

Mary, Mother of Hope Parish Community

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February 6, 2022



Lord's Day Masses

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 (Interpreted Mass for the Deaf)

Weekday Masses

Mon., Tues., Weds., Fri., Sat.: 9:00 AM

Adoration & Recitation of the Rosary

Monday-Saturday: 8:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3-3:30 PM or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

For dates and information call the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage

Call the Rectory as soon as possible, at least one year in advance

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and
Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Office Closed Thursdays

E-Mail: office@mmohspringfield.org

Website: www.mmohspringfield.org

Parish Staff

Fr. Michael Wood, Pastor

Rev. Donatus Ironuma, In Residence

Rev. Kenneth J. Tatro, In Residence

Deacon John Miller

Deacon Gerry Campion

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Gil Viteralli, Sacristan

Sr. Cindy Matthews, Pastoral Minister

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Parish Mission Statement: "We the people of Mary, Mother of Hope Parish are called through Baptism to celebrate the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament. As Christians, in the spirit of faith, service and community, we proclaim the Good News of Christ. We accomplish this by fostering a welcoming environment that supports the faith formation of our parishioners; the nurturing of spiritual life of our community and encouraging active participation in our parish life. It is our purpose within this parish to evangelize with God's Love and Word through example, outreach programs and respect for the diversity, gifts and cultures of others. It is our call to be faithful stewards of this mission."

A WORD OF WELCOME

"No Matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, No matter what your family or marital situation, No matter what your past or present religious affiliation, No matter what your personal history, background, race, culture, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected here at Mary, Mother of Hope Parish".

Saturday, February 5

9:00 AM Evelyn Crevier (6th Anniv.) req. by Teresa Connor

4:00 PM Chris Rivers (Birthday Remembrance)) req. by his Wife & Family

Sunday, February 6

8:00 AM Family of Francis B. O'Brien

10:00AM James T. Gebo (18th Anniv) req by the Family

Monday, February 7

9:00 AM Robert LaFrance req. by the Family

Tuesday, February 8

9:00 AM Richard Nickituk req. by Tommy Poe

Wednesday, February 9

9:00 AM Maria Palmeira (37th Anniv.) req. by Ray and Cathy Lavigne

Thursday, February 10

9:00 AM No Communion Service

Friday, February 11

9:00 AM Antoinio & Anna DaSilva req. by David Gomes

Saturday, February 12

09:00 AM Elizabeth Viteralli req. by the Family

04:00 PM Kathleen O'Shea req. by her loving Family

Sunday, February 13

08:00 AM For the People of MMOH Parish

10:00AM Eunice Siano req. by her Children

THE MARY MOTHER OF HOPE CANDLE

will burn from 02/06/22 to 02/12/22:

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM VALCOURT
FROM CLAIRE GIBLO**



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
will burn from 01/29/22 to 02/11/22
PRAYERS & BLESSINGS FOR
OUR CHILDREN & TEENS**

ELECTRIC CANDLES!!!! We now have new electric candles to light in the candle room. To light one just press the button in front of the candle and the candle will light. The donation is up to you.

WINTER PARKING ADVISORY : If you park in the spaces on the side of the church near the rectory, please be aware that there are no snow guards on our roof. If it snows it could come down & cause damage to your car. The Church can not be responsible

MMOH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2022

Levels K 1, 2,3, 4 :Sunday, Feb. 6 @ 8:45 AM

Levels 5, 6,7,8 : Sunday, Feb. 6 @ 11:00 AM

Levels 9, 10, 11: Sunday, Feb. 6 @ 11:00

SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 12/13TH

Last February, young people of Mary, Mother of Hope's Religious Education Program volunteered their time to accept donations after Masses for the benefit of our local soup kitchens/ food banks. We were overwhelmed with your generous support of this program. With your help this year we hope to raise an equal amount on the weekend of **FEB. 12/13TH**. Please help us to help our hungry brothers & sisters in the Springfield Community by making a donation

WORLD YOUTH DAY Registration for the 2023 Diocese of Springfield trip to World Youth Day has now opened. Our official pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon Portugal for World Youth Day will take place July 28 to August 8 2023 and is an incredible opportunity for youth and young adults (ages 18-35 in 2023) to encounter Christ with several million youth from around the world who share their faith. For more information, to watch the recording of the November 16 virtual info session, or to register, go to: <https://www.youngandcatholic.org/get-involved/worldyouthday>

IN THE SPIRIT OF TRUST

Mother of Hope's Men's Retreat will be held at the Holy Family Passionist Retreat Ctr in W Hartford, CT. This year's theme is In the Spirit of Trust. When we think of "trust" we may think of our family or friends, or the communities to which we belong, but as scriptures remind us, the most important form of trust that we can have is our trust in God. Our retreat *In the Spirit of Trust* will explore the notion of trust and how it is gained, as well as lost. The retreat is April 1st—April 3rd. The retreat begins with a buffet dinner from 6-7:30 PM on Friday and concludes Sunday with the celebration of Mass at 10:45 AM followed by brunch at noon. Offering is \$325. or Saturday only \$125.00. For more info contact Brian Thresher 537-2632 or Ron Citarell 237-1918 or email info@holyfamiliyretreat.org. Also retreats for Women, Couples, teen or college students and the deaf Community are offered material in the Social center on the table under the TV.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE!!! Please visit, www.mmohspringfield.org for new features and content which will be updated on a regular basis. We would like to extend gratitude to Dick Lacasse for his many years of maintaining the running of the website as well as his help along with Michael Senecal, Ed Senecal and Georgette Suarez for helping to get this new website up and running.

ATTENTION PARENTS,



At the entrance you will find coloring books, crayons, puzzles, age appropriate prayers for your "little ones" who have a little extra energy at Mass. Please feel free to help your self



Welcome to our new Pastoral Minister who will help us establish a bereavement ministry and visit the homebound.
Sr. Cindy Matthews, OSF.

If you know of any parishioner or parishioners who are homebound, or in a nursing home and not able to attend Mass and would like to receive communion please let her know so they can be added to our lists, we want to make sure that we don't forget anyone. Please call the office at 413 739-0456.

GROW: We put off all kinds of things for all kinds of reasons. I'll take that trip with my family once my schedule clears up. Someday I'll read that book collecting dust on my shelf. I'll volunteer at church once I get my own act together. Today's readings remind us that God will take us as we are: We need only say "yes." In each of the readings, the protagonists – Isaiah, Paul, and Peter – initially resist God's call, fearing their sinfulness disqualifies them. We may feel that way, too. However, in each case, God forgives their sins and gives them the grace to say, like Isaiah, "Here I am. Send me!" Their assent can be a challenge to those of us who hold back from becoming more involved in our parish or sharing our faith with others, fearing we aren't good enough or aren't an expert in theology. Jesus reminds us that it is ultimately not about *us*, but him. We don't have to be perfect, just willing to push past our fears and trust him to make disciples of us.

GO: In today's readings, we hear descriptions of Isaiah's lips touched by a burning ember, Paul being transformed from persecutor to preacher, and the fishermen dropping their nets to follow Jesus. In each case, that turning point led to a life of witness. We may not have such a dramatic story to share, but most of us can look back and see turning points: That influential teacher, the aunt who saw the best in us, a priest, sister, or retreat leader who spoke to our hearts. Today's readings can encourage us to be that person for others – the one who shows them the love of Christ and what a difference it can make. Buoyed by God's grace, we can share the Good News with others and accompany one another as we seek to follow Jesus in our day-to-day lives.

ACT: Carve out time to do something spiritual you've been putting off – whether it's a retreat, morning prayer, or perhaps volunteering in a parish ministry or other organization.

Pro-Life of Pioneer Valley will be holding a membership/organizational meeting on Thursday, February 17th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Hamel's/Summitview, 555 Northampton Street, Holyoke, MA. Have you ever wanted to get involved in Pro-Life? Here is your chance to join Pro-Life of Pioneer Valley and defend the right to life. We have many opportunities in education, event planning, speaking engagements, and working with pro-life students. Light refreshments will be served. Doors open at 6:30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE: Parishioners who may require a copy of their 2021 *Parish Support Envelope Contributions to Mary, Mother of Hope's Church* for tax filing purposes may call the rectory (739-0456) or fill in the form below. The statement will be mailed to you.

Name _____

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We gratefully acknowledge gifts to **Mary, Mother of Hope's Memorial Fund** as follows:
In memory of **William Valcourt** from Glen & Donna Wiley

MINISTRY OF FAITH *The Ministry of Faith promotes and develops opportunities for Christians, everywhere, to a renewed encounter with Jesus, & a deepening & growing relationship with God and each other through prayer...*

Prayer for Each Day,

Gracious God, help me to know the joy and strength of Christ's love, that I may become more and more like him each day, and share his love with others. Amen

The Ministry of Faith Commission is pleased to announce that the Parish has voted to name the social center hall: **The Gathering Hall**, and the social center meeting room: **Pope John 23rd Meeting Room**. Thank you to all who voted. Plaques will be placed over the doorways with these names.

NOVENA: St. Francis Xavier Novena of Grace will be held on March 14-March 22, 2022 at 5:15 PM at Sacred Heart Church 395 Chestnut St. Springfield, MA

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE The parishes of the Springfield Deanery invite you to attend a Lenten Penance Service on Thursday, March 17, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church, 395 Chestnut St. Springfield. Join us for Mass at 5:15 PM followed by Confessions. Heard by various priests in various languages

FELLOWSHIP OF HOPE EVENTS (events subject to Covid policy) Tickets for each event will be sold after all masses starting the weekends of January 29/30 and February 5/6.

VALENTINE'S CELEBRATION DINNER-DANCE

Saturday, February 12th from 5pm –8pm
Pork Loin, vegetable, dessert \$14 per person
MUSIC DJ, RAFFLE 50/50, DRINKS will be sold.

SUPER BOWL PARTY Sunday, February 13th 5pm to ??? Tickets \$5, \$7 at the door
Wrist bands will be sold for snacks \$5.00 (pizza, wings & chips) BYOB and feel free to bring your own snacks if you want to.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Mary, Mother of Hope? **PARISH PRAYER LINE.** If you have a prayer intention that you would like the parishioners to remember in their prayers, you can call or email **Deacon Gerry**. All requests will be kept confidential unless you specifically ask to be prayed for by name. You can contact **Deacon Gerry** at (413) 686-1422 or by email at mmohprayerline@gmail.com. If you would like to pray for the intentions of your fellow parishioners, email mmohprayerne@gmail.com and you will be emailed intentions to be remembered in your prayers.