

PARISH LAY LEADERSHIP

Finance Council Chairs....Kimberly Schoolcraft, Matthew Barnes
Parish Pastoral Council Chair.....Kathleen Harrington
Rel Ed Advisory Committee ...Melissa Moriarty, Suzanne Harlow
Parish Safety Advisory Committee.....Chris Cekovsky
RCIA Rosemary Thresher, Don Mercure, JoAnn Hogan
Bible Study.....Sue Fratini
Adult Education.....Mary Federici, Bob Stack

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/PROGRAMS

Rosary Sodality.....Ursula Tuohey
Parish Outreach.....Mary Federici, Andrea Cook-Hewitt
..... Karen Scahill
St. Joseph’s Workers.....Fr. Dan
TMIY (That Man Is You) Men’s Group.....Deacon Andrew
Youth Ministry (JPII Crew).....Lisa Laferriere

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Cursillo MovementKaren Scahill
Schoenstatt MovementDiane Czerwiecki, Andrea Cook Hewitt
Girl Scout Troops.....Pat O’Connor
Knights of Columbus.....Rob Scagliarini

PARISH MINISTRIES

Altar Server Scheduling..... Cindy Monti
Altar Server Training.....Deacon Paul
Baptismal Prep.....Deacon Andrew
Children’s Liturgy of the Word.....Sue Fratini
Eucharistic Ministers/Readers, SchedulingBeth Modlish
Homebound/Pastoral Care Ministry.....Mary Federici
Music Ministry – Adult & Youth Choir.....Melanie Pertz
Contemporary Music Group (“Psalm 33”).....Tom Fucci,
.....Tom Layman, Sara Miller, Jake Harlow
Sacristans.....Karen Scahill
Soup Kitchen.....
Take & Eat Ministry.....Cheryl Wood
Wedding Rehearsal Team..... Kathy Harrington, Gina Broderick,
.....Christina Straney
Prayer Line.....Pauline, 862-3885 or Diane, 568-9754

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is now open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. You may also call or email and we will be happy to assist. A mailbox is outside the Parish Office doors where papers or envelopes may be dropped off anytime. The current bulletin and other materials are available in the box also located outside the Parish Office doors and can be picked up anytime.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We warmly welcome new members to join our parish. Please fill out a registration card on the tables in the church and place in the collection basket. Registration and active participation is necessary for Religious Education and letters of eligibility for godparents and sponsors, as well as Catholic School Parish Subsidy.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament is celebrated monthly. Please call the Office to arrange. At least one Godparent must be a Confirmed, active parishioner in their parish, attending Mass weekly.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

The Sacrament of Marriage is planned by an initial meeting with a priest or deacon, at least 6 months in advance. Be sure to contact the church BEFORE committing to date or venue with a deposit.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament with Confession is celebrated Saturday from 3:00–3:30PM (enter the Parish Center lobby doors), or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is administered by a priest, when requested. Pastoral care to the hospitalized sick and homebound is provided by the pastoral staff, and trained parishioners.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

The Novena is prayed every Saturday morning at the 8:00 am Mass in the Chapel.

LOW GLUTEN HOST

Low-Gluten Host for Communion is available at Mass at the end of Communion time, near the Divine Mercy Shrine in the Chapel.

PRAYER LINE

For prayers call Pauline – 862-3885 or Diane 568-9754.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday July 31

8:00 AM **All Souls in Purgatory**
Requested by the Onik Family
4:00 PM **Edward & Doris Lubas**
Requested by Paul & Louise Stevens

Sunday August 1

7:00 AM **Bob Gagnon**
Requested by John & Rebecca Perazella
8:30 AM **Margaret Lemek, 7th Anniversary Remembrance**
Requested by Paula Chapman
11:00 AM **Katherine Sullivan, 2nd Anniversary Remembrance**
Requested by John & Diane Sullivan

Monday August 2

8:00 AM **Henry E. Smith Jr, 23rd Anniversary Remembrance**
Requested by Family

Tuesday August 3

5:30 PM **Roland & Claire Bouchard**
Requested by Irene Breton

Wednesday August 4

8:00 AM **Bernice Morrissey**
Requested by the Parish

Thursday August 5

8:00 AM **Brother John Lesage A.A.**
Requested by Don & Nancy Campbell

Friday August 6

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

Saturday August 7

8:00 AM **Mary Cotnoir**
Requested by the Harrington Family
MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
3:00-3:30PM **Confession – in Parish Office, enter glass doors**
4:00 PM **Joseph Wright, 10th Anniversary Remembrance**
Katherine Moore, Birthday Remembrance
Requested by Diane Wright

Sunday August 8

7:00 AM **Charles W. Laudato**
Requested by Family
8:30 AM **Justin Giles, Birthday Remembrance**
Requested by his mom, Carol Chouinard
11:00 AM **Theresa Egbert**
Requested by her mother Gerry Ognibene & Family

Please Note: We regret that at this time, there can be no bringing up of Gifts of Bread and Wine at Mass

SANCTUARY CANDLE

For
YOUTH MINISTRY IN OUR DIOCESE

MARY GARDEN CANDLE

In loving memory of
EDWARD ZAGRANY, JR.
19TH ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE
Requested by Family

OUR STEWARDSHIP

For week ended 7/18:
regular / development \$9,901 mortgage \$742

Fiscal Year beginning 7/01/2021:

Regular / Development (gold)	\$ 32,822
Budget requirement per 3 weeks	<u>33,300</u>
	(deficit) (478)
Mortgage Collection	\$ 3,495
Mortgage requirement per 2 weeks	<u>3,137</u>
	358

Thanks to all who are able to support our Parish!

A special thank-you for our Rosary Ministry Support
for the month of August given in memory of
RITA BURKE PEARCE

GOD BLESS & THANK YOU!

We thank the following who have donated to the
General Church Fund:

In memory of: **Cynthia Lees**
Elizabeth McClung

PLEASE PRAY FOR ILL PARISHIONERS

Pat Conroy, Richard Pieczarka, Ray & Carmel Ann Lariviere, Cathleen Fredette, Michael George Martin, Ethel 'Mickie' Farr, Anne Kelley, John Freniere, Wanda Folini, Fr. Hector Vega, Colleen Cekovsky, Norman Smith, Sandy Fucci, Ellaine Cicerchia, Matthew, Bill Garen

SUMMER "SIZZLER" CASH RAFFLE!!!

1st prize \$500

2nd prize \$200

3- prizes \$100 each

To enter, fill out a raffle envelope, found on the collection box, with your name and phone number, place inside \$10 cash or check payable to *OLBS*, and drop in the collection box, Parish Office outside mailbox, or mail in. Thank you for participating!

JULY / AUGUST POOR BOX:
WESTFIELD SOUP KITCHEN -
"OUR COMMUNITY TABLE"

Our Community Table is a program whose mission is simply to serve those in need a dinner meal and fellowship, each night of the week except Saturdays.

The Poor Box is located on the wall near the glass doors at the back of the church. THANK YOU!

OPEN AIR, SUMMER ROSARY EVENINGS

Open-air Rosary recitations will be held **August 12 & 26 at 6:30pm** in the back yard property of the **Schoenstatt Movement House, 163 Sandy Hill Road**. Park on the street in front of the residence or in the driveway. If need be, parking can also edge over on to the front lawn. Each person should bring their own lawn chair. In case of inclement weather, the Rosary will be cancelled that evening. **Contact: Linda at 568-2125.**

CONGRATULATIONS EAGLE SCOUTS!

Two of our young men who are parishioners of OLBS were recently awarded the **Eagle Scout Medal** - the highest award in Boy Scouting! Our Congratulations to:

BRANDON BARNES & ALEX DAWICKI



**SUMMER FAMILY BONFIRE
& GAME NIGHTS!**

Bring a chair or blanket and join us for a fun night on the field near the Parish Center. We will have marshmallows for toasting, games and music! Bring your family, friends, or come and meet new ones. Fun starts at **6:30 Sundays August 8 & 22.**

NEW PARISH WEBSITE

We are putting the finishing touches on our new Parish Website. Look for more information coming soon.

2022 MASS BOOK OPENING

To schedule 2022 Mass intentions please fill out the form on the table in the gathering space, and return it to the Parish Office by mail, email, the collection box, or the mailbox outside the Parish Office doors. Confirmation of your Mass dates & times will be sent to you.

RCIA

With the gift of Jesus' Precious Blood on the Cross and in the Eucharist, let us reflect on the freedom given to us through our Baptism into him – to be heirs of the promise and liberated from sin. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way by which persons become Catholic through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For more information contact Deacon Paul at deaconpaul@olbswestfield.com or 562-3450 ext 105.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

To contribute to the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, use the donation envelopes near the bulletins, go to diospringfield.org/aca, or call 413-452-0670.

Our Parish Goal:	\$ 46,000
Total Donated to Date:	\$ <u>58,951</u>
Over Goal	\$ <u>12,951</u>
25% Returned to Parish	\$ 3,238

THANK YOU!

CHALICE EARLY AIRING TIME

Due to NBC's coverage of the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, the weekly televised "Chalice of Salvation" Sunday Mass will air at the early time of **6 a.m. on Sunday August 1**. The celebrant for this Mass will be Father John Duy Le, parochial vicar of St. Mary Parish, Westfield, and chaplain of St. Mary Elementary and High schools, Westfield. The Mass will be broadcast on WWLP-22NEWS.

FIND A MASS WHEN TRAVELLING

If you are traveling this summer and wish to find information about Masses near your destination, visit masstimes.org.

FR. VAL'S NEW ADDRESS:

Holy Trinity Rectory
133 Main Street
Greenfield MA 01301

Email: v.nworah@diospringfield.org

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

Parish Center Lobby

Bethlehem House, Inc. a non-profit organization located in Easthampton which offers **free pregnancy resources** for women/families in crisis. They are always in need of baby blankets, disposable diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, etc.

Westfield Soup Kitchen non-perishable food items are collected in the large basket in the lobby each weekend; cash donations may be sent to: Westfield Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 2017, Westfield MA 01086.

Green Shed

Bottles & Cans One of the biggest ongoing fundraisers for our Parish is our collection of Bottles & Cans which to date has raised **\$39,776** since 2007. Place rinsed bottles & cans with caps removed, in Green Shed near Ballfield. Please no water bottles.

**Don't Forget - the Parish receives a % back, if you purchase on AmazonSmile!
To date we have received \$1,221.63!**

Are YOU Being Called?

Deacons serve in a unique way. The Office of the Diaconate is seeking Catholic laymen to transition into Deacons. Catholic men are invited to attend a Diaconate Formation session for the Diaconate Class of 2026. Married? Invite your wife to attend with you! (Note: Age minimum at time of ordination is 35.)

* **Saturday, August 7, 10AM-Noon**
Bishop Marshall Center, Springfield

* **Wednesday, August 11, 6-8 PM**
St. Joseph's Church Parish Center, Pittsfield

Contact the Office of the Diaconate: 413-452-0674, diaconate@diospringfield.org, spfddiaconate.org

PRO-LIFE QUOTES

"More than four thousand innocent lives are taken each day in this land of the free and home of the brave, whose lady holds high the torch of welcome to human life."

~John Powell, Abortion: the Silent Holocaust

"Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants."

~Mother Teresa

PRO-LIFE VIGIL

Please join Catholics for the Unborn on **August 12 at 10 am, at St Michael's Cathedral in Springfield**. The vigil begins with Exposition, Recitation of the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet then Adoration. At 12 noon there will be Benediction followed by Daily Mass. Please support our efforts to protect innocent unborn life through prayer. Come for part or the whole vigil. **For more information call Diane at 413-821-0871**. We will meet in the main Church at St. Michael's.

YOUNG MEN'S VOCATION NIGHT

The Office of Vocations will hold a Vocation Night for young men on **Saturday August 21 from 4-7pm at Holy Family Parish, 29 Sugarloaf Street, South Deerfield**. The evening will include Mass, pizza and a movie. For more information contact 413-452-0503 or vocations@diospringfield.org.

St. Mary's Parish, Westfield

LAUNDRY LOVE INITIATIVE MINISTRY

This is a FREE event; available to any person or family who needs to wash their laundry. No registration is needed. Just arrive with your laundry between 4:30–5:30 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 3 White Street, Westfield. Donations and volunteers are welcome. To learn more about this opportunity to serve our community, please contact: Cathy Sypek at cathy@sypekclaw.com or 413-642-5276.

Keep up with Parish events – join Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish on Facebook!

FARMER'S MARKET

Holy Cross Church, 221 Plumtree Road, Springfield has a Farmers' Market every Sunday now through October from 9am-2pm rain or shine. Come see the fresh produce, homemade baked goods, and hand-crafted items in a warm, welcoming setting. There is a free ticket for a Gift Basket Raffle for attendees, and entertainment and lawn games for all. Come join us!



SMARTLOVING FERTILITY

An online course for learning how to manage fertility naturally in context of the Catholic faith. Based on the Sympto-Thermal method, the course incorporates a unique blend of scientific insights, relationship frameworks and Catholic Theology. Now through August 31 you can register for the course at 50% off to celebrate Natural Fertility Awareness Week.

www.smartloving.org/fertility

REVEL IN SUMMER

Dear God,
Let us revel in summer.
Let us soak up the long days
and warm sun.
May our feet walk on sandy beaches
and our heads rest on thick grass
under blue skies.
May we listen to and marvel at
the singing of the birds
and stop to watch blissful children
at play
This summer, God, may our
breathing slow and our hearts open.
God help us to be present to all that
is so that we might best see
all that might be.

~written and offered by David Johnson
jesuitresource.org



READINGS FOR AUGUST 1
18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING 1 EX 16:2-4, 12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!"

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.

"I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God."

In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

What we have heard and know,
and what our fathers have declared to us,
we will declare to the generation to come
the glorious deeds of the LORD and his strength
and the wonders that he wrought.

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

He commanded the skies above
and opened the doors of heaven;
he rained manna upon them for food
and gave them heavenly bread.

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Man ate the bread of angels,
food he sent them in abundance.
And he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountains his right hand had won.

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

READING 2 EPH 4:17, 20-24

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL JN 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

The Gospel of the Lord.