

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

840 Page Blvd., Springfield, MA 01104

Telephone: 413-739-0456 • Fax: 413-733-6155 August 30, 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

Cathleen Senecal, Director of Religious Ed./

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Christopher Gosselin, Director of Music

John Koski, Facilities Manager

Cheryl Rivers, Parish Secretary

Gil Viteralli, Sacristan

Ministry with the Deaf

TTY 413 391-7340 VP 413 241-3193

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, August 29

9:00 AM Rita Mutti req. by Debbie Callahan

4:00 PM Walter Harscheid req by Jean & Rick

Sunday, August 30

8:00 AM Paul & Shirley Nadeau (A Special Anniv) req. by the Family

10:00AM Arden J. Jordan (18th Anniv.) req. by his Wife and Family

Monday, August 31

9:00 AM Carol Rahilly req. by the Women's Club

Tuesday, September 1

9:00 AM Georgette & Joseph Di Fiore req. by the Family

Wednesday, September 2

9:00 AM Alma Senechal (Birthday Remembrance) req. by the Family

Thursday, September 3

9:00 AM **No Communion Service**

Friday, September 4

9:00 AM George McFadden req by the Family

Saturday, September 5

9:00 AM Regina Atkins req. by her Husband

4:00 PM Fred Krampits req by Jean & Rick

Sunday, September 6

8:00 AM Nancy Windrum (10th Anniv) req. by the Family

10:00AM Donald & Louis Roberts req. by their Brother

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 08/30/20 to 09/05/20:

**BLESSINGS & PRAYERS FOR
DANIELLE BOUDREAU
FROM HER HUSBAND & FAMILY**



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

will burn from 08/29/20 to 09/11/20

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
THE ROUX & SARRASIN FAMILIES
FROM THEIR FAMILY**

Deacon Gerry Champion is no longer able to drive & 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

LABOR DAY: Mon., September. 7, MASS at 9:00AM, HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY!!!

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Holiday on Mon. Sept. 7th, the rectory will be closed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2020-2021

Registration must be made each year, regardless of previous enrollment. Registration fees are \$45 per child. Late Fees of \$10 apply. Please note if these fees are a problem please contact the CCD office or the rectory, financial aid is available, do not hesitate to register your child/children because of the fees. Forms are available: please call Cate at 413 736-1622 or the Rectory 413 739-0456 and a form will be mailed out to you

THE EFFECTS OF STRESS DURING A PANDEMIC

The pandemic has effected all our lives. It has changed our habits and patterns of living and placed many restrictions on us. A recent survey by the CDC has found this has had a negative effect on most people's mental health. The CDC survey, released August 14th found that in the month of June 11% of all people surveyed had "seriously considered suicide" and that number rose to 25% among respondents aged 18-24. We are all limited in our activities and looking for things to do, perhaps we can check in on our family members, friends, and neighbors; the young & old. Call, text, e-mail, or write them so that they know we are thinking of them and wondering how they are doing. That one small act might just have a greater impact than we can imagine for someone who is struggling. If you or someone you know is having a difficult time and contemplating suicide, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, available 24 hours a day at 1 800-273-8255. Together we will help each other get through this. *Fr. Michael*

CONGRATULATIONS!! Mary Mother of Hope Church, Parishioners & Friends extend warm and heartfelt Congratulations to **Fr. Matthew Barone and Fr. Michael Goodreau** who were ordained at St. Michael's Cathedral on Saturday, August 15, 2020. We thank God for Father Matthew and Fr. Michael and pray for the richness of God's Blessings as they begin their priestly ministry.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Funerals and Memorial Masses

All funerals and Memorial Masses will be held in our parish hall for the time being.

Due to the need to thoroughly clean and disinfect the building after each use (including our daily Masses at 9AM), we will only be able to accommodate Funerals and Memorial Masses at 11AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Baptisms

For the time being, all baptisms will be in our parish hall. These will be scheduled at a mutually agreed time by the family & Fr. Michael. Please call the rectory to schedule.

Food Pantry

For the time being, we will not be accepting physical goods. If you wish to support the parish food pantry, please consider buying a gift certificate to a local grocery store or pharmacy, and please drop it in the basket at Mass in an envelope marked "Food Pantry".

Dear Parishioners, At this time the Take & Eat Program is suspended until we can safely restart it. We are following the guidelines from our Governor and the Diocese. Until then please know that our prayers and thoughts are with all of you. Please stay safe. *Father Michael*

Dear Parishioners,

At the end of June, the Vatican released a document on parishes called, "The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of Evangelizing Mission of the Church". Over the coming weeks we will be printing in the bulletin, in the hopes that it might inspire some of our own parishioners to put its principles into practice here at Mary, Mother of Hope.

109. The theological significance of the Pastoral Council is inscribed in the constitutive reality of the Church, that is, in her being "the Body of Christ", that generates a "spirituality of communion". In the Christian community, in fact, the diversity of charisms and ministries that derive from incorporation into Christ and from the gift of the Holy Spirit may never be homogenized until they become "uniformity, the obligation of doing everything together and all as equals, of always thinking the same thing in the same way". On the contrary, in virtue of the baptismal priesthood, every member of the faithful is created for the building up of the whole Body and, at the same time, the whole People of God, in the reciprocal co-responsibility of its members, participates in the mission of the Church, that is, discerning in history the signs of the presence of God and becoming witnesses of His Kingdom.

110. Far from being simply a bureaucratic organ, the Pastoral Council highlights and realizes the centrality of the People of God as the subject and active protagonist of the evangelizing mission, in virtue of the fact that every member of the faithful has received the gifts of the Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation: "Rebirth to the divine life of baptism is the first step; next comes conducting ourselves as children of God, namely, by conforming ourselves to Christ who works in Holy Church, letting ourselves be involved in her mission in the world. To that end, the anointing of the Spirit is provided: 'without your strength, we have none' (cf. Pentecost Sequence). As Jesus was animated by the Spirit for his whole life, so also the life of the Church and of each of her members is under the guidance of the same Spirit".

In light of this fundamental vision, the words of St Paul VI come to mind, "It is the function of the pastoral council to investigate everything pertaining to pastoral activities, to weigh them carefully and to set forth practical conclusions concerning them so as to promote conformity of the life and actions of the People of God with the Gospel", in the awareness that, as Pope Francis recalled, the purpose of such a Council "should not be ecclesiastical organization but rather the missionary aspiration of reaching everyone".

112. With regard to the relative diocesan norms, it is necessary that the Pastoral Council effectively represent the community of which it is an expression in its membership (priests, deacons, religious and laity). This constitutes a specific setting in which the faithful are able to exercise their right and duty to express their own thought concerning the good of the Parish community to the pastors, and to communicate it to other members of the faithful.

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113. The Parish Pastoral Council "possesses a consultative vote only", in the sense that its proposals must be accepted favorably by the Parish Priest to become operative. The Parish Priest is then bound to consider the indications of the Pastoral Council attentively, especially if they express themselves unanimously, in a process of common discernment.

So that the service of the Pastoral Council might be efficacious and fruitful, it is necessary to avoid two extremes: on one hand, that of the Parish Priest presenting to the Pastoral Council decisions already made, or without the required information beforehand, or convoking it seldom only pro forma. on the other hand, that of the Council in which the Parish Priest is only one of the members, deprived de facto of his role as Pastor and Leader of the community.

122. While it remains an indispensable institution to encounter Christ and to have a living relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters in the faith, it is likewise true that the Parish must constantly face changes taking place in today's culture and in the existential reality of persons, in order to explore creatively new ways and methods that allow it to be at the height of its primary function, that is, being a force of evangelization.

123. That demands that the historical Parish institution not remain a prisoner of immobility or of a worrisome pastoral repetition, but rather, it should put into action that "outgoing dynamism" that, through collaboration among different Parish communities and a reinforced communion among clergy and laity, will orient it effectively toward an evangelizing mission, the task of the entire People of God, that walks through history as the "family of God" and that, in the synergy of its diverse members, labors for the growth of the entire ecclesial body.

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.

Those waiting to go to confession can do so in their car, or by socially distancing (keeping 6 feet apart) in the Mary Prayer Garden

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. The masks are to remain on until you return to your vehicle, which we ask you to do promptly

PLEASE NOTE: Due to coronavirus concerns, Mass Citizens for Life will hold its Annual Fundraising Banquet **online on Sept. 17, 2020 at 7PM.** To register go to www.masscitizensforlife.org/2020 and click the link on the webpage. Hear from Dr. Alveda King & Melissa Ohden and many more! RSVP by Sept. 15 at MassCitizensForLife.org/2020 Call 617 242-4199 ext. 230 for more info.

WEEKLY REPORT AUGUST 15/16, 2020
TOTAL ENVELOPE DONATIONS \$4249.00
MAINTENANCE \$509.00 ASSUMPTION \$522

WEEKLY REPORT AUGUST 22/23, 2020
TOTAL ENVELOPE DONATIONS \$6784.37
MAINTENANCE \$185.00 ASSUMPTION \$125.00

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO ARE MAILING IN YOUR DONATIONS TO THE PARISH IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. FATHER MICHAEL