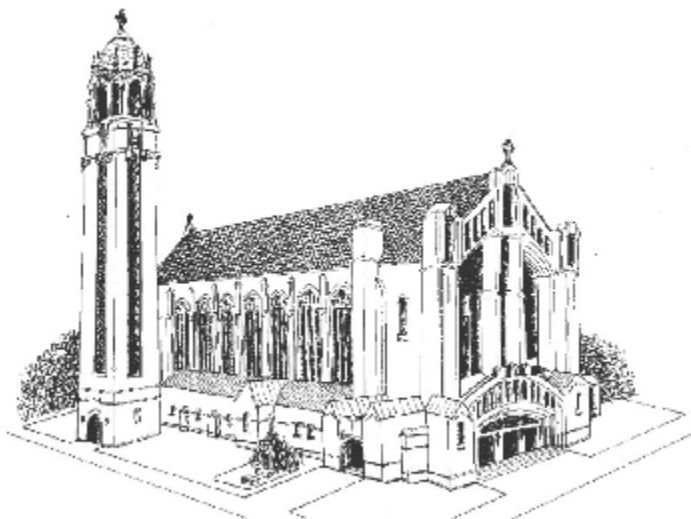


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We, the parish community of Our Lady of the Angels, as part of the universal Catholic Church, are answering the call to love and serve one another in this ever-changing world. Part of our call is to be a welcoming community of faith that is nourished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

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



There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our frequent vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES

- Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30): #563 in *Worship*
- Order of Mass: Front Page or #202 in *Worship*
- Liturgy of the Word: #1182 in *Worship*
- Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30): #333 in *Worship*
- Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30): #728 in *Worship*
- Acclamations (4,8,10:30) #353, 356, 357 in *Worship*
- Communion Litany (4,8,10:30) #590 in *Worship*

MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES

- Sat., 9/18 4:00 pm **Msgr. Rocco Piccolomini**, 6th Anniv.
- Sun., 9/19 8:00 am **Charles & Charlotte Quinn**, by family
- 10:30 am **Sonny Riopel & family**, by Bob Riopel
- (Remembrance) **Lionel Bourcier**, 33rd Anniv., by Claire Simpson
- (Remembrance) **Jeremiah Lucey, Sr.**, Month's Mind, by family
- 6:00 pm **Clement & Judith Anish, Paul & Alice Chase**, by family
- Mon., 9/20 9:00 am **Intercession of the Holy Family**, by Catherine Darensbourg
- Tue., 9/21 9:00 am **Clarence & Stella Wixted**, by family
- Wed., 9/22 9:00 am **Proffitt & Dillon families**, by Ken
- Thu., 9/23 9:00 am **Gary Nadow**, by Richard & Maureen
- Fri., 9/24 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Sat., 9/25 4:00 pm **Tommy Desautels**, by his mother
- (Remembrance) **John Carpenter**, 3rd Anniv., by family
- Sun., 9/26 8:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- 10:30 am **Mary Ballantine**, 9th Anniv., by Maryanne Hammond
- 6:00 pm **Robert Reid**, by Clergy Benefit Board

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

- Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:
- Weekly Adult Offerings: \$3,603.00
 - (\$510.00 in loose offerings and \$3,093 in 112 envelopes)
 - Religious Education Fees: \$ 815.00
 - Maintenance Fund: \$ 176.00
 - S. Mandella Memorial: \$ 100.00
 - Haiti Relief: \$ 65.00

- We also received the following online donations:
- Weekly Adult Offerings: \$ 941.73
 - Maintenance Fund: \$ 294.68
 - Charity: \$ 25.00
 - Fuel Donation: \$ 9.64
 - Haiti Relief: \$ 500.00
 - Catholic School Appeal: \$ 25.00

REST IN PEACE

Pray for the repose of the souls of **John Corbett, John Leahy, Ronald Lovely, Ruth Capite** and all our deceased relatives, friends and benefactors.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Wis 2:12,17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37
- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14/Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL APPEAL

My dear friends in Christ,

Why should every Catholic in Central Massachusetts consider it their privilege and responsibility to support Catholic schools in our diocese?

The answer can be found in the theme of our annual Catholic School appeal “Committed to encountering Christ.” That is not just a catchy theme. It is a mission that forms young people to be good parents, good community members and good Catholics in the future. In short, while we stand on the shoulders of giants before us, we rely on the giants of tomorrow to continue the mission to bring the good news of salvation to future generations.

We encounter Christ in every classroom, not just in the religion class. That is because Catholic education provides a solid understanding of who we are, made in the image and likeness of God and with a faith-based sense of purpose. It is a lens that sharpens our vision when studying science and technology. It provides a worldview that shapes why we communicate with one another in Language Arts and Reading as well as in the fine arts. And our understanding of community is foundational to how we interact with one another in the classroom, during team sports or when performing our charitable works within and outside of school.

I am making a special appeal to those of you who are a product of a Catholic school education. If you cherish that great foundation, share its value with a young person today. Support this appeal, and any other opportunity you encounter to help those in need to access a Catholic education. Our Catholic schools do not exist for the privileged; however, it is a privilege for each of us to share this opportunity to receive a Catholic school education with as many families as we can.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you can respond to this annual appeal for Catholic Schools.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
 Bishop of Worcester

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NOTES

Classes continue this week for Grades 1 thru 8. Classes for sophomores and juniors in public school who would like to receive Confirmation this school year will begin this Sunday, September 19. Students in Grade 9 and those in Grades 10 & 11 will meet every other week according to the schedule you can access at the Religious Education link at the top of the homepage at www.ourladyofangels.org. **Registration Material is still available in trays at the church entrances and online at the Religious Education as listed above.** All public school students in Grades 1 thru 11 should be registered for this year’s programs.

Public school and Catholic School students who wish to receive First Communion or Confirmation should be registered for those preparation programs. (Catholic school students for First Communion will join public school students for 7 sessions in the first semester for First Confession and 7 sessions for First Communion in the second semester. Catholic high schoolers who wish to receive Confirmation will join public school students for 7 sessions beginning January 9, 2022.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Annual Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, October 31 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This annual Mass honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should **pre-register no later than October 18** so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you. You can also access the form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., September 16 – 25th Ordinal Sunday
8:00 am Lord’s Day Mass
10:30 am Lord’s Day Mass
2:00 pm Throne of God Worship Service
6:00 pm Lord’s Day Mass
Mon., September 17 – St. Andrew Kim Taegon
9:00 am Daily Mass
Tue., September 18 - St Matthew
9:00 am Daily Mass
Wed., September 19 – Wednesday of 25th Ordinal Week
9:00 am Daily Mass
Thu., September 20 – St. Pius of Pietrelcina
9:00 am Daily Mass
Fri., September 21 - Friday of 25th Ordinal Sunday
9:00 am Daily Mass
Sat., September 22 – Saturday of 25th Ordinal Sunday
4:00 pm Vigil Mass

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday, September 22	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, September 23	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS SEX ED.

Under the newly adopted sex-ed program, Rights, Respect, Responsibility, voted in this Spring by the Worcester School Committee and being launched this Fall, Kindergartners will be asked to place "post it" labels on diagrams of male and female genitals. Fifth Graders will be asked to color in diagrams of male and female sex organs as the teacher discusses them. Sixth graders will hear about the details of oral and anal sex. Please see the Rights, Respect, Responsibility curriculum on the publisher's website at <http://3rs.org/3rscurriculum/3rs-curric-search/>. Bishop McManus is urging parents of Worcester Public School students to familiarize themselves with this program and to opt their children out. For opt out forms, please visit <https://worcesterschools.org/sexual-health-educationcurriculum-information-sessions/> or pick up copies at the church doors.

BAPTISM

Last weekend, we baptized **Eoin and Finn Cardinal**. 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.

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