

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

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December 24, 2017



Lord's Day Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 (Interpreted Mass for the Deaf) and 11:30 AM

Weekday Masses

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

Thursdays, Communion Service 9:00 AM

Recitation of the Rosary

Monday—Saturday: 8:35 AM

Perpetual Novena to St. Peregrine

Monday Evenings 5:30 PM (Mass)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

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. Matthew Alcombright, Pastor

Rev. Donatus Ironuma, In Residence

Deacon Al Mutti

Deacon Gerry Campion

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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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If you are new in the Parish, please introduce yourself after Mass or at the Rectory.

We want to know and serve you. We hope you will favor your Parish with your prayers, your presence, your time, talent and treasure

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Please pray for all who have died especially for
Raymond Belanger & Florence Clow

Saturday, December 23

- 9:00 AM Richard Bourdeau req. by the Family
4:00 PM Esther Balboni (53rd Anniv) req by Jean & Rick

Sunday, December 24, 4th Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 AM George & Eleanor Littlejohn req. by the Family
10:00 AM Louis Roberts req. by his Son
11:30AM Family of Francis B. O'Brien

Sunday, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

- 4:00 PM Deceased Members of the Poole Family req. by the Family
5:30 PM Ellery D'Ambrosio (15th Anniversary) req. by his Family
11:45 PM Hymns
12:00 AM For the Parishioners of Mary. Mother of Hope Parish

Monday, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

- 8:00 AM Michael Rancitelli req. by his Wife & Family
9:30 Hymns
10:00 AM Alexander R. Gaspari req. by Bob & Pat Gaspari
5:30 PM No Novena & Mass

Tuesday, December 26

- 9:00 AM Lillian Messier (9th Anniv.) req. by Teresa Connor

Wednesday, December 27

- 9:00 AM Omer Lacasse (Birthday Remembrance) req. by the Family

Thursday, December 28

- 9:00 AM Communion Service

Friday, December 29

- 9:00 AM M/M Albert Bourdeau req. by the Family

Saturday, December 30

- 9:00 AM For the Souls in Purgatory
4:00 PM Fred Krampits & Hilda & Walter Harscheid req by Jean & Rick

Sunday, December 31

- 8:00 AM Maria Santos req. by M/M Raymond Lavigne
10:00 AM Deceased Members of the Maciolek & Degree Family req. by Ray & JoAnn Maciolek
11:30AM Daniel & Bridie O'Rourke req. by the Family

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **No Confessions and no Novena Mass** this Monday Christmas. Thank You

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Christmas Holiday, the Rectory will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, December 25th & 26th. Thank You.

In Your Prayers Let us prayerfully remember our hospitalized and homebound parishioners and all who struggle with terminal and chronic disease and depend on prayers for strength, healing and courage

CHILDREN'S PAGEANTS

NATIVITY PAGEANT

Sunday, Dec. 24th - 4:00 PM Mass
ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 3:30 pm

EPIPHANY PAGEANT:

Sunday, Jan 7th - 10 AM Mass ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 9:30 AM
Rehearsal: Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, @6:15PM

EPIPHANY CELEBRATION & CHILDREN'S PARTY
The Religious Education Commission will sponsor a party for the children of the parish on Epiphany Sunday, January 7, 2018. The gathering will be held in the social center immediately following the 10:00 AM Mass and Epiphany Pageant. Gifts will be given for **children of the parish age 12 and under.**

The children must be registered to receive a gift.
Please fill in the form and drop it into the collection basket by Monday, December 25th

NAME _____
Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Boy () Girl ()
month date year

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH,

4:00 PM MASS (Children's Liturgy)

5:30 PM

11:45 PM Christmas Hymns

And 12:00 AM Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH,

8:00 AM

9:30 AM Folk Group Christmas Concert

10:00 AM (Interpreted Mass for the Deaf)

*Please join us as we celebrate
the Birth of the Lord Jesus!*

Dear Friends,

I am most grateful for your good wishes, prayers and thoughtful remembrances, they have added to my joy at this happy time of year. Fr. Matt

Sanctuary Candle Memorial: The Sanctuary candle will burn for your intention for a 2 week period. The suggested donation is \$20 for the two weeks. This is a wonderful way to offer your intentions to our Lord as they stay lit next to His Real Presence in the Tabernacle.



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
will burn from 12/23/17– 01/05/2018:
In Loving Memory of
Maurice & Therese Peloquin
From the Family



We are grateful to all the parishioners of Mary, Mother of Hope's Parish for their generous and caring response to our **Advent Caring Tree & our Parish Pantry**. The true meaning of this most Holy Season is alive and well in our Parish Community

Thank you for your kindness & genuine concern for your fellow parishioners. We are truly a family here at Mary, Mother of Hope's Parish, your kindness, warmth and sincerity is all around us! *Merry Christmas!*

A CHRISTMAS WELCOME - If you are visiting our parish for the Christmas Holiday or have been away from the Church for some time allow me, on behalf of our parish family, to warmly welcome you. As we celebrate the Gift of Jesus Christ, born for us, we also look to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We, at Mary, Mother of Hope, strive to be a holy family built on the foundation of the Christ Child. Please feel welcome to join our family each week. If you have any questions about coming back to the faith please never hesitate to call our office to make an appointment with me or send me an e-mail at fr.matt.alcombright@gmail.com *I wish you all a Merry and Blessed Christmas! Fr. Matt*

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 and in the vestibules of the church.

ELMS COLLEGE The Annual Diocesan Appeal for the College of Our Lady of the Elms – the Catholic College of Western Massachusetts will be made throughout the Diocese at all Masses the weekend of Jan.6/7. Your generosity will help to increase the amount of scholarship aid available to parish members, catholic school students, and catholic families in an effort to make this quality college education more affordable.

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 is for the family 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 for visits. Thanks for your help

WEEKLY REPORT DECEMBER 16/17 2017

Number of Env. Received 378 Loose Money \$430

Total Offertory \$6784.00 Env. Money \$6354.00

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!*

Attention Parishioners: The 120 Club will be starting in January!! If you are interested in a number & you would like to join the club, please see Ed Senecal from the Men's Club or call the rectory at 413 739-0456.

AREA EVENTS

SACRED HEART CHURCH CALENDAR SALE Sacred Heart Church, Springfield, is having there annual Calendar Sale for 2018. When you purchase a calendar for \$25, you have the chance to win 365 days of prizes ranging from \$25 to \$1,000. And if you win, your stub is reentered for an opportunity to be picked again. Winners are notified by mail each week. Calendars are on sale at Sacred Heart after every Mass and are available at Sacred Heart Rectory M-F 9AM to 4PM. Any questions call 732-3721.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2018 Pro-Lifers will once again journey to Washington D.C. to join hundreds of thousands in standing up and declaring that abortion destroys life. Please join us for the March for Life on January 18th. There are busses which bring youth to the youth rally and busses that go to other events. Limited tickets are available for youths so please call soon. For info on the cost of the trip or financial assistance, please call the PVMCFL at 413 583-5034.

TRIP TO BAVARIA GERMANY Visit scenic Bavaria, Germany with Fr. Henry Dorsch, Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Church in Southwick on August 21-29, 2018. See fabulous Catholic Churches, a Marian Shrine, famous castles and fortresses, historic city centers & beautiful scenery, including alpine. For an itinerary and more information, call Fr. Dorsch at 413 569-0161 Estimated cost including RT airfare Boston-Munich is \$2,500.

SACRED HEART TRAVEL CLUB On Saturday, June 2, 2018 MY Fair Lady at the Vivian Beaumont Theater cost \$200 per person , \$100 deposit due now & balance due in Feb. If interested make your check out to Sacred Heart Travel Club & mail your deposit to The McAleer's at 29 Rockland Dr. West Spfld, MA 01089. Please let us know ASAP.

CATHOLIC CRUISES & TOURS, CATHOLIC MEDITERRAN CRUISE Come and sail away on a 10-night Mediterranean with Fr. Aaron Maqhsoudi on Oct 18th—28th 2018 on Holland America's Koningsdam out of Civitavecchia, Italy. Prices begin at \$3578.00 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. For further information or to register call Doug or Eileen at 860 399-1785

MEETINGS/EVENTS @ MARY MOTHER OF HOPE

Dec. 24 No Coffee & Donuts 8AM -11:30 AM

Dec. 24 No Rel Educ K-4 8:45 -9:45 AM

Dec. 24 No Rel Educ 5-6 11:00 AM

Dec. 24 No Rel Educ. 9-11 Class 5:15 PM

Dec. 25 No St. Peregrine Novena Mass 5:30 PM

Dec. 27 No Crafts 9: 30 AM

Dec. 27 No Card Nite 6:00 PM

Dec. 29 Adoration 9:30 to 10:30 AM

Dec. 30 Confessions 8:00—8:45 AM, 3:00-3:30 PM

FYI: CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP "THE SPIRIT AMONG US" 200 CENTER ST., LUDLOW MA TELEPHONE 413 583-4014