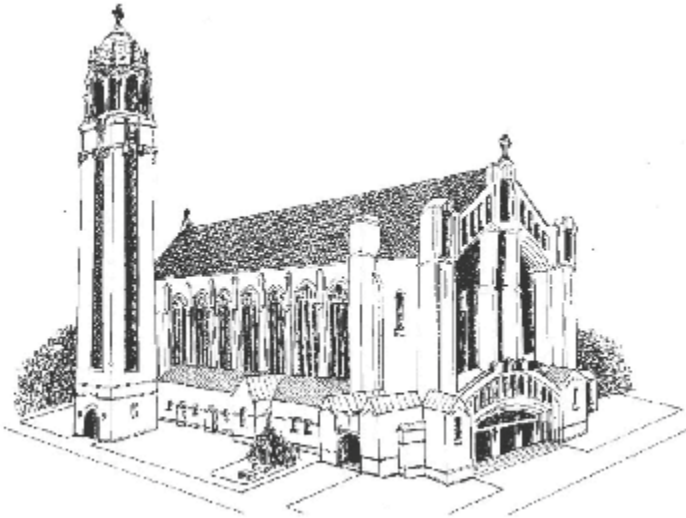


# OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PARISH

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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.



## **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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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.

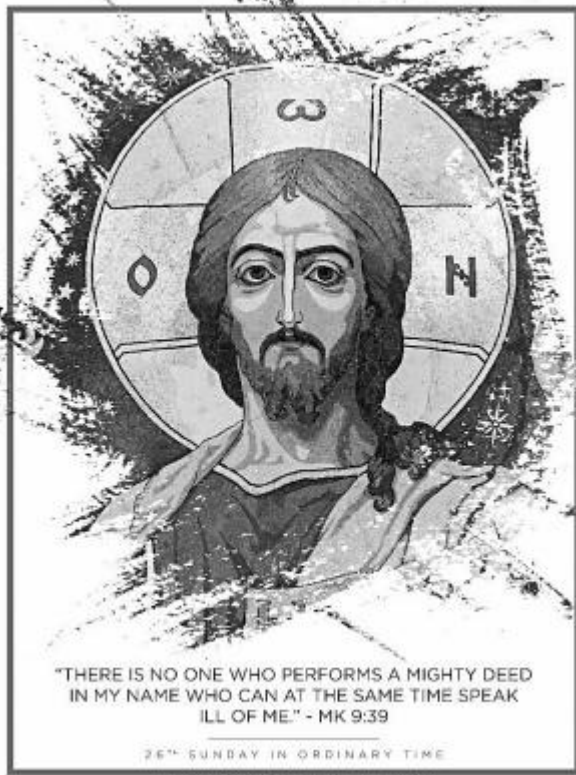
## **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick**

The pastor should be called whenever someone can benefit 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](mailto:jaudette@worcsterdiocese.org)

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



What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid. ©LPi

**FOR THIS WEEKEND'S MASSES**

- Processional Hymn (4,8,10:30): #642 in *Worship*
- Order of Mass: Front Page or #202 in *Worship*
- Liturgy of the Word: #1185 in *Worship*
- Gospel Acclamation (4,8,10:30): #333 in *Worship*
- Preparation Hymn (4,8,10:30): #982 in *Worship*
- Acclamations (4,8,10:30) #353, 356, 357, 384 in *Worship*
- Communion Litany (4,8,10:30) #596 in *Worship*

**MASS INTENTIONS & REMEMBRANCES**

- Sat., 9/25 4:00 pm **Tommy Desautels**, by his mother  
*(Remembrance)* **John Carpenter**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv., by family
- Sun., 9/26 8:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- 10:30 am **Mary Ballantine**, 9<sup>th</sup> Anniv.,  
by her daughter, Maryanne Hammond
- 6:00 pm **Robert Reid**, by Clergy Benefit Board  
*(Remembrance)* **Fr. John B. Kelly**, 36<sup>th</sup> Anniv.
- Mon., 9/27 9:00 am **Deceased of Proffitt & Dillon Families**
- Tue., 9/28 9:00 am **Marielle Manseau**, Month's Mind,  
by Roy's Funeral Home
- Wed., 9/29 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Thu., 9/30 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Fri., 10/1 9:00 am **Parishioners' Intentions**
- Sat., 10/2 4:00 pm **Fr. Dennis O'Brien**,  
by the OLA Charitable Ministry Group
- (Remembrance)* **Deacon Al Desautels**, by his wife
- Sun., 10/3 8:00 am **Gary Nadeau**, by Richard & Maureen
- 10:30 am **Genevieve Boza**, 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, by family  
*(Remembrance)* **Charles Thibeault**, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniv.
- 6:00 pm **& Ellen Thibeault**, 26<sup>th</sup> Anniv., by family  
**Murielle Manseau**,  
by Michael & Heidi Marchand

**CONTRIBUTION REPORT**

- Last weekend, we deposited the following donations:
- Weekly Adult Offerings: \$4,449.00
  - (\$507.00 in loose offerings and \$3,942.00 in 121 envelopes)
  - Maintenance Fund: \$ 184.00
  - Funerals: \$1,200.00
  - Baptism Donation: \$ 100.00
  - Unrestricted Gift: \$ 100.00
  - Rel Ed. Fees: \$ 655.00
  - Haiti Relief: \$ 14.00

- We also received the following online donations:
- Weekly Adult Offerings: \$1,159.78
  - Maintenance Fund: \$ 164.71
  - Charitable Ministries: \$ 15.00
  - Unrestricted Gift: \$ 50.00
  - Catholic School Appeal: \$ 30.00

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14/Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Rv 12:7-12a  
Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
- Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
- Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Mt 18:1-5, 10
- Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Heb 2:9-11  
Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

**HURRICANE IDA RELIEF**

Dear friends in Christ,

There is perhaps no better way for us to thank God for having been spared the ravages of recent hurricanes and natural disasters than to help others who have been less fortunate.

Recently I joined with my brother bishops in the United States asking for your donations to assist Haiti in their rebuilding efforts. As always, the people of this diocese have been most generous in their response, for which the people of Haiti are truly grateful.

Sadly, only a few weeks later, we must ask you to consider how you can help the Gulf state residents in their long term recovery from Hurricane Ida.

In making his appeal to the American bishops, Archbishop Gomez, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops noted that this special collection would be used to support the pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church, as well as the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services. These official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church along with their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs and recovery efforts.

I recognize that you must first respond to needs at home and, of course, to the operation of your parish and local non-profit efforts. All I ask is that you prayerfully consider this request and, if possible, I am confident that you will respond with a generous spirit. Parishes are being asked to take up the collection at the next available weekend that works with their local parish schedule. **[Here at OLA we will have a second collection the weekend of October 9 & 10 for this purpose].**

An online donations option will also be available on our diocesan website homepage at [www.worcesterdiocese.org](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org). If you have already made a gift through another relief agency, please be assured of my gratitude for your caring response.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

**Most Reverend Robert J. McManus**

Bishop of Worcester

**HELPING CHILDREN  
IN HOMELESS SHELTERS**

Horizons for Homeless Children created the Playspace Program with the belief that play is essential to healthy childhood development, and every child has the right to play. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many children in shelters have been staying in their rooms and have not had as many opportunities to socialize. Through the Playspace Program, these young children are being given the opportunity to heal from the trauma of homelessness and gain the cognitive, physical, and social/emotional skills essential to future social and academic success. It also provides parents with free time to take a class, make a meal, or take a shower. Horizons will be hosting online New Volunteer Orientations **Tuesday, September 28, 6-8:30 PM online**. Learn more at [horizonschildren.org](http://horizonschildren.org).

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Committee will meet Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Hall to review fiscal year 2020-2021 and approve the proposed budget for 2021-2022.

**BAPTISMS**

Last weekend we welcomed two children into the Church through the waters of Baptism: **Declan Gazard** and **Emma Artuso**. May they grow in the understanding and practice of baptismal faith with the support of their parents and godparents.

**THE WEEK AT A GLANCE**

Sun., September 26 – 26<sup>th</sup> Ordinal Sunday

**8:00 am Lord's Day Mass**

**10:30 am Lord's Day Mass**

**2-4 pm Throne of God Worship Service**

**6:00 pm Lord's Day Mass**

Mon., September 27 – St. Vincent de Paul

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Tue., September 28 – St. Wenceslaus

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Wed., September 29 – Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

**6:30 pm Finance Committee**

Thu., September 30 – St. Jerome

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Fri., October 1 – St. Therese of the Child Jesus

**9:00 am Daily Mass**

Sat., October 2 – The Holy Guardian Angels

**3:00 pm Confessions**

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

**PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Saturday, August 7	4:00 pm	Fr. Monroe
Sunday, August 8	8:00 am	Fr. Dougherty
	10:30 am	Fr. Monroe
	6:00 pm	Fr. Monroe

**WORCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLSEX ED.**

How high is the risk for Sexually Transmitted Diseases? Under a sex-ed curriculum being introduced in the Worcester Public Schools this Fall, the "answer key" for 7th Grade Teachers lists "bathing together" and "mutual masturbation" as having "no risk for STDs. Anal sex and oral sex using condoms are labeled "low risk for STDs. Is this what you want your 12 and 13 year old sons and daughters learning in school this year? Please see the Rights, Respect, Responsibility curriculum on the publisher's website at <http://3rs.org/3rs-curriculum/3rscurric-search/>. Bishop McManus is urging parents of Worcester Public School students to familiarize themselves with this explicit, age, inappropriate curriculum which lacks a moral grounding. Massachusetts law allows parents to opt their children out of sex-ed programs. For opt out forms, please visit <https://worcesterschools.org/sexual-healtheducation-curriculum-information-sessions/> or ask your parish for a hard copy. Thank you

**JOIN THE LIFE CHAIN ON OCTOBER 3**

All are invited to join the annual Life Chain on **Sun., Oct. 3** from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. This event of peaceful, prayerful witness to the sacredness of human life is held annually on Respect Life Sunday across the nation. Life Chain stations will be located at Elm Park/Highland St. and at Denny's Restaurant on Lincoln St. in Worcester and at White City Plaza in Shrewsbury. Signs will be available at the local Life Chain stations. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information, contact Joe Godek at 508-614-5971. All are welcome to join in this prayerful effort to help build a Culture of Life.

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