

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

840 Page Blvd., Springfield, MA 01104
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Lord's Day Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 (Interpreted Mass for the Deaf)

Weekday Masses

Mon., Tues., Weds., Fri., Sat.: 9:00 AM

Adoration & Recitation of the Rosary

Monday-Saturday: 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3-3:30 PM or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

For dates and information call the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Rectory as soon as possible, at least one year in advance

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and
Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Office Closed Thursdays

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Website: www.mmohspringfield.org

Parish Staff

Fr. Michael Wood, Pastor

Rev. Donatus Ironuma, In Residence

Rev. Kenneth J. Tatro, In Residence

Deacon John Miller

Deacon Gerry Campion

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Parish Mission Statement: "We the people of Mary, Mother of Hope Parish are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament. As Christians, in the spirit of faith, service and community, we proclaim the Good News of Christ. We accomplish this by fostering a welcoming environment that supports the faith formation of our parishioners; the nurturing of spiritual life of our community and encouraging active participation in our parish life. It is our purpose within this parish to evangelize with God's Love and Word through example, outreach programs and respect for the diversity, gifts and cultures of others. It is our call to be faithful stewards of this mission."

A WORD OF WELCOME

“No Matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your family or marital situation, No matter what your past or present religious affiliation, No matter what your personal history, background, race, or culture, No matter what your own self-image or esteem: You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected here at Mary, Mother of Hope Parish”.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, November 20

9:00 AM Americo Mack Gomes req. by David Gomes

4:00 PM Fred Krampits req. by Jean and Rick

Sunday, November 21

08:00 AM Virginia Wynne req. by Terry & Ken Rainville

10:00AM Sally LeHouiller (1st Anniv.) req. by Diane and Tom Stubley

Monday, November 22

9:00 AM Roger Lemelin (16th Anniv.) req by the Family

Tuesday, November 23

9:00 AM Angelo Stack (Birthday Remembrance) req by the Family

Wednesday, November 24

9:00 AM For our Sick & Hospitalized Parishioners

Thursday, November 25, THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 AM For the People of Mary, Mother of Hope Parish

Friday, November 26

9:00 AM No Mass

Saturday, November 27

9:00 AM Camillien Laroche (58th Anniv) req. by Dave and Lucie Boulrice

4:00 PM Thomas & Eleanor Egan req. by the Family

Sunday, November 28

08:00 AM James & Helen Pollard req. by the Family

10:00AM M/M Edward Garvey & Family req. by Jim & Kathy Garvey

THE MARY MOTHER OF HOPE CANDLE

will burn from 11/21/21 to 11/27/21:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH FROM THEIR PARISH FAMILY



THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

will burn from 11/20/21 to 12/03/21

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

THE POOLE, BELLUCCI & GIRARD FAMILIES FROM THEIR FAMILY

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST : A Opening Mass and Eucharistic Procession will be held at St. Michael's Cathedral this Sunday, Nov. 21 at 4PM

ATTENTION LECTORS: There are handbooks for this new year which starts the weekend of Nov. 27/28 in the Sacristy. Please take one. Thank You.

MMOH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Levels K 1, 2,3, 4 :Sunday, Nov 21 @ 8:45 AM

Levels 5, 6,7,8 : Sunday, Nov 21 @ 11:00 AM

Levels 9, 10, 11: Sunday, November 21 @ 11:00

CHILDREN'S PAGEANTS

NATIVITY PAGEANT Friday., Dec. 24th - 4:00 PM

EPIPHANY PAGEANT: Sunday, Jan 2nd - 10 AM

Children of the parish enrolled in Grades K-8 of parochial, public school or home school are invited to participate. They may be registered for one or both of the pageants listed above. **Registration forms are necessary & are available in the Religious Education Office and they have more information concerning the pageants. So please if you are interested take a registration form**

GINGERBREAD HOUSE PROJECT AND MOVIE "THE POLAR EXPRESS"

The Faith Formation Education Committee is hosting our family gingerbread house project & movie "The Polar Express" on **Saturday, Dec. 4th from 2-5PM. COME & JOIN US, DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN !!**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SATURDAY, DEC. 18TH 9:00—11:30 AM

MENU: eggs, bacon, sausage , home fries & more! Adults \$6 , Children are Free

The Movie "A White Christmas" will be shown in the afternoon at 5PM in our Social Center both events are sponsored by Fellowship of Hope Comm

Our Parish Giving Tree

This year as a parish, for each of the four weeks of Advent, we will concentrate on a different group in our community that could benefit from our generosity to make their Christmas a little brighter this year. We ask that you place your unwrapped items under our giving tree in the social center hall each week: **1st Week of Advent: Nov. 27/28,2021**

The Shut-ins of Our Parish

We ask that this week people of the parish donate gift cards to local supermarkets and pharmacies. These gift cards can be used by our shut-ins to help buy food, medication, and other needed items. Gift cards can be in any denomination; please just indicate the amount it is for by writing on the card. Rather than placing these cards under the tree, please put in with the collection.

"We give thee thanks" THANKSGIVING DAY, NOV. 25TH

Our parish family will assemble at 9:00 AM to give thanks to God for His blessings in our lives and in our parish. PLEASE JOIN US!

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Holiday this Thursday 11/25, the Rectory will be closed Wed., Thurs., & Fri., this week and will reopen on Mon., Nov. 29th



In January we will welcome a new Pastoral Minister who will help us establish a bereavement ministry and visit the homebound. Sr. Cindy Matthews, OSF is a native of Lowell, MA. She is from a family of twelve siblings and a large extended family. She entered the Franciscan Sisters in 1968. Sr. Cindy received a certificate in Pastoral care of the Sick & Elderly from Merrimac College. She served for 13 years in various hospitals in Florida and New York, was a case manager for the low-income elderly in the Boston area for 8 years, and was the Pastoral Minister at Holy Cross Parish in Spfld for the past 27 years. She founded the "Franciscan Blessings" program in 1999 and continues to be the director of this "Alternative Gift Giving" program. "Franciscan Blessings" sends 100% of the money donated to the sisters who serve in Jamaica, Brazil, and Bolivia to assist them in their various works among those who suffer from poverty.

Sr. Cindy is looking forward to joining the Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community as part-time Pastoral Minister with a focus on caring for those who are homebound or in nursing homes & the Bereavement Ministry. She will "officially" arrive in the parish in January. However, you may see her around from time to time before then.

GROW: Many Americans have a fascination with royalty. We love to follow the royal family in real life and via the binge-worthy *Crown* series on Netflix. As royal-watchers know, the crown isn't all it's cracked up to be! History and experience, too, show that earthly kingdoms include their share of divisiveness, betrayal and, at times, a total disregard for other people. Jesus gives us a different kind of kingdom and kingship to aspire to – one based on truth not fiction, and born of suffering and not succession. Jesus did not seek earthly glory but endured a crown of thorns and death on a cross to establish the kingdom of heaven – a kingdom that perfects us and unites us with the Holy Trinity. So it is fitting that as we end the liturgical year, we honor Jesus as King of the Universe – heaven, earth, and all creation. Jesus established his kingdom by sacrificing himself out of love for us. By our baptism we have a share in this holy identity, and therefore, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we have the authority and power to proclaim Christ's Kingship to all the world by our words and deeds. In this way we are able to serve the one true king, and participate in building God's kingdom on earth.

GO: Some people aren't shy about saying where they stand: I'm especially fascinated by bumper stickers. We don't like to talk about politics or religion, but somehow it's OK to proclaim our most deeply held beliefs as we tool down the highway. As we celebrate Jesus as King of the Universe, it's a good time to ask ourselves: Is Jesus king of *our* universe? If so, how do we proclaim it? Bumper stickers can be fun, but sharing our belief in Jesus as our Savior requires human interaction. Introverts like me may find it difficult, but we can witness to our faith in a number of ways: Yes, through conversation, but also through the priorities we choose and the examples we set. As members of the kingdom of God – present on earth but not yet fully realized – our baptismal vocation is to participate in Christ's priestly, prophetic, and kingly mission. We can ask Jesus to help us find the words and actions that best help us do so.

PREPARE: Advent starts next Sunday! As we prepare for the holidays like Christmas & Thanksgiving, we can start roughing out an Advent "menu." How will we observe as a family this year? What are our goals for the season? How do I free up Advent for prayerful preparation?



A Special Thank You to those who generously gave to our Parish pantry by way of gift cards that are being sent to our parishioners. These gift cards will help them to purchase turkeys & grocery items which will give them a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner. **Your response was heartwarming. Thank you for your kind and caring way!!**

MINISTRY OF FAITH *The Ministry of Faith promotes and develops opportunities for Christians, everywhere, to a renewed encounter with Jesus, & a deepening & growing relationship with God and each other through prayer...*

The Ministry of faith is planning to host round table discussions on the Sunday Mass readings one weekend a month. All are invited to join us this **Sunday, November 21st at 9AM in the Parish Social Center Hall** during coffee and doughnuts for the first monthly round table discussion. The topic of discussion will be the readings for that Sunday, the 34th Sunday in Ordinary time, Solemnity of Christ the King. For more information please contact John Koski 413 374-4416

The **Ministry of Faith** are sending *Thinking of You Cards* to our Parishioners who are elderly, homebound, & in Nursing homes. We thank those who donated cards this summer and appreciate your generosity, however our supply is starting to dwindle and we could use more of these generic *Thinking of your cards* to continue mailing to our homebound, nursing home and elderly parishioners.. Mass cards cannot be accepted. Cards may be deposited in the basket marked for card donations.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT SUNDAY, DEC. 5, 2021 2PM

AT MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE CHURCH

BY THE RENOWNED

62 PIECE OLD POST RD ORCHESTRA

FREE CONCERT !!



EAST SPRINGFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING EVENT

On Saturday, Nov. 27 from 2-5 PM at Marshall Roy Field (behind Pottenger School) Music, crafts, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, hot cocoa and cookies, opportunity to get a covid-19 vaccine or booster shot from Behavioral Health Network. Dress for the weather, consider bringing a chair.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Mary, Mother of Hope is starting **A PARISH PRAYER LINE**. If you have a prayer intention that you would like your fellow parishioners to remember in their prayers, you can call or email **Deacon Gerry** who will be overseeing this ministry. All requests will be kept confidential unless you specifically ask to be prayed for by name. **You can contact Deacon Gerry by phone at (413) 686-1422 or by email at mmohprayerline@gmail.com**. If you would like to pray for the intentions of your fellow parishioners and be a part of this important ministry, you can email **Deacon Gerry at : mmohpraverne@gmail.com** and you will be emailed intentions to be remembered in your prayer."

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST "Jesus has made Himself the Bread of Life to give us life. Night and day, He is there. If you really want to grow in love, come back to the Eucharist, come back to that Adoration. "Mother Teresa For more information & videos check out www.yearoftheeucharist.net