

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

840 Page Blvd., Springfield, MA 01104

Telephone: 413-739-0456 • Fax: 413-733-6155 January 3, 2021



Lord's Day Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 (Interpreted Mass for the Deaf)

Weekday Masses

Mon., Tues., Weds., Fri., Sat.: 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After all Sunday Masses (Sat. 4PM Sun. 8 & 10 AM) or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

For dates and information call the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Rectory as soon as possible, at least one year in advance

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Office Closed Thursdays

E-Mail: office@mmohspringfield.org

Website: www.mmohspringfield.org

Parish Staff

Fr. Michael Wood, Pastor

Rev. Donatus Ironuma, In Residence

Rev. Kenneth J. Tatro, In Residence

Deacon Al Mutti

Deacon Gerry Campion

Cathleen Senecal, Director of Religious Ed./

Child Advocate Telephone: 413-736-1622

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Christopher Gosselin, Director of Music

John Koski, Facilities Manager

Cheryl Rivers, Parish Secretary

Gil Viteralli, Sacristan

Ministry with the Deaf

Kay Woods Pastoral Minister for the Deaf

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Parish Mission Statement: "We the people of Mary, Mother of Hope Parish are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament. As Christians, in the spirit of faith, service and community, we proclaim the Good News of Christ. We accomplish this by fostering a welcoming environment that supports the faith formation of our parishioners; the nurturing of spiritual life of our community and encouraging active participation in our parish life. It is our purpose within this parish to evangelize with God's Love and Word through example, outreach programs and respect for the diversity, gifts and cultures of others. It is our call to be faithful stewards of this mission."

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, January 2

9:00 AM For All People in America
4:00 PM Claire Michaud req. by the Faith Formation Staff and the parishioners of MMOH

Sunday, January 3

8:00 AM Rachel Day req. by Bob & Mary Jane Gauthier
10:00AM Joseph Kavanagh req. by the Chicopee High Baseball Program

Monday, January 4

9:00 AM Alice O'Shea & Patrick O'Toole req. by the Family

Tuesday, January 5

9:00 AM Lois Shea req. by Sr. Ceil

Wednesday, January 6

9:00 AM For our Homebound & Nursing Home Parishioners

Thursday, January 7

9:00 AM No Communion Service

Friday, January 8

9:00 AM Elizabeth Patnode (27th Anniv.) req. by Lil Bigda

Saturday, January 9

9:00 AM Rosa & Francisco Suarez req. by the Family
4:00 PM Betty Jane Lemelin (50th Anniv) req. by Lil Bigda

Sunday, January 10

8:00 AM Bill Billeter (20th Anniv.) req. by his Family
10:00AM Rose & Philip Galarneau req. by Lisa & Jim Rivers

Mary Mother of Hope Candle : The Mary Mother of Hope Candle will burn for your intention for a 1 week period. The suggested donation is \$10 for the week. This is a wonderful way to offer your intentions to our Lord as the candle stays lit next to His Mother and our Patron.

THE MARY MOTHER OF HOPE CANDLE will burn from 01/03/21 to 01/09/21:
BLESSINGS & PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND, NURSING HOME AND HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE PARISH



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn from 01/03/21 to 01/16/21
IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS OF LILLIAN & FRANCIS RICHARD

A Special Thank You to those who generously gave to our Parish Pantry. The gift certificates that were sent to our parishioners helped them to purchase turkeys and grocery items which gave them a wonderful Christmas Dinner as well as the department Stores for warm winter weather clothing. Your response was heartwarming, Thank you for your kind and caring way.

ATTENTION: The Mass Book for 2021 is now available to book Masses, whatever is available can be booked. Thank You.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2021

DISTANCE LEARNING

In the hardships we're facing, it is important to remember that God is giving us the grace to enkindle the love of Jesus and the Church in our young people through our Religious Education program

FIRST SEMESTER HAS FINISHED .WE Pray you had a healthy Christmas and hope you have a great New Year. See you Jan 10, 2021 for the second semester.

Dear Parishioners,

During this Holy Season let us pray for love, hope and good health and be thankful for each other. I am thankful to God for the many blessings we at Mary, Mother of Hope have received.

There has been such a heartwarming response to the various programs and events sponsored by parish committees. I recognize that among the joys and tribulations, there is a genuine awareness of each other and the generosity by our parishioners has been overwhelming.

I thank all that have responded so generously by their memorial donations to the Flower Fund. I extend appreciation to those whose donations of grocery store certificates and department stores certificates, made it possible to help those of our parish community who are facing difficulties.

I extend gratitude to members of the Ministry of Faith and to volunteer parishioners who helped to decorate the social center for our celebration of the Birth of Jesus. And also those volunteers who tirelessly have sanitized our place of worship keeping us all safe.

The celebration of Christmas is a wonderful time of year to fully appreciate the talents of our devoted cantor and organist Christopher Gosselin and our tapes of our wonderful choir whom we miss, I give thanks to them and their splendid musical contributions. I thank the children of the parish for their presence and participation in our Thanksgiving & Christmas Card project for all of our nursing home and homebound parishioners.

I extend my warm appreciation to their devoted teachers especially this year with the difficulties in keeping our children safe and learning from home. God bless and guide all our children, may we help them to grow in goodness and faith

I extend my personal thanks to Gil Viteralli, our Sacristan and those who loyally serve our parish in assisting us throughout the year in the ministry of Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Usher. You make our ministry safe, easier and very enjoyable.

Thank you for your devotion and for making this a beautiful and happy Christmas for me and for all who worship at Mary, Mother of Hope.

Father Michael

WINTER PARKING ADVISORY: If you park in the spaces on the side of the church near the rectory please be aware that there are no snow guards on our roof. If there is snow, the snow could come down & it could cause damage to your cars. If this should happen the church can not be responsible. *Thank You!*

THANK YOU

A special thank you to St. Pierre-Phaneuf Funeral Home Chapels for their donation of the beautiful calendars that were given out last weekend. If you need one you can ask the ushers there are still some that left . Thank you.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: The best way to know if one of our parishioners has been admitted to the hospital or a resident of a nursing home, or homebound and not able to attend Mass especially at this time, is for the family or neighbor or friend to share the information by placing a phone call to the rectory at 413 739-0456. Please let us know so that they can be added to our lists, we want to make sure that we keep in touch with them to let them know they are not forgotten, they are in our prayers and if there is anything that we can do for them. Thank you for your help

Deacon Gerry Campion is offering his prayers and guidance, listening to your concerns. If you would like to talk to him, you can call him on his cell phone 413 686-1422 . We thank Deacon Gerry for his dedication and concern for our parishioners.

Mary, Mother of Hope is on Social Media!

You can follow us on

Instagram @mm_ohope and

on Facebook @marymotherofhope

If you do not have social media and still want to view Mass at Mary, Mother of Hope:

You can type the web address below

<https://www.facebook.com/marymotherofhope>

or click the link from our website.

You do not need an account, just select “Not Now”

Social media inquiries can be directed to

Socialmedia@mmohspringfield.org

The Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confessions

Confessions will be heard after each weekend Mass in the parish meeting room. Those wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will enter the meeting room through the open door near the Mary Prayer Garden. Those who have just attended Mass, must leave the hall with everyone else and then enter the meeting room through this door. **FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Due to the cold weather we are experiencing in New England, the line for Confession will now form inside the building. Please use the doors you use to enter Mass. The ushers will be there to give you instructions.** If after Mass is not an opportune time, you may call the rectory and arrange a time with Fr. Michael. These confessions will also be heard in the parish meeting room and the penitent will enter through the open door near the Mary Prayer Garden. Masks are to be worn by both priest and penitent at all times. These must be put on prior to leaving your vehicle in the parking lot.

IN YOUR PRAYERS: Let us prayerfully remember each other and our hospitalized and homebound parishioners and all who struggle with the virus, and chronic disease & depend on prayers for strength, healing and courage as we are all one together in this Parish Family joined by Our God



We gratefully acknowledge gifts to Mary, Mother of Hope's Memorial Fund as follows:

In memory of **Brian Murphy** from Carol Kantany Casartello, Charles Casartello Jr, and June & Michael Monahan

In memory of **Marie Murphy** from Carol Kantany Casartello and Charles Casartello Jr.

In memory of **Michael Shea** from Joseph & Nichole Forest

In memory of **Our Parents** from Bob & Irene Flannery

Ministry of Faith Corner

Thank God for this new day in our lives. This is a day that will never return again, a day that will have as much meaning as we choose to give it. The meaning of this day might not be measured by our failures or successes, but by our attitudes toward what's happening to all of us.

By giving us today, O Lord, you give us time to deepen ourselves, time to build priorities, time to grieve, time to laugh, time to hope.

Help me, O Lord, remember that in your eyes a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like a day. Amen

By Lillian Richard

LET YOUR VOICES BE HEARD-AGAIN As you may already know, the Roe Act was added as an amendment (#759) to our state Budget. It passed in the House of representatives in a lame duck session Thursday evening. The Senate passed it on Tuesday 33-7. Now it goes on to Governor Baker's desk.

Please pray and call Governor Baker's office to oppose this legislation before 1/6/21 at 617 725-4005.

PASTORAL COUNCIL Has a new e- mail address . We would love to hear your questions, comments or suggestions! Reach out to us at pastoralcouncil@mmohspringfield.org

Be on the lookout for information about COVID protocols for attending MASS! Information will be posted on social media as well as main entrance.

MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE MEDITATION GARDEN

Parishioners are invited to donate paving stones in memory of their loved ones -both living & deceased.

A donation of \$150.00 will underwrite the cost of each paver. Order forms are available in the Social Center Lobby.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Granby will be having a Roast Beef Dinner scheduled for April 11, 2021. The plan is to have pick up from 3-5pm at the rear of the church, while following current Board of Health protocols. More information will be forthcoming when the event gets closer, especially if indoor seating will be allowed. Those still practicing in social distancing will have the opportunity to have takeout. For more information call the Parish Office at 413 467-9821