

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

840 Page Blvd., Springfield, MA 01104

Telephone: 413-739-0456 • Fax: 413-733-6155 October 4, 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

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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 3

9:00 AM Clovis Messier (31st Anniv) req. by Teresa Connor

4:00 PM Laura Lemelin (31st Anniv.) req by Lil Bigda

Sunday, October 4

8:00 AM David Fournier (1st Anniv.) req. by his Wife and Family

10:00AM Living & Deceased Members of the Women's Club

Monday, October 5

9:00 AM Karol Korytko req. by Barbara Aubrey

Tuesday, October 6

9:00 AM Grace & Vincent Bellucci req. by the Family

Wednesday, October 7

9:00 AM Pauline Mulak req. by Helen Goncher

Thursday, October 8

9:00 AM **No Communion Service**

Friday, October 9

9:00 AM Evangeline Roy req. by Lucette LaFleur & Family

Saturday, October 10

9:00 AM Laura Grondski (5th 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 (5th Anniv.) req. by her 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 10/04/20 to 10/10/20:

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
GEORGE J. CHRISTOFORI
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS FROM HIS WIFE**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

will burn from 09/26/20 to 10/09/20

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE
LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS
OF MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE PARISH**

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

**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.**

**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 second scheduled pick up of Faith Formation assignments was on Sunday, September 27, 2020. The schedule for the year is in each child's folder at the first pick up. We look forward to this new year of Religious Education! Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.

PLEASE BE ADVISED!!

ATTENTION: The Mass Book for 2021 will BE AVAILABLE TO BOOK MASSES THIS MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2020. 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 1st come 1st 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.

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

THANK YOU!!! : For the past six months we have not been able to give out groceries or accept groceries for our Food Pantry for our parishioners. It is with a thankful heart that we acknowledge and thank so many of our parishioners who have given from their hearts gift certificates and money so that we can keep this wonderful ministry going. With your support we are able to send out these Gift Certificates to so many who are facing financial difficulties especially during the pandemic. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your kindness & genuine concern for your fellow parishioners. May God Bless you all.





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

In memory of **Lorraine Calabrese** from Monica & Bruce Harnois, and Maxine Partyka

CATHOLIC MIRROR The Diocese mandates that each parish pay for a subscription to the Catholic Mirror for every registered parishioner. Each year a collection is taken up to help offset this expense, and the money raised stays in the parish. Last year the parish was assessed \$2,173.78 for subscriptions to the Mirror. Last year's special collection raised \$1237.00. This **October 3-4** is the annual collection for the Catholic Mirror. Anything you can give would be greatly appreciated! For those who use envelopes there is a special one for this collection. If you do not use envelopes but would like to support this collection, please place your gift in any envelope marked "Catholic Mirror" and put it in the collection basket the weekend of October 3-4. Thank you for your support!

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 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 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.

Please join area pro-lifers for a LifeChain on Sat., October 10th at St. Mary's Parish, Rte. 5, Longmeadow, MA. The LifeChain will be held from 11am to 12 Noon, Longmeadow Street, Longmeadow, MA. Help us defend the unborn. Meet in the church parking lot at 10:30 AM. We will line up on Route 5, heading towards the Springfield line. Coffee and donuts provided by the Knights of Columbus. For more info. email: prolifepioneervalley@gmail.com Join us!

WEEKLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 26/27, 2020
TOTAL ENVELOPE DONATIONS \$5,545.89
MAINTENANCE \$134.00

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

OUR DEEPEST LONGING : Day retreats at Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT. Join us in exploring that deep longing planted in our hearts by God for peace, wholeness, and relationships that give us joy & lift us up. These retreats are offered on site (40 Participants max) as well as on Zoom platform. Visit our website for dates and additional details: holymfamilyretreat.org/themed-retreats or call 860 760-9705

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.

BLOOD DRIVE: Baystate Medical Center Blood Drive Program has safety measures that have been taking place during the pandemic; chairs 6ft. apart, equipment & chairs cleaned between each donor. Staff wear masks at all times, and we can provide masks to donors if they do not have their own also everyone has their temperature taken before filling out questionnaire. **Our blood supply is critically low due to Covaid-19** if you are able to donate we would love for you to come out. Because there are no patients in the Whitney Ave location, it is our hope that this will encourage the community to come out and donate. **All eligible donors will receive a gift card to Big Y or Dunkin Donuts.**

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.10th. The **shop will only be open on Mondays and Thursdays from 10-3PM**; 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.

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.