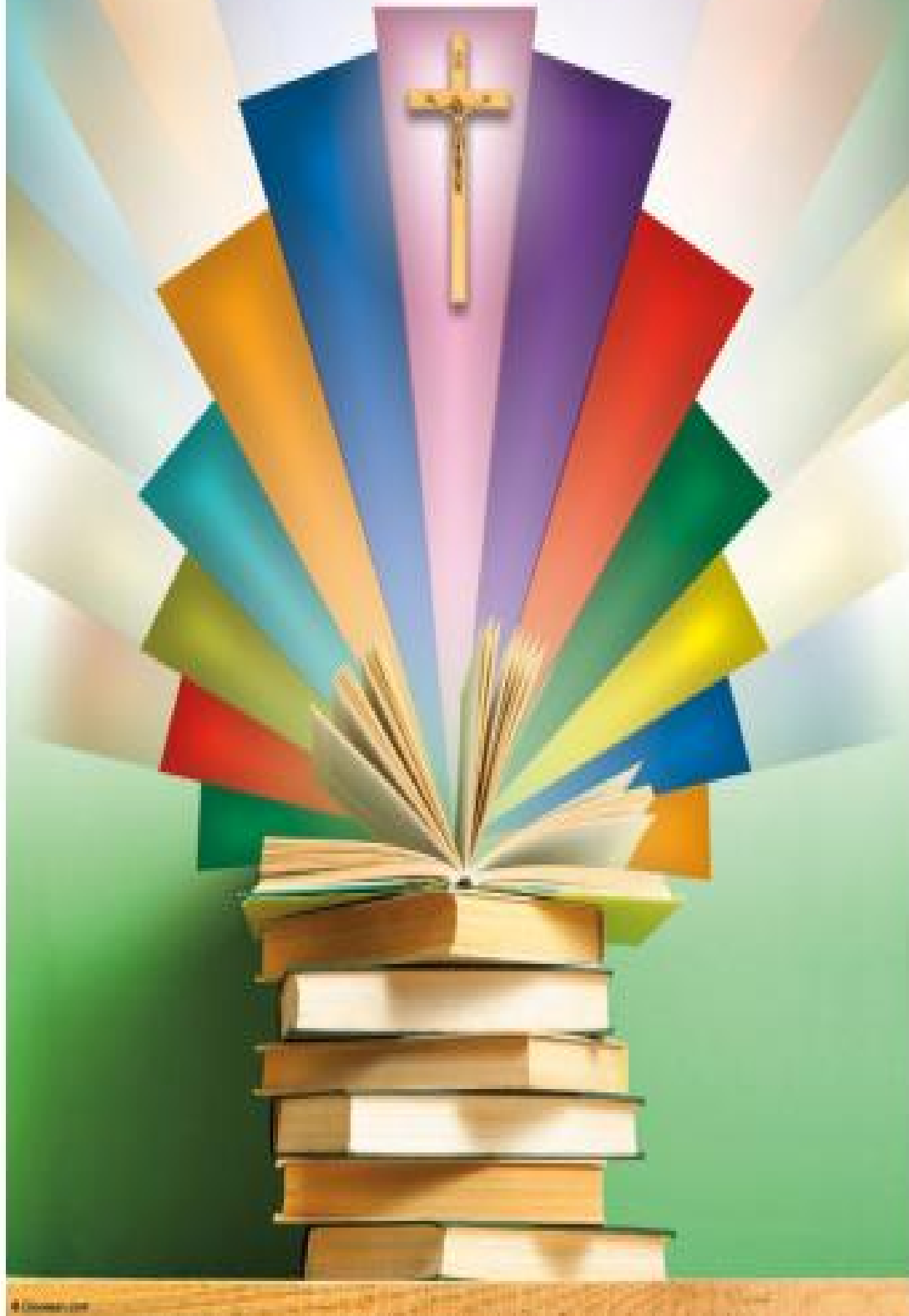


OUR LADY OF THE CROSS PARISH
HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS

JANUARY 27, 2019

CATHOLIC'S SCHOOLS WEEK



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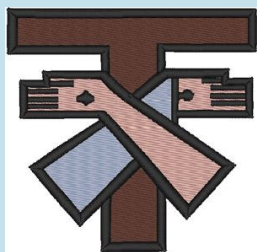
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Office Hours

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

February 2 & 3**Lector**

4:00 Janice Lepine

7:00 Beth Szymonik

10:30 Jean Collins

5:00 Bethany Healey

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Joyce Lepine, Hildi Bowen, Mimi Doyle

Choir: Shelley Whelihan

James Brunault, Muriel Gubala,
Walter Gonet, Dorothy Skibel

Sharon Flynn, Robert Forest, Aldea Forest,
Pauline Bacon, **Choir: Joyce Belanger**

Maxine Stawasz

Altar Servers

4:00 James Gould, Malachi Williamson

7:00 Kaily Godek, Vanessa Antil

10:30 Liam McManus, Kiernan McManus

5:00 Kate & Madelyn McArdle

This Week at Our Lady of the Cross

January 27: Take & Eat Ministry

11:30 Baptisms

6:00 pm Rel. Ed. Grades 7-11

January 28: 4:15 pm Rel. Ed. Grades K-6

January 29: 6:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting

January 30: 7:00 pm Catholicism Presentation

February 2: 2:00 pm Exposition

2:30 pm UNITAS Meeting

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Devotions

6:00 pm Rel. Ed. Grades 7-11

Quotable Quotes

“Educating the mind without educating
the heart and soul is no education at all.”

~Aristotle

MUSIC FOR WEEKEND MASSES

(All selections found in Seasonal Missalette)

Songs for the 4:00 pm & 10:30 am Masses Only

Processional:	299	Holy, Holy, Holy
Offertory:	256	Where Charity And Love Prevail
Communion:	536	I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light
Recessional:	534	We Are The Light Of The World



Dear Good People of Our Lady of the Cross,

Generous Donation: I mentioned recently that I received a check in the amount of \$2,500 "In Thanksgiving for the Skinner Pipe Organ." Even though the donation was anonymous, I know that it came from one of the men who helped remove the organ from Mater Dolorosa Church. It was very kind and generous of him to make such a generous donation to Our Lady of the Cross.

Special Mass: A couple of months ago when I knew that the demolition of Mater Dolorosa Church was a real possibility, I mentioned that I would like to have a special *Mass of Remembrance and Healing*. Obviously the Mass did not take place before the demolition but I feel as though it is still important for us as a faith community to have this Mass.

The Mass will take place on Monday, **February 11** at 6:30 pm in the Pope St. John Paul II Social Center. In case of inclement weather, it will be rescheduled to **February 18**. It is my hope that many of our former Mater Dolorosa parishioners will attend. But I would also hope that former Holy Cross parishioners will also attend to show their support. We will have more details in next week's bulletin. For now, please save the dates.

Chili Dinner: I had previously announced that we would be having a chili contest sometime in the near future. The committee has decided to have a Chili Dinner instead of an actual contest. Since this is our first time having a Chili Dinner, we will be limiting the number of tickets that we sell. More details are available below my column.

Peace,
FR. ALBERT

Contribution Statements

If you are interested in receiving a copy of your parish contributions for 2018, please fill this form out and return it to the parish office by mail or by way of the collection basket. You can also e-mail Linnea with requests at parish@ourladyofthecross.com. Please print **clearly**. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Envelope Number: _____

Mater Dolorosa School News

The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) is sponsoring a National Day of Giving from **January 29-30** in honor of Catholic Schools Week. Donors will be able to make online donations to Mater Dolorosa School during that 24 hour period. Students from MD will be at the Masses this weekend accepting donations from those who prefer to donate in person. All proceeds received will go directly to the support of our students and programs at Mater Dolorosa School. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

MD STRONG, PASS IT ALONG!

*Children are a blessing
from the Lord.*

~Psalm 127:3

**Our Lady of the Cross Parish
Chili Dinner**

Saturday, **March 2**

Parish Hall

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Adults: \$10.00

Children (under 12): \$5.00

Tickets will go on sale next weekend, February 2 & 3.



NEW DATE!!!

**Youth Free Throw Championship
Sponsored by K of C Council #90**

All boys and girls ages 9 -14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2019 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held **January 27** at 4:00 pm at the Pope John Paul II Social Center.

All contestant on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Entry forms are available in the vestibule. For more entry forms or additional information contact: Dan at 531-4530 or Ed at 530-4282

Mass of Remembrance and Healing

To be held at Pope St. John Paul II Social Center

Monday, February 11 at 6:30 pm

(In case of inclement weather, February 18)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Time for personal prayer and reflection

Light refreshments following the Mass



MD Strong, Pass It Along!


Catholic Schools Week January 27-February 1

For the last 112 years, Mater Dolorosa School has educated students from Holyoke and the surrounding towns. The faculty of the school has instructed thousands of students through those years who have achieved academic excellence through a faith-based education. Many of our students have gone on to area high schools and taken high honor and advance placement classes and many have become the Valedictorians or Salutatorians of their graduating high school classes. Catholic Schools Week gives us the opportunity to celebrate those successes in a different way.

Many special activities are planned during this week to celebrate our ability to give our students an education based in morals and values. Learn, Serve, Lead, and Succeed. These are the keystone practices of Catholic Schools Week. Students will have the opportunity to learn more about how much fun science can be with *The Wacky Science Show* which allows them to relate to concepts easily, the show incorporates the STEM and STEAM concepts in various aspects of the show. Students will be able to hear the Christian Singer and Songwriter Ryan Tremblay, who recently performed at the World Youth Day in Panama.

Students will also be able to thank and serve the city's Emergency Response with some breakfast treats and thank you cards made by each student. Our Mass on the Thursday of Catholic Schools Week is a reminder of the special values we as a school can promote and develop because we are a faith-based school. Faith, community, history, academic excellence, inspiration, and exploration, these are all of the building stones you will find at Mater Dolorosa School to allow every student to reach their ultimate potential as a member of an ever-changing global society.



Date	Mass	Intentions
Saturday, January 26	4:00 pm	+Joseph Szot From: Family
Sunday, January 27 <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7:00 am 8:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	+Jane Skypeck From: Family OPEN Blessings on Mater Dolorosa School +William Gorham From: Wife & Family
Monday, January 28 <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>		8:30 am Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, January 29	8:30 am	+James Murphy From: Friend
Wednesday, January 30	8:30 am	+Maurice & Joan LaFlamme From: Family
Thursday, January 31 <i>St. John Bosco</i>	8:30 am	+Walter Kosko From: Wife & Family
Friday, February 1	8:30 am	OPEN
Saturday, February 2 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	8:30 am 4:00 pm	+Michael Szot From: Family +Chester Janis From: Deborah & Lorraine Janis
Sunday, February 3 <i>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7:00 am 8:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	OPEN +Zdzislaw Makusiewicz From: Sister, Janina +Mary Pouliot From: Daughter & Family +Thomas McNally (7th Anniversary) From: Family



Congratulations
 William Wallace LeBrun
 Son of William & Hillary LeBrun
 &
 Theodore Thomas Monsett
 Son of Charles & April Monsett

May He Rest in Peace
+Edward Griffin
 Husband of Louise Griffin

**WELCOME
 TO OUR
 CHURCH**

Ann Marie Orlowski-Crowe

SCRIPTURE READINGS

27 SUNDAY Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30
 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1- 4; 4:14-21

28 Monday Heb 9:15, 24-28/Mk 3:22-30

29 Tuesday Heb 10:1-10/Mk 3:31-35

30 Wednesday Heb 10:11-18/Mk 4:1-20

31 Thursday Heb 10:19-25/Mk 4:21-25

1 Friday Heb 10:32-39/Mk 4:26-34

2 Saturday Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or
 2:22-32

Dear Jesus,
 Thank you for my life ~
 For any and all good that has
 or will ever come from it ~
 By Your GRACE and for
 Your eternal Glory.
 Amen.

**CRISIS OF ABUSE IN
THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
LISTENING & DIALOGUE SESSIONS**

Springfield Bishop Mitchell Rozanski invites the Catholic community in Western Massachusetts to participate in one of four regional listening/dialogue sessions addressing the sex abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. The sessions will allow the faithful to make their concerns known, offer observations, and ask questions of the bishop and diocesan officials. The sessions are scheduled for: Wednesday, **February 6**, at Mary Mother of Hope Church, Springfield, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm; Sunday, **February 10**, at St. Joseph Church, Pittsfield, from 6:00 -7:30 pm; Monday, **March 18**, at St. Mary Church, Westfield, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm; and Sunday, **March 24** at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Northampton from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Trip to Ireland

The Irish Cultural Center will sponsor a 11 day tour to Ireland from October 29, 2019 through November 8, 2019 visiting Kinsale, Dingle and Ennis. For more details please join us for an informational meeting on Saturday, **February 9** at 11:00 am at the Irish Cultural Center, 429 Morgan Road, West Springfield. Or visit our website www.IrishCenterwne.org. Tour is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.



Mater Dolorosa School, Students & Staff

Offertory Collection

January 20

First Collection:

114 Envelope Users:	\$2,877.01
Loose Money:	\$268.66
9 Envelopes Mailed:	\$380.00
TOTAL:	\$3,525.67
Milk Money:	\$131.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Father Daughter Dance Chairperson

We are looking for a volunteer who would be willing to take over our annual Father Daughter Dance. If anyone is interested, please call the parish office or email: parish@ourladyofthecross.com

**Our Lady of the Cross
Fathers "And Fathers at Heart" Daughters
Valentine's Dance**

Saturday, **February 9**

7:00 am - 10:00 pm

Pope John Paul II Social Center

Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased at
Holyoke Hardware and Holyoke Sporting Goods

No tickets will be sold at the door

Please bring a non-perishable food item for Kate's Kitchen
and a snack or tray of baked goods.

Volunteers are needed, please call Merrill at 537-3123.

Valentine's Night Celebration

Thursday, **February 14**

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Center

Saint Anthony St., Chicopee

Dinner, Music, Dance, Gifts & Surprises

\$25.00 per couple

For tickets or more information

call Alina at 777-6940.

Tickets can also be purchased at:

www.saintanthonychicopee.com

IN WORD AND DEED

At the local college, the students wait anxiously to find out if they made the team, were accepted into a club, will pledge in sorority or fraternity, passed a course, or received financial aid for the next term. Students do a lot of waiting and wondering to see if they are good enough, smart enough, talented enough or poor enough to be accepted. That kind of uncertainty can require a lot of antacid!

We are all members of the Body of Christ. Through Baptism, we are joined to Christ, and we are His forever. As members of the one Body, we do not need to wait and see if we are accepted, or wanted or good enough. God accepts us as His own; we belong to Him as His adopted children. Whatever our strength or weakness, our talents or interests, we have a place at the table. Through sin, we can choose to leave it, but by grace, we cannot lose it.

Our lives have a meaning and purpose that is rooted in faith. We strive to live the Gospel, putting into practice the Beatitudes and the Works of Mercy. At times, it may not seem it, but our work really does make a difference at home, in school, at the job and in the church. Persevere in your mission. Be confident in your status. God will bring to fulfillment the good work He has begun in you.

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