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Mass Times: Saturday 4 PM ✠ Sunday 8 AM, 10:30 AM , 5:30 PM ✠ Monday - Thursday 8 AM
Holy Day Mass Times: Consult the weekly Mass schedule
Reconciliation: Consult the weekly Mass schedule, or by appointment
Adoration Hours: Tuesday 8:30 AM - 8 PM & Thursday 8:30 AM - Noon, in the Main Church
Church Visitation Hours: Available all day, every day

O Lord my God.
Teach my heart this day
where and how to find You.

You have made me and re-made me,
and You have bestowed on me
all the good things I possess,
and still I do not know You.
I have not yet done
that for which I was made.

Teach me to seek You,
for I cannot seek You
unless You teach me,
or find You
unless You show Yourself to me.

Let me seek You in my desire;
let me desire You in my seeking.
Let me find You by loving You;
let me love You when I find You.

- St. Anselm

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 2, 2022

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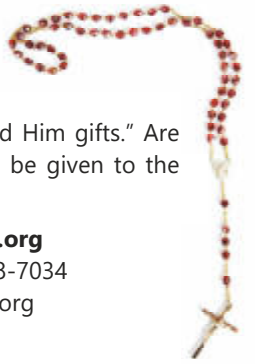
THE HOLY MASS
- This Week's Intentions -

SATURDAY, January 1, 2022 Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord
3:00 PM No Reconciliation
4:00 PM ✞ David West req. by Louise Christ
SUNDAY, January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord
7:15 AM Reconciliation
8:00 AM ✞ The people of the parish
9:45 AM Reconciliation
10:30 AM ✞ James McNamara req. by James & Elizabeth McNamara
5:30 PM No Mass
MONDAY, January 3, 2022
8:00 AM ✞ Gerard Provost req. by the people of the parish
TUESDAY, January 4, 2022
8:00 AM The people of the parish
WEDNESDAY, January 5, 2022
8:00 AM Seminarians
THURSDAY, January 6, 2022
8:00 AM ✞ Michael Lee, 3rd ann., req. by his wife
FRIDAY, January 7, 2022 First Friday
8:00 AM ✞ Michael Lee req. by Celeste & Gil DaCosta
SATURDAY, January 8, 2022 First Saturday
8:00 AM ✞ The souls in Purgatory req. by Mary Yando
Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord
3:00 PM Reconciliation
4:00 PM ✞ Edgar Perrea req. by the family
SUNDAY, January 9, 2022 The Baptism of the Lord
8:00 AM ✞ Lucille LaBarre req. by her husband, Lenny
10:30 AM ✞ John Lisowski, Sr., req. by Pat & Ellie
5:30 PM ✞ Bertha Bartoli req. by Suz Kielbasa

The Rosary is prayed at 7:30 AM before the 8 AM Daily Mass.

The Divine Mercy Chaplet
is prayed daily after morning Mass.
Please join us!
Our prayer intention is for Priests to be Holy.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
- Answer His Call -



"Opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts." Are you beginning to see your life as a gift to be given to the Lord as a priest, religious sister or brother?

Is God calling you? Visit: **www.myvocation.org**
☎ Fr. Jon Reardon at 413-248-7034
✉ vocations@diospringfield.org
Or, speak with Fr. David Darcy

PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIAN
John Williams
We ask a special blessing on this young man preparing for priesthood in seminary - for the grace to follow You more perfectly.

From the Pastor's Desk....

Dear Parishioners –

How blessed are the people whose God is the Lord! (Ps144:15)

As we celebrate this Christmas season and begin the New Year, I am reminded, again, of how blessed I am to be the pastor of this faith-filled community here at St. Francis of Assisi. And how blessed we are as a parish.

Every time we come together to worship, our celebrations are enriched not only by the faithful who are present, but by all those who regularly serve as lectors, altar servers, eucharistic ministers, ushers, and those in our music ministry as well. There are also many other people who volunteer behind the scenes.

These offerings overflow in abundance especially during this Christmas season and make for such a beautiful celebration of our faith. Thank you.

Additionally, I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of cards, gifts, and well wishes for my birthday and this holiday season. Thank you.

May God pour out his grace upon all of you in the New Year.

In God's great love,

Fr. David

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office Will Be Closed for the Holiday

The office will be closed Friday, December 24 through Sunday, January 2. If you need assistance, leave a message and the secretary will return your call as soon as possible.

Tax Statements

Please call the office if you would like a statement. Tax statements will be ready at the end of January. They will not be mailed out automatically.

Missing Rosaries

A Parishioner left her parents rosaries to be fixed and they were fixed but now are missing. If you have inadvertently taken a blue or black rosary with a name and phone number in the bag, please return them to the church or call the number in the bag. These rosaries are special mementos and sorely missed.

Friendly Reminder Regarding Masks

The diocese has stated that each parish is to follow the covid mandates set by their town. As Belchertown continues to have a mask mandate for public buildings, we are required to wear masks when we are in the church.

Please be mindful of the others around you and wear a mask.

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
in the days of King Herod,
behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn King of the Jews?
We saw His star at its rising
and have come to do Him homage."

....They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house
they saw the Child with Mary His mother.
They prostrated themselves and did Him homage.
Then they opened their treasures
and offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Mt 2:1-12

Scripture Readings for January 8 & 9, 2022

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Week at a Glance

Monday, January 3
7:00 PM - Choir Rehearsal - Church
Tuesday, January 4
7:00 PM - Catholic Life Band Rehearsal - Church
Wednesday, January 5
9:30 AM - Bible Study *(pre-reg. required)* - Tovet Room
7:00 PM - Bible Study *(pre-reg. required)* - Tovet Room
7:30 PM - Men of St. Joseph - Office Conference Room
Thursday, January 6
9:30 AM - Bible Study *(pre-reg. required)* - Tovet Room
7:00 PM - Lecture *Series (pre-reg. required)* - Tovet Room
Friday, January 7
Saturday, January 8
3:00 PM - Reconciliation
Sunday, January 9 - The Baptism of the Lord
Take & Eat - *(2nd weekend)*
2:00 PM - High School Retreat - Social Center & Church
5:30 PM - Mass

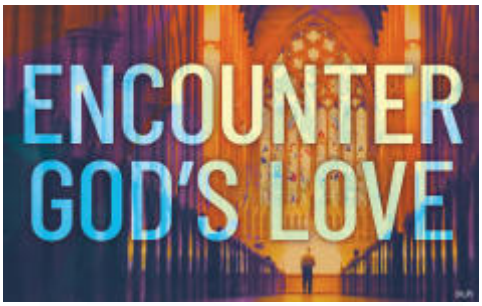
To see our full calendar of events, visit: ***stfrancisbelchertown.com***.

Need Holy Water? - Though we are not currently permitted to have holy water in our church baptismal font, it is important that the faithful have access to this powerful sacramental in their homes for daily use.

We bless ourselves with holy water for three reasons:

- as a sign of repentance of sin,
- for protection from evil,
- and as a reminder of our Baptism.

If you need holy water, please bring a bottle of water to church with you and ask Fr. David to bless it after Mass.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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Hooked on History: In Defense of St. Junipero Serra

Was St. Junipero Serra an agent of Spanish colonial oppression or the "patron saint of racial equality?" In this film, Dr. John Pepino discusses the myths and the truth about Fr. Serra and the Spanish missions in California. In addition, Dr. Tim Gray explores the story of St. Serra who lived his whole life as a "song to Our Lady." Join us on either **Wednesday, January 19** at **9:30 AM** or **Thursday, January 20** at **7 PM** in the Tovet Room. *(Approximately 1 hour)*

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Weekend Collection for December 18 & 19 was $6,493.00
Weekly Average since July 1, 2021 is 7,178.97
Mortgage & Expansion for December 1-19 was 13,820.00
Monthly Mortgage Payment is 6,000.00

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him. (Ps 72:10-11)

Father Darcy and the Finance Committee thank you for all the gifts you bring to our parish. We ask that you offer prayers of thanksgiving to Our Heavenly Father as we enter this New Year 2022, that He will continue to bless you, you are a generous people!

"Remember, God will not be outdone in generosity!"

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If not, please consider signing up today.

1. Go to: **www.stfrancisbelchertown.com**, then click "Online Giving."
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3. Set-up your donation or payment. ***That's it!***

Questions? - ☎ The Parish Business Office 323-6272 x1

A KING WAS BORN

Christmas is a Holy time
One of Peace on Earth-
Filled with many joyous thoughts,
God, frankincense and myrrh-
Remember too-the little Babe
Born in Bethlehem-
Away in a manger, safe and sound
Asleep in a hay filled mound.

There stand His mother "Mary"
Beside Him, Joseph too
And all around the "Little Babe"
From the clouds the Angels flew
Three wise men came from miles around
To praise the newborn King
They gave him gifts and then remained
To hear the Angels sing!

Glory in the highest
Today a King was born
In a little stable
On this Christmas morn'
Take these gifts our King of Kings
For they are all our worth
Glory Hallelulia
Gold, frankincense and myrrh!

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FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

For Teens: Be Not Afraid - Follow Me!

All teens are invited to join us for discussion of our faith, with good food and a healthy serving of laughter. Lunch is provided at no cost. Our next gathering is Sunday, January 16, following the 10:30 AM Mass.

Join Gerri Amprimo, Patrick Hegarty, Fr. David and Dcn. John for a fun, faith-filled time.

Please call Gerri for food planning.

☎ Gerri Amprimo: 413-345-0439 or Pat Hegarty: 413-687-7870

Women of Grace

In January, we will take up a study of Pope John Paul II's encyclical "Evangelium Vitae." This program will span 8 weeks and a study guide is available.

All women are welcome to join us. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 11.

Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays,
6:30-8:30 PM, in the Tovet Room.

☎ Rita Lee: 774-200-6464 or Anne Werbicki: 413-301-3409

Order of Franciscan Seculars

The words of St. Francis: Holy Virgin Mary, there was never anyone like you born in the world among women - daughter and handmaid of the most high King, our Father in Heaven; mother of our Most Holy Lord, Jesus Christ; spouse of the Holy Ghost! With the archangel St. Michael, all the Virtues of Heaven, and all the saints, pray for us at the throne of your Beloved Most Holy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Master.

We invite you to join us in the Tovet Room on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6 PM.

☎ Amy Moran, OFS: 323-0016 or Kathy Ricardi, OFS: 323-9023

Men of St. Joseph

Weekly meetings consist of Bible readings, reflection on those readings, and prayer. One of the readings is always the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday. Studying, discussing and applying the Gospel message is a great way to prepare for Sunday Mass and grow deeper in faith.

We meet every Wednesday from 7:30-8:30 PM
in the office conference room.

✉ John Rakouskas at john5star@hotmail.com
or Steve Corbin at gmsteve512@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus

St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698's information is available at: facebook.com/belchertownkofc
stfrancisbelchertown.com/knights-of-columbus.

The KofC meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

✉ kofcbelchertown@gmail.com or ☎ PGK Tom Grady: 323-4036

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Year of the Eucharist

"Creation and the government of the universe are great works which show thy power, thy wisdom, and thy mercy; but nowhere do they shine as in the Eucharist, memorial of the wonders that thou hast wrought on earth." - St. John Vianney, Eucharistic Meditations: 4th Meditation.

For information and videos visit: www.yearoftheeucharist.net

Adoration - Make a Holy Hour

My Lord Jesus Christ, who because of Your love for men remain night and day in the Blessed Sacrament, full of pity and of love, awaiting, calling and welcoming all who come to visit You, I believe that You are present here on the altar. I adore You, and I thank You for all the graces You have bestowed on me, especially for having given me Yourself in this Sacrament, for having given me Your most holy Mother Mary to plead for me, and for having called me to visit You in this church. - *Alphonsus Liguori*

Number of Adorers Needed for Hours Below

Tuesday: 1-2 PM (1)**, 2-3** (1)**, & 4-5 PM** (1)

Thursday: 1-2 PM (1)**, 2-3 PM** (1)**, 4-5 PM** (1)**, & 5-6 PM** (1)

Schedule your hour:
☎ **Anne Werbicki 413-301-3409**

Become a regular adorer and see the fruits it bears.
☎ Anne Werbicki at 413-301-3409, Rita Lee at 774-200-6464, Celeste DaCosta at 413-323-7896 or Nancy Hastings at 413-636-6097
Tuesday 8:30 AM-6 PM (in main church), **6-8 PM** (in chapel)
& Thursday 8:30 AM-Noon (in main church)
For updates to hours or closings: Adoration Line at 323-6272 x6

PRO-LIFE - Because Life is Sacred

"March for Life" in D.C.

Join the Pioneer Valley Massachusetts Citizens for Life for the annual "March for Life" in D.C. Busses will head down on the night of Thursday, January 20, 2022.

For more information: ☎ Peggy at 413-583-5034 or ✉ pbradford@massachusettscitizensforlife.org

Pray for Dobbs

Our St. Francis Pro-Life team is asking everyone to pray the rosary for the Dobbs case being presented before the US Supreme Court since December 1, as well as for the Texas Heartbeat Law that is being challenged. This is a huge moment because it could be the beginning of the dismantling of the *Roe v. Wade* ruling.

Join our pro-life team in storming heaven with Rosaries. Each week, drop into the tally box, a note with the number of Rosaries you and your family have prayed.

For more information: ☎ Rita Lee at 774-200-6464, Donna Laviolette at 413-668-5014, or Sue Dexter at 413-687-2911

MICHAEL SWEENEY PRAYER LINE

Please pray for all of the intentions listed on our prayer line, for the sick and dying, the imprisoned and all those in need of spiritual, emotional, physical and/or financial support and healing. Especially please pray:

- For missing rosaries to be found.
- For Calvin, a premature baby, for him to be healthy and strong.
- For the safety and health of all travelers this Christmas season.
- Continued prayers for J. F., for successful diagnosis, treatment and healing.
- For 10 week old Allysandra Jo, for successful chemotherapy and healing of cancer and prayers for her family.
- For Oliver, for healing.
- For Patty, for successful treatment and continued healing.
- For the sick and homebound, those who are hospitalized or in a nursing home and for those who care for them.
- For those serving in the military and for their families.
- For those struggling with addictions, for proper diagnosis, treatment and healing and for their families.
- For all those grieving the loss of a loved one, for comfort.
- For respect for all human life.
- For all of our retired priests.
- For an increase in vocations.
- In thanksgiving for all God's graces and answers to the requests of the prayer line.

To have the prayer line members pray for you or a love one:
☎ Office: 323-6272 x1 or ✉ francisatbtown@gmail.com;
or, visit www.stfrancisbelchertown.com,
click *Liturgy and Prayer*, then *Prayer*.

CATHOLIC RESOURCES - Know the Faith

Lighthouse Catholic Media Kiosk

A wealth of topics are available to help you grow in your faith. Your donations of $4 for CDs and $5 for books allow us to maintain the kiosk with materials.

Formed.org - Suggested Program

Prepare the Way of the King - *(45 minute audio)* Dr. Scott Hahn, one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today, reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind—Jesus Christ.

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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The Light of the Moon - If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure — but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals — Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears His glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember — the magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. *- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

SERVICE & OUTREACH

Opportunities to serve as the heart and hands of Christ

The Food Pantry is in need of:

soups, crackers, pasta, and tomato sauces.

Thank you for your generous response to serving those in need.

☎ Food Pantry: 323-6272 x8

Please leave donations between the doors of the church.

Take & Eat is run by volunteers and is funded entirely through donations. Monetary donations can be made by check, made out to: St. Francis of Assisi Church with "Take & Eat" in the memo.

Like and Share their Facebook Page
@StFrancisWeekendMealsMinistry

☎ Ann Marie Beaupre: 687-7296 or ✉ beaupre6852@charter.net

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting in the Tovet Room on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 11 AM. If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet for this ministry, join us.

Do you know someone who would appreciate a reminder that they are not alone and who would like to be held up in prayer during a difficult time?

☎ Bonnie Miller: 253-2293 or Diane Plante: 237-3001

The Mats for the Homeless Ministry uses recycled plastic shopping bags to make mats for the homeless.

This ministry meets in the Pine Room on the 4th Monday of the month from 5:30-7 PM.

☎ Becky Walton: 345-1757

Please save your plastic bags for donation to this ministry.

What are you doing, O Magi?
Do you adore a little Babe,
in a wretched hovel,
wrapped in miserable rags?
Can this Child be truly God? …
Are you become foolish, O Wise Men …
Yes, these Wise Men
have become fools
that they may be wise.

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux

MISCELLANEOUS PARISH INFORMATION

Invitation to Register

You are invited to formally register with the Parish, if you haven't already done so. To register, simply visit the Website: stfrancisbelchertown.com and click registration found under the "Our Parish" tab. You can also drop by the office or call 323-6272 x1 for a paper form.

Please contact the office to report any outdated information. All information is kept confidential.

Parish registration is important and allows the parish to maintain sacramental records. This is necessary if you should be asked to be a Confirmation or Baptism sponsor, or for any other reason you need verification that you are a registered Catholic.

Ideally, parishioners help support the parish, however, it is not a requirement for registration.

Would You Like to Have a Mass Offered?

Each time a priest celebrates Mass it is offered for a particular person – often deceased – or an intention. By doing so, the priest applies the special graces of the Eucharist on that specific person or intention. Although only one person can make the request, the intention can include more than one person for that Mass.

If you would like to schedule a Mass intention, please call or drop by the office. The suggested donation is $10 and Mass Cards are available upon request to notify someone of the Mass and intention. The donation can be mailed, dropped by the office or put in the collection basket with the Mass date in the memo.

To schedule a Mass, contact the parish office at 323-6272 x1.

Gathering Space Table and/or Easel Reservations

All reservations for tables and/or easels in the church gathering space must be arranged through the Parish Office at 323-6272 x1.

A copy of the monthly gathering space reservation calendar is posted in the Tovet Room along with the map of the gathering space table layout, to aid in set up.

A complete list of the guidelines will also be posted, and is available through the office. Should you be unable to reach the office, contact Ray Fontaine at 413-537-4086.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS

Annual Men's Retreat to be held February 25-27, 2022 at Holy Family Retreat Center in West Hartford

Retreat Theme: In the Spirit of Trust

The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6 to 7:30 PM on Friday evening and concludes Sunday with the celebration of Mass at 10:45 AM followed by a hot brunch at noon. Offering: $325.

For more information contact Dcn. John Murray at:
✉ DcnJLMurray@gmail.com or ☎ 323-6272 x4.
To register visit: www.holyfamilyretreat.org

Catching Fire Becoming Flame

This 6 week program will be held in the Pine Room at 12 Park Street, from 6:30-8 PM, on Thursdays: February 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10, & 17. This powerful spiritual enrichment opportunity will use a book along with video presentations to guide discussions and prayers for the participants. This program is a great way to strengthen our faith and knowledge of our Christian spirituality that can sustain us for our entire lives. **Register by January 22.**

Those who signed up and paid for the event cancelled due to COVID, just have to sign up.

New participants are asked to register and pay a nominal fee of $10 to cover materials and other costs.

To register: Include your name and phone number along with $10 in an envelope marked - *Catching Fire Becoming Flame* and drop it in the collection basket or at the church office. Make checks out to 'St. Francis of Assisi Church.'

☎ Gil or Celeste DaCosta at 323-7896

Bishop Robert Barron's - THE CREED

The keys that unlock the beliefs of the Christian Faith are stated succinctly in the Nicene Creed, which we pray at every Sunday Mass. Born at the Council of Nicaea in the Fourth Century after intense debates, this formal statement of faith is the foundation of both eastern and western Christianity. And to this day, most Christians around the world would subscribe to it.

This 7 week study will be held in the Pine Room at 12 Park Street from 9-11 AM on the following Saturdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, & 16. Each class will consist of a video, followed by small group discussions. The course will be led by Dcn. John and small group leaders.

Registration will be held January 8 thru February 14. No late registrations will be accepted, due to limited class size and the time needed to gather materials. The anticipated cost for the book/study guide is $20.

For more information contact Dcn. John Murray at:
✉ DcnJLMurray@gmail.com or ☎ 323-6272 x4.

Spaghetti Supper

The Mater Dolorosa School PTO is hosting a spaghetti supper *(take-out only)* on Wednesday, January 5 from 4:00-6:30 PM at the Pope John Paul II Social Center on St. Kolbe Drive in Holyoke. Distancing measures will be in place for everyone's safety. Adults - $7.50; kids 5 -12 - $4.50; and under 5 - free. Pre-orders are appreciated for planning, but not mandatory.

Order at: tinyurl.com/MDPTOJanSupper.

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