

OUR LADY OF THE CROSS PARISH
HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018



Fear Not

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not!
Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine
recompense he comes to save you. Isaiah 35:4

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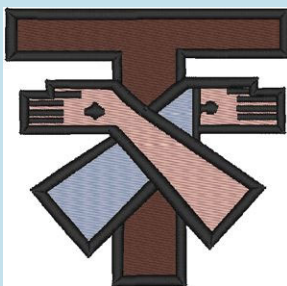
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Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 1:30 pm

Mass Schedule

Monday - Saturday: 8:30 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 7:00 am,
8:15 am (Polish), 10:30 am,
5:00 pm

Confessions

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

Devotions

Monday - Saturday:
7:50 am - Divine Mercy Chaplet
8:05 am - Rosary

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

September 15 & 16

Lector

4:00 Elaine Pluta

7:00 Michael M.

10:30 Jean Collins

5:00 Youth

Eucharistic Ministers

Joyce Lepine, Janice Lepine, Judy Pratt,

Choir: Stan Czerwicz

Terry Keeler, Muriel Gubala, Dorothy Skibel,

Choir: James Brunault

Ed Cote, Anne Cote, Robert Forest,

Aldea Forest, **Choir: Sharon Flynn**

NEED VOLUNTEERS

Altar Servers

4:00 Anastasia Fedora, Marina Fedora

7:00 James Lowe

10:30 Liam McManus, Kiernan McManus

5:00 Paige Brainard, Kelsy Brainard

New Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00 am

8:15 am (Polish)

10:30 am

The Sunday 5:00 pm Mass will begin next Sunday.

RCIA, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? Were you baptized you but never received your First Communion or Confirmation? Do you know someone who would live to become a Catholic? RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, will begin in the Fall. For more information, please call the parish office.

Quotable Quotes

*"He who comes to Communion loses himself in God,
as a drop of water in the ocean."*

~ **St. John Vianney**



Dear Good People of Our Lady of the Cross,

Traditions: In my homily last weekend I spoke of the importance of having traditions in our lives, in our families and in our parish. I quoted a line from the song *Tradition*, from the musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*: “*Because of our traditions, everyone knows who he is and what God expects him to do.*”

When we conducted our parish survey in the spring, we asked you to name a favorite parish tradition. Surprisingly, many of you did not give an answer. Some of you stated that you did not know our parish traditions. I would like to list for you some of Our Lady of the Cross Parish traditions.

- Blessing of Animals (October)
- Making pierogi and golumbki for our Fall Festival
- All Souls Prayer Service at Mater Dolorosa Cemetery
- Mass of Remembrance for parishioners who have died (November)
- Mass with St. Nicholas (a new tradition begun last December)
- Blessing of Homes
- The blessing of Easter baskets/food on Holy Saturday
- Children’s Easter Egg Hunt
- Parish Appreciation Dinner
- May Crowning by the students who received their First Communion
- Memorial Day Mass at Mater Dolorosa Cemetery



Obviously not all parishioners participate in all of these traditions. I hope, however, that more of you will consider joining us for some of these important parish traditions. I am always open to creating new traditions ~ let me know your ideas!

Involvement: With the transfer of Fr. Andrzej and with Fr. Stanley being away on vacation, things did not slow down very much for me during the summer. I was hoping to get caught up with paper work and to clean my office, but that did not happen. Many of you have been very supportive of me during the past couple of months, and I am most grateful. I also appreciate your prayers. As you know, we will not be getting a replacement for Fr. Andrzej until January, and when we do, the new friar will only be part-time. Now more than ever, I will be looking for you to come forward and to become more involved in the life of the parish.

I mentioned in last week’s bulletin that we need more Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for our weekend Masses. We could also use a few more individuals to take Communion to those who are homebound. Classes will be taking place soon for those who are interested in these ministries. A Eucharistic Minister needs to be a practicing Catholic and if married, married in the Church. Obviously a Lector needs to be someone who feels comfortable reading in public. More information may be found elsewhere in the bulletin.

So far, two parishioners have come forward to help with a quarterly newsletter. We still need one or two more individuals. Only one parishioner has come forward to help with a monthly Wine & Cheese Hour after the 4:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass. We need to get a few more individuals involved.

This past week after a weekday Mass, I asked for volunteers to help pick up the trash that is constantly found on our property. Two parishioners quickly came forward and are willing to do this on a regular basis. We still need one or two more helpers. I also need an individual who would be willing to change the message on the sign in front of the church.

To ALL those individuals who are currently involved in various parish ministries and activities, I offer my sincerest thanks for everything that you do for our parish. For those who are not involved, I ask that you consider becoming more involved. We really do need YOU!

Spotted On Television: I understand from a parishioner that Fr. Andrzej was recently spotted on EWTN. He was giving out Holy Communion at a Mass taking place at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

Peace,
FR. ALBERT



Rosary Sale

The Traveling Rosaries Apostolate will have *Custom Handcrafted Dyed Cord Rosaries* on sale before and after all the Masses this weekend. There are forty varieties of Devotional Rosaries consisting of Marian and Saint Rosaries are made from 100% nylon and are guaranteed for life against breakage. They are also washable and medal free for easy traveling anywhere throughout security and wonderful to pray with during an MRI or even a CT Scan. A donation will be made to Our Lady of the Cross Parish.

Mater Dolorosa School Mass

Once a month the students of Mater Dolorosa School gather together for Mass. Every grade with the help of their teacher takes a turn planning and preparing the Mass. On Thursday, **September 13**, at 9:30 am the students and faculty will have their first Mass of the new school year. All parishioners are most welcome to attend the School Mass. The Mass will take place in the school gym. *(Please use the Social Center doors)*. **The altar that was located in Mater Dolorosa Church will be used at Mass for the first time.**

Mater Dolorosa School Tuition Raffle

First Prize

Full year tuition valued at \$3,670.00
(this tuition can be applied to a child in preschool)

Second Prize

\$250.00 cash

Third Prize

No volunteer hours will have to be served

ONLY 250 tickets will be sold!

Aunts, Uncles, grandparents anyone can buy a ticket for a family!

Tickets are \$25.00 each.

The drawing will take place on **September 24**.
Tickets will be on sale after all Masses next weekend.
For more information or to buy a ticket call the school at 532-2831.

Holy Trinity Fall Festival

Sunday, **September 16**

12:00 - 5:00 pm

Pilsudski Park, 200 Old Country Rd., Holyoke
Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am
Polish & American food - take out available
Polish & American music by The Mark VI
dancing, games for adults and children, bounce house, bingo, straw booth, Chinese raffle, bake sale, grand raffle worth \$2,000.00 in cash
FREE admission and parking
Rain or shine



Starting to Accept Donations

The Fall Festival is just two months away!

We are now accepting donations of:

Wine / Liquor / Cases of Beer

Lottery Scratch Tickets

Gift Cards (\$5.00 value or higher)

Children's Prizes

Big Ticket Prizes

Homemade Canned Goods (jams, pickles, etc.)

Fall Festival Signs

If you still have a Festival lawn sign from last year, please return it to the church vestibule or parish office **soon**. We will need the signs for this year's Fall Festival. Thank you!



9/11 Memorial Mass

Holy Name of Jesus Parish

94 Springfield St., Chicopee

The 12th Annual 9/11 Memorial Mass, honoring the memory of the innocent victims and brave heroes who perished in the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, will be offered at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, **September 11**. A light reception will follow in the parish hall. A free will donation will be accepted for the benefit of Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry to help "feed the hungry" in the greater Chicopee area. For more information, contact Sue at 594-8700.

Marriage Enrichment Program

St. John the Baptist Pastoral Center

201 Hubbard St., Ludlow 01056

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Christ at the Center of Marriage

September 21

A Deeper Unity in Marriage

September 28

Conflict & Communication in Marriage

October 5

The evenings are free of charge and child care is offered for children ages 2 and up. For more information contact Dick or DuAnne at 610-0509 or www.deweypasquini.net.

Date	Mass	Intentions
Saturday, September 8	4:00 pm	+Edward Jablonski From: Ed & Terry
Sunday, September 9 <i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7:00 am 8:15 am 10:30 am	+Fr. Donald Kos, OFM Conv. +Frank Koziarz From: Daughters +John Curtin From: Family
Monday, September 10	8:30 am	+Bernard Danek From: Wife
Tuesday, September 11	8:30 am	+Adele Szot From: Family +Cecylia Szczudlo From: Grandchildren, Mark & Alicja & Daughter, Danuta
Wednesday, September 12 <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	8:30 am	+Helen Zalucki From: Domicela Walkowicz +John Czerwiecki
Thursday, September 13 <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>	 8:30 am	+Mary Ireland
Friday, September 14 <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	8:30 am	Deceased Members of the Polish Women's Alliance Group 141
Saturday, September 15 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	8:30 am 4:00 pm	For the Parish Those Buried in Mater Dolorosa Cemetery
Sunday, September 16 <i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7:00 am 8:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	+Eileen June From: Sons OPEN +Christina Roy From: Family +Dolores Roberge-Lindamood From: Roberge & Lindamood Families

MASS INTENTIONS NOW AVAILABLE

Due to the new Mass schedule, we are now able to book Mass intentions for Sunday 5:00 pm Masses. These Masses will start on **September 16** and can be requested by calling the parish office at 532-5661 or by visiting the parish office. The offering for these Masses is \$15.00.

Sign Up for Religious Education Today!

Call 532-5661

Classes Start September 16 & 17!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

9 SUNDAY	Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
10 Monday	1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11
11 Tuesday	1 Cor 6:1-11/Lk 6:12-19
12 Wednesday	1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
13 Thursday	1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
14 Friday	Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
15 Saturday	1 Cor 10:14-22/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
16 SUNDAY	Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

In Case You Did Not Know

Eucharistic Adoration takes place every Friday from 9 am – 6 pm in the side chapel. Please use the center, front doors to enter the church.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume on **September 16** and takes place every Sunday at the **10:30 a.m. Mass**. After the opening prayer, children are invited by the priest to come forward and then process to the choir room. There they will listen to the Scripture readings and pray together. Shortly after the offertory collection has been taken, the children return to the church to be with their families. This format makes it easier for the children to understand God's word and allows them the opportunity to participate in a greater way.

EWTN Television Schedule

The EWTN *Highlights* for September – November are now available at the doors of the church. Please help yourself!

Liturgy of Healing and Evangelization

Sunday, **September 9**
Immaculate Conception
64 North Summer St., Holyoke at 2:00 pm
Praise and Worship led by:
SynergyPraise (Joe & Rosa Lamothe)
Prayers for healing following Mass
All are welcome!

Catechist Workshop Spark the Fire of Faith

Presenter: John Collins
Monday, **September 10** at 5:30pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish
435 Maple St., Holyoke
(First floor of the Gym Building - please park in the lower parking lot off of Franklin St.) Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.
If you are a Religious Education teacher for our parish, please try to make this event!



St. Patrick's Church Burger Night

St. Patrick's Church Social Center
30 Main St., South Hadley 01075
Tuesday, **September 11**
4:00 - 7:00 pm
\$5.00 (children under 5 are FREE)
Tasty Burgers ~ Fries ~ Ice Cream Sundaes

Polish Day

At the National Shrine of Divine Mercy
7 Prospect Hill Rd., Stockbridge, MA 01262
Saturday, **September 15**
10:00 am - 12:00 pm Confessions
12:55 pm - Raffle Drawing
1:00 pm - Holy Mass in Polish
Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Witold Mroziowski. For more information, call 298-3931.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Picnic

Sunday, **September 16**
12:00 - 4:00 pm
Food, Raffles & Games
This picnic will be held on the grounds of Our Lady of Guadalupe and is free to the public! All are welcome!

Offertory Collection

September 2

First Collection:	
221 Envelope Users:	\$5,773.25
Loose Money:	\$245.00
6 Envelopes Mailed:	\$367.00
TOTAL:	\$6,385.37
Milk Money:	\$58.25

Thank you for your support!

Second Collection

Next week's collection will be for Mater Dolorosa School. Your support for our school will be greatly appreciated!

Our Lady of the Cross Holiday Tag & Craft Sale

September 29 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
September 30 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Lots of wonderful Christmas, Halloween and holiday items!
Wrapping paper, cookie tins, decorations, lights, artificial trees, Nativity sets, pumpkins & so much more!
If anyone would like to set up their own table outside, the cost is \$25.00. Please call the parish office.

This Week at Our Lady of the Cross

September 9: Rosary Sale
September 10: 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting
September 11: 6:30 pm Finance Council Meeting
September 13: 5:00 pm MD School Ice Cream Social
6:00 pm MD School PTO Mtg.
September 15: Tuition Tickets Sold After Mass
September 16: Tuition Tickets Sold After Mass
6:00 pm Religious Ed. Grades 7-11

Lay Ministry Classes

Immaculate Heart of Mary, 256 State St., Granby
Instructor: Kathryn Buckley-Brawner

Course of New & Renewal
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
Thursdays, **September 20 & 27** 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Both Classes Required

Course of New & Renewal
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick
Wednesday, **October 3** 6:00 - 8:00 pm
(pre-requisite, participant must have completed course for Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion)

Course of New & Renewal Readers
Thursdays, **October 4 & 11** 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Both Classes Required

If you have an interest in joining a ministry, please call the parish office or email parish@ourladyofthecross.com as soon as possible. Classes start soon!