

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 August 7

8:00 AM **Mary Cotnoir**
Requested by the Harrington Family
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

Monday August 9

8:00 AM **Clement Bonenfant**
Requested by Michael & Mary Zyra

Tuesday August 10

5:30 PM **Barbara O’Connor**
Requested by Clara A. Page

Wednesday August 11

8:00 AM **Arana Family**
Requested by Kharmen & Carlo Saruca

Thursday August 12

8:00 AM **Richard Whitmore**
Requested by the Bonfitto Family

Friday August 13

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

Saturday August 14

8:00 AM **Barbara O’Connor**
Requested by Richard & Kathy Rix
MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
3:00-3:30PM **Confession – in Parish Office, enter glass doors**
4:00 PM **Edward J. Bean, Jr, 29th Anniversary Remembrance**
Requested by Pat Bean

Sunday August 15

7:00 AM **Ann Plogger**
Requested by Kharmen & Carlo Saruca
8:30 AM **Robert Dejkus**
Requested by Elizabeth Dejkus
11:00 AM **Peg & Joe Conroy**
Requested by their Grandchildren

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
OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
PREPARING TO RETURN TO COLLEGE

DIVINE MERCY CANDLE

In loving memory of
RITA BURKE PEARCE (white candle)
ALICE C. BURKE (red candle)
Requested anonymously

MARY GARDEN CANDLE

In loving memory of
VERONICA SCHOENROCK
13TH ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE
Requested by Regina Ekmalian & Family

VETERANS MEMORIAL GARDEN CANDLE

In loving memory of
CAPT. JOHN J. MCKENNA
L. CPL. MICHAEL GLOVER
Requested by anonymously

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

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

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!

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



OUR STEWARDSHIP

For week ended 7/25:
regular / development \$7,991 mortgage \$363

Fiscal Year beginning 7/01/2021:

Regular / Development (gold)	\$ 40,813
Budget requirement per 4 weeks	<u>44,400</u>
	(deficit) (3,587)
Mortgage Collection	\$ 3,858
Mortgage requirement per 4 weeks	<u>4,182</u>
	(deficit) (324)

Thanks to all who are able to support our Parish!

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!

OPEN AIR, SUMMER ROSARY EVENINGS
THIS THURSDAY!

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.**

FIND A MASS WHEN TRAVELLING

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

**SUMMER FAMILY BONFIRE
& GAME NIGHTS!
THIS SUNDAY!**

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.**

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. Confirmation of your Mass dates & times will be mailed to you.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL -
OLBS PARISHIONERS INVITED**

Holy Trinity Parish of Westfield will be having an ice cream Social **Friday August 20th from 5-8pm.** The event will be held in the **Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Hall.** There is no cost for the ice cream sundaes. You must RSVP in advance by calling 568-1506 or email htoffice@holyltrinitywestfield.com. All the ice cream is donated by the **Summer House of Southwick.** (*Donations at the door are appreciated.*) **There will be a lottery tree raffle, a 50/50 raffle and a Rosary Society bake/food sale at the social.**

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION IN THE HAND

The most appropriate and safest way for receiving Communion in the hand, is to place one hand UNDER the other with palms open and FLAT. Placing hands side by side is not safe! Let the priest, deacon or EM place the host in your top hand, then take it and consume it with your other hand. We want to try to minimize any accidental dropping of the Host! **THANK YOU!**

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:	\$ 58,951
Over Goal	\$ 12,951
25% Returned to Parish	\$ 3,238

THANK YOU!

We will be needing help with Eucharistic Ministry and Reading at Mass this Fall. If you are asked, please consider these important Ministries - we need your help!!!

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PLEASE JOIN ME TO CELEBRATE MY FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Rev. Fr. Val Nworah

15 AUGUST 2021 10:30 AM

VENUE: BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH
221 FEDERAL STREET, GREENFIELD MA 01301
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!**

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 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 August 26**, (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@sypeklaw.com or 413-642-5276.

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

SUMMER BBQ

Immaculate Heart of Mary, 256 State Street Route 202, Granby MA will hold a Summer Bar-B-Que on **Sunday, August 29 12-4pm** in their pavilion. Come and enjoy their famous Chicken BBQ, which includes a half chicken, baked potato & fresh corn on the cob. Hamburgers & hot dogs will also be available. Tickets are \$14.00 each. Music provided by Playing Fields. Games for kids & adults. Tickets - call 413-467-9821.

GIANT TAG SALE

St. Joseph Parish in Shelburne Falls will hold a Giant Tag Sale **Saturday August 28, 8am-2pm & Sunday, 9 am-noon** at 34 Monroe Avenue (church parking lot). The Tag sale will offer Scores of affordable, not to be missed, quality items, plus homemade baked goods, teacup auction, furniture, jewelry, collectibles, furniture, book sale and more! A Big Raffle featuring a \$200 Big Y gift card, \$300 in Local Restaurants' gift cards, and a 50/50 raffle. Call 413-625-6405.

JERICHO WALK - BEFORE "FAITH ON FIRE"

On September 9 at 6 pm there will be a Jericho Walk for the protection of the Holy Grounds of Sacred Heart Parish, 1061 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. This walk has occurred the night before every Faith on Fire Rally since it began. The walk includes praying, singing, meditation and the sprinkling of Blessed Salt and Holy Water. There will be a short teaching by Jeanne Raczkowski of the meaning of a Jericho walk and its purpose, just before the walk begins. Call Deb Briancesco at 786-8200 ext. 3 for more information.

PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST

Pro-Life of Pioneer Valley will be holding their annual Pro-life Breakfast on Saturday, **September 18, 10am-noon** at The Holyoke Elks Club, 250 Whitney Avenue, Holyoke. The speaker will be from the 40 Days for Life organization. 40 Days for Life is an international pro-life group that holds prayer vigils outside abortion providers in more than 60 nations worldwide. In the United States they have successfully shut down over 100 abortion mills. Tickets for the breakfast are only \$25.00. This is our major fundraiser for the year. The breakfast will feature French toast, ham, scrambled eggs, fresh juice and more. For more information and tickets call Monica at 413-746-0655.

VENDORS WANTED

Divine Mercy Parish in Three Rivers is looking for vendors for their Holiday Craft Fair November 13, 9am-2pm. The cost is \$25 for 6' table / electricity available. For info or to register, contact Lynne Riendeau 413-283-7038.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 8
19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING 1 1 KGS 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

The Word of the Lord.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Glorify the LORD with me,
Let us together extol his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the afflicted man called out, the LORD
heard,
and from all his distress he saved him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him and delivers them.
Taste and see how good the LORD is;
blessed the man who takes refuge in him.

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**READING 2** EPH 4:30—5:2

Brothers and sisters: Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ. So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

The Word of the Lord.**GOSPEL** JN 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They shall all be taught by God.* Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.