

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

840 Page Blvd., Springfield, MA 01104

Telephone: 413-739-0456 • Fax: 413-733-6155 February 21, 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

After all Sunday Masses (Sat. 4PM Sun. 8 & 10 AM) 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

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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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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, February 20

- 9:00 AM Francisco & Albertina Pereira req. by David Gomes
4:00 PM Masztal & Perjsnar Family req. by Janice & Betsy

Sunday, February 21

- 8:00 AM Fr. Dan Boyle req. by a Parishioner of MMOH
10:00AM Albert & Ernestine Booth (Birthday Remembrance) req. by the Family

Monday, February 22

- 9:00 AM Sr. Alexine Machowicz req. by Sr. Connie Santilla

Tuesday, February 23

- 9:00 AM A Special Intention req. by the Pilon Family

Wednesday, February 24

- 9:00 AM Clem & Eileen Nadeau req. by David O'Flaherty

Thursday, February 25

- 9:00 AM **No Communion Service**

Friday, February 26

- 9:00 AM Fr. John Grughon req. by David O'Flaherty

Saturday, February 27

- 9:00 AM Ann Mc Inerney req. by a Friend
4:00 PM Paul & Marie Murphy req. by their Children

Sunday, February 28

- 8:00 AM Roy Kurtz req. by Charles & Dawn Ancelet
10:00AM Walter Maciolek (Birthday Remembrance) req. by Ray & JoAnn Maciolek & 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 02/21/21 to 02/27/21:
FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
will burn from 02/14/21 to 02/27/21
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
RUDY SALVAS
FROM HIS FAMILY

SANCTUARY CANDLE 2021 : There are openings for the Sanctuary Candle for 2021. The donation is \$20 for two weeks. If you would like to book the candle please call the rectory at 413 739-0456. Thank You.

"The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man."
Dr. Mildred Jefferson

ATTENTION: The Mass Book for 2021 is now available to book Masses, whatever is available can be booked

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 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

SECOND SEMESTER HAS STARTED: The next pick-up THIS Sunday, February 21, 2021 from 10:45 AM – 11:30 AM please be on time. Thank You! .

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast – that is only one full meal is allowed.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
3. The obligation to abstain from meat commences at 14 years of age.
4. The obligation to fast commences at 18 years of age and ends at 59 years of age.

Although the faithful enjoy freedom in conscience to excuse themselves for a just cause, **the obligation to do penance is a serious one and no Catholic should lightly excuse themselves from this obligation**

MINISTRY OF FAITH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—*is* being held each Friday of Lent 3:30PM in the Social center Hall . Parishioners are invited to attend or watch live stream telecast on Facebook.

Hope in the Resurrection During Difficult Times
Sunday, March 28th, 2PM

Retreat will focus on the many ways we continue to experience darkness in our lives, and how the season of Lent offers us the invitation and opportunity to name that darkness and develop habits of moving into the life and light of resurrection. This 90 minute virtual retreat will be pre-recorded and live streamed on Facebook.

Retreat Leader: Father Michael Bernier
Limited seating available in the social center meeting room to view live streaming for those who do not have computer access to Facebook

Benediction and Rosary

Immediately following the 4PM Mass on Saturday March 13, and the 8AM and 10AM Masses on Sunday, March 14th .

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and the Rosary will be prayed to our Blessed Mother for healing and protection on this the anniversary of the COVID Pandemic.

We invite you to pray the following prayer with us.

Life can be full of unexpected things, either happy or sad, but no matter what happen, just keep a loving heart, a wise mind, and a strong faith in God. He will always stay with us through all the journey of our life. Amen

PRAYER FOR REVERENCE FOR LIFE

Almighty God, giver of all that is good, We thank you for the precious gift of human life: *For life in the womb coming from Your creative power, For the life of children, making us glad with their freshness and promise, For the life of young people, hoping for a better world, For the life of people who are disabled, teaching us that all life has value, For the life of the elderly, witnessing to the ageless values of patience and wisdom.* Like the Blessed Mary, may we always say "yes to your gift." May we defend it and promote it from the conception to its natural end. And bring us at last, O Father, to the fullness of eternal life in Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen
**Prayer composed from the words of a homily of Pope John Paul II at Mass at Abbotsford and the talk given to the youth, seniors and disabled at BC Place Stadium during the Papal Visit on Sept. 18, 1984 **

OLBS WESTFIELD VIRTUAL LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

This year the Speaker Series will be 'virtual,' available on YouTube, with a great line-up of speakers – beginning with our new **Bishop William Byrne!** Our theme for this year's Speaker Series is: **'KEEPING FAITH DURING THE PANDEMIC - GOD'S GOT THIS!'** An opportunity to find the blessings during this challenging time of the Pandemic, with our eyes set on Easter Joy! Other speakers will include author, speaker, radio show host – **Gary Zimak** - who will touch on many themes of his book - *'Give Up Worry for Lent'* (available through the OLBS Parish Office for \$10.00). Additional speakers include - **Sr. Bethany Madonna, Fr. Mike Schmitz, April Helenek, and Fr. Chris Alar.** Join us each **Wednesday of Lent, beginning February 24 through March 31, at 6:30 pm,** or watch the video any time after that on YouTube. There is no cost for this Series! **Options to access the Series online: (1) Go to Youtube.com and type in the search field 'OLBS Westfield Lent' or (2) Go to either diospringfield.org OR diospringfield.org/olbs and click on the link.** For additional information, contact the OLBS Parish Office at 413-562-3450.

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. **FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Due to the cold weather we are experiencing in New England, the line for Confession will now form inside the building. Please use the doors you use to enter Mass. The ushers will be there to give you instructions.** 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.

FELLOWSHIP OF HOPE

CORNED BEEF DINNER DRIVE THRU

Sunday, March 14, 2021, Dinner Pick Up 4PM-5PM

CORNED BEEF DINNER \$16.00 includes Corned Beef, Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Irish Soda Bread and Dessert.

HOT DOG PLATE \$8.00 includes 2 Hot Dogs, Chips and Dessert.

All Orders need to be in by MARCH 7, 2021, ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE

FELLOWSHIP OF HOPE CLUB : We are pleased to announce our 1st Annual Scholarship of \$1,000. named in honor of our first pastor here at Mary, Mother of Hope Parish, **Rev. Michael Bernier.** The Scholarship will be awarded in June to a high school senior who is a member of Mary, Mother of Hope Parish. Applicants must have been accepted at an accredited two-or-four year college or university. **The applications are available in the Social Center Lobby.**

Completed applications, including recommendation letters and high school transcripts, must be received Attn: Fellowship of Hope Club by April 17.18, 2021

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 and not able to attend Mass especially at this time, is for the family or neighbor or friend 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, we want to make sure that we keep in touch with them to let them know they are not forgotten, they are in our prayers and if there is anything that we can do for them. Thank you for your help

Deacon Gerry Campion is 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 413 686-1422 . We thank Deacon Gerry for his dedication and concern for our parishioners.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS and the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians Division Two of Hampden/Hampshire Counties are sponsoring a **"2021 Irish Night in Holyoke-A-Go Go"** a Curbside Pickup of a Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner and Ribs prepared by the Log Cabin of Holyoke. The event is Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, pickup is from 11AM-2:00 PM on that date. Tickets \$25 per person with the cost of the dinner you will be given 1 entry into our 50/50 raffle. For reservations call Joe O'Connor at 413 627-7148 or Fran Hennessey at 413 785-5687 by Feb. 27, 2021

MAINTENANCE: St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Belchertown, is in need of a dependable maintenance person. The position is 20 hours a week. Duties include: Cleaning the church, bathrooms, trash removal, snow removal (must be available off hours) grounds upkeep, (able to use walk behind mowers, ride on mowers, weed-wackers etc,) painting minor repairs, able to lift 50 pounds, lift & install air conditioners, climb stairs and ladders. The campus includes 5 buildings. If you are interested please call the office at 413 323-6272 x1