

# Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

840 Page Blvd., Springfield, MA 01104

Telephone: 413-739-0456 • Fax: 413-733-6155 October 11, 2020



## **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

Thursdays, Communion Service 9:00 AM

## **Adoration & Recitation of the Rosary**

Monday—Saturday: 8:35 AM

## **Perpetual Novena to St. Peregrine**

Saturday Mornings 9:00 AM (Mass)

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

After each weekend Mass

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Third Sunday of every other month, for dates.  
And information call the rectory.

## **Sacrament of Marriage**

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

## **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

**TTY 413 391-7340 VP 413 241-3193**

## **Office Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and

Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

## **Office Closed Thursdays**

**E-Mail: [marymotherofhope@comcast.net](mailto:marymotherofhope@comcast.net)**

**Website: [www.mmohspringfield.org](http://www.mmohspringfield.org)**

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, October 10**

9:00 AM Laura Grondski (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv) req. by the Family

4:00 PM Hilda Harscheid req by Jean & Rick

**Sunday, October 11**

8:00 AM Norbert Dussault req. by the Springfield Tribunal

10:00AM Laura Grondski (5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) req. by her Family

**Monday, October 12**

9:00 AM Family of Francis B. O'Brien

**Tuesday, October 13**

9:00 AM Eunice Siano (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) req. by her Children

**Wednesday, October 14**

9:00 AM Bill Billeter (Birthday Remembrance) req. by the Family

**Thursday, October 15**

9:00 AM **No Communion Service**

**Friday, October 16**

9:00 AM Saul & Donald Gauthier (Anniversary Mass) req. by Bob & Mary Jane Gauthier

**Saturday, October 17**

9:00 AM Mildred Gomes req. by David Gomes

4:00 PM Arthur Lemelin (44<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) req by Lil Bigda

**Sunday, October 18**

8:00 AM Emma DeZalia req. by her friend Kathleen Hanifan

10:00AM John Kavanagh (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.) & Joseph Kavanagh (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv) req. by the Family

**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 10/11/20 to 10/17/20:

**GOD'S BLESSINGS ON  
OUR HOMEBOUND, NURSING HOME AND  
HOSPITALIZED PARISH MEMBERS**

**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE**

will burn from 10/10/20 to 10/23/20

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE**

**DECEASED MEMBERS OF MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE PARISH WHO DIED 10/1/2019—9/30/2020**

Deacon Gerry Campion is no longer able to drive & visit Homebound & Nursing Home parishioners, however He would still like to be of Service to the Parish & our Parish family by 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 at 413 686-1422

**COLUMBUS DAY: Mon., October. 12, MASS 9:00AM, HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY!!!**

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Holiday on Mon. Oct. 12th, the rectory will be closed.**

**WELCOME BACK, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION  
2020-2021 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.*

**The next Pickup/Drop off of assignments will be on Sunday, October 25, 2020. \*\*\*Please note the change in time for picking up assignments. All families will pick up between 10:45 and 11:30 AM\*\*\*\* Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.**

***LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD-AGAIN***

*The State legislature has extended the session until January 5, 2021. There is a major push on by supporters of this legislation to get it passed, legislation which would expand abortion in Massachusetts, removing many safe guards and protections. We need to make our voices heard.*

*Please remind the Joint Committee on Judiciary that you oppose the expansion of abortion in Massachusetts. S1209-the ROE legislation. Every telephone call helps! Remember these bills would remove:*

*The requirement that young girls obtain consent before an abortion.*

*The requirement that efforts be made to save a living baby who survives abortion.*

*The requirement that late term abortions be performed in hospitals.*

*And the bills would allow abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy.*

*For more information how the ROE legislation would expand abortion in our State visit:*

*Www.macatholic.org. Thank You.*

*Here is the prayer for Elections from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops:*

*Lord, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues & concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our Community.*

*We ask for eyes that are free from blindness, so that we might see each other as brothers & sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.*

*We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned.*

*Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.*

*We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.*

*We pray for discernment, so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth, as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of Justice and Peace.*

*We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit Amen*



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

In memory of **Lorraine Calabrese** from The Calabrese Family

In memory of **Frances Frodema** from Robert & Roberta Frodema

**ATTENTION: The Mass Book for 2021 opened on MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020. You are now able to book your masses** As always in a spirit of fairness you will be allowed to book only **3 weekend Masses, after 30 days you will be able to book on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis**, whatever is available can be booked. **You may book your masses by phone at 413 739-0456 or at the rectory by office visit M.T.W.F. 9-3pm, you must wear a mask and observe social distancing.** If you see that there are people waiting please remain in your cars until they have left. Thank You for your consideration

**FOOD BANK: OASIS FOOD SERVICE CENTRAL HIGH, ROOSEVELT AVE., FRIDAYS 8AM-6PM DRIVE UP ONLY. GROCERIES, FRESH VEGETABLES & MEAT PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE IN NEED.**

**SURVEY ON THE RESPONSE TO SEXUAL ABUSE:**

The Independent Task Force on the Response to Sexual Abuse within the Diocese of Springfield is inviting you to participate in a brief online survey of how you perceive the diocese's response to allegations of clergy sexual abuse in the past.

**A link to the survey can be found at: [diospringfield.org](http://diospringfield.org) and will be available from Thursday, October 8 through Monday, Oct. 19.**

**CATHOLIC LIFE CONFERENCE** The Catholic Life Conference announces **Oct 11-17 At Home Conference This day is for YOU—and it is now online and free!** The Catholic Life Conference, originally scheduled for March 21, 2020, has been rescheduled and reshaped--and is ready to be delivered in a format just for you! Hear our exciting speakers, participate in a live Q&A, receive your Conference To Go Bag, and best of all, come together with other Catholics in our diocese, asking together, "Why Are YOU Catholic?" You can still register! It's free! Go to [catholiclifeconference.org](http://catholiclifeconference.org) to 1) register for the first time, 2) request a refund or use your already paid fee for a Conference To Go Bag with great options for extras, and 3) join our Catholic family from your home or parish— all the talks and extras will be a click away. The conference will also be available on DVD, CD, and in Spanish.

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

**WEEKLY REPORT OCTOBER 3/4, 2020**  
**TOTAL ENVELOPE DONATIONS \$5,914.00**  
**MAINTENANCE \$698.00 MIRROR \$656.00**

**THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE MAILING IN YOUR DONATIONS TO THE PARISH IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. FATHER MICHAEL**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**Funerals and Memorial Masses**

All funerals and Memorial Masses will be held in our parish hall for the time being.

Due to the need to thoroughly clean and disinfect the building after each use (including our daily Masses at 9AM), we will only be able to accommodate Funerals and Memorial Masses at 11AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

**Baptisms**

For the time being, all baptisms will be in our parish hall. These will be scheduled at a mutually agreed time by the family & Fr. Michael. Please call the rectory to schedule.

**Food Pantry**

For the time being, we will not be accepting physical goods. If you wish to support the parish food pantry, please consider buying a gift certificate to a local grocery store or pharmacy, and please drop it in the basket at Mass in an envelope marked "Food Pantry".

***PLEASE NOTE: At this time the Take & Eat Program is suspended until we can safely restart it. We are following the guidelines from our Governor and the Diocese. Please stay safe. Father Michael***

**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.

Those waiting to go to confession can do so in their car, or by socially distancing (keeping 6 feet apart) in the Mary Prayer Garden. 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. The masks are to remain on until you return to your vehicle, which we ask you to do promptly

**AGAWAM CATHOLIC BLOG:** The Agawam Catholic Blog is a place that we as brothers and sisters in Christ can go to read an uplifting article, see what may be going on in our area, make a respectful comment or ask a respectful question. This blog is open to all communities within our Springfield Diocese. It is very easy to access, just put in a search for **The Agawam Catholic Blog**. If you have any questions or concerns please call Deb Briancesco RN, Pastoral Minister at Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills at 413 786-8200 ext. 3.

**MARY'S HOUSE OF PRAYER:** Our gift shop is now open Monday –Friday 10 AM to 2 PM, and by appointment call Jean at 413 452-0511. The shop is located at 202 East Main St., Chicopee. Many Items to chose from as well as Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation gifts & cards. We accept cash & personal checks.

**VINE & BRANCHES GIFT SHOP** opened Sept.10<sup>th</sup>. The shop will only be open on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10-3PM and Saturday from 9:30 Am –3:30 PM.**; masks are required. Method of payment preferred is credit/debit cards. The Gift Shop is located at 1065 Springfield St. Feeding Hills. Any questions call Deb at 413 786-8200 ext. 3.