

SAINT MARY'S PARISH

HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

June 6, 2021

Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 9:00 AM (Mon.-Wed., Fri.)

*All pandemic restrictions have been lifted.
Dispensation of mass obligation continues.*

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15-3:45 PM

ADORATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM

BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

Before setting a date or making a deposit on the reception venue, please call the Office for an initial meeting with the priest, at least six months prior.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office

Liturgical Calendar
With Announced Intentions

- Saturday, June 5:** *Vigil of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*
4:00 PM Mary & Peter Trombly, by Kent & Joan Trombly
- Sunday, June 6:** *Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*
8:00 AM Robert Sullivan, by John Ryan
11:00 AM Laura Morton, by Tom & Susan Mayotte
- Monday, June 7:** *Weekday of 10th Week in Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM Patricia Bukowski, by her Sister
- Tuesday, June 8:** *Weekday of 10th Week in Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM Special intention
- Wednesday, June 9:** *St Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church*
9:00 AM
- Thursday, June 10:** *Weekday of 10th Week in Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM Communion Service
- Friday, June 11:** *The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*
9:00 AM Mary Clancy, Birthday Rem., by Eileen Robitaille
- Saturday, June 12:** *Vigil of the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00 PM Fred Forsyth, Birthday Rem., by his Family
- Next Sunday, June 13:** *11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM Alice Harper, by the Friendship Club
11:00 AM Laura Morton, by Paul & Gisela Weichselbaumer

Eucharistic Adoration—Saturday, 3:00—3:45 PM

“This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.” Are you being chosen by Christ to pour out your life’s work for souls with Him as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Fr. Jon Reardon, vocations@diospringfield.com, (413) 248-7034

Pray for  Donald Karlie Lisa Kane Ethel Thomas Kathy Ranahan Alicia Michael Collins James Leon Tom Robertson Jean Albano Stella Pyrek Chuck Powell Patty Ehlers Thomas Accord Ann Maraschino Karen Ralph Terry Beane Marilyn Francoeur John Haley Samantha Thans Patrick Toomey Victoria Whalen Maia Courtois Patricia Coughlin Carol Green Charlene Moore Elinore Canterbury Matt Briggs Daniel Nitch All Veterans, All Nurses, Doctors, First Responders, Nursing Home employees, Matthew Hanna, Pat Clark, Liz & baby Max, Carol Collins, Lillian Brown, Fr. Adolf’s Parishioners in Uganda, Phil Dugan, Ann Burian, Kristina Lague, Judy Knight, Brian Kennedy, Paula Pozzoli, Melinda Rosa

Readings  **Week**

Week of June 6, 2021

- Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
- Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34/Mt 5:1-12
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119/Mt 5:13-16
- Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/Ps 85/Mt 5:20-26
- Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
- Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34



OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT

May 30, 2021

General: \$2,994.00,
Monthly Development: \$267.00, Other: \$200.00

Library News—Stop in our little reading room near the vestibule and check out a book for your Summer reading! There are DVDs and CDs too! Use the clipboard sign-out sheet.

Don't let Grandma linger in Purgatory... schedule a Mass Intention today!

Annual Parish Calendar—Will you or your business sponsor our 2022 Parish Calendar? You will have your business logo prominently displayed on the lower tab that is visible all year. What a great way to get name recognition for your business! Proceeds from calendar sponsorship support Catholic Extension, which helps to build up the church in rural or poor mission dioceses in the United States. Please call or email the parish office for more information.

QUO VADIS 7.17.21

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN TO DEEPEN THEIR FAITH & SEEK GOD'S WILL FOR THEIR LIVES.

FOR YOUNG MEN, AGES 14 - 19

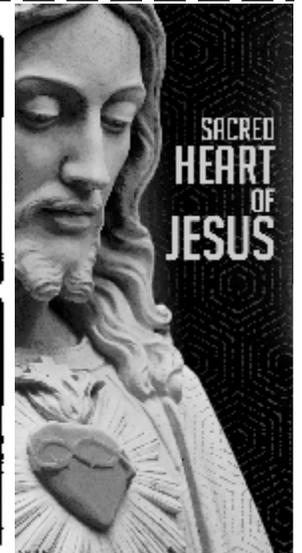
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SACRED HEART OF JESUS

The Diocese of Springfield announced that **all pandemic restrictions are lifted** for parishes effective May 29, 2021. Vaccinated parishioners do not have to wear masks and can be seated anywhere in the church. We will operate under the honor system; no proof of vaccination will be required. The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains for the time being. We are coordinating with the other Massachusetts dioceses a date to end the dispensation. With regard to cleaning the churches with disinfectant, parishes are now only required to clean the churches once a day. Parishes with more than one Mass in a day are not required to clean the church between each Mass. However, if a parish has a report of someone having attended the church, who then tests positive for COVID, the parish is still required to deep clean. Following state and local healthcare guidelines, parishes can resume all social and fundraising activities.

Diocesan Catholic Cemeteries is conducting a search for qualified candidates for the position of **Executive Director of the Cemeteries**. The position requires solid business management skills to oversee the Diocesan Cemeteries and Mausoleums, the budgeting, fiscal management, and operations. This position serves as a resource to other parish cemetery pastors and boards. This position often requires travel throughout the diocese, problem solving and knowledge of cemetery laws and requirements. Excellent computer skills, analysis and writing skills as well as being able to communicate effectively with funeral directors, parishioners, and state officials while overseeing the management of 11 cemeteries. Presentation skills are also a key element of the position to present financial and other information to the Diocesan Cemetery Board. This position requires a person who is a practicing Catholic and who will strongly support diocesan ethics and burial rites at our cemeteries. Submit your resume and letter of interest to Cathi Farr, HR Director, at c.farr@diospringfield.org

Why are some saints honored as “patron saints”? Each person is unique and each of us has different gifts, interests, talents, and, yes, even struggles and areas where we need to grow. This is no less true of those holy women, men, and children who have been canonized or beatified. Because we believe that the saints and blessed are both models of faith and intercessors, Christians have looked to certain holy people as role models and heavenly protectors for occupations, spiritual charisms, and even places. Although the Church sometimes names a person as a patron saint (e.g. Saint Philip Neri as the patron of Rome, Saint Clare of Assisi as the patroness of television, or Saint Aloysius Gonzaga as the patron of youth and young adults), more often it is popular devotion that inspires lay Christians to turn to a particular saint or blessed for heavenly help and support. This is how, for example, Saint Cecilia came to be honored as the patroness of musicians, Saint Toribio Romo as patron of migrants coming into the United States, and Saint Gertrude of Nivelles as patroness of cat lovers. Although there are official and unofficial lists of patron saints, we should always feel free to ask any and all the saints to give us their patronage and protection in whatever it is that we need. ©LPi

Let us know if you would like a visit!

Now that more and more people have been vaccinated against Covid-19, we have resumed in-home visits of elderly homebound parishioners. Please let us know if you would like a visit from the priest or a Eucharistic minister by calling Cheryl in the office at 566-8843. Please also let us know if you need help in getting vaccinated.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

June 6, 2021—The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

As our world faces so much turmoil and change, it is now more important than ever to remember who God is, who we are and where we are going. It is easy to get distracted and lose focus, especially when we are being pulled in so many directions. We can not only lose sight of God but one another. Maintaining our well developed and mature relationships with God and one another is essential to continuing to live, healthy, happy, and focused lives. In a message to young people, Pope Benedict XVI said, “the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face: it is Jesus of Nazareth, hidden in the Eucharist.” What is true for those who are younger is even truer for those who are older. Regardless of how the particulars of life change over time, human beings are still hard-wired to seek the fullness of life and happiness. How we embark on this journey and what we choose along the way will indicate whether we meet success.



There is so much brokenness and pain in our world. Many people are lost, feeling lonely, anxious, marginalized, victimized, isolated, oppressed, and abused. Every time we receive the Body of Christ, we have an opportunity to become what we eat. The power and presence of Christ in the Eucharist becomes present in us and effects change in ourselves and in the lives of those we meet. We are given the grace to become temples of justice and peace, carrying God’s sacred Presence within us wherever we go. Our faith community is ignited with the fire of God’s love and stands out as a beacon of hope in a world that is lost. This is the only way we can discover peace-filled resolutions to violence and create innovative solutions to what is fueling its need in the first place. True happiness, for the young and old alike, becomes an obtainable goal.

St. John Maria Vianney says it so well. “There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, he would have given it to us.” Only the Eucharist has the ability to connect, sustain, strengthen, and properly orient us, not only on the road of this life but the road to life eternal. Knowing this, when life gets challenging, unsettling, and difficult, we can rely on and cling to this gift we have in the Real Presence of Christ. This actual encounter with God celebrates God’s unconditional love for us and grounds us to the truth of who we are in a way nothing else is able to do. Because through the Eucharist we really do become the Body of Christ, we are also bonded together in a most perfect way to one another as that Body. Nourished, united, and strengthened by the Eucharist, let us individually and collectively, bring this wonderful gift to all we meet, especially the poor with whom we have a special connection. ©LPi



Quo Vadis? Where are you Going?

Young men ages 14-19 are invited to attend a one-day retreat to deepen their faith and seek God’s will for their lives. It will be held **Saturday, July 17th**, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Camp Holy Cross in Goshen. To sign up, email Father Michael at m.lillpopp@diospringfield.org or call the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Springfield at 452-0503.

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