

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

840 Page Blvd., Springfield, MA 01104

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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

Saturday: 8:00-8:45 AM, 3:00—3:30 PM

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

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Christopher Gosselin, Director of Music

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Cheryl Rivers, Parish Secretary

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Ministry with the Deaf

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and

Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Office Closed Thursdays

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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, October 17

9:00 AM Mildred Gomes req. by David Gomes

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

Sunday, October 18

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

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

Monday, October 19

9:00 AM Eunice Siano (Birthday Remembrance) req. by her Children

Tuesday, October 20

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

Wednesday, October 21

9:00 AM M/M Philip Del Negro req. by David O'Flaherty

Thursday, October 22

9:00 AM **No Communion Service**

Friday, October 23

9:00 AM Regina Atkins req. by her Husband

Saturday, October 24

9:00 AM Christopher Rivers (2nd Anniv.) req. by his Wife and Family

4:00 PM Elise Boucher req by Jean & Rick

Sunday, October 25

8:00 AM William O'Shea (20th Anniv.) req. by his Family

10:00AM Donald Carpenter (30th Anniv.) req. by his Wife and 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 10/18/20 to 10/24/20:
GOD'S BLESSINGS ON
OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS
MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE CLASS OF 2020



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

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.

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

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

To commemorate the life of your dearly departed loved one, our Parish would normally have A Remembrance Mass for all those who died beginning October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, unfortunately this year because of the Pandemic and the restrictions on the number of people that can attend, we will be canceling the Mass this year. We will however add the names of your deceased loved ones in our Book of Remembrance and remember them at Mass during the month of November.

Losing a loved one is hard under normal circumstances and experiencing the loss of your loved one during this pandemic is extraordinarily difficult. As you continue your grief journey, I encourage you to reflect on memories with your loved one and the gifts they brought to your life. We do not get over grief, we get through it. It is important that we honor our dead and share our grief into the future. This pandemic will end, but our love for those we have lost will not. After a death, we move forward into a world that has changed personally and permanently, but we do not leave our loved ones behind. We carry them with us, with the knowledge that our bonds cannot be broken, even by death.

During the month of November, **ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS** your loved ones will be remembered at each Mass, their names will be kept near the altar as we pray together for their souls & for the families to receive comfort in God's promise of mercy and salvation.

May the Souls of all the Faithful Departed through the Mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen

Your prayers are requested in fond memory of all our deceased loved ones and for the following members of our parish community whose earthly journey ended during the period of Oct. 1, 2019- Sept. 30, 2020

Michael Quirk Jr.
Henry Malouin
Henry Benjamin
Anthony Rivers
Edmund Cunningham IV
Eleanor Haggerty
Kathleen 'Ambrosio
Therese Plasse
Rita Mutti
Marie Murphy
Alice Kelliher
Frances Benjamin
Donald Windrum
Alice Kay
Edgar Decoteau
Olivette Kellogg
Richard Senecal
Frances Frodema
Adriana Pio
Marie Dussault
Evangeline Roy
Gisele Reome
Pauline Mulak
Lillian Gauthier
Elizabeth Plante
Irene Simard
Gail Manchino

Nobert Dussault
Marie Martin
Robert Gorham
Ruth Gaudette
Patrick Veale
Linda Menard
Martha MacDonald
Felix Rougeau
Carol Rahilly
Lorraine Martin
Henry Dubay Sr.
Mary Mauri
Dorothy Park
Emma Dezalia
David Skinner
Mildred Dubay
Betsy Dieters
Philip Del Negro
Mary Lynn Girard
Helen Lis
Helen Fitzgerald
Jeannette Bergdoll
Kathleen O'Neil
Mary Kulig
Ernest Parrow
Lorraine Calabrese
Rachel Day

See next column

DEAF COMMUNITY

NOVEMBER 2019 –SEPTEMBER 2020

Roberta (Mercure) Pittsley Ernestine (Erni) Booth
Joseph A. Sacchetti, Jr. Jane Driscoll
Antonio (Tony) Pena Erwin Weinstein
Ann Ittner Gary R. Woods
Linda M. Larose Susan Conlon Phillips
Elizabeth G. Woods Janice M. O'Neill
Gisele J. Mercier Catherine Goodman

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

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