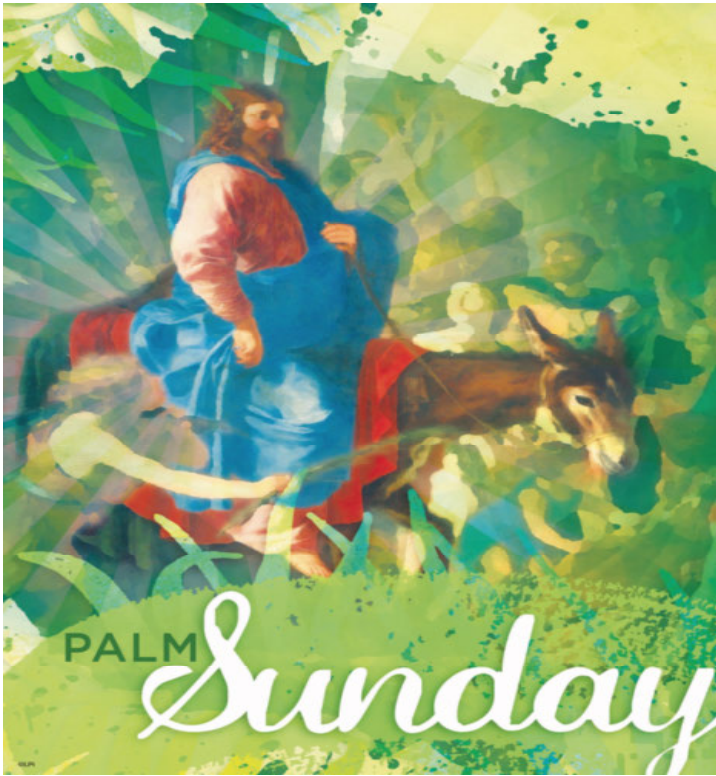


Our Lady of Peace Church

*"Let the Church always be a place of MERCY and HOPE,
where EVERYONE is WELCOMED, LOVED and FORGIVEN." ~Pope Francis*



Parish Staff

Rev. Stanley Aksamit **Pastor**
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Lord's Day Masses

Saturday 4:00P

Rosary at 3:15P

Sunday 8:00A & 10:00A

Daily Mass 8:00A

Monday-Thursday

Rosary at 7:30A

Holy Communion Service

Friday 8:00A

Holy Days Vigil 6:00P

Holy Day 8:00A

Confession

Every Saturday 3:15P

or by appointment

Rectory Office Information

Office hours: Monday-Thursday

8:30A-12:00P

Closed on Friday

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Organizations

Community Meals Program

Our Lady of Peace Women's Group

Altar Society

Montague Catholic Social Ministries

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish of Our Lady of Peace, are descendants of various ethnic orientations and proud traditions. We are a Catholic community united in keeping our faith alive and growing. We nurture this faith by being committed to the Eucharist, prayer, family, social justice, education and service. We hope enthusiastically to reflect the life of Jesus by following His teachings of love and peace, by living the gospel values.

May we seek always to be inclusive of all, and strive to become
a community of diminishing strangers.



My dear friends,

Holy Week: the big flip-flop

With the celebration of Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we now enter into Holy Week, the time when we recall the mystery of Jesus' life-giving death and resurrection. The mood of today's Liturgy does an incredible flip-flop. We begin with the joyous entrance of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem. Luke tells us that, as Jesus rode on a colt, a gentle beast rather than a mighty stallion as a conqueror might have used, the crowds are filled with joyful anticipation. They "threw their cloaks over the colt, and helped Jesus to mount. As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; and now as he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty works they had seen."

The Liturgy then turns from the triumph of the entrance to the suffering of Jesus' passion. The gospel account, again from Luke, presents Jesus' betrayal, trial on false charges, humiliation and abandonment by his followers. The reaction of those at the scene varies; some people jeer, while others tremble in fear. One of the criminals being crucified with Jesus asks him to save them if he is the Christ. The other humbly asks, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Surprisingly, the centurion who was presiding over the scene, "witnessed what had happened, glorified God, and said, 'This man was innocent beyond doubt.'" In the culmination of the account, "Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit'; and when he had said this, he breathed his last." The scene is set for our prayerful and grateful entrance into this Holy Week.

Holy Week Schedule

Eucharistic Holy Hour & Confessions

Preparing our hearts & being freed from all that holds us back from the fullness of life

Tuesday, April 12 6:00P

Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper & Eucharistic Procession

Responding to Jesus' request that we "Do this in memory of me"

Thursday, April 14 7:00P

Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

Remembering the love that was poured out for us

Friday, April 15 3:00P

Holy Saturday

The Easter Vigil, Service of Light, Service of the Word, Service of Remembering our Baptism, Service of the Eucharist

Saturday, April 16 8:00P

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 17 8:00A Remembering the Resurrection

10:00A Children's Easter Celebration

Coming Events

Pro-Life of Pioneer Valley is holding their annual breakfast on Saturday, **April 23**, 10:00-12:00 noon at the Wyckoff Country Club, 233 Easthampton Road, Holyoke, MA. Bishop Byrne's sister, Sister Deirdre Byrne is the featured speaker. For further information and tickets call Monica 413.746.0655.

Deanery-Wide Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration

The Franklin County Deanery will sponsor a Divine Mercy Celebration at Blessed Sacrament Church, Greenfield, on Sunday, **April 24**. The Service will include Benediction, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Novena Prayer. All Catholic Churches in Franklin County will be participating. Fr. Douglas McGonagle will be the Celebrant and Fr. Valentine Nworah will preach. **Please save the date!** Confessions will be available 1:45-2:45P. The celebration will begin at 3:00P.

Thank you to those who have made a gift or pledge to the **2022 Annual Catholic Appeal**, "Transformed in Christ." Your gift will make a difference in someone's life and will share God's mercy message in a tangible way. If you have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider a contribution. No act of charity is ever too small or insignificant. Thank you.



Saturday, April 9

4:00P *Michael & Helen Milewski*
by Cindy & family

Sunday, April 10-Palm Sunday

8:00A *Carolyn Prunier*
by Paul

10:00A *Joseph Rodovich* 34th anniversary
by his family

Saturday, April 16-Holy Saturday Vigil

8:00P *Freddie & Lorraine Muzyka*
by Wanda & Stephanie and families

Sunday, April 17-Easter

8:00A *Deceased members of the Prunier family*
by Paul

10:00A *Jill Mackin Betters*
by the Eichorn family

DAILY MASS

Monday, April 11

8:00A *No intention*

Tuesday, April 12

8:00A *May Szulborski*
by the Boucher family

Wednesday, April 13

8:00A *Robert Eaton*
by his family

Thursday, April 14-Holy Thursday

7:00P *Flora Evans & Lester Strom*
by Paul

Friday, April 15-Good Friday

3:00P *The Passion of the Lord*



Learning how to pray the Rosary.


RECTORY will be closed Easter Monday, **April 18.**

Parish Scholarships, funded by the estate of the late Rev. James W. Casey, are now being offered: two for parishioners who are graduating from high school, four for those who are already in college. **Each scholarship is in the amount of \$1,500.00.** Application forms are in the sacristy, or you may call the rectory 413 863.2585.



The *Via Dolorosa* (Latin for "Sorrowful Way", often translated "Way of Suffering") is a processional route in the Old City of Jerusalem. It represents the path that Jesus would have taken, forced by the Roman soldiers, on the way to his crucifixion. The winding route from the former Antonia Fortress to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre — a distance of about 2,000 feet is a celebrated place of Christian pilgrimage. The current route has been established since the 18th century, replacing various earlier versions. It is today marked by nine Stations of the Cross; there have been fourteen stations since the late 15th century, with the remaining five stations being inside the Church of the Holy Sepulchre.

OUR LADY'S WINDOW
April 13
Robert Eaton
by his children
April 14
Cornelius & Gladys O'Shea
by Gladys Lapinski



MEMORIAL DONATION was made in memory of *Ted Legere* by Jim & Jean Koldis.

STASH BASH
Saturday, April 23
9:00A-1:00P in the church hall

Deadline for accepting donations is Thursday, **April 14.**
Call Sandy 773.0217 or Bev 863.7783



BISHOP BYRNE has changed the age of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Diocese of Springfield beginning next year 2023. The new age is at the end of Grade 9 or the beginning of Grade 10. There will be more information in the fall.

PARISH COLLECTIONS
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