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## ***We welcome all to our parish.***

We hope you will favor our parish with your prayers and your presence. If you are interested in joining our parish, please see the priest after Mass or call the rectory.

## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

### *Weekend Masses*

Saturday

4:00 & 5:30 pm

Sunday

9:00 & 10:30 am

### *Weekday Masses*

5:15 pm

### *Weekday Holiday Masses*

9:00 am

### *Holy Days*

Vigil 5:15 pm

Holy Day 9:00 a.m. & 5:15 pm

### *Sacrament of Penance*

Saturday

3:00 to 3:45 pm

5:00 to 5:30 pm

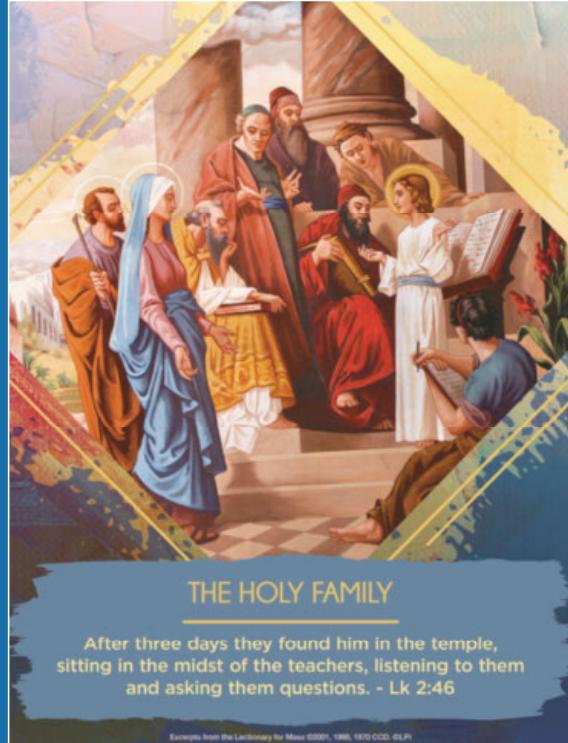
## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

is celebrated on the last Sunday of the month.

Registered parishioners are asked to call the rectory.

## MARRIAGES

Please speak to a priest after any Mass.



After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. - Lk 2:46

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**New Year Office Hours**

The rectory will be closed for New Year on Tues, December 31st, and Weds, January 1st.

**Solemnity of Mary Mass Times**

*Vigil: Tues, December 31st, 5:15 p.m.*

*Holy Day: Weds, January 1st, 9 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.*

**Alcohol Problems? ...Alcoholics Anonymous Can Help....**

24 Hour AA Hotline 1-800-245-1377  
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**2024 Calendar Drawing Winners**

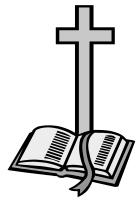
12/22/24 #4094	Maureen Haftmann	Southwick	\$75
12/23/24 #4922	Deanna Suomala	Wilbraham	\$25
12/24/24 #5120	Arne & Ann Ekstrom	West Springfield	\$25
12/25/24 #4751	Sue Desmarais	Chicopee	\$1000
12/26/24 #4958	Rhae Kennedy	Wilbraham	\$25
12/27/24 #4335	Eva Norman	Longmeadow	\$25
12/28/24 #5276	Barbara A. Freeman	Florida	\$25

**First 2025 Calendar Drawing**

Please return your 2025 calendar stubs to the rectory as soon as possible. You would not want to miss out on the \$1,000 drawing for January 1st! The first winners of 2025 will be posted in the bulletin of January 19, 2025.

To ensure that your calendar is in the drawing, please return your calendar stub to the rectory by January 13th. This will allow those who received calendars as Christmas gifts enough time to get their stubs in to the rectory.

**2025 Adult Education Program**



Each year Sacred Heart Parish offers an Adult Education Program to help Catholics update their understanding of the faith. It is also offered for those adult Catholics who have not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, as well as for non-Catholics who are inquiring about the faith. This program is an excellent opportunity for anyone simply interested in learning more about our beliefs as Catholics or in becoming a member of the Catholic Church. Consider this opportunity for yourself or invite a friend. All are welcome. The first session will be held on Sunday, January 5th, following the 10:30 AM Mass in the church. Edward McDonough will open our program by discussing why he is a Catholic.

**Annual Pre-Cana Class**



In conjunction with our Adult Education Program, we will be holding our Annual Pre-Cana Class on Sunday, March 2, 2025, at 11:15 AM in the church. Please contact the rectory at (413) 732-3721 to register. Pre-registration is required. There is a \$10 registration fee for those couples not being married at Sacred Heart.

**2024 Statement of Contributions**

**Upon request**, we will be happy to mail out a copy of your 2024 statement of contributions. The parish tracks those contributions made using **parish support envelopes or sent directly to the rectory with envelope number clearly marked**. Loose checks placed in the basket cannot be tracked. Cancelled checks and other bank records are sufficient documentation for tax purposes. Any 2024 envelopes received in 2025 will be reflected on your 2025 statement. Requested statements will be mailed out beginning in January. Please contact the rectory at (413) 732-3721 to request your statement.

**AL-ANON Strength and hope for families and friends of problem drinkers.** What can you do when someone close to you drinks too much? You might be surprised at what you can learn at an Al-Anon meeting. For meeting information call 1-888-4AL-Anon (1-888-423-2666) or visit [www.al-anon.alateen.org](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org); Al-Anon may also be listed in your local telephone directory.

## SACRED HEART CHURCH SPRINGFIELD, MA

### Jubilee Year Mass

Bishop William Byrne will formally inaugurate the Jubilee Year with a special liturgy on Sunday, December 29, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. Parishioners from parishes across the diocese are welcomed to attend. This Mass will be televised live on WWLP 22News as part of "The Chalice of Salvation" program that day.



### Diocesan Youth Rally

The Office of Youth Ministry invites all middle to high school aged youth from across the diocese to the third annual "The Path that Leads to You" diocesan youth rally at 5:30 p.m. on February 8, 2025 at Pope Francis Prep high school in Springfield, MA. The exciting day will feature Bishop Joseph Espaillat, America's youngest bishop, national youth speaker, and rapper. Enjoy live music, fun games, dynamic talks, and a powerful experience of Eucharistic Adoration. The rally is organized by the Diocesan Youth Ambassadors, a group of high school leaders, who have spent nearly a year planning the event. Don't miss this chance for the young people in your life to grow in faith, connect with others, and be inspired!

### Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to the Shines of Italy Raffle

*Rome, San Giovanni Rotondo, Lanciano, Loreto & Assisi*

St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Belchertown is holding a raffle to win a trip for two to take part in a Jubilee Year Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy from September 28 to October 7, 2025. Spiritual Director Fr. David Darcy. Raffle tickets are \$100 each. Prize value of \$10,798, includes double occupancy and roundtrip airfare from Boston. Winner will be drawn either when 400 tickets have been sold or on May 1, 2025. Raffle tickets can be purchased through the St. Francis of Assisi Business at 10 Park Street in Belchertown or call (413) 323-6272 x 1. Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Building Fun for the new Parish Center. For more information, visit [www.stfrancisbelchertown.com](http://www.stfrancisbelchertown.com).

### Our Music Ministry

We would like to take this time to give a special thank you to our musicians, singers, choir members and all who have contributed to the beauty of our Christmas Liturgies. These talented musicians and vocalists add so much to the beauty of our Liturgies throughout the entire year. We thank them for the time and energy they put into making each service here at Sacred Heart so special.



**Special Thanks:** We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all those who helped clean our church and decorate our beautiful Christmas altar. We are also thankful to those who donated flowers for our beautiful Christmas altar. We will be enjoying them throughout this Holy Season. We are proud of our Church and appreciate all those who worked to prepare it for Christmas!

### Drug Problems?...Narcotics Anonymous Can Help....

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**Diocese of Springfield**  
Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

During this time of Advent, as we prepare for the birth of our Lord, we count our blessings. One of those blessings is the College of Our Lady of the Elms, an institution which, in light of the many ways it serves our people, is a special gift to the Diocese of Springfield. By providing a college education in the Catholic intellectual tradition, the College of Our Lady of the Elms contributes to the evangelizing mission of our diocese. And, like all private institutions of higher education, the Elms is dependent on private support to fulfill its mission.

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Since its inception in 1928, Elms College has fulfilled its mission to assist in the development of students rooted in faith, educated in mind, compassionate in heart, and responsive to civic and social obligations without compromising principle. Many graduates have remained in the diocese and have served this area in education, healthcare, human services, and business. This continued legacy is due in large part to the faithfulness of the parishes of the diocese. This academic year, the weekend of January 4 - 5, 2025, is scheduled for a special collection in all diocesan parishes to support the Elms College Founder's Fund for Excellence, which underwrites student financial aid.

As a result of the generous efforts by you and your parishioners, last year over \$33,000 in aid was contributed to the College of Our Lady of the Elms. I trust this year that help will continue and with God's blessings, be exceeded.

With every best wish, I am

Your friend in Christ,

Most Reverend William D. Byrne  
Bishop of Springfield

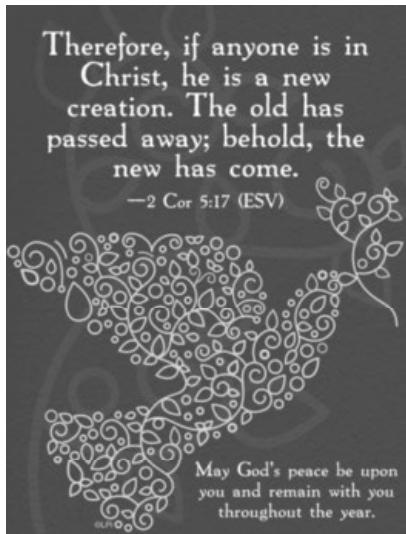
### Perpetual Novena to Matt Talbot

Wednesdays, during our daily 5:15 PM Mass, we will pray a perpetual novena in honor of Matt Talbot, patron of the addicted and those who love them.



**DECEMBER 29, 2024**

<u>WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS</u>		<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
<b>SATURDAY DECEMBER 28</b>		
4:00 p.m.	Elaine Koss & Barbara Sims	Janine & Ed Galas
5:30 p.m.	Robert Triggs	His Sister Mary
<b>SUNDAY DECEMBER 29</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Robert "Bob" W. Ferris	His Family
10:30 a.m.	Thomas & Anna O'Connor	The Family
<b>MONDAY DECEMBER 30</b>		
5:15 p.m.	For the People	
<b>TUESDAY DECEMBER 31</b>		
5:15 p.m.	Marie Romano	The Family
<b>WEDNESDAY JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Michael J. Daly	Daughter Patsy
5:15 p.m.	Connie Lee Benoit	Maureen O'Connell & Family
<b>THURSDAY JANUARY 2</b>		
5:15 p.m.	Ann Donaldson	Her Husband David
<b>FRIDAY JANUARY 3</b>		
5:15 p.m.	Frank & Betty Keating	The Family
<b>SATURDAY JANUARY 4</b>		
4:00 p.m.	Martin Kearney	The Family
5:30 p.m.	Normand Laroche	His Wife
<b>SUNDAY JANUARY 5</b>		
9:00 a.m.	Jean Torre	The Family
10:30 a.m.	Frank & Theresa Cupillo	The Family



***Please remember in your prayers***

Pauline Vedovelli  
 Siks Sing Li  
 Carol Barton  
 Sharon Candon  
 Thomas Hanifan  
 Marilyn Charwick

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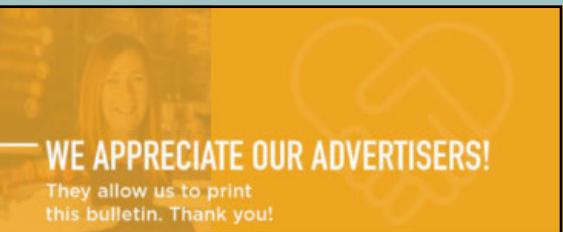
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