

OUR LADY OF THE CROSS PARISH
HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS

AUGUST 11, 2019



Light your lamps and be like servants who await
their master's return from a wedding.

For at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come.

Luke 12:35,40

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A Welcoming Parish Growing Together in Faith Sharing the Message of Christ

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Website

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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 17 & 18

Lector

4:00 Jane Shephard

7:00 Mike McKenna

10:30 Angelique S.

5:00 Brian Bowen

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Stan Czerwiec, Mary Sokop, Janice Lepine,
Pauline Bacon (Choir)

Dorothy Skibel, James Brunault,
Walter Gonet, Mike Sullivan

Joyce Belanger, Sharon Flynn, Ed Cote,
Ann Cote, **Maxine Stawasz (Choir)**

Hildi Bowen

Altar Servers

4:00 Anastasia & Marina Fedora

7:00 **Need Volunteers**

10:30 Paige & Kelsey Brainard

5:00 **Need Volunteers**

Quotable Quotes

*“Politeness is a way of showing
externally the internal regard we have for others.
Good manners are the shadows cast by virtues.”*

~ **Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**

Save the Date

September 18

September 28/29

October 19/20

Presentation on Relics

Tag Sale

Fall Festival

MUSIC FOR WEEKEND MASSES

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

Processional:	496	Glory And Praise To Our God
Offertory:	392	Taste And See
Communion:	561	You Are Near
Recessional:	558	Blest Be The Lord



Dear Good People of Our Lady of the Cross,

Sexual Abuse Crisis: We are all aware of the horrific sexual abuse crisis that has haunted our Church. We all grieve the evil ways that priests have abused children, seminarians and other vulnerable people. Many Catholics feel angry, demoralized and defeated. What should we do? What should we do as a Church – as an institution – to bring about reform?

I have decided to share with you a new book written by Bishop Robert Barron called *Letter to a Suffering Church: A Bishop Speaks on the Sexual Abuse Crisis*. I have ordered a copy for every family/household in the parish and I think you will find it helpful. It is not a dry, hollow statement. It is a true cry from the heart. Bishop Barron provides clear insight on the crisis, advice on why Catholics should stay in the Church, and where we should go from here.

My hope is that you will take the time to read the book soon and not leave it sitting on the kitchen table or book shelf. Read it slowly and attentively. After finishing the book, I encourage you to pass it on to a friend or family member – or anyone who is struggling with the Church because of this crisis.

After reading the book, I would like to hear your thoughts about it. Send me an email or see me after Mass.

Cash Calendar: After we had our first very successful Cash Calendar in February, many parishioners asked me if we could have additional Cash Calendars throughout the year. With that in mind, we decided to have another one during the month of September. By now every registered parishioner should have received 2 Cash Calendars in the mail. If you could purchase one calendar, that would be great! Perhaps you could ask a friend or family member to purchase the second calendar. Some of you may be willing and able to sell additional Cash Calendars. If so, extras are available at the doors of the church. I appreciate any support that can give to this parish fundraiser.

Away: I will be leaving on Sunday to visit my family in Buffalo and will be away for a week.

Special Offering: This past week 1 more parishioner contributed \$25. to the Special Offering collection to help cover the cost of our property/liability insurance bills. This brings us to a total of 171 parishioners who donated \$13,824. to this collection. I once again extend my sincerest thanks to all those who contributed so generously to this special request. Your contributions made a tremendous difference!

Peace,

FR. ALBERT

On-line Giving/Electronic Giving

A number of our parishioners presently utilize the electronic giving services through their bank for their weekly contributions. This service is without cost to you or the parish and your entire gift goes to the parish. Additionally, when you give online using a recurring payment you don't have to worry about forgetting your check book or being out of town. Setting up a recurring payment through your online bank account is pretty simple. Though each bank's website will differ slightly, the basic concept is the same for each. When you give this way, the bank mails the church the check and does not charge you or the church anything.

A Few Easy Steps:

- 1) Go to your bank's website and click on the site where you manage bills on-line
- 2) Click on Add a Company or Payee (varies for different banks)
- 3) Click on Charities and complete the required information:

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 15 Maple St.
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 Phone: 413-532-5661

If an account number is required, include your *church envelope number*.

- 4) After completing the Payee information, select Auto Pay and the amount of your giving and the frequency, i.e., weekly, monthly.

Again, each bank's website will vary slightly. If you have any questions, please contact your bank or call the parish office at 532-5661.

We hope you will consider this service, especially if you currently manage your bills or banking on-line.



FAITH ON FIRE CATHOLIC RALLY

August 22 & 23 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm

The seventh annual **Faith on Fire Catholic Rally** will be held on our beautiful grounds of Sacred Heart Parish, Feeding Hills. Our evenings will consist of Praise and Worship music, Eucharistic Procession, Reconciliation, opportunity for extra prayer under the prayer tent and Prayers for healing. We will have four main speakers and lay witness speakers to inspire you. The *Faith on Fire Committee*, *Agawam Knights of Columbus* and *Saint Martha's Guild* will provide food for purchase. Please bring a lawn chair and or blankets for comfortable seating. God promised that “*for where two or more are gathered I am there among you*”. Please contact our Pastoral Minister/Faith on Fire Coordinator Deb at 786.8200 ext 3 with any questions.

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

Portland Sea Dogs (Boston Red Sox) vs. Hartford Yard Goats (Colorado Rockies)

Tuesday, **August 13**

Bus leaves St. Anne Parish, Chicopee parking lot at 5:00 pm

Gates Open at 6:05 pm and Game Time is 7:05 pm

Call Mary at 532-7503 to reserve your seat!

Tickets will be handed out as you board the bus.

Adult Tickets: \$35.00

Children (15 and under): \$20.00



Homework House Fall Volunteer Orientation

Tuesday, **August 20** at 5:00 pm

Immaculate Conception Church, Holyoke

Homework House of Holyoke is aimed to establish hope through education. Initiated in 2006, by Sisters of St. Joseph Jane Morrissey and Maureen Broughan, this free program provides academic tutoring and mentoring to Holyoke students who are having difficulty in school and are at-risk for academic failure. This is a wonderful and meaningful way to gain a broader cultural understanding while helping someone else succeed. There will be another orientation on Tuesday, **September 3** at 3:00 pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Center. To reserve a seat or for more information contact Joanne at 313-8615.

IN WORD AND DEED

Our Scout troop camped often and the leaders would put our young skills to the test. They would create situations that required us to act—someone was injured, we were lost or we had to find things that were edible in the woods. It helped us develop our abilities to deal with a crisis and, in theory and in practice, made the motto of the Scouts real: “Be prepared”!

Jesus does not want his followers to live in fear, but rather to live in vigilance and preparation. At any moment, faith can be challenged and temptation can be found. Persecution would be commonplace and many will struggle to preach the Gospel. The only preparation is the practice of prayer and of virtue, keeping our spiritual skills sharp and ourselves open to the grace of God. But we need not fear. It is not something we do alone. We do it as His Body, His Church. The Lord is always with us.

Every day presents opportunities to practice faith, to give witness to our beliefs by our words and deeds. Our daily conversations, our kindness to others, the good example we set and our willingness to be mindful of God, help sharpen our spiritual skills and support others who struggle with temptation. Opportunities for grace outnumber opportunities for sin. We just have to be prepared!

Mass Intentions	
4:00 pm	Saturday, August 10 +Sonia & Connie Kudla & Jack Doyle From: Pat Ross
7:00 am	Sunday, August 11 <i>Nineteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i> +Shirley Hervieux From: Mary Ann Makara
8:15 am	OPEN
10:30 am	+Randolph Jackson From: Daughter, Cynthia Jackson
5:00 pm	For the Parish
8:30 am	Monday, August 12 <i>St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i> +Frank Michalski From: Family
8:30 am	Tuesday, August 13 <i>Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus</i> +William Dean III, MD From: Family
8:30 am	Wednesday, August 14 <i>St. Maximilian Kolbe</i> +Anna & Marion Galecki From: Mr. & Mrs. Adam Galecki
6:00 pm	+Gloria Gagnon From: Jerry & Diane Aubrey
8:30 am	Thursday, August 15 <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> +Dorothy Hoskey & Irene Kulpinski From: Friend
6:00 pm	OPEN
8:30 am	Friday, August 16 <i>St. Stephen of Hungary</i> +William Sheehan (19th Anniversary) From: Daughter, Angelique
8:30 am	Saturday, August 17 +Anthony Reynolds, Sr. From: Son, Anthony Jr. & Daughter-In-Law, Alicja
4:00 pm	+Mary Makara From: Daughter, Mary Ann
7:00 am	Sunday, August 18 <i>Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time</i> +Walter & Irene Gonet From: Son, Walter
8:15 am	NO MASS
10:30 am	+Mary E. McNally (39th Anniversary) From: Family
5:00 pm	For the Parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS

- 11 SUNDAY Wis 18:6-9/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/ Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40
- 12 Monday Dt 10:12-22/Mt 17:22-27
- 13 Tuesday Dt 31:1-8/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- 14 Wednesday Dt 34:1-12/Mt 18:15-20
- 15 Thursday Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
- 16 Friday Jos 24:1-13/Mt 19:3-12
- 17 Saturday Jos 24:14-29/Mt 19:13-15
- 18 SUNDAY Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53



Assumption of Mary ~ Thursday, August 15 Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule:

August 14: 6:00 pm
August 15: 8:30 am & 6:00 pm

(Because Fr. Jack will be away, we will NOT have a Polish Mass.)

Important Notice

We will **not** have the 8:15 am Polish Mass on Sunday, **August 18.**

Making Sense of Suffering

Mary's House of Prayer

Wednesdays, **September 11 ~ October 16**

6:30 to 8:00 pm

Special presentation on "Making Sense of Suffering"

Presenter: *Parishioner, Daniel O'Driscoll*

There will be a 45 minute presentation followed by discussion. Included in the presentations: benefits of suffering, reasons for suffering, why a loving God allows suffering, why suffering is good for us, and the mystery of suffering. The donation for the 6 week course is \$15.00. Please make check payable to and mail to Mary's House of Prayer, 202 East Main St., Chicopee. Attn: Jean. All are welcome.

Faith Formation

Religious Education Classes begin on **September 8** for Grades 7-11 & **September 9** for Grades K-6. Letters have been sent to families with children. If you have not received one, or if you need more information, please call Dorothea MacNeil at 532-5661 or email: dre@ourladyofthecross.com

Polka Party
Featuring Eddie Forman Orchestra

Sunday, **August 25**

From 1:00 to 6:00 pm

Our Lady of the Valley

Sacred Heart Campus

33 Franklin St., Easthampton

Food & Beverages Available for Purchase

Bring your own lawn chairs

and enjoy the music!

For more information, contact 527-9778.

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!



First Friday Prayer Breakfast

September 6

Holy Spirit Chapel in Bishop Marshall Center

St. Michael's Cathedral,

254 State St., Springfield

Speaker: Bishop Mitchell Rozanski

Musical Accompaniment – Doris Poirier

Schedule as Follows:

Mass 7:30 am

Free Continental Breakfast 8:00 am

Speaker 8:15 am

Conclusion 9:00 am

All are welcome!

St. Anthony of Padua Parish Bus Trip

Miracle of Christmas

Sight & Sound Theatres Show

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Saturday, **December 14**

\$165.00 per person

Trip includes: bus tours, luncheon, visit Amish markets, show ticket & drivers gratuity.

Program:

Depart: 7:00 am, Lunch: 1:30 pm, Shopping:

3:00 pm, Show: 7:00 pm, 10:00 pm Departure

For more information or to sign up call 538-9475.

Offertory Collection

August 4

First Collection:

176 Envelope Users: \$4,820.00

Loose Money: \$634.50

23 Envelopes Mailed: \$1,190.00

TOTAL: \$6,644.50

Milk Money: \$50.47

Mission Co-Op: \$1,594.62

We are grateful for your support!

Parish Support

During the summer months our collections tend to be lower because of people being away on vacation. Our expenses, however, continue during the lazy days of summer. Many of you are very good about submitting your offertory envelopes when you are unable to attend Mass here. It would make a tremendous difference if more parishioners followed this practice. If you go away on vacation, please keep in mind that we count on your weekly contributions. Thank you for your continued support!

United States Flag Needed

Mater Dolorosa School needs a large (casket size) flag for the outside of the school, near the new playground. If anyone has a flag that they are willing to donate, please call the school office

Mater Dolorosa School

Mater Dolorosa School has fall openings for all grades Pre-K 3 through Grade 8. Please call the school office for more information at [532-2831](tel:532-2831). We offer a faith-based education in a positive and inviting environment that strives for academic excellence.

Alpha Summer Sign-Up

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Center

103 William Street, Springfield

10 Thursdays beginning **September 5**

It's free. Ages 16 and up!

No church affiliation needed.

Believers, non-believers and the just-curious come.

The evening starts at 6:00 pm with a light supper, followed by a DVD talk by Rev. Nicky Gumbel and good conversation in an open, welcoming environment.

Do you think about the meaning of life? The reality of evil? What God has to do with it all? We face these questions with a Christian view in ALPHA.

ALPHA opens insights about Jesus, the Bible, the core beliefs of Christianity, and important questions of life and faith. Contact Joyce at-566-2033 to sign up.