Fourth Sunday of Advent
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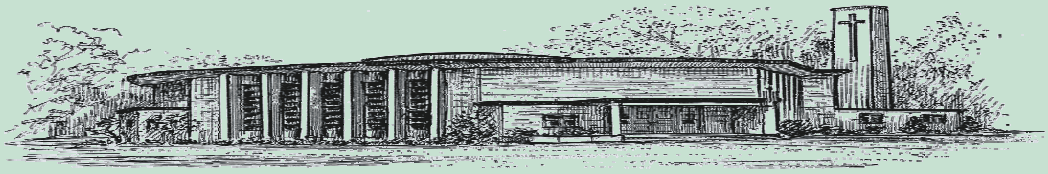

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WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday ……..…4:00PM
Sunday …….……...8:30AM and 10:30AM

DAILY MASS AND ROSARY
Monday through Friday ……ROSARY 6:15AM
Monday through Friday ……MASS 6:45AM
Legal Holidays ……...…… ROSARY 7:30AM
Legal Holidays ……...……...MASS 8:00AM

ROSARY AND MEDITATION
Monday Evening……..6:00PM

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
- (Excluding Christmas Masses TBA)
- Holy Day Vigils 5:30PM
- Holy Day ***(Non School Day***) 8:00AM
- Holy Day ***(School Day)*** 9:00AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday ……3:00PM to 3:45PM /or by appointment

Website: www.blessedsacramentholyoke.org

Please check out our website for our awesome church and school. You may view the weekly Sunday bulletins; find important news and updates, details regarding our Religious Ed classes, and our Online-Giving Program.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 19, 2021

Saturday, December 18, 2021

4:00 John McGillicuddy
Req. by family

4:00 Donald Wroth
Req. by his wife, Gert

Sunday, December 19, 2021

8:30 Margaret E. Antaya
18th Anniversary ~Req. by Judy & Armand Lefebvre

8:30 Carl Swasey
Req. by family

10:30 Charlotte Ruszczyk
Birthday Remembrance ~ Req. by family

10:30 Richard Ruszczyk
Birthday Remembrance ~ Req. by family

Monday, December 20, 2021

6:45 Sr. Mary Lou Gillon, SSJ
Req. by a parishioner

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

6:45 Marie Twohig
Req. by family

Wednesday, December 22, 2021

6:45 Catherine & Joseph Flaherty
Req. by family

9:00 John Munro
Req. by Blessed Sacrament School

Thursday, December 23, 2021

6:45 Frank Robertson
Req. by family

Friday, December 24, 2021

6:45 Sr. Marie Daniel Taylor, SSJ
Req. by a friend

4:00 Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament

12:00 Former Pastors of Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 25, 2021

8:30 Claire Houlihan
Req. by family

8:30 Theresa Fitzpatrick
Req. by family

10:30 Felizbela & Joaquim Carvalho
Req. by family

10:30 Mary Glasheen
Req. by family

Sunday, December 26, 2021

8:30 Edward F. Counter, Jr
13th Anniversary Req. by Judy & Armand Lefebvre

8:30 The Lecours Family
Req. by Rosario & Simone Lemelin

10:30 Phelim Ginty
Req. by Francie

10:30 Maw Jo Glasheen
Req. by Francie

The Tabernacle Candle this week is in memory of Donald Drapeau

The Altar Candles this week are in memory of John McGillicuddy

The Flowers at the Mary Shrine this week are in celebration of John Destromp's 90th Birthday

Christmas Mass Schedule

Friday, December 24th
- Christmas Eve -
4:00pm

Saturday, December 25th
- Christmas -
12:00am(Midnight),
8:30am, & 10:30am

-JUST A REMINDER-

Christmas Day Mass does not replace Sunday Mass obligation.

Sunday Liturgy

Sunday, December 26th
8:30am & 10:30am

****There is no Saturday 4:00pm Mass****

The collection for **Kate's Kitchen** will be this weekend of December 25th and December 26th. Please leave your **non perishable** items at the doors of the church or in the Sacristy backroom.

December 12, 2021
Regular Weekly Collection
$10,456.00

Bakers Needed for our Take & Eat Program

Calling all bakers!!!We are looking for some people who would be willing to bake for our Take and Eat Program, the second Sunday of the month. Call your friends and bake together. The treat would need to be dropped off after the 8:30am Mass in the parish center. It would consist of 55 bake goods, please call Peggy Reidy at (413) 535-2313 for more information. For those of you who may not know, the Take & Eat Program provides a hot meal to our elderly homebound on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

Rectory office will be closed on December 24th for the Christmas Holiday. The rectory office will also be closed December 31st for the New Year Holiday. We would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Christmas season.

2022 Mass Intention Book is Now Open

Mass may be booked during normal office hours of 8:30AM to 4:00PM Monday through Thursday and on Fridays from 8:30AM to 2:30PM Please call the rectory at 532-0713 to make requests for Masses or candles.

Rosary & Meditation

Mondays at 6:00pm in the Church and LIVE on Facebook.

St. Elizabeth Parish presents "Date Nights for Catholic Couples, an Enrichment series for married and engaged couples. When was the last time you spent quality time with just the two of you - not talking about work, or family or finances, etc., but about the two of you and your relationship! "Date Nights" are down-to-earth structured evenings that include a video highlighting an aspect of married life, followed by husband & wife private discussion time. There are no group discussions. All sharing is strictly between husband and wife. Marriage and family life can be hectic and busy, and we don't always make time just for ourselves and our relationship! "Date Nights" is an opportunity to make that time . Don't pass it up. Join us on Friday evenings, 6:30-8:00PM at the SJB Pastoral Center. Upcoming program dates are: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, and Mar. 25. Note that set-up will provide for social distancing. For more information contact Dick & DuAnne Pasquini at 610-0509.

Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Persons

Please protect yourselves and the others around you. "Whatsoever You Do to the Least of My Brothers You Do unto Me"

The recommendation from the CDC about the masks has been updated because of the surge in Covid cases due the Delta Variant. The guidelines are to wear a mask while indoors regardless of your vaccination status.

TUNE YOUR CAR RADIOS TO 89.9 FM

If for any reason you are unable to join us inside the church, please come to the parking lot and tune your car radio to 89.9 FM. You will be able to hear Fr. Gentile inside the church. You will also be able to receive Communion in your car when Mass is over. When Mass is done, please turn on your hazard lights so that he can bring you Communion.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join Miriam Najimy, DHM, a Daughter of the Heart of Mary for bible study.
Wednesday, December 22nd
7:00PM to 8:30PM

New Location!
Marian Center
1365 Northampton Street, Holyoke, MA

We will meet in the Marian Center living room.
Please contact Eleanor Wehrlen for more information at 413-533-6790
**** There will be a different topic each week, so you may attend one or all.**

Help Wanted
Groundskeeper/Maintenance position available. Year-round lawn care, snow removal, minor repairs and maintenance. Experience preferred - full time and part time available for St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield. Please contact Mirek Pietras at 736-2334.

Read the Gospel and Color

GOSPEL

Mary couldn't wait to visit her much older cousin, Elizabeth, up in the hills of Judea. Both of them were expecting babies. Each of them knew that the birth of her child was a special event that could only happen because they trusted God. Your own mother trusted that God would give you life in this world. Both Mary and Elizabeth watched their children grow up to do good things. You can grow up to do good things too, if you trust in God.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me to trust you and to remember that you are the reason we celebrate Christmas. Amen.

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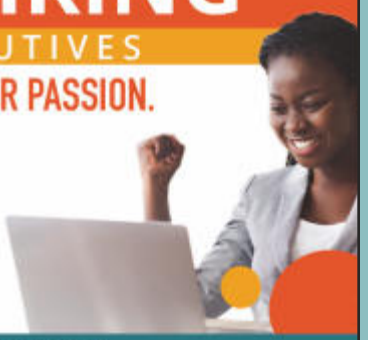

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