

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

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December 31, 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.

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

Monday, January 1, SOLEMNITY OF MARY

- 9:00 AM Josephine Calvanese req. by Dolores & Henry
Yergeau
5:30 PM No Novena & Mass

Tuesday, January 2

- 9:00 AM Bernice LeMay (6 Month-Mind) req. by
Corinne LeMay

Wednesday, January 3

- 9:00 AM Kirk Richard req. by Fran & Lil Richard

Thursday, January 4

- 9:00 AM Communion Service

Friday, January 5

- 9:00 AM In Honor of St. Anthony for Prayers Answered
req. by Barbara Aubrey

Saturday, January 6

- 9:00 AM Miguel Roldan Castro req. by his Friends
4:00 PM Bill Billeter (17th Anniv.) req by his Sister &
Family

Sunday, January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00 AM For the Souls In Purgatory req. by D. O. F.
10:00 AM Arlene Poole (3rd Anniv.) req. by the Family
11:30AM Family of Francis B> O'Brien

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

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Holiday the Rectory will be
closed Monday, January 1st . 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

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!*

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

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.

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 gen-
erosity 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.

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 won-
derful 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
the Richard & Martin Family
From the Family



Dear Parishioners,

During this Holy Season let us pray for love, hope and peace and be thankful for each other. I am thankful to God for the many blessings we at Mary, Mother of Hope have received.

There has been such a heartwarming response to the various programs and events sponsored by parish committees. I recognize that among the joys and tribulations, there is a genuine awareness of each other and the generosity by our people has been overwhelming.

I thank all that have responded so generously by their memorial donations to the Flower Fund. I extend appreciation to those whose donations of grocery store certificates and food, which keeps our parish pantry stocked, so that we are able to help those of our parish community who are facing difficulties. I am grateful to all those who delivered flowers to our homebound and nursing home members which is a joyful and gracious undertaking.

A Special Thank You to the volunteers who shop, prepare and deliver home cook meals to the members of our Community in our Take and Eat Program.

I extend gratitude to members of the Spiritual Life Commission and to volunteer parishioners who helped to decorate the church for our celebration of the Birth of Jesus.

The celebration of Christmas is a wonderful time of year to fully appreciate the talents of our devoted choir, under the direction of Christopher Gosselin and our Folk Group. I give thanks to them and their splendid musical contributions. I thank the children of the parish for their presence and participation in our Christmas Eve pageant and the Epiphany pageant which will be on January 7th. I extend my warm appreciation to their devoted teachers. God bless and guide all our children, may we help them to grow in goodness and faith

I extend my personal thanks to Deacon Al, Deacon Gerry, Gil Viteralli, our Sacristan and those who loyally serve our parish in assisting us throughout the year in the ministry of Altar Server, Master of Ceremony, Lector, Eucharistic Minister and Usher. You make our ministry easier and very enjoyable.

Thank you for your devotion and for making this a beautiful and happy Christmas for me and for all who worship at Mary, Mother of Hope.

Father Matt

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Starting in January the Texas Road House Restaurant offers a program for the Parish to receive 10 % of your check. All you need to do is bring a bulletin with you & give it to your server when you order.

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. 31 No Coffee & Donuts 8AM -11:30 AM
- Dec. 31 No Rel Educ K-4 8:45 -9:45 AM
- Dec. 31 No Rel Educ 5-6 11:00 AM
- Dec. 31 No Rel Educ. 9-11 Class 5:15 PM
- Jan. 01 No St. Peregrine Novena Mass 5:30 PM
- Jan. 02 No Crafts 9: 30 AM
- Jan. 05 Adoration 9:30 to 10:30 AM
- Jan. 06 Confessions 8:00—8:45 AM, 3:00-3:30 PM

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