



**Saint Peter and Saint Casimir Parish
Westfield, MA**

has been entrusted and is committed to proclaim and communicate the saving message of Jesus Christ. As a Roman Catholic Family, with the *Eucharist* as our center, we draw strength and dedicate ourselves to praise God through prayer, worship and service. *A collaborative participation in all aspects of Parish life is encouraged.*

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to share the Gospel of Christ with *all* God's people in the following way:

* The religious education and formation of all parishioners *in the living tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith.*

* *The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)* for those who wish to join the Roman Catholic Church.

* *The celebration of the Eucharist and sacraments*, proclamation of the Word of God, prayer and adoration.

* The assessment, communication, and fulfillment of the spiritual and emotional needs of *all parishioners.*



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We Welcome New Parishioners

Please call the Parish Office at 568-5421 to obtain a census form and to register as a parishioner. In order to obtain a 'letter of good standing' to act as a sponsor for the sacraments you must be a registered parishioner.

Daily Mass Schedule

7:15 a.m., Monday through Thursday

(Weekday Mass is preceded by praying the Rosary @6:45 am)

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday-Vigil Mass 4:00 pm

Sunday-8:30 am and 10:30 am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

is available every Saturday from **3:00-3:30 pm** or by appointment. (Please call the office)

**25TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."
- Mk 9:35b-37a

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

- Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/
Mk 9:30-37
- Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
- Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
- Friday:** Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/
Lk 9:43b-45
- Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

- Sunday:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
- Monday:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest,
and Paul Chöng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Thursday:** St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Saturday:** BVM
- Next Sunday:** 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.

St. Matthew



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*The Lord
is good to
those who
wait for him...*

— NAHUM 1:7 —



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September 7, 2021

Dear Friends,

While advances in technology have opened many new avenues by which we can share our faith-filled stories and evangelize, there is still an important role to be played by our print publication, **The Catholic Mirror** magazine. Published 6 times a year, it helps to inspire and inform us on our faith and how it is lived out daily throughout the four western counties of our diocese. Every issue has something for everyone.

But like all worthy efforts, we need your help and support. The cost to produce and mail this magazine is shared between the diocese and your parish, costing your parish just .65 cents an issue. Please prayerfully consider a gift to your parish as part of our annual **Catholic Mirror Parish Collection Drive**. These donations stay with your parish to help it provide this to each and every household, including those who may not be with us on a regular basis.

If you don't currently receive **The Catholic Mirror** please contact either your parish office or our Catholic Communications ministry at 413-732-3175.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.

In Christ,

+Most Reverend William D. Byrne
 Bishop of Springfield



If you or someone you know is in the hospital and would like a visit from Father or to receive communion, please call Father at 388-1980 or Bette Ptaszek at 562-8930.

The 2022 Mass book is now open.

Please call the office at 568-5421 to reserve the dates and times you would like to reserve. Also, Sanctuary Lights are also available. The requested offering for either remains at \$10.



Faith Formation

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT MATTHEW

Can you imagine an IRS agent becoming a saint? On September 21 we celebrate a tax collector who was called by Jesus. Matthew left everything, and became one of the twelve Apostles. After Pentecost, he shared the story of Jesus with many people, until he was martyred. Matthew is the author of the first Gospel. His feast day is September 21.

CLASSES

September 19

9:20 – 10:15 Grades K-8

September 26

9:20 – 10:15 Grades K-8

11:30 – 1:00 PM Grades 9-10

I sent out letters to families in August, but unfortunately not all have been delivered. I will be calling families to tell them about this year's program. I apologize for any confusion.

Next Weekend's Lectors Schedule

	Sat. 9/25/21	Sun. 9/26/21	
	4:00 pm	8:30am	10:30 am
<i>Lector</i>	F. Horrigan	M. Regan	M. Wright
	—Deacon Pedro—		
<i>Hosts</i>	P. Forgue	J. Osowski	M. Wright
<i>Choir</i>	Y. Kriesak	C. White	K. Brown
<i>Server</i>	F. Horrigan	H. Rutkowski/ L. Rutkowski	



Blessing of our pets~ After the 10:30 Mass next Sunday, **October 3rd**, **Father Wallis** will be in the parking lot to bless our pets. This is an annual tradition in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. We are allowing people who attend the late Mass an opportunity to go home, pick up their pets and for those who attend other Masses to get their 'friends' to the church for a blessing before lunch.

PLEASE PRAY

FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND

Stella Fisher, Richard Briere, Irene Kmiecik, Therese Hentnick, Millie Lamb, Jim and Marilyn Pitoniak, Jim Dowd, Anna Jakus, John and Carol Howard, Jim and Mary Ann Slowick, Deacon Paul Briere, Jim and Marcia Rogers



**Eucharistic Adoration
every Tuesday after the
7:15 Mass until prayer
group at 3 pm.**

September is the month of the *7 Sorrows of Mary*. Pray to her each day for your needs.

“Even now says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart for I am gracious and merciful”

PLEASE prayerfully committing to a weekly hour with Our Lord. We are in need of committed Adorers. Please call Joanne at 562-6866. It is so easy to rest with Jesus on the altar.

We pray that our families will be strengthened to face every difficulty and to grow in holiness. Our Lady of Sorrows pray for us.

We will pray for our freedoms, for conscience rights and religious liberty: may all people of goodwill work against the increasing threats to these fundamental rights.



“Wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield.” Praying for wisdom will help you yield to Christ’s choice for you. Should He extend to you the gift of a vocation to the consecrated life or priesthood, contact Fr. Jon Reardon @ 413-248-7034 / vocations@diospringfield.org

Outdoor Mass and Concert to Benefit Jericho featuring the Singing Priests! On Sunday, September 26th, Bishop Byrne will be celebrating an outdoor Mass at Jericho, 537 Northampton St., Holyoke, followed by a light lunch and a benefit concert to support their work with individuals with disabilities. The concert will feature The Singing Priests, Sophie Lawry and the Dan Kane Singers. The tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased by calling 413-538-7450 or going on line to www.jerichobeca.org.

Sharing the Gospel

Even though they were friends, sometimes the disciples fought with each other. In today's Gospel reading, they were fighting over who was the most important. All twelve of them wanted to be number one-the best disciple. Then Jesus told them a secret. The best disciple is the one who helps other people.

Prayer

Dear God, when I am tempted to fight with my friends, show me ways to help them instead.

September 19, 2021

Saturday, September 18

4:00 pm † Robert E. Nesin

Requested by Don and Sharon Wielgus

Sunday, September 19

8:30 am † Joan Ryder, 3rd Anniversary

Requested by Harry Ryder

10:30 am † George and Anita Ashley

Requested by family

Monday, September 20

7:15 am † Henry & Elizabeth

Balut-Marszalek

Requested by Andrew Fondakowski

Tuesday, September 21

7:15 am † Edward Jurkowski

Requested by Andrew Fondakowski

Wednesday, September 22

7:15 am † LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE Massey & Bessette families

Requested by a friend

Thursday, September 23

7:15 am † Stanley & Antoinette

Fondakowski

Requested by Andrew Fondakowski

Friday, September 24

No services

Saturday, September 25

4:00 pm † Robert E. Nesin

Requested by Bette Ptaszek

Sunday, September 26

8:30 am † Phyllis Pitoniak Casey

Requested by Bette Ptaszek

10:30 am † George & Margaret Martin

Requested by family

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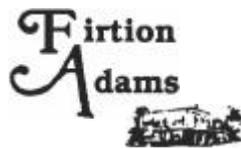
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