

**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 (JP II Crew).....Lisa Laferriere

**AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS**

Cursillo Movement .....Karen Scahill  
Schoenstatt Movement ....Diane 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, Scheduling .....Beth 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 21**

8:00 AM **Josephine & Edward Jez**  
Requested by Beth Modlish  
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

**Monday August 23**

8:00 AM **Daisy Montalvo**  
Requested by Family

**Tuesday August 24**

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

**Wednesday August 25**

8:00 AM **John, Helen & Janet Regan**  
Requested by Dan & Mary Regan

**Thursday August 26**

8:00 AM **Katherine Sullivan & Stacia Williams, Birthday Remembrances**  
Requested by John & Diane Sullivan

**Friday August 27**

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

**Saturday August 28**

8:00 AM **Kim Heath, Birthday Remembrance**  
Requested by Mark & Linda Texeira  
**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**  
3:00-3:30PM **Confession – in Parish Office, enter glass doors**  
4:00 PM **Charles & Rita Hague, 75th Wedding Anniversary Remembrance**  
Requested by Family

**Sunday August 29**

7:00 AM **Edith Murphy & Geno Guerci, Birthday Remembrances**  
Requested by Steve & Sue Murphy  
8:30 AM **Eileen Blais**  
Requested by Mary Hatzipetro  
11:00 AM **John Butler**  
Requested by Patrick Butler

**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...**

The Summer is certainly passing quickly! We will be drawing the winners for our **Summer Sizzler Cash Raffle** next **Monday August 30 at noon**. Please be sure to get your raffle entries in before then!

As the Fall months approach, we will have many things going on here at the parish, and I will have many things happening in the Pro-Life Ministry of the Diocese! It has been a challenge to balance what I call a job and a half - fulltime Pastor, and Director of Pro-Life Activities for the Diocese. I look for your support in both of my roles! Recently I had placed a Pro-Life sign on our front lawn near the Parish Sign, and it seems it was "taken", with just the holder left in the ground. Even more recently, a similar sign I had placed near the glass doors to the Parish Office, was also "taken" with just the stand left. I hope and pray this is not an intentional removal of the sign. I know that there are some of you, who as Catholics would consider yourselves "pro-choice". That will be between you and God one day, but if there is anyone who would like to speak with me and learn more about the subject of the Church's "respect life" teaching, please contact me - I would be happy to discuss with you!

**GOD BLESS,**

**FR. DAN**

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

For

**WILLIAMS & SULLIVAN FAMILY**

Requested by John & Diane Sullivan

**MARY GARDEN CANDLE**

In loving memory of

**KAY SULLIVAN**

Requested anonymously

**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*

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

**RITA BURKE PEARCE**

**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.

**SUMMER FAMILY BONFIRE  
& GAME NIGHT!  
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 Sunday August 22**.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

For week ended 8/08:

Regular / Development \$14,152      Mortgage \$1,355

**Fiscal Year beginning 7/01/2021:**

Regular / Development (gold)	\$ 65,356
Budget requirement per 6 weeks	<u>66,600</u>
	(deficit) <b>(1,244)</b>
Mortgage Collection	\$ 6,896
Mortgage requirement per 6 weeks	<u>6,273</u>
	<b>623</b>

**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 where it will be needed and could save someone's life! There is also a fully stocked orange **First Aid Kit/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.

**SUMMER "SIZZLER" CASH RAFFLE!!!**

**1<sup>st</sup> prize \$500; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$200; 3- prizes \$100 each  
WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN ON AUGUST 30!**

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**

**THIS THURSDAY - FINAL 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.**

**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!**

**GOD BLESS & THANK YOU!**

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

In memory of: **Cynthia Lees**  
Ruth Tinker

**THANK YOU FROM HARMONY HOUSE**

*Dear Parishioners,*

*Thank you for your recent donation of \$146.00 from the Poor Box.*

*Your gift will help support the services and care we provide to people in our community who are in the final weeks of their lives and who come to Harmony House for home and compassionate care.*

*On behalf of our Founder, our volunteers, and our Board of Directors, please accept our gratitude for your generous donation.*

*Sincerely,*

*Amy L. Corcoran*

*President, Board of Directors*

**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](http://diospringfield.org/aca), or call 413-452-0670.

**Our Parish Goal:** \$ 46,000

**Total Donated to Date:** \$ 61,101

**Over Goal** \$ 15,101

**25% Returned to Parish!!!** \$ **3,775**

**THANK YOU!**

**FIND A MASS WHEN TRAVELLING**

If you are traveling this summer and wish to find information about Masses near your destination, visit [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org).

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

We warmly welcome new members to join our parish. If you have been attending Mass here and would like to join our parish, please fill out a registration card on the tables in the church entrance and place in the collection basket. We want to welcome you!

**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!**

**"THEOLOGY ON TAP"  
WITH BISHOP BYRNE**

Join Bishop William Byrne for a night of fun, faith, and fellowship at the East Forest Park neighborhood Thomas Sullivan Banquet Hall at Nathan Bill's on Sunday August 29 at 6:30pm. More info at [www.facebook.com/events/461893778557214](http://www.facebook.com/events/461893778557214).

**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). Call 413-625-6405.

**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!

**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.

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

Bishop William D. Byrne will celebrate Mass at the Forest Park amphitheater **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. People are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets for seating. Entrance and parking are free.

**BLUE MASS - 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF 9-11  
Sunday September 12 at 10am  
St. Michael's Cathedral**

Please join Bishop William D. Byrne for the Annual Blue Mass to honor all first responders, firefighters, state and local police, paramedics, corrections officers, federal law enforcement and those serving in the military. This year's Mass will commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. Families are invited to attend and the Mass will also be televised live on "Chalice of Salvation," on WWLP-22 News. A brief march and procession will proceed Mass. Attending officers and personnel are asked to wear dress uniforms and gather in the parking lot by 9:45 a.m.

**"FAITH ON FIRE" CATHOLIC RALLY**

You are cordially invited to the annual *Faith on Fire Catholic Charismatic Rally* being held on the grounds of Sacred Heart Parish (in the Church if it rains) at 1065 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills on **September 10 at 6pm**. The evening will consist of three Praise and Worship Music Ministries, Eucharistic Procession led by Bishop William Byrne, reconciliation, and prayers for healing with the Laying of the Hands. The speakers are Bishop William Byrne, Fr. Valentine Nworah, Sister Deirdre Byrne POSC. Food will be available for purchase. Please bring a lawn chair and/or blankets.

**Thursday September 2 at 6:30pm** Sacred Heart Church will host a Holy Hour for the success of the Faith on Fire Rally. Contact Deb Briancesco at 786.8200 ext. 3 with any questions or if you would like to volunteer.

**PRO-LIFE "RALLY" - SEPT 17**

A Rally will be held here **at OLBS in our Parish Hall on Friday September 17 at 7:00PM**. Inspiring and dynamic speaker - **Steve Karlen** from "40 Days For Life" will be here. NO Registration necessary - the event is **FREE**. Please come and learn more about Pro-Life efforts here in our Diocese!

**PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST - SEPT 18**

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**. French toast, ham, scrambled eggs, fresh juice and more. For more information and tickets call Monica at 413-746-0655.

**FOR THOSE BATTLING ADDICTION**

The Michael J. Dias Foundation offers sober housing to those in recovery. Do you know someone who needs a safe supportive place to stay while battling addiction? Go to the MJD website at [www.mdiasfoundation.org](http://www.mdiasfoundation.org) for more information or call directly at 413-788-0270.

**"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.

**[www.smartloving.org/fertility](http://www.smartloving.org/fertility)**

**READINGS FOR AUGUST 22  
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**READING 1** JOS 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Joshua gathered together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem, summoning their elders, their leaders, their judges, and their officers. When they stood in ranks before God, Joshua addressed all the people: "If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve, the gods your fathers served beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling. As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

But the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD for the service of other gods. For it was the LORD, our God, who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, out of a state of slavery. He performed those great miracles before our very eyes and protected us along our entire journey and among the peoples through whom we passed. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

**The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL** PS 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21

**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.**

The LORD has eyes for the just,  
and ears for their cry.  
The LORD confronts the evildoers,  
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,  
and from all their distress he rescues them.  
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Many are the troubles of the just one,  
but out of them all the LORD delivers him;  
he watches over all his bones;  
not one of them shall be broken.

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

**READING 2** EPH 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32

Brothers and sisters: Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. *For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. **The Word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL** JN 6:60-69

Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father."

As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**