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HAMPDEN, MASSACHUSETTS

October 24, 2021

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Weekdays: 9:00 AM (Mon.-Wed., Fri.)
All pandemic restrictions have been lifted.
Sunday Mass obligations have been reinstated.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15-3:45 PM

ADORATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 PM

BAPTISMS

Please call the Parish Office

MARRIAGES

Before setting a date or making a deposit on the reception venue, please call the Office for an initial meeting with the priest, at least six months prior.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office

Liturgical Calendar

With Announced Intentions

Saturday, Oct 23: *Vigil of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00 PM Todd Goodrich, by Pat Coyne

Sunday, Oct 24: *30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM Zepyour Mardirossian, 1-year Rem, and Papak Mardirosian, Remembrance, by the Family
11:00 AM Irving Simmons, 2nd Anniv. Rem., by the Simmons Family

Monday, Oct 25: *Weekday of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM Robert J. O'Connor, 30th Anniv. Rem., by his Wife

Tuesday, Oct 26: *Weekday of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM Chester Glover, by the Family

Wednesday, Oct 27: *Weekday of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM Terry Beane, by Sue and Tom Mayotte

Thursday, Oct 28: *Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles*
9:00 AM Communion Service

Friday, Oct 29: *Weekday of the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
9:00 AM Terry Beane, by the Friendship Club

Saturday, Oct 30: *Vigil of the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*
4:00 PM Yola Esposito, Birthday Remem., Phil Hanrahan

Next Sunday, Oct 31: *31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*
8:00 AM Lil & Mike Fedora (L), 50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings, by George & Brenda D'Astous
11:00 AM Alfred Pozzoli, Birthday Remem, by the Family

"What do you want Me to do you for you?" What do you ask of the Lord? If you are looking for clarity in your vocation, contact Fr. Jon Reardon @ 413-248-7034 / vocations@diospringfield.org

Diocesan Lector and Eucharistic Minister Training
Fr. Mark will be offering training at St. Mary's in the near future.

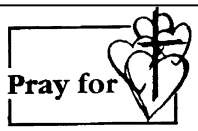
St. Peter of Alcantara | Feast Day October 26

St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spent much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome, he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation.

When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669. ©LPi



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Week of October 24, 2021
Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13/Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19/Lk 6:12-16
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147/Lk 14:1-6
Next Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

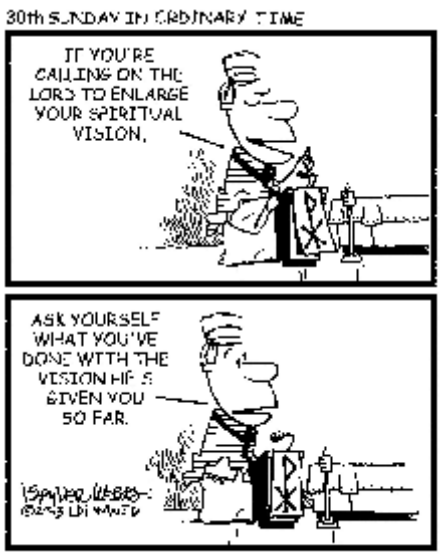
OFFERTORY COLLECTION REPORT
October 17, 2021

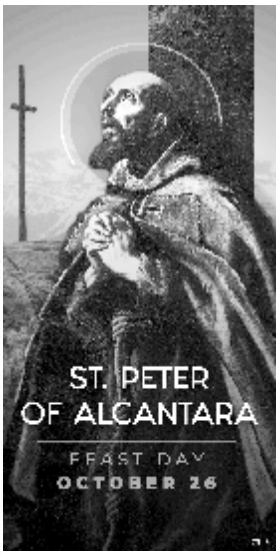
General: $3,374.25, Development: $51.00,
Fr. Adolf: $470.00, Other: $73.00

WELCOME
FR. MARK S. STELZER

Please join us in welcoming our new Pastor. We will have refreshments in the church this weekend, October 23 and 24, 2021, following each Mass.

Sunday Farmer's Market
Holy Cross Church
221 Plumtree Rd, Springfield
Through Oct. 24—Sunday 9 AM to 2 PM





ST. MICHAEL'S ACADEMY TO HOLD PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

In conjunction with ***Discover Catholic Schools Week,*** St. Michael's Academy, located at 153 Eddywood Street in Springfield, will hold **"A Taste of School"** on **Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 5:30 p.m**. This event is specifically geared towards parents and prospective students who will be ready to enroll in the fall of 2022. The event will include an information session and tour of the classrooms. We hope you can join us! For further information, please contact the Admissions Office at (413) 782-5246.

Pro-Life Day of Prayer and Adoration

Ste. Rose de Lima parish will host a **Pro-Life Day of Prayer and Adoration,** at the church, 600 Grattan St, in the Aldenville section of Chicopee, on Saturday, October 30th, in support of the **Forty Days For Life** campaign. The day will begin at 1:00 p.m., with the Exposition of the Blessed Eucharist. At 2:00 p.m., the Rosary will be recited, as a group. And at 3:00 p.m. we'll pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by Benediction. The day will end with Mass, at 4:00 p.m. Come, join us, either for the whole day or, just to stop in for a prayer and a visit with Jesus. Life is Precious ~ let's defend it with our prayers! For more information, contact Deacon Mike at deaconmike@sterose.org or, "like" us on Facebook.

IN THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
PLEASE REMEMBER THESE SOULS

Please check your offertory envelope packet for the special November 2nd envelope. Names of the deceased can be written on the back of the envelope and placed in the weekly collection basket. These names will remain on the altar for the entire month of November.

St. Mary's Annual All Souls Mass of Remembrance

During the month of November, the Church remembers our beloved dead in a special way.

Parishioners and friends of Saint Mary's will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance on All Souls Day (November 2) at 7:00 PM. (Please note that because it falls on a Monday, All Saints Day/ November 1 is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year.)

Our Mass of Remembrance honors parishioners and friends who have died between November 1, 2020 and October 31, 2021. We encourage family and friends to attend.

During the Offertory of the Mass, one representative from each family will be invited to place a rose, provided by the parish, on the altar.

Refreshments will be served following the Mass. If you plan to attend, please call the parish office before Friday, October 29, 2021, at 413-566-8843 or Email at stmaryhampden@gmail.com

We hope that this Mass will bring comfort to our parishioners and friends.

GOSPEL MEDITATION
October 24, 2021 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation. ©LPi

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

World Mission Sunday

This weekend, **October 23/24**, we will be taking a special collection in support of World Mission Sunday. Please make checks payable to St. Mary's Church and put "World Mission Sunday" in the memo line.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:

Grades 1-7: Sunday mornings 9 to 9:45 a.m. in the church classroom every other week.

Grades 8-10: Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the church classrooms every other week beginning Monday, October 25, 2021.

Grade 11 (our confirmation class): Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. in the church classroom, beginning October 25, 2021. Please contact Deb Joy with any questions at mrsjdare@aol.com.

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