

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

Our staff is happy to assist you - our phone extensions and email addresses are listed on the front of the bulletin. Please call before stopping by the office to be sure the staff member you wish to see is available. A mailbox is outside the Parish Office doors where papers or envelopes may be dropped off anytime. The current bulletin and other materials are always available in the box also located outside the Parish Office doors.

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 14

8:00 AM **Barbara O’Connor**
Requested by Richard & Kathy Rix
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

Monday August 16

8:00 AM **Robert Clark, Birthday Remembrance**
Requested by Leslie Clark-Yvon

Tuesday August 17

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

Wednesday August 18

8:00 AM **Srs. Rolanda, Gunhilda & Bona**
Requested by Donna Blews

Thursday August 19

8:00 AM **Barbara O’Connor**
Requested by Clara A. Page

Friday August 20

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

Saturday August 21

8:00 AM **Josephine & Edward Jez**
Requested by Beth Modlish
MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
3:00-3:30PM **Confession – in Parish Office, enter glass doors**
4:00 PM **Doris Lubas, 3rd Anniversary Remembrance**
Requested by Paul & Louise Stevens

Sunday August 22

7:00 AM **Bazanchuk & Bianchini Families**
Requested by Louise & Steven Bianchini
8:30 AM **James Baginski**
Requested by Baginski, Begley & Hunter Families
11:00 AM **Edward Dunn, Birthday Remembrance**
Requested by Betty & Family

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

FROM FR. DAN'S DESK...

Our 2021 Vacation Bible Experience for our children was a complete success this year! The theme this year was "TREASURED" - that we are treasured by God! My thanks to Sheila Conroy and Cindy Monti for coordinating a wonderful and safe week along with the help of so many other adult and youth volunteers. I was happy that we could return to an in-person experience for the children this year!

GOD BLESS, FR. DAN

PRAYER FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives You praise,
for all life and all holiness come from You.

In the plan of Your wisdom,
she who bore the Christ in her womb,
was raised body and soul in glory,
to be with Him in heaven.

May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness,
and join in her hymn of endless life and praise.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

For

FR. VALENTINE NWORAH
1st ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Requested by the Jan Belliveau

SACRED HEART CANDLE

In loving memory of

GRACE HICKS
1st ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE

Requested by Richard & Rochelle Benoit

DIVINE MERCY CANDLE

In loving memory of

DR & MRS RAYMOND & JEANNINE GAGNON
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE

Requested by Family

MARY GARDEN CANDLE

For

NICHOLAS & FRANCES ROSELLI
60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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

OUR STEWARDSHIP

For week ended 8/01:

regular / development \$10,391 mortgage \$1,683

Fiscal Year beginning 7/01/2021:

Regular / Development (gold)	\$ 51,204
Budget requirement per 5 weeks	<u>55,500</u>
	(deficit) (4,296)
Mortgage Collection	\$ 5,541
Mortgage requirement per 5 weeks	<u>5,228</u>
	313

Thanks to all who are able to support our Parish!

DEFIBRILLATOR/ FIRST AID KIT

Just a reminder that there is a medical **Defibrillator** in the church, located in the Multipurpose Room (door behind the baptismal font) in the Gathering Space. There may be an emergency occasion where it will be needed and could save someone's life! There is also a fully stocked orange **First Aid Bag** in the room as well. We ask all nurses, EMT's and medical personnel to be aware of these items in case of an emergency in the church.
Thank you!

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!

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 EVENING

The final open-air Rosary recitation will be held **August 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.**

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 22.**

2022 MASS BOOK OPENING

We have begun scheduling 2022 Masses; some weekend and daily Masses remain open. If you have not yet scheduled Masses for 2022 and would like to, please call or email the Parish Office.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL - OLBS PARISHIONERS INVITED

Holy Trinity Parish of Westfield will be having an ice cream Social **this 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: \$ 61,076
Over Goal \$ 15,076
25% Returned to Parish \$ 3,769

THANK YOU!

We welcome back our Eucharistic Ministers and Readers. We appreciate the gift of their time and their ministry in serving at the altar.

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 **\$39,876** 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!

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.

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

**THEOLOGY ON TAP
WITH BISHOP BYRNE**

All are welcome to come to the Thomas Sullivan Banquet Hall at Nathan Bill's Restaurant, 110 Island Pond Road, Springfield on **Sunday August 29 at 6:30 pm** for a night of fun, faith, and fellowship featuring Bishop William Byrne.

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.

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.

FIND A MASS WHEN TRAVELLING

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

**HOLY HOUR FOR THE SUCCESS
OF THE FAITH ON FIRE RALLY**

Please join us **Monday, September 2 at 6:30pm** at Sacred Heart Church, 1065 Springfield Street for a special Holy Hour in preparation for the *Faith on Fire Catholic Rally*. Immediately following Holy Hour we will meet with all volunteers in the Parish Center for a quick meeting with your team leaders. The *Faith on Fire Catholic Rally* will be held on the grounds of Sacred Heart Parish, 1065 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, on Friday, September 10th at 6pm. Prayer can make all the difference for those who will come, please join us in prayer. Call Deb Briancesco Pastoral Minister at 786-8200 ext 3 with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

**MASS CELEBRATING ESSENTIAL WORKERS
SEPTEMBER 5 AT FOREST PARK**

Bishop William D. Byrne will celebrate Mass at the Forest Park amphitheater, adjacent to the Barney Carriage House, on Sunday, September 5 at 10am. The Mass, which will be broadcast live on "Chalice of Salvation," on WWLP-22 News, will recognize and lift up in prayer healthcare workers, first responders, employees of grocery stores, gas stations, and other businesses considered essential during the state of emergency in 2020. Bishop Byrne will also recognize the teachers and staff of Catholic schools in the Springfield Diocese, who welcomed students back for in-person learning in the fall of 2020, when most communities were still remote or hybrid.

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 15

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

READING 1 [RV 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab](#)

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM [45:10, 11, 12, 16](#)

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget your people and your father's house.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

So shall the king desire your beauty; for he is your lord.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

They are borne in with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king.

R. The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

READING 2 [1 COR 15:20-27](#)

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to

life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL [LK 1:39-56](#)

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said:

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever."

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The Gospel of the Lord.