

# *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:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**June 4, 2017**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

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**PARISH OFFICE ADDRESS** **OFFICE HOURS**  
15 Maple St. Monday - Thursday  
Holyoke, MA 01040-4615 8:00 am - 1:30 pm

## **PARISH STAFF**

<b>Fr. Albert Scherer,</b> <b>OFM Conv.</b> Pastor	<b>Dorothea MacNeil</b> Director of Religious Ed.
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### June 4 - Pentecost Sunday

All of us have been baptized into one and the same Spirit (2). That same Spirit, the Advocate, our comfort and refreshment (Seq), was given as gift to the disciples (1) to strengthen them to go forth in the name of the Lord (3), "to renew the face of the earth."

### June 5 - St. Boniface

The father of Tobiah, being an upright man (Ps), buried one of his slain kinsfolk (1). Jesus tells a parable which speaks of his own future suffering and death (2).

### June 6 - St. Norbert

Though experiencing physical and domestic difficulties (1), Tobit trusts in the Lord (Ps). Jesus speaks of religious and civic duties (2).

### June 7 - Weekday

Tobit and Sarah, both deeply grieved in spirit (1), lift up prayers to the Lord (Ps). Jesus speaks of his life after death (2).

### June 8 - Weekday

Raphael leads Tobiah to Sarah and they are joined in marriage (1, Ps). Love of God and neighbor is the heart of the Christian message (2).

### June 9 - St. Ephrem

Tobit is healed of his blindness through the intercession of Raphael (1, Ps). The Messiah is at once Son of David and Lord, both human and divine (2).

St. Ephrem died in 373; Syrian theologian and poet who authored biblical commentaries, homilies, and composed many hymns still used today by the Syriac liturgy, founded a theological school at Nisbis; lived in Edessa; known as the "harp of the Spirit."

### June 10 - Weekday

Raphael reveals his identity to Tobit and his son (1). Tobit praises God for his love and mercy (Ps). Jesus praises the widow who gave, not from her excess, but from what little she possessed (2).



Altar Candles are burning  
the week of June 4  
as a Birthday Remembrance for  
**+Helen Rogerleski**  
*From her Daughter and Family*  
&  
Blessings for **Paul Dower**  
*From Al & Terry Keeler*

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE**

**+Kyle Manijak**  
**+Rollande Markoski**

### Mass Intentions



#### Saturday, June 3

4:00 +Stanislaus Nowak - Daughters, Ingrid & Christine & Family

#### Sunday, June 4

7:30 +Ralph Goudreau - Niece, Joyce  
9:00 +Stefan Kubel (10th Anniv.) - Children  
10:30 +Carol Vershon - Family

#### Monday, June 5

9:00 Birthday Blessings and Health for John - Sister, Mary  
+Stanislaw & Helen Drobiak - Mr. & Mrs. Mysliwicz

#### Tuesday, June 6

8:30 +Regina & Czesyawa - Trzepasz Family  
+Frank & Helen Skrzyniarz - Frank & Aline

#### Wednesday, June 7

8:30 +Cecylia Szczudlo - Daughter & Granddaughter  
+Walter, Joan & Nicky Larivee - Laura Payer & Family

#### Thursday, June 8

8:30 +Andrew & Katherine Makara - Mary Ann  
+Ralph Goudreau - Paula Fic

#### Friday, June 9

8:30 +Manuel Tarvares Ramos & Brothers - Family

#### Saturday, June 10

8:30 +Dr. Catherine Dower - Ray & Mary Riel  
4:00 +Janet Spence - Daughter, Shelley

#### Sunday, June 11

7:30 For the Parish  
9:00 +Marta Legowski - Family  
10:30 Blessings for Rev. Matthew Guidi on his 5th Anniv. of Priesthood - Family

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1a-8; Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-6; Mk 12:1-12  
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14; Ps 112:1-2, 7-9; Mk 12:13-17  
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Ps 25:2-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mk 12:18-27  
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 12:28-34  
Friday: Tb 11:5-17; Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-10; Mk 12:35-37  
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20; Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8; Mk 12:38-44  
Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

**This Week at Our Lady of the Cross**

- June 4:** 11:30 am Baptism  
2:00 pm Exposition  
3:00 pm Divine Mercy Devotions
- June 6:** 9:30 am School Mass  
6:30 MD School Finance Meeting
- June 7:** 4:00 - 7:00 pm MD Spaghetti Supper
- June 8:** 9:15 am Evangelization Meeting  
6:30 pm \$5K Pay Day Meeting
- June 9:** Wedding
- June 10:** 5:00 pm Anointing of the Sick
- June 11:** 3:00 pm Polish Divine Mercy  
7:00 pm Prayer Meeting

**Adoration & Divine Mercy Devotions**

This Sunday, **June 4**, we will have our Divine Mercy Devotions, beginning at 2:00 pm with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time in quiet prayer. At 3:00 pm, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, followed by Benediction. Please join us!

**Mater Dolorosa School Mass**

On Tuesday, **June 6** at 9:30 am, the students of Mater Dolorosa School will gather for their final Mass of the school year. The Liturgy will take place in the school gym and all parishioners are most welcome to attend! Please use the Social Center doors on St. Kolbe Drive.

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**\$5K Pay Day Meeting**

On Thursday, **June 8** at 6:30 pm, the \$5K Pay Day committee will have a meeting in the parish office building on Maple St. New committee members are welcome to attend!

**Anointing of the Sick**

On Saturday, **June 10** after the 4:00 pm Mass, we will have the Sacrament of the Sick. The elderly, anyone who is seriously ill and those facing surgery, may be anointed. This sacrament is a source of grace for individuals who are weak or ill. If you would like to be anointed, please sit in one of the front pews once Mass is finished. It is also helpful if you sit at the end of the pew.

**Coffee Hour**

Coffee and donuts will be available next Sunday, **June 11** after all Masses. Please join us in the Parish Hall for a cup of coffee (or juice) and fellowship!

**Polish Divine Mercy Devotions**

Next Sunday, **June 11**, we will have Divine Mercy Devotions in Polish at 3:00 pm. All are welcome!

**OLC Prayer Meeting**

There will be a prayer meeting at the Parish Hall across from the church on Sunday, **June 11** at 7:00 pm.



**Stewardship of Treasure**

Offertory Collection for **May 28**

**First Collection:**

214 Envelope Users:	\$4,722.00
Loose Money:	\$440.00
14 Envelopes Mailed:	\$783.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$5,945.00</b>
Milk Money:	\$90.00
Ascension:	\$1,211.00
Catholic Communications:	\$808.00

**Thank you for your generous support!**

**Annual Catholic Appeal**

“One Family, Many Gifts”, this year’s theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal, calls on each of us to unite in one mission to share God’s blessings. As we approach the summer months filled with beautiful weather and relaxation, let us be mindful that many of our brothers and sisters in need still face daily struggles. As Catholics we are called to serve. By supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal of the Diocese of Springfield, you can help our friends and neighbors in the community. To those who have given, a heartfelt word of thanks! If you have not yet participated in this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal, please contact the parish office or call 413-452-0637.



**Emily Anne Parsons**

*Daughter of Tobias & Kerry Parsons*



**William Bickly  
&  
Sarah Hebert**  
June 3, 2017

**Save the Date**

Summer Bible Camp  
Saints Around the World  
Monday, **July 31** – Friday, **August 4**

### **Last Spaghetti Supper till September**

Please come support the last Mater Dolorosa School Spaghetti Supper of the school year on **June 7**. The supper is held at the St. John Paul II Social Center from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm.



### **Breakfast at the Knights**

250 Westfield Rd. behind the Dollar General  
Every first Sunday of the Month

The next one will be held on **June 4**

Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Hash Browns,  
Belgian Waffles

Seniors \$4.00, Adults \$6.00 Children under 10 Free

Also, corned beef & cabbage sandwiches  
served with chips and pickle  
Every Saturday and Sunday  
\$7.00 (take out \$8.00)  
Noon - 4:00 pm

### **Holy Hour for Vocations**

On Friday, **June 9**, the eve of the Ordination to Priesthood, there will be a Holy Hour for Priestly Vocations in St. Michael's Cathedral at 7:00 pm. Please join the seminarians and Rev. Mr. Barrent Pease who will be ordained, as we pray for an increase in priestly vocations for our diocese.

### **Ordination to the Priesthood**

On Saturday, **June 10**, the Church of Springfield rejoices as Bishop Rozanski ordains Rev. Mr. Barrent Pease to the Order of Priest in the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel at 11:00 am. Please come and join in the celebration as we celebrate this joyful event in the life of the Church of Springfield. There will be a light reception following the ordination in the Bishop Marshall Center where you will be able to receive the First Blessing from our new priest.

### **15th Annual Diocesan Wide Eucharistic Procession**

**To Honor the 100th Anniversary of Fatima  
June 11**

1:00 - 4:00 pm

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish  
99 King St., Northampton  
Beginning with Confessions

Guest Speaker: Fr. Anthony Gramlich MIC  
Rector of The Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge  
Followed by a Rosary Procession  
through downtown Northampton,  
Which will return to church for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with a reception to follow

### **Feast of St. Anthony**

St. Anthony Church  
375 Island Pond, Springfield

**June 13**

9:00 am

Mass and Exposition of St. Anthony's Relic  
Noon

Mass with Bishop Mitchell Rozanski  
6:00 pm

Procession (weather permitting)  
6:30 pm

Healing Mass with Holy Oil and St. Anthony Relic  
All are welcome! Call 732-0589 with questions

### **Apostolate of the Suffering Day of Retreat**

Mary Farm

1915 Ware St., Palmer

Saturday, **June 17**

9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Guest Speaker: Most Rev. Bishop Mitchell Rozanski  
**By reservation only**

The Apostolate of Suffering will conduct its annual Day of Retreat at Mary Farm. A suggested donation of \$25.00 requested to help defray the expenses which includes lunch. For more information, please call Mary at 544-2278.

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IN LOVE  
WITH  
YOUR  
LIFE.”**

### **New Catholic Television Program**

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**From the  
Pastor**

Dear Good People of Our Lady of the Cross,

**Memorial Day:** For the second year in a row, Mass was celebrated in the church rather than at Mater Dolorosa Cemetery (even though the rain did not start until later in the morning). I decided to have Mass in the church once I heard the weather report. I am grateful to those parishioners who joined us for Mass as we prayed for those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

**Religious Education:** Our program has ended for the school year and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dorothea MacNeil, our DRE, for organizing the program. I also would like to express my thanks to our catechists for sharing the faith with our children and teenagers. I am grateful for their dedication.

**Tremendous Response:** I am very happy to report that 179 parishioners have contributed \$14,669.00 to our Snow Removal Collection. I am so very grateful for everyone's generosity. We only need \$5,193.00 to pay off the last invoice. If you haven't yet made a donation to this special collection, would you please consider doing so today? Any amount that you can afford to give will help. Thank you!

**New Look:** By now you have received your monthly packet of offering envelopes. I hope that you like the new look. As I mentioned in the letter that came with the envelopes, the main reason for this change was financial. I am trying to save money wherever possible and this change in our envelope provider will do just that. If by chance you did not receive your packet of envelopes, please contact our parish secretary as soon as possible.

**Proposal For Our Church:** Last weekend you had the opportunity to take a look at pictures of the proposal made by the Church Enhancement Committee. These were photo shopped pictures but they give a good idea of how the church will look once the changes are made. Most of the feedback I received was positive but some concerns were also expressed. I realize that change is difficult for most people to accept but I believe that the changes will add to the beauty of our church. The committee spent a great deal of time discussing various ideas before making this proposal.

Please keep in mind that OLC parish is made up of former members of both Holy Cross and Mater Dolorosa churches. Unfortunately, when the merger took place almost six years ago, none of the main statues from MD Church were brought over to OLC. Obviously not all of the MD statues can be brought over and they won't be. But it is only right that a few of the MD statues be placed in our church.

As I mentioned last weekend at Mass, we are only at the beginning stage of our plans. Many details still need to be worked out by the Church Enhancement Committee. As things progress I will keep you informed. In the meantime, please take a look at the pictures in the back of the church and let me know if you have comments or questions.

Peace,  
FR. ALBERT

### **Fathers' Day Remembrance**

This year we will once again remember our living and deceased fathers. Beginning on Father'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 Father's Day envelope found in your packet. All the envelopes that we receive will be placed on the altar during the novena of Masses.

### **Rice Bowls**

This past Lent, 21 parishioners used Rice Bowls to collect \$435. in alms. This money will be used to feed the hungry in the world. On behalf of the poor, thank you for the personal sacrifices you made during Lent. Your kindness is appreciated!

### **Mass Times**

When you are out of town or on vacation, you can find Mass times all over the country by way of the internet. Simply log onto: [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org). This service is provided by donations given to the Catholic Communications Campaign.

### **Quotable Quotes**

*"Cast all your cares on God because He cares for you."*

**~ 1 Peter 5:7**