

**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 September 4**

8:00 AM **Richard Fisher & Son**  
Requested by their wife & mother  
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

**Monday September 6**

8:00 AM **Communion Service**

**Tuesday September 7**

5:30 PM **Sal & Irene Porcello**  
**Wedding Anniversary Remembrance**  
Requested by the Tessicini Family

**Wednesday September 8**

8:00 AM **Peter Chlastawa, Anniversary Remembrance**  
Requested by Phyllis Chlastawa

**Thursday September 9**

8:00 AM **Michael Kwosz**  
Requested by Kris & Howie Wailgum

**Friday September 10**

8:00 AM **Mary Catherine Trant**  
Requested by her Family

**Saturday September 11**

8:00 AM **Peter Chlastawa**  
Requested by Linda Burl  
**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**  
3:00-3:30PM **Confession – in Parish Office, enter glass doors**  
4:00 PM **Richard L. Belliveau**  
Requested by Janet Belliveau

**Sunday September 12**

7:00 AM **David & Hazel Exware**  
Requested by Donald & Irene Exware  
8:30 AM **Vincent Piper**  
Requested by Loretta Piper  
11:00 AM **Christina Pirola**  
Requested by John & Lee

**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...

This weekend we welcome Fr. Michael Arpudham from the Diocese of Sultanpet, India, who will celebrate all the Masses this weekend as part of our annual Diocesan Society of the Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Fr. Michael will speak about his Diocese in India, and the needs among its people. There will be a second collection this weekend. Please look for the marked baskets near the collection boxes in the church and at the exits! Thank you as always for being conscious of and generous, to our brothers and sisters in need around the world!

GOD BLESS, FR. DAN

OUR STEWARDSHIP
For week ended 8/22:
regular / development \$ 8,579 mortgage \$ 683
Fiscal Year beginning 7/01/2021:
Regular / Development (gold)..... \$ 81,810
Budget requirement per 8 weeks..... 88,800
deficit) (6,990)
Mortgage Collection..... \$ 7,804
Mortgage requirement per 8 weeks..... 8,364
(deficit)...(560)
Thanks to all who are able to support our Parish!

SANCTUARY CANDLE
In loving memory of
GEORGE VAN HEYNIGEN
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Requested by his wife Louise & Family
VETERANS MEMORIAL GARDEN CANDLE
In loving memory of
FRANK NAGORKA SR.
BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE
Requested by Sandy & Family

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION
Representatives will be on hand at all Masses next weekend, September 11-12, to register your children for Religious Education classes this fall.

SCHEDULING CANDLES FOR 2021 & 2022
There are still many openings for scheduling candles for the rest of 2021! Also, we can now schedule 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.

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 to our Rosary Ministry Supporter for the month of September -
NORMA LEWIS

SUMMER "SIZZLER" CASH RAFFLE WINNERS
1st prize \$500 - Ursula Tuohey
2nd prize \$200 - Carol Sgroi
3rd prize \$100 - Gaetane Aube
4th prize \$100 - Melanie Peetz
5th prize \$100 - Claire Tyminski
Thank you for participating!

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!

**SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER POOR BOX:**

**HOMEWORK HOUSE**

An afterschool homework help program for "at risk" youth in the Holyoke area.

**The Poor Box is located on the wall near the glass doors at the back of 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!**

**GOD BLESS & THANK YOU!**

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

In loving memory of **our mother, Veronica A. Kelley, on the 11th Anniversary of her passing**  
Bob Kelley & Barbara Kelley Drapeau

In loving memory of **Helen Nagorka**  
Sandy, Frankie & Family  
Andrew & Terry Pignatara

**LIVING AFTER LOSS**

*Living After Loss*, a six-week grief support group offers education and information about the grief process, discussion and exploration of practical strategies for coping, and the opportunity to receive support and understanding from others. The program will be held at Genesis Spiritual Life Center from 5:30-7:00pm on Tuesdays October 5 - November 9. Sponsored by Firtion-Adams Funeral Service Grief Support Center. Registration required - contact Jill Adams at 413-562-3133. There is no charge. Refreshments will be served.

**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!**

**CELEBRATION OF IRISH HERITAGE**

The Sons of Erin is celebrating with an Irish Festival on **Sunday, September 5 from 11:30am-7:00pm**. The festival is a celebration of Irish Heritage with live music, dancing, food, children's activities, vendors, raffles, and much more. Activities include pumpkin decorating, face painting, and arts and crafts, Gaelic football, road bowling, etc. Billy Eagan & Barney McElhone, One Shot Paddy, (Garry Gormley) will be performing throughout the day and Dan Ringrose will be inside at 7:00. Special appearance by dancers from Cassin Academy of Irish Dance. The event will be held rain or shine at the Club located at 22 William Street off Meadow Street in Westfield. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, children 12 and under free.

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**CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

A celebration of the birthday of our Blessed Mother will be held at Holy Trinity Church in Westfield on **Wednesday September 8th** with Mass at 6pm and Adoration until 8pm.

**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!**

**COME JOIN THE PRAYING GRANDPARENTS**

**When:** Tuesday September 7, 11 am  
**Where:** St. Peter & St. Casimir Church,  
22 State Street, Westfield

**CAR WASH - NEXT WEEKEND SEPT 11/12**

Our youth will be washing cars at all Masses next weekend as the first fundraiser for our upcoming charity Dance Marathon. Please share our enthusiasm and support this event! Thank you!

**NEW PARISH WEBSITE**

You can find our exciting new parish website at

**[olbwestfield.org](http://olbwestfield.org)**

Please visit the website for a contest!

**PRO-LIFE VIGIL**

Please join Catholics for the Unborn on September 9th 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 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 LeDoux at 413-433-4790. We will meet in the main Church.

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

**COMING FEB 2022 - "DANCE MARATHON"  
SPONSORED BY OLBS**



**All Proceeds go to Charities!**

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Are you Catholic but not yet confirmed? Join us for 6 classes to learn more about the faith and as you prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation with other adults. Class dates are September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 from 8-10am at St John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street in Agawam. Please contact the office at St. John's to learn more and register at 786-8105 / sje.secretary@gmail.com. Materials can be purchased at the first meeting for approximately \$45.

*Come and be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

FAITH + HOPE + LOVE + HEALING

**FAITH ON FIRE**  
CATHOLIC RALLY



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

**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 SEPTEMBER 5  
23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**READING 1** IS 35:4-7a

Thus says the LORD:

Say to those whose hearts are frightened:

Be strong, fear not!

Here is your God,

he comes with vindication;

with divine recompense

he comes to save you.

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,

the ears of the deaf be cleared;

then will the lame leap like a stag,

then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Streams will burst forth in the desert,

and rivers in the steppe.

The burning sands will become pools,

and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL** PS 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever,

secures justice for the oppressed,

gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets captives free.

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

The LORD gives sight to the blind;

the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.

The LORD loves the just;

the LORD protects strangers.

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains,

but the way of the wicked he thwarts.

The LORD shall reign forever;

your God, O Zion, through all generations.

Alleluia.

**R. Praise the Lord, my soul!**

**READING 2** JAS 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs?

Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?

**The Word of the Lord.**

**GOSPEL** MK 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" — that is, "Be opened!" — And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**