

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

840 Page Blvd., Springfield, MA 01104

Telephone: 413-739-0456 • Fax: 413-733-6155 March 15, 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

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. Michael Wood, Pastor

Rev. Donatus Ironuma, In Residence

Rev. Kenneth J. Tatro, In Residence

Deacon Al Mutti

Deacon Gerry Campion

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Ministry with the Deaf

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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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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, March 14

9:00 AM Eunice Siano req. by her Children
4:00 PM Fe McGrail req. by M/M Donald Whitmore

Sunday, March 15

8:00 AM Claudia Mauri req. by the Family
10:00AM Thomas J. Murphy req. by Tom & Rose Murphy & Family

Monday, March 16

9:00AM Antoinette Gedney(A Special Remembrance) req. by Anna Mae

Tuesday, March 17

9:00 AM Mary O’Flaherty(5th Anniv.) req. by the Family

Wednesday, March 18

9:00 AM Rita Belden req. by the Women’s Club

Thursday, March 19

9:00 AM Communion Service

Friday, March 20

9:00 AM Irene Chmura (13th Anniv.) req. by her son Gerry & wife Donna Chmura

Saturday, March 21

9:00 AM In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for prayers answered req. by B.A.
4:00 PM Mary & Patrick O’Flaherty req by Anna Mae

Sunday, March 22

8:00 AM Irene & Ernestine Parrow req. by the Family
10:00AM Catherine Veale (1st Anniv.) req. by the Choir

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 03/15/20 to 03/21/20:
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THE VITERALLI FAMILY



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
will burn from 03/14/20 to 03/27/20
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THE GAUTHIER & MISTERKA FAMILIES
FROM BOB & MARY JANE GAUTHIER

PLEASE NOTE : THERE ARE AVAILABLE WEEKS FOR THE SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MARY’S CANDLE THIS YEAR. If you are interested please call the rectory at 413 739-0456

PLEASE NOTE: Deacon Gerry Campion is no longer able to drive and 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.

MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE’S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

Levels 1,2,3, 4A: Sundays at 8:45 AM
March 15, 22, 29

Levels 5,6: Sunday at 11:00 AM
March 15, 22, 29

Levels 7,8: Sundays at 11:00 AM Mar. 15, 22, 29
Levels 9, 10, 11: Sundays at 9:45 AM Mar. 15

MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE PARISH

TEEN AGE PRESENTATION

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Parochial & Public School Students enrolled in Grades 6-12 are invited to participate in this beautiful Good Friday Presentation
Please call the Religious Educ. Ofc. 736-1622

REHEARSALS:

Sunday, March 22, 2020 11:45 AM

Sunday, March 29, 2020, 11:00AM

Sunday, April 5, 2020 11:45 AM

Friday, April 10, 2020 12 Noon

Dramatization: Friday, April 10, 2:30PM - 3PM

Confirmation candidates will be given 15 hours of service if participation is complete.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Throughout Lent the Ministry of Faith will have the **Stations of the Cross with reflections posted on the wall of the Social Center Hall.** It is our hope that when you are in the hall, and have a moment, you will take time to pray & reflect on these stations. Also on **Fridays after the 9AM Mass Stations of the Cross** will be offered.

Each Thursday during Lent, the Ministry of Faith will host **Soup and Stations, soup at 5PM, followed by Stations at 5:45 PM in the Social Center.** Two soups will be offered, one of which will be vegetarian, along with corn bread and a beverage. All are welcome.

WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY

This Bible study will show how the stories of women are an integral part of the Gospel and its meaning for us. It also relays how we can respond to the challenge these women represent, whether we are men trying to understand or women trying to find our voices within the tradition of faith found in the New Testament. Themes to be explored will include how women disciples spread and gave shape to the gospel message, their expectant faith, how they were changed by Jesus, the prominence they had in the early Christian community, as well as women as disciples. The women covered and their stories represent *many of the themes of the Lent and Easter Seasons.*

This Bible study will be held every **Monday (beginning March 2 and ending April 20) at 2 PM, in the Parish Meeting Room.** Each week there will be a video presentation followed by a group discussion. **Please bring your Bibles.** All are welcome! ***Presented by Fr. Michael***

Ministry of Faith Corner

The Ministry of Faith invite everyone to pray the following prayer in the coming week.

Dear Holy Spirit help us all to live our lives as Jesus did. Jesus is waiting for us to accept the love he has for us. Amen



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

In Memory of **Marie Murphy** from Diolinda Dias, Susan McDonough & Carl Rosenfield, Maura Melley, Dorothy & Leo Lortie Sr., Mary O'Malley, and Ellen & Gregory Schmutte.

In Memory of **Alice Kelliher** from Denise Kelliher Drake & Family

Mary Mother of Hope Parish Pantry
We will be making up Easter baskets for our families. We have a need for gift certificates which helps the families buy meat, dairy products & fresh vegetables, and also some grocery items such as fruit drinks, jelly and peanut butter, tuna fish, spaghetti sauce, canned pasta, soup, crackers, cake mixes, canned fruit & paper products. Perishables can be brought to the rectory M., T., W., F. from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Thank You for your generosity.

FLORAL DECORATIONS EASTER 2020
Contributions to the Flower Fund, which helps to cover the cost of the floral enhancements to our altar areas, throughout the year will be taken on the weekend of March 22nd. Please remember to list the name(s) of your loved ones on the envelope provided in your support packet.

PLEASE NOTE: We will be delivering Flowers to our homebound and nursing home parishioners at Easter time to let them know that they are not forgotten and still an important member of our parish. (If you delivered flowers at Christmas & would like to at Easter you need to call the rectory at 739-0456 to confirm that you will be available to deliver them).

OUR DEEPEST LONGING: Mary, Mother of Hope's Men's Retreat will be held at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Ctr in W. Hartford, CT on March 27-29, 2020. Join Holy Family's retreat team as they explore that deep longing planted in our hearts by God— a longing for peace, for wholeness, and for relationships that give us joy and lift us up. Home cooked meals, inspirational liturgies, uplifting music, free time & workshops. The retreat begins with dinner at 6PM Friday concludes with Sunday brunch at noon. For more info contact Brian Thresher at 413 537-2632.

HOLY CROSS SPRINGFIELD LENTEN SERIES
Deacon John Miller, will be offering the "Catholicism" series, hosted by Bishop Robert Barron, during Lent on Wednesday nights, beginning on Mar. 4 and ending on April 1st, from 7-8:30 PM in the Holy Cross Rectory parlor.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL : In concert with our Parish Mission Statement here at Mary, Mother of Hope, we are looking for comments or suggestions from you to help enrich our Parish Community Life. Please feel free to drop your ideas in our Suggestion Box located in the lobby near the entrance to the Community Center.

MEETINGS/EVENTS @ MARY MOTHER OF HOPE

- Mar. 15 Donuts & Coffee 8:30—11:00AM
- Mar. 15 Rel Educ. Levels K-11 8:45—12:00 PM
- Mar. 16 Bible Study 2PM Parish Mtg Room
- Mar. 18 Crafts, 9:30 AM
- Mar. 19 Soup 5 PM, Stations of the Cross 5:45 PM
- Mar. 20 Stations of the Cross after the 9:00 AM Mass
- Mar. 21 Confessions 8-8:45 AM & 3-3:30 PM

"OUR FAITH, OUR FUTURE" the Annual Catholic Appeal is now underway. No matter the size of your donation, your gifts puts your Catholic Faith into action in Western Mass. Thank you

150TH SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY
HISTORICAL FACTS

Springfield Diocese Founded: Boston Bishop John Williams petitions the Vatican to split his diocese in two, claiming it "too large to give it the necessary care". Pope Pius IX hears the plea and, in 1870, the pontiff establishes the Springfield Diocese naming Father Patrick T. O'Reilly, pastor of St. John's in Worcester as it's first bishop. At 37, O'Reilly is the youngest bishop in the country at the time.

Watch for next weeks bulletin for another Historical Fact.

WOMEN'S CLUB POT- LUCK SUPPER
The Women's Club is again holding there POT-LUCK-SUPPER on *Weds., April 1st at 5:30 PM* in the Social Center, followed by our entertainer, **SARAH THE FIDDLER Taking Us On An Old-Time, Irish, World and Classical Musical Journey.**

All members, as well as ladies of the parish, are invited to this always enjoyable event, including spouses and friends, and it is requested that you bring a prepared dish of your choice sufficient to share with others. A sign-up sheet is available in the Social Center Lobby with the dish you plan to provide. Please sign, even if you are not sure of what you will bring, to give us a number of people attending.

AREA EVENTS

FOR LENT-THE CATHOLIC LIFE CONFERENCE
Forgiveness, Acceptance, Weariness, Hurt, Is there an answer? The Catholic Life Conference presents one big day together with these thoughts in our hearts. Together we will seek encouragement for our needs, together we will hear speakers who can share from their lives and together we will experience God drawing near to us in the Sacraments. We are in this Together. The Catholic Life Conference, Mass Mutual Center, Springfield, March 21, 2020 8:30 AM—5:30 PM. Register today at catholiclifeconference.org

FIRST FRIDAY PRAYER BREAKFAST On Friday, April 3 at the Holy Spirit Chapel, St. Michael's Cathedral, 254 State St., Spfld. Speaker Harry E. Dumay, PHD, President of Our Lady of the Elms. Mass 7:30 AM, Free Continental Breakfast 8:00 AM, Speaker at 8:15, concluding at 9 AM. Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after Mass.

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING There will be a meeting of the Hungry hill Neighborhood Council on Thursday March 19th at 6PM at the Hungry Hill Senior Center on Liberty St.

K OF C LENTEN BAKED FISH DINNERS will be hosting *Lenten Fish Dinners* at Sacred Heart Parish, Springfield St., Feeding Hills on Friday evenings during lent ; 5-7PM Cost is \$10 take out available includes fish, french fries, cole slaw, dessert & beverage. All proceeds to the K Of C.

ST. CATHERINE'S OF SIENA 7TH ANNUAL FISH FRY will be held on Friday, April 3rd from 1PM-7PM at there Social center 1023 Parker St., Springfield. Meal includes a 1/2 pound of fresh haddock, fries and all beverages. Adults \$13 Kids \$10 Tickets are available after all weekend masses, at the parish rectory or by calling 413 374-5358. Take Out is available.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH LOCAL CLUB
Applications for the 2020 Polish Junior League of Mass are available again this year. Scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate and graduate students of Polish Heritage. Application information and forms may be obtained at www.polishjuniorleaguema.org. Deadline for application materials is May 1, 2020.

WEEKLY REPORT	MARCH	7/8	2020
TOTAL NUMBER OF	ENV. 263	ENV.	\$5506.00
LOOSE MONEY	\$454	TOTAL	\$5960.00
MAINTENANCE	\$733		