

**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 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 28**

- 8:00 AM **Kim Heath, Birthday Remembrance**  
Requested by Mark & Linda Texeira
- 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

**Monday August 30**

- 8:00 AM **Theresa Peloquin, Birthday Remembrance**  
Requested by Family

**Tuesday August 31**

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

**Wednesday September 1**

- 8:00 AM **Juli Jensen-Derrig**  
Requested by the Petrone Family

**Thursday September 2**

- 8:00 AM **Earl Meyer Sr. & Earl 'Jay' Meyer Jr.**  
Requested by Ann & Steve Meyer

**Friday September 3**

- 8:00 AM **Communion Service**

**Saturday September 4**

- 8:00 AM **Richard Fisher & Son**  
Requested by their wife & mother  
**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**
- 3:00-3:30PM **Confession – in Parish Office, enter glass doors**
- 4:00 PM **Don Blair**  
Requested by the Harlow Family

**Sunday September 5**

- 7:00 AM **Kay Higgins**  
Requested by Catherine Higgins
- 8:30 AM **Robert Bonfitto**  
Requested by the Bonfitto Family
- 11:00 AM **Jerry Nash & Jerry Nash Jr.**  
Requested by Rose Nash

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

**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

In memory of  
**ARTHUR McCAULEY**  
Requested by the Parish

**VETERANS MEMORIAL GARDEN CANDLE**

In honor of  
**ROBERT QUINN, U.S. MARINES**  
Requested by his sister Jeannette Fletcher

**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**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP**

For week ended 8/15:  
regular / development \$ 6,868    mortgage \$ 225

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

Regular / Development (gold).....	\$ 73,231
Budget requirement per 7 weeks.....	<u>77,700</u>
	deficit) <b>(4,469)</b>
Mortgage Collection.....	\$ 7,121
Mortgage requirement per 7 weeks.....	<u>7,319</u>
	(deficit)... <b>(198)</b>

**Thanks to all who are able to support our Parish!**

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**ENTER BY AUGUST 29!!  
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!

**2022 MASS BOOK OPENING**

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

**SCHEDULING CANDLES FOR 2021 & 2022**

There are still many openings for scheduling candles for the rest of 2021! Also, we can now begin scheduling candles for 2022. If there are special dates you would like to book for candles for 2022, or if you would like to book candles for 2021, please call or email Sue or Mary.

**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!**

**Back to School Prayer**

Dear God, Thank you for the gift of children. Please watch over our children as they go back to school this year. Keep them safe every day. Help them to remember that you are right there with them in the halls and classrooms. Help them soak up knowledge. Help them treat others with kindness and respect, and to guard their hearts with the armor of Your Word. Give them joy and peace as they put their trust in you. Amen

The Bishop's collection for Haiti will continue this weekend - baskets are on top of the collection boxes. Checks may be made payable to 'OLBS'; please write 'Haiti collection' in the memo line.

GOD BLESS & THANK YOU!

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

- In memory of: **Helen Nagorka**
- Patricia Hart
- Chris & Ray Sadowski
- William & Christine Warren
- Joyce Piper
- Gary & Carol Masciadrelli
- Mary & Joe Fitzgerald
- Jean & Fred Crow
- Julie Bloomer
- Joanne & Paul Romani
- Richard & Margaret Adams
- Dick & Diane Piper
- Tom & Denise Kane
- George & Cookie Liptak
- Andrea & Benjamin Bryla
- Willy & Rita Stucenski
- Edmond & Judith Matyseck
- Diane Wright
- Lynn Viles
- Diane Bedor
- Ladis Cennamo
- Jeff & Sandy Earnshaw & Family
- Ron & Nancy Conrad & Family

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!**

DEFIBRILLATOR/ FIRST AID KIT

Just a reminder, there is a medical **Defibrillator** located in the Multipurpose Room (door behind the baptismal font) off the Gathering Space. There is an 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!**

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.

<b>Our Parish Goal:</b>	<b>\$ 46,000</b>
<b>Total Donated to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 61,101</b>
<b>Over Goal</b>	<b>\$ 15,101</b>
<b>25% Returned to Parish</b>	<b>\$ 3,775</b>

**THANK 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!**

**THIS SUNDAY!!**

**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).

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!

**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.

**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.

**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).

**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 [mdiasfoundation.org](http://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 to celebrate Natural Fertility Awareness Week.

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

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**SPREADING THE FIRE**

Sponsored by the Hampden West Deanery and the Diocese of Springfield Catholic Charismatic Renewal

**FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN UP**

**One Night Only!**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021 AT 6PM**  
ON THE GROUNDS OF SACRED HEART PARISH IN FEEDING HILLS  
1065 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA

**FEATURED SPEAKERS:**

		
<b>BISHOP WILLIAM BYRNE</b> <i>will talk on</i> Faith and Hope	<b>FR. VALENTINE NWORAH</b> <i>will talk on</i> Love and Healing	<b>SR. DEIRDRE BYRNE, POSC</b> <i>will talk on</i> Hope and Pro Life

**PRaise & WORSHIP MUSIC:**  
JACK YOURIOUS AND HIS GUITAR, PSALM 33 WITH TOM FUCCI,  
AND ST. CECILIA'S YOUTH BAND WITH CAROLEE McGRATH

Please bring your own LAWN CHAIRS and BLANKETS for comfortable seating.  
In the event of rain, rally will be held in church. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

**ONE NIGHT ONLY • COME JOIN US FOR THE FULL EXPERIENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**READINGS FOR AUGUST 29  
22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**READING 1** DT 4:1-2, 6-8

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

**The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL** PS 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice;  
who thinks the truth in his heart  
and slanders not with his tongue.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who harms not his fellow man,  
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;  
by whom the reprobate is despised,  
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Who lends not his money at usury  
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things  
shall never be disturbed.

**R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

**READING 2** JAS 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no

alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL** MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. — For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.* You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.

"From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**