

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

Thursdays, Communion Service 9:00 AM

Adoration & Recitation of the Rosary

Monday—Saturday: 8:35 AM

Perpetual Novena to St. Peregrine

Saturday Mornings 9:00 AM (Mass)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 8:00-8:45 AM, 3:00—3:30 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Third Sunday of every other month, for dates.
And information call the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Parish Staff

Fr. Michael Wood, Pastor

Rev. Donatus Ironuma, In Residence

Rev. Kenneth J. Tatro, In Residence

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Deacon Gerry Campion

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Ministry with the Deaf

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Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and

Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Office Closed Thursdays

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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."

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 21

9:00 AM In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for prayers answered req. by B.A.

4:00 PM Mary & Patrick O’Flaherty req by Anna Mae

Sunday, March 22

8:00 AM Irene & Ernestine Parrow req. by the Family

10:00AM Catherine Veale (1st Anniv.) req. by the Choir

Monday, March 23

9:00AM Gerard Asselin(Birthday Remembrance) req. by the Family

Tuesday, March 24

9:00 AM For the Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 25

9:00 AM Eileen Nadeau (6th Anniv.) req. by the Family

Thursday, March 26

9:00 AM Communion Service

Friday, March 27

9:00 AM Albert Geoffroy (11th Anniv.) req. by Teresa Connor

Saturday, March 28

9:00 AM Sr. Mary de Porres, O.P. (22nd Anniv.) req. by Teresa Connor

4:00 PM Maszta & Prejsnar Families req. by Janice & Betsy

Sunday, March 29

8:00 AM David Fournier (Birthday Remembrance) req. by his Wife & Family

10:00AM Rosemary Westcott (Birthday Remembrance) req. by Cheryl & Laurie

Mary Mother of Hope Candle : The Mary Mother of Hope Candle will burn for your intention for a 1 week period. The suggested donation is \$10 for the week. This is a wonderful way to offer your intentions to our Lord as the candle stays lit next to His Mother and our Patron.



THE MARY MOTHER OF HOPE CANDLE

will burn from 03/22/20 to 03/28/20:

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
RAYMOND AUBREY
FROM HIS WIFE & FAMILY**

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

will burn from 03/14/20 to 03/27/20

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**THE GAUTHIER & MISTERKA FAMILIES
FROM MARY JANE & BOB GAUTHIER**

PLEASE NOTE : THERE ARE AVAILABLE WEEKS FOR THE SANCTUARY CANDLE AND MARY’S CANDLE THIS YEAR. If you are interested please call the rectory at 413 739-0456

PLEASE NOTE: Deacon Gerry Campion is no longer able to drive and visit Homebound & Nursing Home parishioners, however He would still like to be of Service to the Parish & our Parish family by offering his prayers and guidance, listening to your concerns. If you would like to talk to him, you can call him on his cell phone at 413 686-1422.

Dear Parishioners,

I understand that everyone has their financial worries & restraints at this moment, and even though the church is not opened we still need to pay all of our bills. So if you are in a position to mail in your weekly support it would be greatly appreciated. Thank You & God Bless, *Father Michael*

PLEASE NOTE: THE MASSES THAT ARE SCHEDULED EACH WEEK AND WEEKEND WILL BE SAID BY FATHER PRIVATELY THERE CAN BE NO ONE IN ATTENDANCE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FROM THE DIOCESE.

**MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE’S
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
ALL CLASSES ARE COMPLETED**

**THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST COMMUNION
AND CONFIRMATION ARE ON HOLD, IF
THEY SHOULD NEED TO BE
RESCHEDULED YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED.**

STEBENVILLE THANK YOU!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Thank You for your generous donations to the Steubenville-East collection on the weekend of March 7th. All seven of us will be able to attend the July retreat! As a group, on the weekend of the collection, we had time to talk and get to know each other better. We shared many laughs and had some of our questions answered concerning the retreat.

We, the “Steubenville Seven”, will continue to keep you in our prayers and share some of our experiences when we return. Than You again!

Christina, Christopher, Emmarly, Christina, Christopher, Patricia & Victoria

TEEN AGE PRESENTATION

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Due to the Corona Virus this event is suspended the church may still be closed we are awaiting to hear from the Diocese on when the services will be resumed

Friday, April 10, 2020 12 Noon

Dramatization: Friday, April 10, 2:30PM - 3PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—CANCELLED

WOMEN IN THE NEW TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY is cancelled

HOLY WEEK SERVICES ARE ON HOLD PENDING NOTIFICATION FROM THE DIOCESE.

Ministry of Faith Corner

Inquiring minds are asking why have all the statues and crucifixes been covered?

This is a traditional Lenten practice which you may not have noticed in the past. Veils over sacred images keep our minds on the promise of Easter.



We gratefully acknowledge gifts to Mary, Mother of Hope's Improvement Fund as follows:

In Memory of **Marie Murphy** from Linda Hreschuk, Gail O'Malley and Martha & Paul Gessner

In Memory of **Alice Kelliher** from Charleen Kelliher

Mary Mother of Hope Parish Pantry
We will be making up Easter baskets for our families. We have a need for gift certificates which helps the families buy meat, dairy products & fresh vegetables, and also some grocery items such as fruit drinks, jelly and peanut butter, tuna fish, spaghetti sauce, canned pasta, soup, crackers, cake mixes, canned fruit & paper products which can be brought to the rectory M., T., W., F. from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Thank You for your generosity.

FLORAL DECORATIONS EASTER 2020
Contributions to the Flower Fund, which helps to cover the cost of the floral enhancements to our altar areas throughout the year will be taken on the weekend of March 22nd. Please remember to list the name(s) of your loved ones on the envelope provided in your support packet.

FLOWER DELIVERY: IT IS TO BE DETERMINED, whether we will be delivering flowers to our **home-bound and nursing home parishioners** at Easter time. If you are interested in volunteering you can call 413 739-0456 and I will put you on my list, however this may be cancelled if we are still under the Diocese's and Governor's directives to suspend all pastoral in-home & nursing home visits.

OUR DEEPEST LONGING: Mary, Mother of Hope's Men's Retreat in W. Hartford has been cancelled.

A NOTE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL: We have received some suggestions and welcome more. We will check the box before each meeting and try to answer or implement your suggestions. In answer to this month's suggestions:

1 Electric Candles are making an appearance and hopefully by Easter. The cost will be \$3.00. We ask that young or young at heart fingers Do Not Press The Buttons unless you are paying the \$3.00.

2 The Women's Club, Men's Club & Community Life Commission of the Council will soon be one and called "Fellowship of Hope".

3 A suggestion for a Parish Mausoleum can not happen due to zoning issues and the fact we do not have a cemetery. Keep those suggestions coming. Please feel free to drop your ideas in our **Suggestion Box** located in the lobby near the entrance to the Community Center.

NO MEETINGS/EVENTS @ MARY MOTHER OF HOPE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

"OUR FAITH, OUR FUTURE" the Annual Catholic Appeal is now underway. No matter the size of your donation, your gifts puts your Catholic Faith into action in Western Mass. **Thank you**

**WEEKLY REPORT MARCH 14/15 2020
NO REPORT CORONA VIRUS**

**150TH SPRINGFIELD DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY
HISTORICAL FACTS**

Springfield First Bishop: Springfield Bishop Patrick T. O'Reilly, born in Cavan, Ireland, is consecrated Bishop at St. Michael's Cathedral on September 25, 1870 by N.Y. Archbishop John McClusky. During his 21 year episcopacy, Bishop O'Reilly, a "Renaissance Man", builds 41 churches, dedicates 28 new schools, confirms 77,000 youth, ordains more than 150 priests and establishes various hospitals and orphanages. Bishop O'Reilly dies on May 28, 1892 from Bright's Disease, a kidney affliction. *Watch for next weeks bulletin for another Historical Fact.*

WOMEN'S CLUB POT- LUCK SUPPER HAS BEEN CANCELLED

REFLECTION FROM A PARISHIONER ON OUR RECENT RETREAT: An afternoon retreat was held in the church on Sunday, March 9, with Deacon Keith McCarthy presiding. He helped us grow in knowledge of our faith as well as learn to trust God's plan for us. We gained insights, shared in laughter, and made new friends-all done in a couple hours on a Sunday afternoon. Consider attending the next Retreat or Bible Study (which is very good and lively, too). *Sylvia Krol*

AREA EVENTS

FOR LENT-THE CATHOLIC LIFE CONFERENCE has been cancelled and rescheduled to October 17-same program and same speakers

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THROUGH LOCAL CLUB
Applications for the 2020 Polish Junior League of Mass are available again this year. Scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate and graduate students of Polish Heritage. Application information and forms may be obtained at www.polishjuniorleaguema.org. Deadline for application materials is May 1, 2020.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, GRANBY: is seeking a Director of Faith Formation. This is a full-time, 12/month position. The full job description can be found at: <https://ihmparishgranby.org/>.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SENIOR ADVOCATE
Caring.com is a leading senior care resource for family caregivers seeking information and support as they care for aging parents, spouses and other loved ones. They have been featured by AARP, the Administration for Community Living, the National Legal Resource Center, and Forbes, as well as referenced by many governmental agencies and organizations across the Internet. Our website provides information on topics like financial support and care options that are available in Springfield. To learn more go to our website at: <https://www.caring.com/senior-living/assisted-living/massachusetts>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: THE EASTER EGG HUNT WHICH IS NORMALLY HELD ON THE AFTERNOON OF EASTER VIGIL, SATURDAY APRIL 11TH AT 1PM IS ON HOLD UNTIL WE ARE NOTIFIED BY THE DIOCESE ON WHEN THE MASSES AND ACTIVITIES CAN BE RESUMED.

PLEASE NOTE: THE ST. FRANCIS NOVENA & THE DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE HELD AT SACRED HEART PARISH, SPRINGFIELD, HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.