

Our Lady of the Valley

33 Adams Street, Easthampton, MA 01027



Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00pm

Sunday 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm
(Mass in Polish is last Sunday of the month at 8:30am)

Daily Mass Schedule

Mon., Tues, Thurs. and Fri - 8:00am Wed. - 6:00pm
Eucharist Adoration after the Friday 8:00am Mass

Live Stream on You Tube:

Daily Mass, Saturday 4pm, Sunday 8:30am

OLV Masses are televised on Channel 191

Thursday & Friday at 3pm
Saturday & Sunday at 2pm.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 -3:45pm

Holy Day Mass Schedule

Vigil 6:00pm
Holy Day 8:00am 12:15pm 7:00pm

Prayer Line

Please call the rectory at 527-9778. Prayer Intentions are prayed for 2 months. Please call to reinstate if necessary.

Catholic School Tuition Assistance

Catholic School families wishing parish sponsorship and/or tuition assistance in any Parochial School must be registered, practicing, and supporting members who volunteer at some level and have two 500 Club memberships. (Call the rectory for a copy of our policy.)

Contact: Tel: 413 - 527- 9778

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Baptism

2nd Sunday of the month at 1:00pm.
Please contact the rectory for baptismal preparation arrangements.

Marriages

Contact the rectory at least one year in advance. Please consult the Pastor prior to setting the date.

Ministry to the Sick & Shut-ins

Please contact the rectory if you become unable to attend Mass and wish to receive the Eucharist.

Liturgical Roles

May 8- May 9 Lector

4:00pm R. Labato-Bailey
8:30am B. Dabek
11:00am K. Williams
12:30pm

May 12 Ascension Vigil

6:00pm D. Laprade

May 13 Ascension Thursday

8:00am B. Ellis
12:15pm P. Wallace
7:00pm B. Dabek

May 15- May 16 Lector

4:00pm M. Bouthilette
8:30am B. Dabek
11:00am K. Williams
12:30pm

Spiritual Communion with Mass

There are many forms of the Act. They may be recited at any time but it would be most advantageous to make an Act of Spiritual union just prior to watching a Mass on TV or on the internet. The following text is offered for your use during this time of contagion:

An Act of Spiritual Communion with Mass

As I cannot this day enjoy the happiness of assisting at the holy Mysteries, O my God! I transport myself in spirit to the foot of Your altar; I unite with the Church, which by the hands of the priest, offers You Your adorable Son in the Holy Sacrifice; I offer myself with Him, by Him, and in His Name.

I adore, I praise, and thank You, imploring Your mercy, invoking Your assistance, and presenting You the homage I owe You as my Creator, the love due to You as my Savior.

Apply to my soul, I beseech You, O merciful Jesus, Your infinite merits; apply them also to those for whom I particularly wish to pray.

I desire to communicate spiritually, that Your Blood may purify, Your Flesh strengthen, and Your Spirit sanctify me.

May I never forget that You, my divine Redeemer, has died for me; may I die to all that is not You, that hereafter I may live eternally with You. Amen



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, MAY 8

9:00AM Paul Growhoski - Carl & Esther Growhoski
4:00PM Bob Connor - Connie & Bob Dragon

SUNDAY, MAY 9 MOTHER'S DAY

8:30AM Living & Deceased Mothers of the Parish
11:00AM Albert N. Morrier - Rejniaks & Morriers
12:30PM Ann Boulanger - Family (**Latin Mass**)

MONDAY, MAY 10

8:00AM Judy Couchon, Jean Morissette & Jeanne Lamontagne - Couchon Family

TUESDAY, MAY 11

8:00AM Frank Crlenjak (35th Anniv) - Daughter Mary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 (ASCENSION VIGIL)

6:00PM Edmund Routhier - Family

THURSDAY, MAY 13 (ASCENSION)

8:00AM *Missa pro populo*
12:15PM John Sr. & Doris Kuzeja - Jay & Kathy Fisher
7:00PM Maria Klaczak - Grandson, Charles & Pauline Gawle

FRIDAY, MAY 14

8:00AM Richard Cichocki - Family

SATURDAY, MAY 15

9:00AM Agnieszka Trela - John & Joanne Libera
4:00PM Janet Turban - Connie & Bob Dragon
5:30PM Confirmation

SUNDAY, MAY 16

8:30AM Anne Pease - Loving Family
11:00AM Beloved Mother Mrs. Helen Dowdy - Rita
12:30PM Special Health & Healing Intention for Emily Arigoni - Loving Family (**Latin Mass**)

Intentions

7-Day Sanctuary Lamp

May 10 - May 16 William C. Collins - Family

7-Day Candle at the Statue of Mary

May 10 - May 16 Michael C. Biegner - Mission Committee

May 10 - May 16 Jennie & John Ksieniewicz - Their Family

May 10 - May 16 Madelaine Pack - Joe & Anne

7-Day Candle at the Black Madonna

May 10 - May 16 Adela Kusiak - Dabek Family

May 10 - May 16 Sophie & Peter Tautznik - Their Children

May 10 - May 16 Leon Lecko - Loving Family



Please remember **Donald Puza** in your prayers. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

5th Sunday Rosary To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotion to Mary, our Knights of Columbus Council #1116 will continue reciting the rosary on the 5th Sunday of each month. Knights, their families, and all other church parishioners who wish to participate are encouraged to pray the rosary as a corporate body at 9:30am on Sunday, May 30, and every time a 5th Sunday occurs. (August 29 and October 31).

Vocations - Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 9, 2021

"God sent His Son into the world so that we might live through Him." Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ? If you think God may be offering you this grace, contact Fr. Jon Reardon at 413-248-7034. vocations@diospringfield.org

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Our Knights of Columbus Council #1116 will be conducting their annual Mother's Day Rose Sale following all Masses this weekend. All proceeds will benefit Massachusetts Citizens for Life. Thank you for your support of the unborn.



Spring Scripture Study:



The Acts of the Apostles - This Easter season, study the foundations of the Church in sacred scripture. The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of how the Holy Spirit guided the Church in its earliest days, through persecutions, miraculous conversions, and missionary journeys to ends of the Roman Empire and beyond. We will look at key passages in the text through theological, historical, and literary analysis through a combined lecture/seminar format. We'll meet for six weeks through Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30pm in the Church Hall.



New Catholic Adult Education Zoom Study on St. Joseph

Thursday nights, through May 27, 6:30-8:00pm (excluding May 13,

Ascension Thursday). The Year of Saint Joseph was proclaimed by Pope Francis to be December 8, 2020, through December 8, 2021. We invite you to join fellow parishioners in a 4-part study given by Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they sit down to reflect on the earthly father chosen by the Heavenly Father for his Son, Jesus Christ. We will begin by looking at Joseph from the Old Testament and comparing him with Saint Joseph from the New Testament, and then move into reflections on three of Saint Joseph's titles; Guardian of the Redeemer, Patron of the Universal Church, and Patron of the Domestic Church. To register, email Karen Droy at kadroy@gmail.com or call 413-218-3436. There is no cost for this study.



Neighbor to Neighbor: During the month of May, we are collecting breakfast food items for the Easthampton Community Center. As always, you are free to donate any items of your choice as the need is great. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Celebrating Our Lady of Fatima

Join us in praying the Rosary

When: Saturday, May 15 at noon

Where: Our Lady's Outdoor Shrine at Holy Trinity Parish, 335 Elm St., Westfield, MA

As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God, through His Holy Mother, asking for help. On this day we are also celebrating the 1st apparition of Fatima on May 13, 1917. It is also Armed Forces Day honoring our military forces.

For more information, contact Alicia at 413-568-0123.

REMINDER



Weekdays:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 8am
Wednesday at 6pm
Saturday at 9am

Weekends:

Saturday at 4pm
Sunday at 8:30am, 11am & 12:30pm

Holy Days:

Vigil at 6pm
Holy Day at 8am, 12:15pm & 7pm



from the Pastor... Once again I'd like to thank everyone who contributed to the new vestments for the parish. I'm very impressed with how quickly the need was satisfied by your generosity. These new vestments will certainly enhance our worship of God in our beautiful parish church: and I'll let everyone know when the vestments begin to arrive.

I should say, if you ever have any questions or suggestions about liturgical items for the church, always feel free to ask. Just like the homes we live in, there's always room for little improvements here and there over time. Perhaps in the months ahead we can come up with some other ideas. But in the meantime, the new vestments you have offered to God will enhance our worship here at OLV for years to come. Thank you, and God love you!

JR McA

OUR LADY'S CHILDCARE CENTER :



To allow the children to remove their masks more often we are looking to purchase 8 picnic tables to take our classrooms outside. Below is a picture of the picnic table we are interested in from the School Outfitters catalog. They are part of their Norwood



commercial furniture. Each table is \$199.98. With COVID our finances have taken a hit and we would be most grateful if you could possibly help in defraying this expense? It would be very much appreciated. Thank you.



GOD BLESS Mothers

Beautification Fund

In Memory: **Clement Foley** from Marian Matosky

OLV Christmas ornaments

Available now: This **2021** beautifully crafted Christmas ornament (Crucifixion Window) is the seventh in a series. Each year a new ornament will be released featuring one of our magnificent stained glass windows.

(2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 & 2020) can also be purchased (\$20 ea.) in the Sacristy after Mass or at the rectory, Monday - Friday, 8am-3pm.

All proceeds will benefit the Beautification Fund.



Thank you to those who have made a gift or pledge to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal "**Sowing The Seeds.**" As of April 29, 2021, **384** parishioners have participated, totaling **\$49,690.00** in gifts and pledges.



The St. Stanislaus Kostka Scholarship

Committee wishes to announce that applications for the next academic year are now available by contacting Margaret Lecko at leckom856@gmail.com. Former members of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish who will be in at least their second year of college in September are eligible for scholarship consideration. The deadline for filing the completed application form is June 30, 2021.



Parish Support

Thank you for your generosity

May 1/2 \$ 14,253.50
(includes Electronic Offertory)

Total: \$ 14,253.50

Catholic Home Missions Collection: \$ 760.00



Gilda Burnett Scholarship offered to

OLV Parishioners: The Women's Club is offering one \$500 dollar scholarship for a high school senior who will be attending college in the fall and one \$300 scholarship for a student who will be entering a Catholic High School for the first time next year.

Applications are available on the OLV website www.olveasthampton.org under Women's Club. Completed applications and supporting documents must be received at the parish rectory by May 14 - attention Gilda Burnett Scholarship Committee. This scholarship opportunity is open only to Our Lady of the Valley parishioners, so all parents, grandparents, and friends are asked to please encourage eligible students to apply.



Thomas E. Gallivan Memorial Scholarship

Once again, the Knights of Columbus will be accepting applications for the 2021 Thomas E. Gallivan Scholarship. Each year the Knights award (2) \$500 scholarships to high school students in the Parish. Applications are available in the Parish Office or from Bob Sass. Email Bob at bob.sass@kofc.org. Applications will be accepted until Sunday, May 16. Completed applications either can be dropped off at the Parish Office, emailed to Bob Sass or dropped off at his home (3 Windsor Circle, Easthampton).



With gratitude we acknowledge a donation made by the **Holy Rosary Sodality** for a set of vestments for Our Lady of the Valley.

Angel's Attic hours:

Thursdays 4pm - 7pm
Saturdays 9am - 1pm



Please be aware that the following safety protocols will be in place:

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2. The front door will be an entrance only. After checking out, customers will exit through a side door just past the cashier.

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We only accept clean unstained clothes donations. Thank you!

REY: SCHEDULE for May

Gr. 11 Sun. May 9
6:30 – 8:00 pm



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"We hafta hold hands while we say grace so nobody gets a head start eating. Right, Mommy?"

GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 9, 2021
6th Sunday of Easter

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.



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