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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday4:00PM
Sunday8:30AM and 10:30AM

DAILY MASS AND ROSARY

Monday through FridayROSARY 6:15AM
Monday through FridayMASS 6:45AM
Legal Holidays ROSARY 7:30AM
Legal HolidaysMASS 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

Saturday3:00PM 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.



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Mass Intentions

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

Monday, December 27, 2021

6:45 Margaret Lyle

Req. by family

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

6:45 Patricia Bickford (Living)

Req. by a friend

Wednesday, December 29, 2021

6:45 Ardazan Dennis, Jr.

Req. by a friend

Thursday, December 30, 2021

6:45 Elizabeth & Robert Schwensfeir, Sr.

Req. by family

Friday, December 31, 2021

8:00 Rev. Daniel B. Brunton

Req. by a friend

Saturday, January 1, 2022

4:00 The Frodyma Family

Req. by Joe and Gail Usowski

4:00 The Swades Family

Req. by Joe and Gail Usowski

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:30 Lonnie Atchison

Req. by the Prayer Group

8:30 Ann Destromp

Req. by family

10:30 Rev. Francis X. Sullivan

5th Anniversary ~ Req. by The Lumb Family

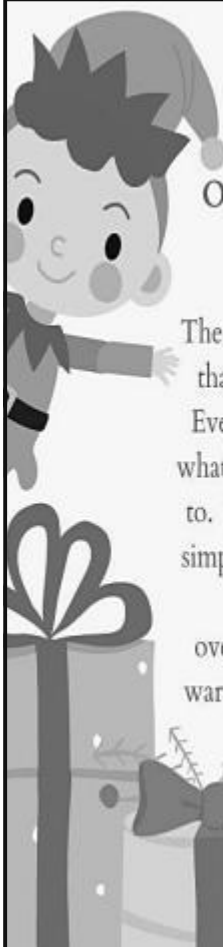


*The Tabernacle Candle
this week is for
David M. O'Connell*



The Chaplet of Divine Mercy

We invite you to come and your family to come and share in the love and mercy of Jesus by joining us for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy on Sunday, January 9th here at Blessed Sacrament at 3:00PM.



Thank You!!

Our Annual Giving Tree Project is in the books!

OVER 400 gifts were donated to

Providence Ministry and local families this year.

The Confirmation candidates and their Wish Elves would like to thank all the parishioners for their help in making it a success.

Every year, everyone involved are so overwhelming to witness what an amazing, generous, and loving parish they are connected to. The Confirmation candidates were touched by some of the simple Christmas wishes requested by area children as they made

the wish ornaments and again when they saw your overwhelming response in helping them grant these wishes. It warmed their hearts as they stood outside in the cold, loading all the gifts to be delivered.



Happy New Year

**The Rectory will be closed
Friday, December 31st for the
New Years Holiday.**

**We wish you a healthy and
Blessed Christmas Season.**



*December 19th 25th, & 26th
Regular Weekly Collection
will be posted in next week's
bulletin due to early submission
of bulletin.*



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.



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 8:30 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.

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.

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.

2022 Mass Intention Book is Now Open

Mass Intentions 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.



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.



Unused Christmas Cards needed



This past Christmas, our 7th and 8th grade Religious Ed students organized "Christmas Cards for our Heroes." Over 500 cards were signed by local school students, area Religious Ed students, and our very own parishioners which were then distributed to Holyoke Soldiers' Home and soldiers stationed home and abroad .

We are getting a jump start on our card supply for next year but need your help. Students are collecting any unused Christmas cards with envelopes that parishioners may have left over from this past Christmas.

Thank you in advance
and Happy New Year!



Upcoming Events

12/31/21

NEW YEARS EVE DINNER AND DANCE

6pm to 1am at The Castle 1599 Memorial Dr., Chicopee \$80pp - Tickets go on sale 12/6, deadline 12/27. Hosted by Knights of Columbus and includes Midnight Toast, party hats and noisemakers. DJ Stephan will be entertaining us! Details call Don 534-4749 or www.kofc4044.com

JANUARY 2022

1/18/22

Saint Monica's Club for men & women - Choose morning or evening session, 9am or 7pm at St. John the Evangelist Church, Agawam. If you are suffering the pain of a loved one leaving the Faith, you might feel very alone, but you are not. Prayer & Fellowship. Starts Jan 18 and continues every 3rd Monday of the month.



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



GOSPEL

Long ago, God promised to send a Savior into the world. So when Jesus was finally born in Bethlehem, the angels praised God. The angels shared God's great news with the shepherds, so they could find Jesus and praise God, too.



PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus into the world. I want to praise you like the angels did.



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