who have volunteered to serve as catechists. Fr. Monroe will be contacting them this week to arrange a meeting to give them their manuals and discuss the protocols for the in-person sessions. If anyone else would like to volunteer to serve as aides with the catechists, contact Fr. Monroe at cmonroe@ourladyofangels.org or call the rectory.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., August 22 – Twenty-First Ordinal Sunday

8:00 am Lord's Day Mass

10:30 am Lord's Day Mass

12 noon Baptisms

2-4 pm Throne of God Worship Service

6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass

Mon., August 23 – St. Rose of Lima

9:00 am Daily Mass

Tue., August 24 – St. Bartholomew

9:00 am Daily Mass

Wed., August 25 – Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz

9:00 am Daily Mass

Thu., August 26 – Thursday of 21st Ordinal Week

9:00 am Daily Mass

Fri., August 27 – St. Monica

9:00 am Daily Mass

Sat., August 28 – St. Augustine

9:00 am Daily Mass

4:00 pm Lord's Day Vigil Mass

LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A PRIEST

Vianney Dinners are back! The next Vianney dinner is set for **Thursday Sept. 2** at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Studies, 51 Illinois St. These are nights for men, high school aged and up, interested in learning more about a priestly vocation. They are welcome to come to all or part of the evening as their schedule allows. **6:05 PM Mass, 6:30 dinner, and 7 PM social.** An RSVP is not needed but it is helpful.

Email director@worcestervocations.com.

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, August 28	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, August 29	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA

Christ the King parish will have this annual event to pray for the seriously and terminally ill beginning Monday, September 13 (7:15 – 8:00 pm) and the following 8 Mondays. You can call 508-754-5361 with names of people you would like prayed for during the novena.

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