

Our Lady of the Cross Parish

Holyoke, Massachusetts

July 9, 2017
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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This Week at Our Lady of the Cross

July 8: 5:00 pm Anointing of the Sick

July 9: 3:00 pm Polish Devine Mercy

July 16: 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection for **July 2**

First Collection:

197 Envelope Users: \$4,181.00

Loose Money: \$476.00

13 Envelopes Mailed: \$762.00

TOTAL: \$5,419.00

Milk Money: \$60.00

Mission Cooperative: \$2,444.00

For the Month of June:

Renovation: \$1,673.00

Father's Day Remembrance: \$1,464.00

Thank you for your generous support!

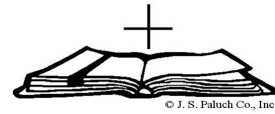
Service Dog

Some of you may have noticed a puppy at Mass recently. His name is Chuck Chi and he is a 14 week old Siberian husky. Chuck Chi is being trained as a service dog for one of our parishioners. God is so good to us in giving us beloved pets to be our companions and also in allowing some animals to be of service to those individuals who need their assistance. Welcome, Chuck Chi!

Cash Calendars For August

The Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi would like to express their thanks to those parishioners who purchased cash calendars last weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. The cash calendars will be available in the parish office for \$10.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, July 8

8:30 +Jean Dauplaise (7th Anniv.) & Beth Cleveland - Riel Family

4:00 +Bernard Danek - Friend

Sunday, July 9

7:30 +Paul Ferree - Dorothea MacNeil

9:00 +Marta Legowski - Family

10:30 +Joseph & Margaret Nawolski & Doris LaMagdelaine - Wanda Lacroix

Monday, July 10

8:30 +Francisco Lourenco, Wife & Sons - Family

Tuesday, July 11

8:30 +Patricia Pietruski - Ken

Wednesday, July 12

8:30 +William J. Dean III, M.D. - Family

Thursday, July 13

8:30 +Tessie Gaudrault Tauscher - Pauline Symasko

Friday, July 14

8:30 +Max Skypeck & Max Stawasz - Family

Saturday, July 15

8:30 +Roger Fortin - Family

4:00 +Constance Prych - Sister & Family

Sunday, July 16

7:30 +Walter Kosko, Ignacy, Maria & Anna Anafranowicz - Family

9:00 +Ewa & Boleslaw - Son & Legowski Family

10:30 Blessings for Barbara Bernard on her 90th Birthday - Family

Polish Divine Mercy Devotions

This Sunday, **July 9**, we will have Divine Mercy Devotions in Polish at 3:00 pm. All are welcome!

Prayer Meeting

Sunday, **July 16** at 7:00 pm
in Our Lady of the Cross Parish Hall.
Please join us, all are welcome!

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

All seats sold out!!

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

+Donald Kelly



From the Pastor

Dear Good People of Our Lady of the Cross,

Thank You: On behalf of Fr. Jefferies, the Passionist Missionary who spoke last weekend at all the Masses, I would like to express my thanks for your generous support. Even though attendance was down because of the holiday, the second collection was very good.

Statues: I mentioned last weekend that the statues of the Pieta, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Anthony of Padua have been removed from Mater Dolorosa Church and have been placed temporarily in the parish office building. I would like to express my thanks to the men who moved the statues for me. I was a bit nervous as the Pieta was being taken down from the back altar but the men knew what they were doing and everything turned out fine.

There are several spots where the paint is flaking off the Pieta. One of our parishioners, Sarah Miele, will be repainting all three statues. Sarah is a very talented artist who painted the murals in the Social Center last summer. I know that the statues will be beautiful when Sarah has finished her work.

Appeals Board: You may have seen the article in the newspaper on Thursday concerning Mater Dolorosa Church. The Massachusetts Appeals Board upheld the city's refusal to issue an emergency demolition permit. We fully expected this decision. But this decision does not stop the six month demolition delay period imposed by the Holyoke Historic Commission to run its course. Just to be clear: the Appeals Board's decision was limited to the request for an **emergency** demolition permit. After October 1st we will be able to pursue plans for demolition, unless a buyer for the church comes forward with a reasonable offer. The Appeals Board did require that fencing and debris netting be installed around the church for safety reasons.

Lazy Days of Summer: This time of year gives us the opportunity to slow down a bit and take the time to enjoy the blessings that surround us. Whether it be working in your gardens or relaxing at the shore, I hope you are finding time to experience the beauty of creation. Many people use the summer months to catch up on their reading. There is nothing like sitting on the patio or on the beach and reading a good book. In addition to the bestsellers, there are so many good spiritual books waiting to be read. I encourage you to read at least one spiritual book this summer!

The Next BIG Fundraiser: The cost of a raffle ticket for our annual **\$5K Pay Day** is \$100. BUT the grand prize is \$5,000. There are also two prizes of **\$500.00** and two prizes of \$250.00 If you cannot afford to purchase a ticket, you may want to consider sharing the cost of a ticket with another person. The drawing will take place on **July 21** in the Pope St. John Paul II Social Center. At that time, food and drinks will be served to those who have purchased a raffle ticket. If you are unable to attend the drawing, you can still participate in the raffle. The sale of the raffle tickets has been strong and we are grateful for the great response. For the past couple of years we had to turn people away because we sold all of the tickets. Keep in mind; we only sell 160 tickets, so get them soon. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend and next. They are also available in the parish office.

Newest Citizen: I am pleased to announce that on July 4, Fr. Andrzej became a United States citizen during a naturalization ceremony that took place in Old Sturbridge Village. Fr. Andrzej was one of 121 individuals from 46 different countries who took the oath of allegiance that day. Fr. Andrzej was accompanied by several of our parishioners. Congratulations, Fr. Andrzej!!

Peace,
FR. ALBERT



Quotable Quotes

"How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!"

~Thomas Jefferson