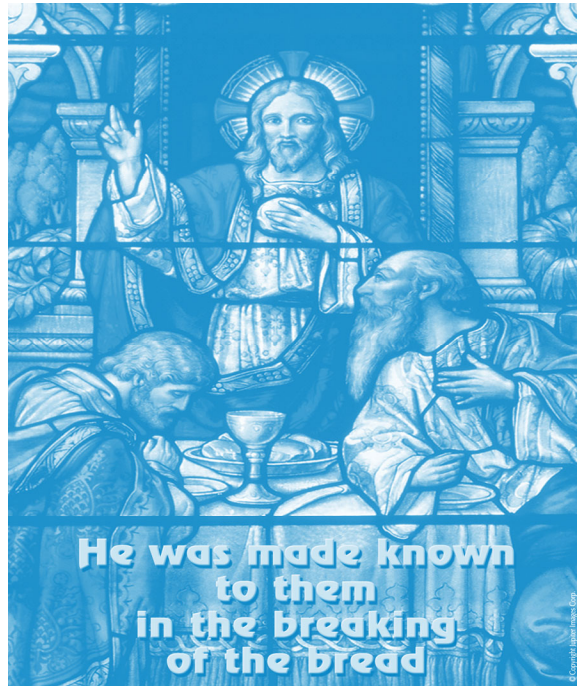


Our Lady of the Cross Parish Holyoke, Massachusetts



Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting our church! If you attend Our Lady of the Cross regularly and consider this your parish, please take a moment to register by contacting the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday: 8:30 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 9:00 am (Polish), 10:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Monday - Saturday: 8:00 - 8:20 am
Saturday: 3:15 - 3:45 pm

Mater Dolorosa School: Grades K-8
3 & 4 year old pre-school program

Religious Education Program: Those children not attending a parochial school are expected to enroll.

Eucharistic Adoration: Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Divine Mercy Devotion: 1st Sunday of month
2:00 pm Exposition; 3:00 pm Chaplet

Baptism: Last Sunday of each month at 11:30 am
Please call the parish office to register.

Matrimony: Call the office to make arrangements one year in advance of the wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick: 2nd Saturday of month after the Vigil Mass. By request at anytime.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound: Please call the parish office to receive Holy Communion.

April 30, 2017

Third Sunday of Easter

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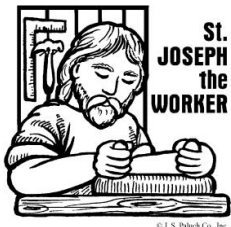
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April 30 - Third Sunday of Easter

Through the blood of Jesus we have been delivered from the power of sin (2). We recognize him in the breaking of the bread (3), the one whom God raised from the dead (1) and who now sits at his right hand forever (Ps).



May 1 - St. Joseph the Worker

With faith in the one sent by the Father (2), Stephen, blameless in life (Ps) performed signs for all those to see (1).

May 2 - St. Anthanasius

Stephen entrusts (Ps) his spirit to the just one (1), the bread of life come down from heaven (2).

May 3 - Sts. Philip & James

Jesus speaks to Philip of his communion with his Father (2). James experiences the risen Lord (1). Their preaching resounds throughout the world (Ps).

St. James died in 62; son of Alphaeus and cousin or "brother of the Lord"; surnamed "the Less" or "the Just" for his piety; leader of the Jerusalem Church; an epistle is ascribed to him; believed to have been beaten or stoned to death; patron of the dying.

May 4 - Easter Weekday

With joyful praise (Ps), Philip proclaims the good news to the Ethiopian (1): belief in Jesus brings eternal life.

May 5 - Easter Weekday

Paul is called by Jesus (1) to proclaim the good news to all peoples (Ps). Jesus invites all to his Eucharistic banquet (2).

May 6 - Easter Weekday

Peter, calling upon the name of the Lord (Ps), speaks words of life (2) and raises up Tabitha from death (1).



Phoebe Grace Jason
Daughter of Jordan & Brigitte Jason

Owen Robert Maros
Son of Anthony & Pamela Maros

Nora Frances St. Lawrence
Daughter of David & Jenna St. Lawrence

Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 29

4:00 +Eddie Odabashian - Friends

Sunday, April 30

7:30 For our Parish
9:00 +Tomasz Rzasa - Stanislaw & Zofia Pagos
10:30 +Jane Skyepeck - Family

Monday, May 1

8:30 For Our Parish
+Val Kasprzyński

Tuesday, May 2

8:30 +Dennis Asselin - Wife & Family
+Geoge Bresnahan (4th Anniv.) - Family

Wednesday, May 3

8:30 +Bronislaw Beben - Bielski Family
+Mary Woods

Thursday, May 4

8:30 +Nellie Szot - Family
+Eve & Bronislawa Orszulak - Trzepacz Family

Friday, May 5

8:30 +Catherine Dower-Gold - Dorothea MacNeil

Saturday, May 6

8:30 +Tomasz Rzasa - Stanislaw & Zofia Pagos
4:00 +Ruth Bruce & Theodore Milos - Genevieve Milos

Sunday, May 7

7:30 For our Parish
9:00 Intentions of Unitas
10:30 +Irene & Charles Belanger - Regis & Joyce Belanger & Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29 or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

+Jessica Godek
Goddaughter of Ed Godek
+Robert Rouvellat, Sr.
Husband of Bertha Rouvellat

This Week at Our Lady of the Cross

- April 30:** 11:30 am Baptisms
May 2: 6:30 pm School Finance Meeting
May 3: 4:00-7:00 pm Spaghetti Supper
May 4: 9:15 am Evangelization Meeting
 6:00 pm Confirmation Practice
 7:00 pm Holy Spirit Seminar
 7:00 pm Choir Practice
May 5: 6:00 pm Confirmation
 7:00 pm MD School Musical
May 6: 7:00 pm MD School Musical
May 7: 2:00 pm Exposition
 2:30 pm UNITAS
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Devotion

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection for **April 23**

First Collection:

232 Envelope Users:	\$4,626.00
Loose Money:	\$443.00
3 Envelopes Mailed:	\$150.00
TOTAL:	\$5,219.00
Milk Money:	\$85.00

Thank you for your generous support!

A Special Mater Dolorosa School Mass

On Thursday, **May 11 at 10:00 am**, Bishop Rozanski will preside at our School Mass. This Mass will celebrate 110 years of Catholic education at Mater Dolorosa School. The Liturgy will place in the school gym and all parishioners are most welcome to attend this special event! Please use the Social Center doors on St. Kolbe Drive.

LAY MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES

Spring 2017

Class site and practicum site:

*Immaculate Heart of Mary
 256 State St., Granby*

Classes for New & Renewal Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursdays: May 4 & May 11, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Classes for New & Renewal Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick & Homebound

Wednesday: May 17, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

(Pre-requisite: Participant must have completed courses for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)

Classes for New & Renewal Readers:

Thursdays: May 18 & May 24, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Any Eucharistic Ministers who have **not** been re-certified in the past three years need to attend. Registration forms are available in the parish office.

Mmm...Delicious!

The Mater Dolorosa School PTO is hosting a Spaghetti Supper on Wednesday, **May 3** from 4:00-7:00 pm, and all are welcome! Adults are \$6, and kids from 5-12 are \$3 (under 5 yrs. is free). Dinners include spaghetti with homemade sauce, salad and garlic bread. In addition, you may purchase meatballs, sausage, cake and beer/wine/soda/milk. Please join us for dinner at the Pope John Paul II Social Center.



Holy Spirit Seminar

The Holy Spirit seminar continues with talk #3 on "New Life". In the gospel of John 10:10, Jesus says "I have come in order that you might have life, life in all its fullness." The third session centers on the life that each person receives in Jesus. Jesus is a model for accepting the Holy Spirit who is our helper and our strength. What does it mean to live our life guided by the Holy Spirit? It means a lifetime of graces, fruits, gifts and charisms rooted in our sacramental baptism and confirmation. What a blessing!

Come and hear more about this life giving Spirit. We hope you can come, Thursday, **May 4** at 7:00 pm in the **St. John Paul II Social Center**. All are welcome, bring a friend! Please call Mary at 533-7660 with any questions and to register.

Special Parish Meeting

For the past year, a group of parishioners has been meeting to discuss the placement of items from Mater Dolorosa Church into our church. The following individuals are members of this committee: **Stan Czerwicz, Al & Terry Keeler, Mike McKenna, Liz Miele, Sarah Miele, Jim & Dianne Murphy, Dan O'Driscoll, Dave St. Laurent, Frank & Aline Skrzyniarz, Terry Szumski & Fr. Albert**. This group has named itself the *Church Enhancement Committee*. The reason for this name is because there are things that the committee would like to do that would "enhance" our already beautiful church ~ in addition to the placement of statues from MD Church.

The *Church Enhancement Committee* has decided to hold a special meeting on **Sunday, May 7 at 11:30 a.m.** to share with the parish the ideas that are currently being considered. The committee would also like to receive your feedback. The meeting will be held in the church and all parishioners are invited to attend.

**MATER DOLOROSA SCHOOL
ANNOUNCES THIRD QUARTER HONORS**

Grade 4

First Honors:

Vanessa Antil, Nicholas Cain, Mary Cate Desrosiers, Margaret Evans, Emma Kelly, Brayden Kukucka, Ashton Lashway, Jack Loughrey, Katherine McArdle, Cooper Skibel, Maddison Soderbaum, Brendan Stevenson, Jack Wresien

Second Honors:

Nathan Flores, Aiden Pares

Grade 5

First Honors:

Martin Loughrey, Isabelle Salgado

Second Honors:

Kelsy Brainard, Eliana Britton, Anastasia Fedora, Garet Guerber, Emma Kraus, Madelyn McArdle, Caitlin O'Brien, Christopher Reardon, Pablo Tapion, Ava Tellier

Grade 6

First Honors:

Matthew Gourde, Craig Orr, Owen Pecia, Patrick Sweeney, Oliver Thomas

Second Honors:

Alayna Deliz

Grade 7

First Honors:

Julia Cahill, Nicholas Consedine, Tyler Evans, Aidan Fitzgibbons, Marley Reardon, Julia Robak, Samantha Robak, Emma Skibel

Second Honors:

Samantha Antil, Thomas Doherty, Race Drobiak, Kaily Godek, Luke Kraus, Keegan Kukucka, Nidhi Patel

Grade 8

First Honors: Marina Fedora, Robert Gourde, Kara McGuinness, Elizabeth Winberg, Christopher Walsh

Second Honors:

Paige Brainard, W. Henry Fidler, Stephen Gibbons, Jasmine Maldonado

Tag Sale

Saturday, May 20th - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sunday, May 21st - 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

Our Lady of the Cross Parish Hall/Front Lawn

Tons of Treasures

Rain or Shine

If anyone is interested in setting up their own table or tent on our front lawn on Saturday, there are spaces available for \$25.00.

We will be collecting **gently used & clean items** in the Parish Hall (across from the church) on the following days:

Monday, May 1st	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday, May 6th	11:00 am - 3:00 pm
Tuesday, May 9th	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Thursday, May 11th	4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday, May 13th	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Furniture/Rugs/Fabrics
Exercising Equipment
Tools/Athletic Equipment
Glassware/Dishes/Pots & Pans
Household Items
Books/DVD's/Records
Musical Instruments
Toys/Puzzles/Games
Antiques: Marbles, Toys, Sports Memorabilia, Old Advertising, Primitive, Paintings, Pyrex, Pens
Gold/Silver/Jewelry/Purses
Decorations (including Christmas items)



NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Clothes, Console Stereos or Hi-Fi's, computer items, televisions (unless working, flat screen), Encyclopedias, Baby Equipment or Cribs

Anything that is dirty will not be accepted.

Confession & Easter Duty

Catholics are obligated to confess all mortal sins at least once a year and are encouraged to do the same with venial sins. All Catholics are also obligated to receive Holy Communion at least once a year and specifically during the Easter season (Easter Duty), that is, between Easter and Pentecost.

Additional Website Sponsors Needed

Our Lady of the Cross is in need of a couple more businesses to sponsor our parish website. This is a great opportunity to receive additional advertising for your business and assists the parish in receiving our website services for free! Sponsorships start at \$299 for an entire year of advertising. To learn more, please call Sarah Rice at 340-0549 or visit the website directly at: ourladyofthecross.com/site-sponsors/sponsor-this-site

**Mater Dolorosa School Presents
*Into the Woods***



The students at Mater Dolorosa School are putting on their first musical! Come and join us for an adventure into the woods as familiar fairy tale characters journey to get their hearts desire. *Into the Woods JR* will be performed on Friday and Saturday, **May 5 and 6** at 7:00 pm in the St. John Paul II Social Center. Tickets are \$5.00. **Please call the school or visit us Wednesday, May 3rd at the Spaghetti Supper to purchase your tickets.**



From the Dear Good People of Our Lady of the Cross,

Pastor Appreciation Party: If you paid close attention to the bulletin during the past several months, under "Save the Date" you read about an Appreciation Party. I was hoping to have a get together to express my gratitude to all the parishioners who do so much for our parish. Because money is tight right now because of all the snow removal costs, I decided to postpone the Appreciation Party. It was a difficult decision to make because I truly appreciate all the time and hard work that many of you give to various ministries, fundraisers and committees. Hopefully sometime in the future we can re-schedule the party.

Special Collection: Speaking of snow removal costs ~ by now you should have received a letter from me in the mail asking for your help to pay the remaining invoices for snow plowing. I was reluctant to ask for your assistance because many of you are so generous with your contributions but I had no choice. The bills need to be paid. I would greatly appreciate any contributions, small or large, that you are able to make.

Planning Has Begun: This past week we held our first Fall Festival planning meeting. Some great suggestions were made and several new ideas were presented. The committee has decided that the Festival will extend to 8:00 pm on Saturday and we will have a band on that day. Sarah the Fiddler will be with us on Sunday. I am excited about our plans and I express my gratitude to those parishioners who have stepped up to help. Our next planning meeting will take place on June 14.

Spring Cleaning: On Thursday the carpeting in the church was cleaned. This is something that needs to be done on a yearly basis in order to extend the life of the carpeting.

Thank You: I received a letter from the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi expressing their thanks to our parishioners who supported their recent Spaghetti Dinner. On behalf of the Sisters, thank you very much for your generosity and for the support that you give to them in so many different ways. The Sisters would also like to assure you of their prayers for you and your intentions.

Peace,

FR. ALBERT

Mother's Day Remembrance

This year we will again remember our living and deceased mothers. Beginning on Mother's Day and continuing for 9 days, a Mass will be offered for all those individuals included in our novena. If you would like to remember anyone in this novena, please write their names on the back of the Mother's Day envelope found in your packet. All the envelopes that we receive will be placed on the altar during the novena of Masses.



Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Every Saturday morning after the 8:30 Mass we have devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. **If you have your own copy of the booklet that we use, please make sure that you bring it with you.** We have a limited supply of booklets in church, but these are needed for those individuals who do not have their own personal copy. Your cooperation will be appreciated!

May Crowning

May Crowning will take place on **May 14** during the 10:30 am Mass. The children who will receive their First Communion the day before will crown the Blessed Mother.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

This coming Friday (**May 5**) Bishop Rozanski will be at our church to confirm the young people of Holyoke who have been preparing for this sacrament for the past two years. The Mass will take place at 6:00 pm and parishioners are invited to attend.

Reminder for confirmation candidates; Thursday, **May 4**, 6:00 pm - Confirmation rehearsal in Our Lady of the Cross Church

Friday, **May 5**, 6:00 pm - Confirmation Candidates MUST report to the Hall by 4:45 pm

Religious Education Classes

Saturday morning classes - last class is **May 6**

Monday classes - last class is **May 8**

Reminder: First Communion rehearsal **May 11**, 6:00 pm

+Adoration & Divine Mercy Devotions

Next Sunday, **May 7**, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place beginning at 2:00 pm. You are invited to spend some time in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. At 3:00 pm, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, followed by Benediction. All are welcome!

First Communion

On Saturday, **May 13** at 10:00 am, our second grade students will receive their First Communion. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for this special day.

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