

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

840 Page Blvd., Springfield, MA 01104
Telephone: 413-739-0456 • Fax: 413-733-6155 November 14, 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

Adoration & Recitation of the Rosary

Monday-Saturday: 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3-3:30 PM 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 John Miller

Deacon Gerry Campion

Cathleen Senecal, Director of Religious Ed./ Child

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Ministry with the Deaf

Kay Woods Pastoral Minister with 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."

A WORD OF WELCOME

"No Matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your family or marital situation, No matter what your past or present religious affiliation, No matter what your personal history, background, race, or culture, No matter what your own self-image or esteem: You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected here at Mary, Mother of Hope Parish".

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 13

9:00 AM Eunice Siano req. by her Children
4:00 PM Maszta & Prejsnar Family req. by Betsy and Janice

Sunday, November 14

08:00 AM John & Rachel day (A Special Anniversary) req. by Michelle & Dan
10:00AM Anita Moon (1st Anniv.) req. by Mary Ann Semrau

Monday, November 15

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

Tuesday, November 16

9:00 AM For all the Deceased members of our Parish

Wednesday, November 17

9:00 AM A Special Intention for a Friend req. by David O'Flaherty

Thursday, November 18

9:00 AM No Communion Service

Friday, November 19

9:00 AM Raymond Paul & Corinne Davis req. by the Family

Saturday, November 20

9:00 AM Americo Mack Gomes req. by David Gomes
4:00 PM Fred Krampits req. by Jean and Rick

Sunday, November 21

08:00 AM Virginia Wynne req. by Terry & Ken Rainville
10:00AM Sally LeHouiller (1st Anniv.) req. by Diane and Tom Stublely

THE MARY MOTHER OF HOPE CANDLE

will burn from 11/14/21 to 11/20/21:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FROM THEIR PARISH FAMILY

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

will burn from 11/06/21 to 11/19/21

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FAMILY FROM DEACON GERRY CAMPION

ATTENTION LECTORS: There are new handbooks for this new year which starts on the weekend of November 27/28 the 1st Sunday of Advent in the Sacristy. Please take one, there are enough for every lector



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

In memory of **Carolyn McNamara** from Sheila Garvey & Family

MMOH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes Schedule on the following dates

Levels K 1, 2,3, 4 :Sunday, Nov 14 @ 8:45 AM

Levels 5, 6,7,8 : Sunday, Nov 14 @ 11:00 AM

Levels 9, 10, 11: Sunday, November 21 @ 11:00

GINGERBREAD HOUSE PROJECT

The Faith Formation Education Committee needs your help! We are looking for donations for our family gingerbread house project on **Saturday, Dec. 4th starting at 2PM**. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Our Wish List includes: frosting green & red, graham crackers, royal icing, gum drops, twizzlers, m & m's, sweet tarts, red & green mints, junior mints, necco wafers, sugar ice cream cones, and jaw breakers. Donations may be placed in the box labeled "Gingerbread House" in the Lobby, and are needed by **November 21, 2021**
THANK YOU!!!

Our Parish Giving Tree

This year as a parish, for each of the four weeks of Advent, we will concentrate on a different group in our community that could benefit from our generosity to make their Christmas a little brighter this year. We ask that you place your unwrapped items under our giving tree in the social center hall each week.

1st Week of Advent: Nov. 27/28,2021
The Shut-ins of Our Parish

We ask that this week people of the parish donate gift cards to local supermarkets and pharmacies. These gift cards can be used by our shut-ins to help buy food, medication, and other needed items. Gift cards can be in any denomination; please just indicate the amount it is for by writing on the card. Rather than placing these cards under the tree, please put in with the collection.

ALL SAINTS ALL SOULS During the month of November, let us not forget relatives and friends now separated from us by death, whose memories are enmeshed within the fabric of our being. As we treasured their earthly existence, so too, let us remember them with love and prayer as they have moved now towards the closer embrace of God. ***The parish will accept the names of your beloved deceased souls to be kept near the altar as we pray for these intentions during the month of November.***

PLEASE NOTE: There are copies of Mary, Mother of Hope's Annual Financial Report for 2021 in the Social center on the table. Please take one if you would like. Thank You.



In January we will welcome a new Pastoral Minister who will help us establish a bereavement ministry and visit the homebound. Sr. Cindy Matthews, OSF is a native of Lowell, MA. She is from a family of twelve siblings and a large extended family. She entered the Franciscan Sisters in 1968. Sr. Cindy received a certificate in Pastoral care of the Sick & Elderly from Merrimac College. She served for 13 years in various hospitals in Florida and New York, was a case manager for the low-income elderly in the Boston area for 8 years, and was the Pastoral Minister at Holy Cross Parish in Spfld for the past 27 years. She founded the "Franciscan Blessings" program in 1999 and continues to be the director of this "Alternative Gift Giving" program. "Franciscan Blessings" sends 100% of the money donated to the sisters who serve in Jamaica, Brazil, and Bolivia to assist them in their various works among those who suffer from poverty.

Sr. Cindy is looking forward to joining the Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community as part-time Pastoral Minister with a focus on caring for those who are homebound or in nursing homes & the Bereavement Ministry. She will "officially" arrive in the parish in January. However, you may see her around from time to time before then.

GROW: My husband reads the obituaries regularly, as did my Aunt Loretta. Me, I avoid them. I don't like to think about death, and the same can be said for some references to the end times, particularly those like we hear in the Book of Daniel: "Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." Give me a comforting psalm any day! However, in today's Gospel, Jesus assures us that we who believe need not fear the Second Coming, for at that time the Son of Man shall "gather his elect." Yes, "heaven and earth will pass away," but the words of Jesus never shall. It is true, we don't know the time or the hour of his return and so we prepare for it by remaining focused on Jesus' words and turning our lives over to him. Strive to live well on earth, following the path to eternal life that our loving and merciful Savior has paved for us.

GO: It's easy to become complacent in that striving. I notice that tendency in everyday life – taking my spouse for granted, not being mindful of how what I say and do serves as an example (either good or bad!) for another. It's like moving through the day with blinders on. In today's Gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples about his return in glory, and how those who follow him will be able to sense its approach. "Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near." In other words, "pay attention; be observant" – the opposite of complacency. To counter this within ourselves, we can ask God to open our eyes to the signs of his love all around us – our spouses and dear friends, our families, and all the gifts we have been given. Just as importantly, we can accompany one another as we seek to grow in holiness and prepare for the day we meet Jesus.

PRAY: Take a moment in this month of November to pray for all who have died.

MINISTRY OF FAITH *The Ministry of Faith promotes and develops opportunities for Christians, everywhere, to a renewed encounter with Jesus, & a deepening & growing relationship with God and each other through prayer...*

The Ministry of faith is planning to host round table discussions on the Sunday Mass readings one weekend a month. All are invited to join us **Sunday, November 21st at 9AM in the Parish Social Center Hall** during coffee and doughnuts for the first monthly round table discussion. The topic of discussion will be the readings for that Sunday, the 34th Sunday in Ordinary time, Solemnity of Christ the King. For more information please contact John Koski 413 374-4416

The next meeting for the Ministry of Faith is **Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6PM**. All are welcome.

The **Ministry of Faith** are sending *Thinking of You Cards* to our Parishioners who are elderly, homebound, and in Nursing homes. We thank those who donated cards this past summer and appreciate your generosity, however our supply is starting to dwindle and we could use more of these generic *Thinking of your cards* to continue mailing to our homebound, nursing home and elderly parishioners. Mass cards cannot be accepted. Cards may be deposited in the basket marked for card donations. Thank You.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY, DEC. 5, 2021 2PM

AT MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE CHURCH

BY THE RENOWNED

62 PIECE OLD POST RD ORCHESTRA

FREE CONCERT !!



HOLIDAY SPECTACULAR WEEKEND The Fellowship of Hope's **Holiday Spectacular** is this weekend **November 13/14**, and will feature the popular **Basket Raffle, Baked Goods and Vendor Tables & more!**

Come and enjoy our Holiday Spectacular!!! We Thank you for your support!!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH AT 8AM AND MOVIE "WHITE CHRISTMAS" AT 5PM IN OUR SOCIAL CENTER.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Mary, Mother of Hope is starting **A PARISH PRAYER LINE**. If you have a prayer intention that you would like your fellow parishioners to remember in their prayers, you can call or email **Deacon Gerry** who will be overseeing this ministry. All requests will be kept confidential unless you specifically ask to be prayed for by name. **You can contact Deacon Gerry by phone at (413) 686-1422 or by email at mmohprayerline@gmail.com**. If you would like to pray for the intentions of your fellow parishioners and be a part of this important ministry, you can email **Deacon Gerry at : mmohpraverne@gmail.com** and you will be emailed intentions to be remembered in your prayer."

WEEKLY REPORT /NOVEMBER 6/7 2021

TOTAL ENV. DONATIONS \$5,876.00

MAINTENANCE \$700