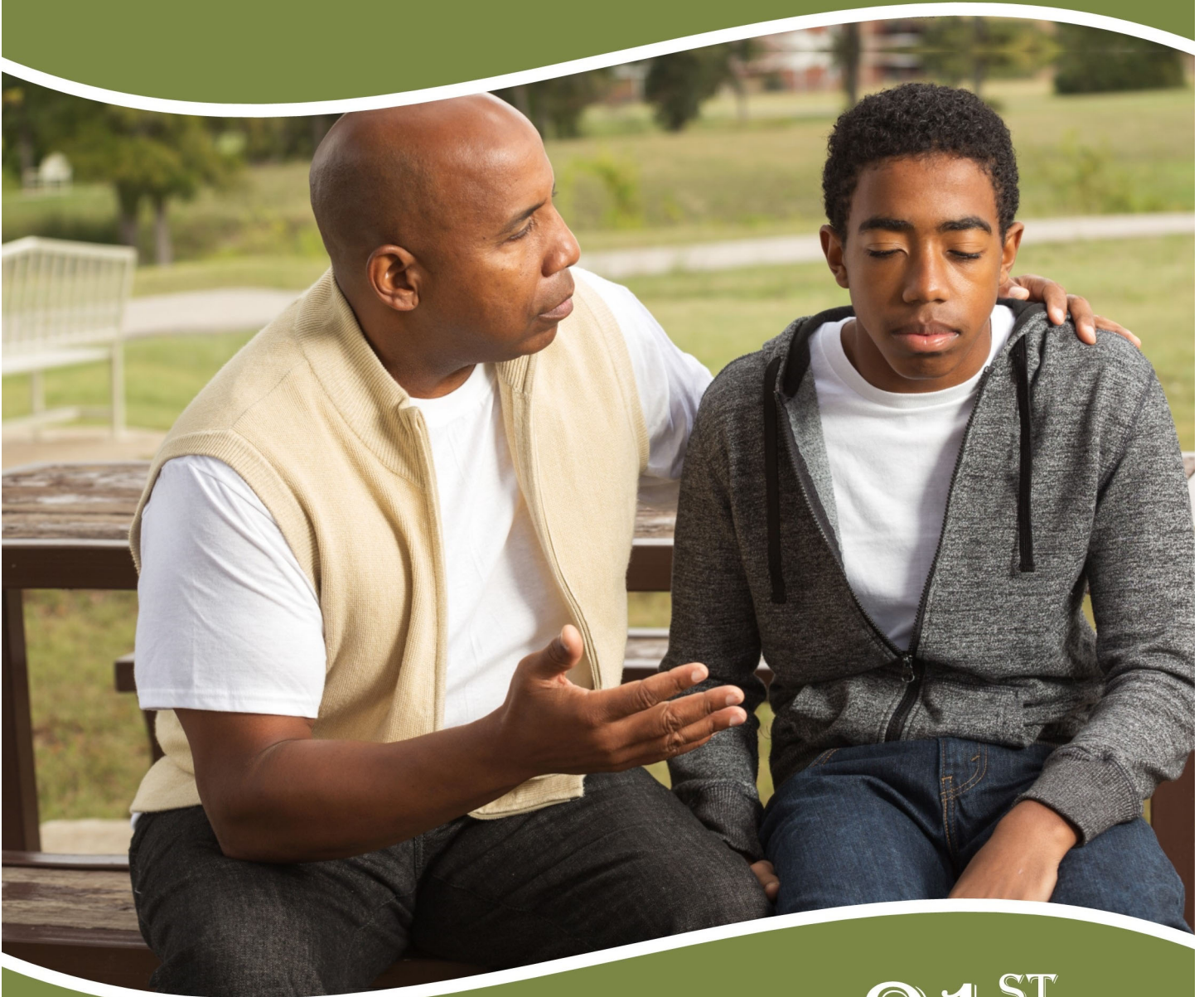


OUR LADY OF THE CROSS PARISH
HOLYOKE, MASSACHUSETTS

AUGUST 25, 2019



GOD OUR FATHER

God treats you as sons. For what "son" is there whom his father does not discipline?
Hebrews 12:7

21ST

SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 31 & September 1

Lector

4:00 Mimi Doyle

7:00 Beth Szymonik

10:30 Kevin Jourdain

5:00 Dianne Murphy

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

Mary Sokop, Janice Lepine,
Pauline Bacon, **Hildi Bowen (Choir)**

James Brunault, Dorothy Skibel,
Terry Keeler, Muriel Gubala

Joyce Belanger, Maxine Stawasz,
Ann Cote, Glen Gagnon, **Ed Cote (Choir)**

Jean Collins

Altar Servers

4:00 Anastasia & Marina Fedora

7:00 Emma & Cooper Skibel

10:30 Elizabeth Winberg, Jacqueline Jourdain

5:00 **Need Volunteers**

This Week at Our Lady of the Cross

August 25:

Take & Eat Ministry

August 26:

First Day of Mater Dolorosa School

August 27:

6:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting

September 1:

2:00 pm Exposition

3:00 Divine Mercy

MUSIC FOR WEEKEND MASSES

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

Processional:	374	Gather Us In
Offertory:	551	Amazing Grace
Communion:	411	Behold the Lamb
Recessional:	533	Lead Me, Lord



Dear Good People of Our Lady of the Cross,

Time Away: I had an enjoyable time visiting my family in Buffalo and I was able to get plenty of rest. I saw a movie that I highly recommend, especially for those of you who love dogs: *The Art of Racing in the Rain*. Just a warning: make sure you bring plenty of Kleenex! While I was home, St. Luke Productions presented the one man play, St. Maximilian Kolbe in several different locations in the Buffalo area. I took my sisters and my aunt to see the play and they were quite moved by it. Some of you will remember that we presented the play in our church several years ago. After the play I said hello to the actor who played St. Kolbe and he asked me to give his best wishes to all of you.

Unfortunately, the clergy sexual abuse topic was in the news every day. You may have heard that the state of New York recently passed a new law (Child Victims Act) that includes a provision that lifts for one year the statute of limitations. This now allows victims of sexual abuse to file lawsuits over crimes that were committed decades ago. The majority of new lawsuits were against the Church, but some people are suing schools, hospitals, individuals and the Boy Scouts of America. In the past, most victims of childhood sexual abuse only had until the age of 23 to bring criminal charges or to seek damages in civil lawsuits.

I had the chance to talk to members of my family about these lawsuits and the clergy abuse crisis. They are disheartened to say the least when they hear what some priests have done - in some cases, priests that they personally know. Clearly the people of the Diocese of Buffalo are extremely upset by the clergy abuse crisis, as we all are. I encourage you to make it a priority to pray for all victims of clergy abuse and to pray for healing in the Church. I also ask that you pray for Catholics who are no longer attending Mass because of this crisis.

Letter To A Suffering Church: If you have not picked up a copy of this book, there are still some available at the doors of the church. I hope that you will take the time to read this important book. I would appreciate hearing your thoughts on it. Please feel free to email me or give me a call. If you found Bishop Barron's book helpful, 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.

School News: On Monday, the students and faculty of Mater Dolorosa School will return to the classroom. Mass will take place at 10:00 am and everyone is most welcome to attend.

Over the summer, all the floors were waxed, the carpets cleaned and the windows washed. We also painted the offices as well as the front entrance. As you know, we have a new principal, Maureen Donelan, and she has spent the past few weeks settling in and getting organized for the school year. If you have a chance to meet her, please welcome Maureen to our school. Hopefully one weekend we will have Maureen at our Masses here in church so that she can speak to us. This past Tuesday I had the opportunity to celebrate Mass with the teachers and staff. They all seem eager to begin a new school year. I ask that you keep the students, principal and faculty in your prayers.

Cash Calendar: So far the response to our September Cash Calendar has been very good. I appreciate everyone's support. You still have time to purchase a Cash Calendar ~ or to sell more calendars to your friends ~ but remember the first drawing will take place Sunday, September 1.

Special Offering: Recently 1 more parishioner contributed \$50. to the Special Offering collection to help cover the cost of our property/liability insurance bills. This brings us to a total of 172 parishioners who donated \$13,874. to this collection. Thank you, one and all, for your generosity!

Second Collections: I noticed that in your packet of offertory envelopes there are 3 second collections during the month of September. We try very hard to limit the number of collections during a given month but at times it is out of our control. We are obligated to take up certain Diocesan and national collections on assigned dates. In addition, because we as Franciscans serve this parish, we are obligated to take up a collection for our Franciscan Missions and Franciscan Seminary. In September there will be a second collection for the Catholic University, our Franciscan Seminary and the Catholic Mirror (the contributions for the Catholic Mirror remain in our parish; they are not sent to the Diocese). I realize it is a lot to have this many second collections in one month so I simply ask that you contribute what you can.

Peace,

FR. ALBERT



RELICS IN OUR CHURCH

Relics of the Passion will be available for veneration and presented as part of a one-hour program at Our Lady of the Cross Church on Wednesday, **September 18** at 6:30 PM. We hope you will join us for a unique encounter with a rare collection of relics with an accompanying program commemorating the Passion of Our Lord that is sure to touch your heart and connect you with the roots of your faith. We encourage you to take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity to see a collection of relics that is generally only available in Rome and the Holy Land.

Shrine of St. Anthony & Provincial Headquarters, Baltimore Crab Fest & "Jesus" in Lancaster

September 28 - October 1

6:30 am departure from St. Stanislaus Church, Chicopee
\$639.00 Double Occupancy, \$619.00 Triple, Single \$819.00

Balance is due by August 26

To register or for more information, call Agnes at 594-4415
Package includes: Roundtrip Deluxe Motor Coach, Free Time Baltimore Inner Harbor, Dinner & Visit to Provincial Headquarters, Overnight in Ellicott City, Mass at St. Casimir's with Coffee & Donuts, Crab Feast Fundraiser for the Catholic School, 2 Nights at Heritage Hotel in Lancaster, PA, 2 Breakfast Buffets, Guided Amish Country Farmland Tour with a stop at Eli's Roadside stand and the Amish Quilt Shop, Reserved Seats for the All new Biblical Show "Jesus" at the amazing Sight Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, Kitchen Kettle Shops featuring jams, relishes and cheeses, Dinner at Miller Smorgasbord, Scenic 45 Minute Train Ride on the Strasbourg RR, Shady Maple Farms, Lunch (on your own) & Shopping, Baggage Handling, Hotel & Meal Taxes & Driver Gratuities.



Fall Festival Meeting

On Thursday, **September 5** at 6:30 pm, there will be a meeting for everyone who is interested in planning this year's Fall Festival. The meeting will take place in the Pope St. John Paul II Social Center.

APOLOGETICS

**CAN YOU DEFEND THE CATHOLIC FAITH EFFECTIVELY
COME TO THE APOLOGETICS COURSE AND BECOME AN EXPERT**

Our Lady of the Cross Parish Hall

Thursday Evenings: **September 12 - October 17** from 7:00-9:00 pm

Presenter: Dan O'Driscoll

Today, more than ever, Catholics need to be able to explain and defend the Catholic faith. The world is struggling spiritually like it seldom has before and we, as Catholics, have the answer. The answer, of course, is Jesus Christ! No matter what the spiritual and moral problems we face in our world, the Church founded by Jesus Christ has the answer. And we, as Catholics, must know our faith well enough to defend it as well as to be able to explain it to others. Understanding Catholic apologetics will allow us to do just that.

Catholic apologetics is the defense and explanation of the teachings, beliefs, and practices of the Catholic Church. Its goal is to remove objections, shed light on difficult or misunderstood matters, and ultimately help win minds and souls for Jesus Christ. Apologetics is the activity of helping people answer the question: "Why should I be Catholic?" It does so by engaging the mind to reach the heart.

For more information or to register, please call the parish office.

Mass Intentions	
4:00 pm	Saturday, August 24 +Michael Szot From: Family
7:00 am	Sunday, August 25 <i>Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time</i> +Kenneth Stawasz From: Family
8:15 am	Open
10:30 am	50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Al & Terry Keeler From: Loving Children & Grandchildren For the Parish
5:00 pm	Monday, August 26 +Lewis & Constance Morse From: Family
8:30 am	Tuesday, August 27 <i>St. Monica</i> +John & Mary Digris From: Family
8:30 am	Wednesday, August 28 <i>St. Augustine</i> +Cosette Lindley & Gerard Cook From: Family
8:30 am	Thursday, August 29 <i>The Passion of Saint John the Baptist</i> +David From: Pauline Symasko
8:30 am	Friday, August 30 +Delfa Magri From: Dorothea MacNeil
8:30 am	Saturday, August 31 +Wanda Dziadek From: Marian Zielinski
4:00 pm	+Anne Cullen From: Friends from Holyoke Public Schools
7:00 am	Sunday, September 1 <i>Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time</i> +James Long From: Walter
8:15 am	Open
10:30 am	+Gildardo Bustamante From: Children
5:00 pm	For the Parish

SCRIPTURE READINGS

25 SUNDAY Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
 26 Monday 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Mt 23:13-22
 27 Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8/Mt 23:23-26
 28 Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13/Mt 23:27-32
 29 Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13/Mk 6:17-29
 30 Friday 1 Thes 4:1-8/Mt 25:1-13
 31 Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11/Mt 25:14-30
 1 SUNDAY Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Mater Dolorosa School Mass

The first Mass of the school year will take place on Monday, **August 26 at 10:00 am**. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend as we pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the students and faculty. The Mass will be held in the Pope St. John Paul II Social Center.

Adoration & Divine Mercy Devotions

You are invited to join us next Sunday, **September 1**, 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.



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

September 11 Memorial Mass

St. Anne Parish
 30 College St., Chicopee
 Wednesday, **September 11**

Join us at the deanery-wide Memorial Mass, honoring the memory of the innocent victims and selfless heroes who perished in the tragic terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. A light reception will follow in the church hall.

Evening of Adoration & Music

St. Elizabeth Parish
 181 Hubbard St., Ludlow
 Monday, **September 16**
 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
 With Special Guest, Lee Roessler
 Free Admission - Come Let Us Adore Him!

The Altar Candles are burning the week of August 25 for **50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Al & Terry Keeler & +Chet Korytko (Birthday Remembrance)**
 From: Family



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!

HOLY TRINITY PARISH FALL FESTIVAL

Pilsudski Park

200 Old County Rd., Holyoke

Sunday, **September 15** from 12:00 to 5:00 pm

Mass celebrated at 10:30 am

Free Admission & Parking

Rain or Shine.

The Festival will feature pierogi, golumbki, kielbasa and kapusta, hot dogs, hamburgers & kielbasa grinders. Take-Out orders will be available.

Our festival will include Bingo, Straw Booth, games of chance, a Chinese Raffle, plus a 50/50 Raffle. There will be children's games, activities and a Bounce House.

For your listening and dancing pleasure the "**Mark VI Band**" will provide Polish & American music from 1:00 to 5:00 pm.

Come for good food and a fun time. For more information, please call 568-1506. We hope to see you there!

Offertory Collection

August 18

First Collection:

165 Envelope Users:	\$4,772.00
Loose Money:	\$366.82
6 Envelopes Mailed:	\$419.00
TOTAL:	\$5,557.82
Milk Money:	\$50.00
Assumption:	\$1,091.00

We are grateful for your support!

Diocesan Lay Ministry Formation Courses For Certification ~ Fall 2019

Course and practicum site:

Immaculate Heart of Mary
256 State St., Granby

Instructor: Kathryn Buckley-Brawner

Course for New & Renewal Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thursdays:

September 5 & 12 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm
(Both sessions required for certification)

Course for New & Renewal Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Sick & Homebound

Wednesday:

September 18 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

*(Pre-requisite: Participant must have completed course for
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion)*

Course for New & Renewal Readers

Thursdays:

September 19 & 26 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm
(Both sessions required for certification)

To register for recertification or to become a member of one of these ministries, please call the parish office at 532-5661 or email parish@ourladyofthecross.com.

Parish Picnic/Block Party

Sunday, **September 8**

1:00 – 3:00 pm



This picnic is for parishioners & our neighbors in the area.

To be held in front of the church/ Holy Cross Ave.

Hamburgers & hot dogs will be provided.

Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish/salad to share.

This event is free and we hope you will join us!

If you are willing to help, please contact Jason George at 265-0833.