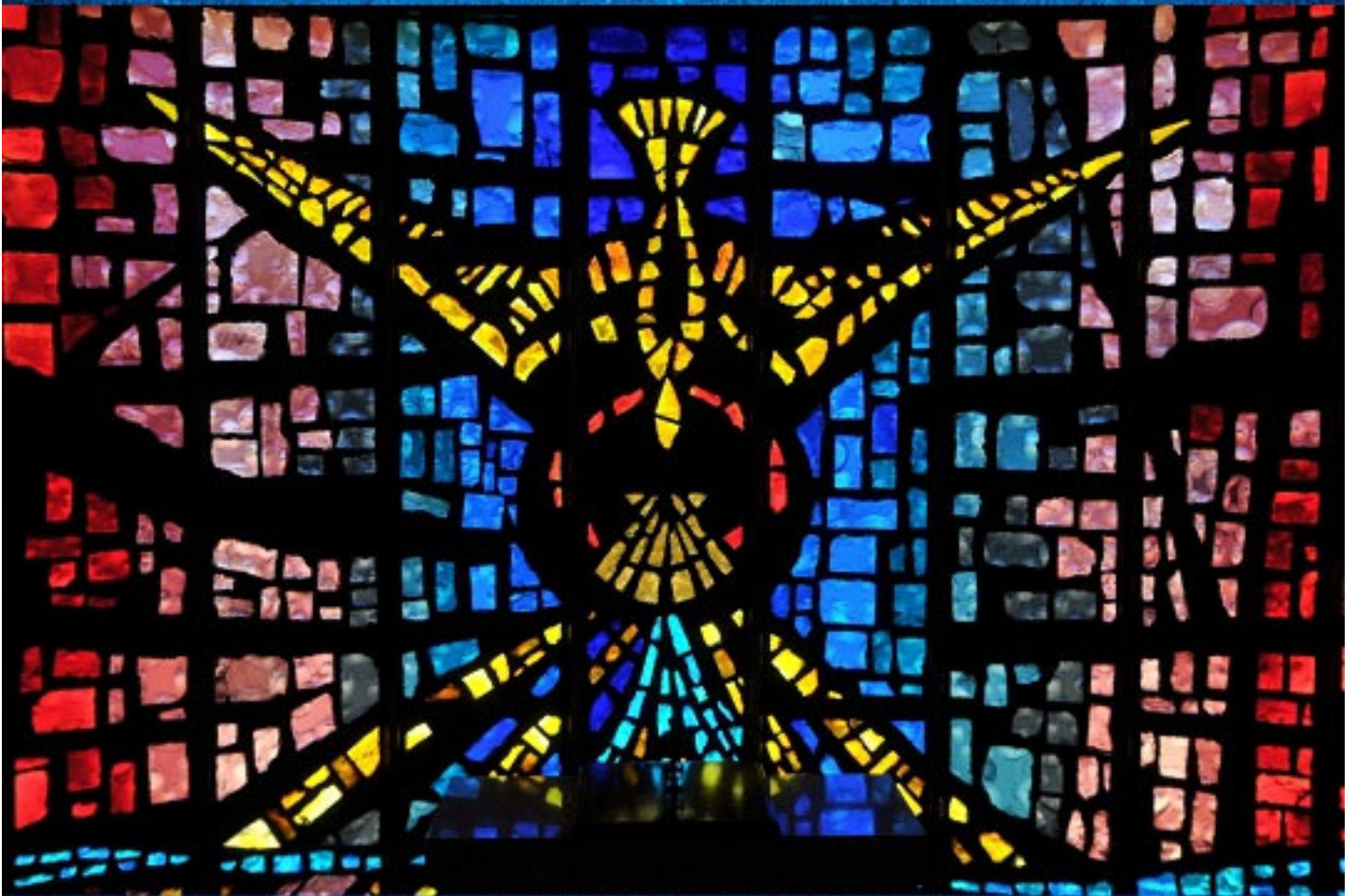


OUR LADY OF THE CROSS PARISH
HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS

JULY 28, 2019



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Luke 11:13

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Summer Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
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

August 3 & 4

Lector

4:00 Joyce Lepine

7:00 Valarie Vasti

10:30 Jason George

5:00 Dianne Murphy

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Janice Lepine, Rosalie Pratt, Mary Sokop,
Hildi Bowen (Choir)

Dorothy Skibel, James Brunault,
Beth Szymonik, Terry Keeler

Joyce Belanger, Maxine Stawasz,
Ann Cote, EdCote, **Pauline Bacon (Choir)**

Dan Driscoll

Altar Servers

4:00 Anastasia & Marina Fedora

7:00 Kaily Godek, Vanessa Antil

10:30 Liam & Kiernan McManus

5:00 **Need Volunteers**

Quotable Quotes

*“When there are no words,
God still hears.”*

~ **Chas Hathaway**, musician

Save the Date

October 19/20

Fall Festival

MUSIC FOR WEEKEND MASSES

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

Processional: 509	Sing To The Mountains
Offertory: 554	Seek Ye First
Communion: 549	Be Not Afraid
Recessional: 504	O God Beyond All Praising (verses 1 & 3)



Dear Good People of Our Lady of the Cross,

The \$5K Pay Day: Last weekend at the 4 pm Mass, we announced that we still had 50 raffle tickets to sell. At that point I was worried that we would not be able to sell all of the tickets. It is Tuesday evening as I type this article and currently we only have 7 more raffle tickets to sell. What a relief! I am hoping that we will be able to sell the remaining tickets by Friday. I would like to thank all those individuals who purchased raffle tickets for this parish fundraiser. Your support is deeply appreciated. By the time you read this bulletin, some lucky person will have won \$5,000.

Hot, Hot, Hot: Last weekend was one hot weekend! Many people did not come to Mass because of the heat (or perhaps they went to an air conditioned church). I wish that we could have air conditioning in our church but it is simply too costly to do so. The small fans help a little. I have noticed that it is more comfortable in the front of the church because of the two larger fans.

Unfortunately, the fans are noisy which may make it difficult for some individuals to hear well. I myself have a hard time hearing you because of the fans. We are researching the possibility of purchasing quieter and perhaps somewhat larger fans. Last weekend someone stopped me after Mass and asked if next summer I would consider having Mass in the Pope St. John Paul II Social Center, which is air conditioned. It is an idea that is worth considering and I will bring it up for discussion at our next Parish Council meeting.

Lazy Days: Summer gives us the opportunity to slow down and take some time to enjoy the blessings that surround us. Whether it is working in your gardens, relaxing at the shore, or taking a day trip to a special destination, I hope you are finding time to slow down and relax.

Belated Birthday Greetings: Last Saturday our beloved Fr. Stanley celebrated his 86th birthday! We wish him all the best and a special remembrance in our prayers.

Special Offering: This past week 2 parishioners contributed \$150. to the Special Offering collection to help cover the cost of our property/liability insurance bills. This brings us to a total of 170 parishioners who donated \$13,799. to this collection. I extend my sincerest thanks to all those who contributed to this special request.

Peace,
FR. ALBERT



IN WORD AND DEED

The class was having a discussion about what really matters in life and where we find a sense of value and success. As the students grappled with the notion of material wealth and its importance to a sense of accomplishment, one girl recalled a conversation she had with her friend as they browsed through the flea market at the parish summer festival. As they looked at all the items for sale, her friend remarked, "Imagine! All this meant something to someone a long time ago. Now it's all junk!"

Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who places his trust in his material wealth. But His disciples must place their hope and treasure, their value and worth in the Lord. It is not worth the effort to focus time, energy and attention on things that will not last, if we lose the chance to build wealth that lasts forever. Material things are important, but not at the cost of our values, morals and ideals. As the popular proverb says, you can't take it with you!

Focus on your spiritual investments and possessions. Make a little time for prayer. Volunteer for service to others. Make it a habit to give to the food bank, or other group in your parish that helps the needy. Use your rosary. Attend Mass on vacation. Don't neglect your spiritual needs and values. It is the only thing you take with you.

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

Baptisms are normally celebrated the last Sunday of the month at 11:30 am. New parents and godparents need to attend a Baptism preparation class on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. Please call the parish office to register.

Sponsor Policy

Godparents/sponsors must be at least 16 years old, confirmed and actively participating in their Catholic faith through weekly attendance at Mass and following the teachings of the Church. If you require a sponsor certificate, you must be a registered parishioner.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Daily: 8:00 am, Saturday 3:15 pm
Or anytime by appointment

Matrimony

Please call the parish office at least one year prior to the wedding date.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The RCIA is for anyone interested in becoming a Catholic and also for Catholics who have not received their First Communion or been confirmed.

Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick (previously referred to as "Last Rites") is not restricted to those who are near death. This sacrament is best received when a person is conscious and able to participate and should not be delayed. Anyone seriously ill, anticipating surgery or weakened due to illness or advanced age, homebound or in a nursing home is encouraged to receive this sacrament.

On the second Saturday of the month after the vigil Mass, individuals who are in need of this sacrament may be anointed.

Ministry of Care

Please inform us if you or someone in your family is ill at home or in the hospital. Also let us know if a loved one is in a nursing facility.

Parishioners who are sick or homebound may receive the sacrament of the sick or Holy Communion.

Parish Picnic/Block Party

In early September our Evangelization Committee will be having a Parish Picnic/Block Party in front of the church and on Holy Cross Avenue. The purpose of this event is to get together and have some fun as a parish but also to have our neighbors join us. Stay tuned for more details! If anyone would like to help with this exciting event, please contact Jason George at 265 -0833 or email:

Jason.a.george@comcast.net

Greeters Needed

We would like to establish a Ministry of Greeters at all of our weekend Masses. Those who are interested in this ministry would greet individuals as they come to Mass and also pass out bulletins. We hope to begin this ministry in the Fall. If you are interested, please call the parish office.



Mission Appeal

Sr. Cathy Matthews, OSF of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY will be here next weekend for our annual Mission Appeal.

The Franciscan Sisters of Allegany were the first community of American Sisters to have foreign missions. They minister to those in need, especially the underprivileged, the undernourished, the outcast, and the victims of injustice and violence. Funds to support the missions where our sisters work and volunteer are solicited through the efforts of the St. Elizabeth Mission Society.

As a congregation, we continue to respond to the overwhelming needs of our brothers and sisters through education, health care, and social ministries in Jamaica, Brazil, Bolivia, and the States.

Crossroads Newsletter

The newsletter committee is looking for parishioners who would be willing to write articles for Crossroads. Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, **July 31** at 6:30 pm. If you would like to attend, please call the parish office.

TAKE YOUR FAITH ON A JOURNEY

Fátima, Lourdes & Shrines of Spain
(Portugal, Spain and France)
12 night experience

February 3 - 15, 2020

Mass and Rosary will be offered throughout your journey. Land prices begin at \$1,549.00 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposits of only \$400.00 per person will reserve your space. Space is very limited. For further info or to register, contact Eileen at 860-399-1785 or email:

Eileen@CatholicCruisesandTours.com

Mass Intentions	
4:00 pm	Saturday, July 27 First Birthday Blessings for Vici Guidi From: Skal & Marcia Guidi & Family
7:00 am	Sunday, July 28 <i>Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i> +Adele Kisiel (10th Anniversary) From: Daughter & Family
8:15 am	+Wanda Dziadek From: Stan & Zofia Lewandowski
10:30 am	+Dorothy Hoskey From: Glen & Barbara Gagnon
5:00 pm	+Cecelia Blunt
8:30 am	Monday, July 29 <i>St. Martha</i> +Frank & Mary Makara From: Daughter, Mary Ann
8:30 am	Tuesday, July 30 <i>St. Peter Chrysologus</i> +Wanda Dziadek From: Zyla & Zofia Wiesia
8:30 am	Wednesday, July 31 <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i> +Kaizimierz & Cecylia Szczudlo From: Daughter, Danuta & Grandchildren Mark & Alicja
8:30 am	Thursday, August 1 <i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i> +Joseph Szot From: Family
8:30 am	Friday, August 2 <i>St. Eusebius of Vercelli</i> +Wanda Dziadek From: Mr. & Mrs. Mysliwiec
8:30 am	Saturday, August 3 +Bee Szalkucki From: Former MD Rosary Society
4:00 pm	+Balbina Szalkucki & Val Kasprzynski From: Pauline Symasko
7:00 am	Sunday, August 4 <i>Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i> +Chester Janis From: Deborah & Lorraine Janis
8:15 am	+Wanda Dziadek From: Mr. & Mrs. Drobiak
10:30 am	+Betty Kazalski & Son, Joseph From: Joe Kazalski
5:00 pm	+Paul Soltys From: Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Williams

Check It Out!

Please be sure to check the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church. Flyers from area parishes as well as notices from various organizations are posted on the bulletin board for your benefit. You may find something that appeals to you.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- 28 SUNDAY Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
- 29 Monday Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- 30 Tuesday Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
- 31 Wednesday Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
- 1 Thursday Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
- 2 Friday Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
- 3 Saturday Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
- 4 SUNDAY Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Adult Faith Formation Committee

We are in the process of forming an Adult Faith Formation Committee as part of our Parish Priority Plan. This committee would be responsible for planning and organizing the Adult Faith Formation events that take place during the year, e.g. bible study, speakers, DVD presentations. Being on this committee will not entail frequent meetings but it will require a commitment to build on the events that currently take place for Adult Faith Formation. If you are interested, please see Fr. Albert or call the parish office.



Congratulations!
Justin Olmo & Carmen Rivera
July 27, 2019

Eucharistic Adoration

“Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament consoles a soul far beyond what the world can offer.”

St. Alphonsus Liguori

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.



Adoration & Divine Mercy Devotions

You are invited to join us next Sunday, **August 4**, for our Divine Mercy Devotions, beginning at 2:00 pm with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. At 3:00 pm, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, followed by Benediction.

Divine Mercy

Blessed Sacrament Parish
1945 Northampton Street

We invite you to come and bring your family and share in the love and mercy of Jesus by joining us at the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm in the church.



Calling All Crafters

Blessed Sacrament Fall Festival

Monday, **October 14** ~ Columbus Day
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Blessed Sacrament, Holyoke Church Grounds
The **(non-refundable) fee is \$35.00 before September 1, \$40.00 after September 1**
Includes 10' X 10' space, 6ft table and a chair
A donation of one craft item

(value of at least \$20) is also required.

For more information, call Toby at 427-0452 or
email: tkdowling21@gmail.com

Registration forms can be found online by
clicking on the 'Fall Festival' tab at:

www.blessedsacramentholyoke.org

Spaces are limited so register soon!

Chicken BBQ & Pork Summer Festival

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

256 State St., Granby

Sunday, **August 25**

12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

\$12.00 for adults & \$8.00 for kids (12 & under)

Games, 50/50 Raffle, Bake Sale, etc.

Hamburg & Hot Dogs also available.

Ample parking may be found on the church
grounds. Call 467-9821 with any questions.

All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

Find Your Greatness with Catholic speaker,
Jonathan Fanning, is coming to Springfield on
Saturday, **September 14**

Come join Holy Name Church for a great
morning of listening, learning,
scripture, and prayer.

Find Your Greatness

is based on Matthew Kelly's best-seller

The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic.

Reach your full potential, create a personal life
plan, and develop a vibrant spiritual life.

Offertory Collection

July 21

First Collection:

142 Envelope Users:	\$3,531.00
Loose Money:	\$407.97
15 Envelopes Mailed:	\$912.00
TOTAL:	\$4,850.97
Milk Money:	\$53.09

We are grateful for your support!

West Point Military Academy ~

The Hotel Thayer Buffet ~ Hudson River Cruise

Saturday, **August 24**

\$116.00 Per Person

Bus Departs from Mater Dolorosa School

Parking Lot at 7:30 am

Package Includes:

Roundtrip Motor Coach Transportation,
Guided Tour of West Point Military Academy,

Buffet Luncheon at the Hotel Thayer,

River Cruise on the Pride of the Hudson,

Meal Taxes and Gratuities

For more information or to reserve a seat,
contact Frank Drobiak at 533-5242.

This Week at Our Lady of the Cross

July 28: Take & Eat Ministry

July 31: 6:30 pm Crossroads Newsletter Meeting

August 4: 2:00 pm Exposition

3:00 pm Divine Mercy



With Heartfelt Thanks

The following individuals made donations to Our Lady of
the Cross renovation fund in memory of +Balbina "Bee"
Szalkucki:

Bruce Cole

Robert & Johanna Congiusti

Donald & Beatrice Erickson

Susan Frencl

Br. Steve Murphy, OFM Conv.

James & Anne Murray

Tom & Katherine O'Brien

Brad & Susan Perkins

John & Kathleen Shaffer

The contributions totaled: \$990.00

*We are grateful to the donors for their generosity and also
to the Szalkucki family for suggesting that memorial dona-
tions be made to our parish.*