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way of the Lord.*

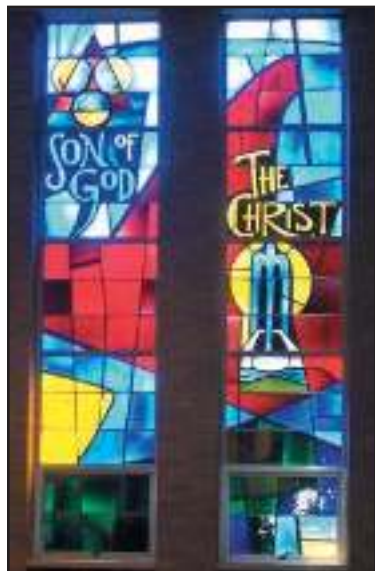
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December 10, 2023

# HOLY NAME PARISH

**A Roman Catholic Faith Service Community**



**323 Dickinson Street  
Springfield, MA 01108  
(413) 733-5823**

**Website: [holynamespringfieldma.org](http://holynamespringfieldma.org)**



## SACRAMENTS AT HOLY NAME

### Sunday Masses

Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am  
10:30 am (Family Mass)  
12:30 pm (Spanish Mass)

Daily Mass: 8:15 am  
Saturday 8:15 am Miraculous Medal  
Novena Mass

Holy Day Masses: 8:15 am & 6:00 pm  
on Holy Day

Anyone age 7 or older who has not received First Holy Communion is asked to register for preparation by calling the Religious Education Office at 413-733-5823

### Sacrament of Baptism

Please call 733-5823 for contact name and phone number.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays, 1:00-5:00 pm

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Celebrated in 9th grade as part of our Religious Education program. Adult classes are also available. Contact Religious Education office at 413-733-5823

### Confession

Saturdays 3:30pm - 4:15 pm and by appointment

### Sacrament of the Sick

Please contact the Parish Office for those who may need to be anointed.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Please make arrangements at least 6 months in advance.

### Vocations to the Priesthood

If you are exploring a vocation to priesthood or religious life you are invited to contact Fr. Jonathan Reardon 413-248-7034.

### We Welcome New Parishioners!!

Interested in joining our parish community?  
New parishioners are most welcome. There are welcome cards by the parking lot exit door or obtain one from the priest. Just fill one out and a new parishioner packet will be sent to you. For more information call 733-5823.

### Parish Mission Statement:

*"We at Holy Name Parish, through the empowering spirit of Jesus Christ, strive to build a faith-filled community through prayer, action, and outreach to all."*



## Staff and Volunteers of Holy Name Parish

733-5823

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Website Manager



### Saturday, December 9

**4:30 Judith Squire**  
*By Joan Collura and Edie Ferrero*

### Sunday, December 10

**8:30 Helen, Thomas and Donald Martin**  
*By Paul and Margaret Martin and Family*

**10:30 Ignacio Sierra**  
*By Lupita and John Ryan and Family*

**12:30 Jaime Ulloa**  
*By the Family*

### Monday, December 11

**8:15 Michael B.**  
*By a Friend*

### Tuesday, December 12

**8:15 Vera Murphy**  
*By the Family*

### Wednesday, December 13

**8:15 Boi and Dinh Nguyen**  
*By the Family*

### Thursday, December 14

**8:15 Russell P., Sr.**  
*By a Friend*

### Friday, December 15

**8:15 Madeline Flynn**  
*By Liz Foley*

### Saturday, December 16

**8:15 Betty and Bob O'Herron**  
*By the Family*

**4:30 Dorothy Cooper and Lillian Cooper**  
*By Liz Foley*

### Sunday, December 17

**8:30 Deceased Members of the Russo and Rosato Family**  
*By Anna Russo and Family*

**10:30 Ferdinando and Salvatore Scala**  
*By the Family*

**12:30 Blanca Davila**  
*By the Family*



## WORSHIP



### *From Your Parish Administrator*

We are in the Second Sunday of Advent a time for us to shape up, straighten up, and get rid of our ways to make a place for Jesus. We know these words from the first reading. Here is the reversal. We can think that Advent is the time we are being exposed to and open to the on-coming of Jesus. We hear these words addressed to us, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." That is very nice however, Prophet Isaiah images God as predicting that God will do this for the people. God will straighten and level the way for the people's return.

Advent then is not for the waiting for Christmas, nor the celebration of Christ's Birth in Bethlehem, but the time we give to letting Jesus come closer and closer to us and our unstraightened and roughness. The closer we allow His Birth in us, the straighter and smoother our ways become.

All are invited to our church for a **Penance Service** on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6p.m. Six priests will be in attendance, and confessions will be heard in both English and Spanish.

Our **Advent Retreat** continues on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, from 2-2:45p.m. at our church.

*"In light of the tragic events in Israel, we will be praying a **Rosary for peace** in the world, every Sunday of Advent starting at 10:00 AM. Bring your own needs and intentions as well."*

**Eucharistic Adoration:** *Tuesdays, 1-5p.m., Chaplet prayed at 3p.m.,  
Rosary at 4:30p.m. followed by Benediction*



**December 24<sup>th</sup>** is also the **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**, so the morning Masses will take place as usual - 8:30, 10:30 and 12:30(Spanish Mass)

**Christmas Eve:** 4:00p.m. English and 7p.m. Spanish

**Christmas Day:** 9:00a.m. English and 11:00a.m. Spanish

Since we would like to be respectful of your personal Christmas plans and schedule, we are **asking for volunteer lectors and altar servers for all of the above Masses.** Please call or email Ann at the rectory to offer your services if you are available. Thank you very much!

### **DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS**

**WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, RIGHT AFTER THE 8:15A.M. MASS. PLEASE COME JOIN US IF YOU CAN!!**

The **book for the 2024 Mass Intentions** is now open. Emails are preferred, but if unavailable, you can call the rectory. As always, you are welcome to schedule three weekend Masses; weekday Masses are unlimited.

### **REMEMBERING THE HOMEBOUND AT CHRISTMASTIME**

We have a list of parishioners who are homebound, and if you are interested in either sending them a note or card, calling them to chat, or visiting (with\* or without a gift), their names will be on the Giving Tree in the Dickinson Street foyer (if the tree is in decent shape). You have until January 7<sup>th</sup> (a.k.a. known as "Little Christmas" - The Epiphany) to reach out.

\*Candies are always a hit, or some hand crème, or pens, stamps, note cards, and the like. Perhaps a call prior to a visit would be best, to ensure what you are thinking of bringing will work best.

### **Second Sunday of Advent -- December 10, 2023**

"A voice is calling." Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or contact the Vocation Office at 413-248-7034 or via email:

[vocations@diospringfield.org](mailto:vocations@diospringfield.org).

There will be a **Bible Study** with Sr. Leila on the first Tuesday of each month starting in January from 10-10:45a.m. in the church. We will be studying the Beatitudes. Everyone is welcomed to come.



### **AT HOLY NAME CHURCH!!**

Are you registered as a parishioner? If not, just call or email the secretary, and she will mail or email the form to you. Yes, it's that easy! And, if you are asked to be a Godparent for a Baptism or a Confirmation sponsor, you will be asked which church you attend, and if we are asked to verify it, we can only do so if you have registered with us.

An FYI, when trying to reach a priest in an emergency situation to administer the Sacrament of the Sick for someone in the hospital – if a parish priest isn't immediately available and time is critical, there should be a Chaplain available 24/7 at each of the area hospitals.

## **STEWARDSHIP**



***Collections and Mail-ins for November 25 & 26, 2023 = \$5,210.78***

***Special Collections for December: 8<sup>th</sup>-Immaculate Conception; 10<sup>th</sup>-Religious Retirement Fund and St. Michael's Academy; 17<sup>th</sup>-Snow Removal; 25<sup>th</sup>-Christmas***

***We thank you for your continuing support!***

## **FOOD PANTRY**

(Items are again being donated to the Open Pantry)

***Needed Most is Oatmeal, Macaroni & Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Meat, Canned Vegetables and Peanut Butter***

*Again, a reminder to please not bring any fresh fruit, vegetables or cheese, etc. We can't accept anything that needs refrigeration! Also, please no expired foods. If they are too old for you to eat, they are too old to donate – just toss! And, we cannot accept any clothing. Please donate that elsewhere. Thank you for your understanding and generosity.*

### BABY GIRLS CLOTHING NEEDED

The **Springfield Pregnancy Care Center**, located at 704 Sumner Avenue (next to the Bing), is in need of new or gently used girls tops, pants, sweaters, dresses, and one piece sleepers sizes 3 – 24 months and outerwear for fall and winter. Also needed are tightly knitted baby blankets and hats. You can drop your donation off at the center Mon., Wed. or Fri. between 1 & 4p.m. Thank you!

## SERVICE

### MINISTRIES FOR DECEMBER

#### Lector Schedule

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>4:30</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:30 - Junior Lectors</u>
9/10	Mary Ellen Clay	Dr. Christina LeMaire	Grace
16/17	Mary Ann Maloney	John Wynne	Joel

#### Altar Server Schedule

<u>Weekend of:</u>	<u>4:30</u>	<u>8:30</u>	<u>10:30</u>
9/10	Keegan	Matteo	Gabe and Jayden
16/17	Anna	Irakunda	Matt and Christal

**We are asking for volunteer Lectors and Altar Servers for December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We don't want to assign anyone so as not to interfere with your personal plans. Please see the total Mass Schedule above. Thank you.**

### Voting for the Pastoral Council

The Ballots didn't make it over to the church last weekend, so we are voting this weekend! We will post the results (the new members) on the church doors for next weekend.

### Volunteer Opportunities

We still need additional **Altar Servers** - Adults are welcome and we will train you! We are also looking for additional folks to **pass the basket for weekly collection** at Masses; **Volunteer Committee Members** for special programs and events; and **Greeters** to hand out the bulletins at Sunday Masses and offer a friendly "hello".

## EDUCATION



### CLASSES

**Important note: New students are welcomed to join, but those receiving sacraments in April and May of 2024 must already be registered and attending the program.**

## COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Se ofrecerá un Servicio Penitencial este proximo Miércoles, 13 de Diciembre a las 6:00pm en la Iglesia. Habran Sacerdotes de habla hispana disponibles para escuchar las confesiones en Español.

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El libro para las Intenciones de Misa para el año 2024 ya está disponible. Es preferido recibir las peticiones por correos electrónicos, Pero si no puede enviar correo electronico, puede llamar a la rectoría de Lunes a Viernes después de las 9:00a.m.

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La Emisora Catolica Springfield 102.5 FM y nuestra Parroquia Santo Nombre les invita a un concierto Navideño con Quique Lopez y Jeremias Baez. Este se llevará a cabo el Sabado 30 de Diciembre en el Centro Social de la Parroquia. Los boletos están a la venta por un costo de \$15.00 dolares por persona. Habrá venta de comida. Los esperamos.

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Nuestra Parroquia Santo Nombre y nuestras Hermanas del Perpetuo Socorro, les invita a La Hora Santa, todos los Sabados a las 7:00pm en la Iglesia. Vengan a estar en oración con Jesús Eucaristía. Están todos cordialmente invitados.

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**Para Bautizmos:** Favor de verse con el Diacono Adalberto Santiago después de la Santa Misa, o puede llamar a la Parroquia y dejar su información en la extensión #132. Las clases se están llevando a cabo los segundos Viernes del mes a las 6:pm, seguido por el Bautismo el día siguiente Sabado 11:am.

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**Contáctanos en Español**

Marta Piñero 413-733-5823 Ext. 132



**Holy Name Parish Event**

**This Sunday is the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe from 2-5p.m. at the Social Center. There will be food, refreshments, music and more, and free will donations are requested.**

The **Cathedral Choir** is pleased to present the **Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols**. The service will be held on Saturday, December 16 at 7:30pm at **St. Michael's Cathedral**, 260 State St in Springfield. This is a long-standing tradition in the diocese for many and promises to enrich all who attend in their preparation to celebrate the birth of our Savior. For further information contact Ashley Duplessis, Cathedral Music Director at [a.duplessis@diospringfield.org](mailto:a.duplessis@diospringfield.org), or by calling (413) 452-0845.

**Dan Kane & Friends and the Singing Priests** will present a **Christmas concert** Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 24 Jabish Street in Belchertown. Bring your family and friends to this special Christmas celebration. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken up to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Building Fund. **All are invited!**

Thankfully, **Wreaths with a Reason**, a local nonprofit in Agawam, has done something about the horrors of sex trafficking, and now you can partner with them. They make beautiful wreaths (for every season) and send all proceeds, except what's used for supplies, to organizations that rescue and rehabilitate the victims. Since 2014, our non-profit organization, Wreaths with a Reason, has sent over **\$117,000.00** to organizations that rescue and rehabilitate victims of sex trafficking. Their Fall, Christmas, and Winter wreath collection debuted in November. They are located at 281 Elm Street in Agawam. Their website is [www.wreathswithareason.com](http://www.wreathswithareason.com)

**St. Michael's Academy**, a Catholic elementary school in Springfield, seeks a full-time Office Administrator / IT Liaison to efficiently and accurately respond to the many demands of running an elementary school office. Must have the ability to respond to the needs of the many constituents including: faculty, staff, students, parents and other visitors. Must be able to work independently. Strong organizational skills, proficiency on the computer, and IT experience required. Previous school experience preferred. Submit a resume and cover letter to St. Michael's Academy, Attn: Amy O'Brien, 153 Eddywood St., Springfield, MA 01118 or by email: [a.obrien@smaspringfield.org](mailto:a.obrien@smaspringfield.org).

St. Michael's Academy also seeks a part-time Remedial Reading and Language Arts Teacher. The candidate should have experience in the following areas: providing early intervention instruction in reading and writing; working with children in small groups; monitoring and recording student progress; and acting as a case partner in the IEP process. Further, the candidate must also be an effective user of assessment, data, and goal setting to promote student growth. Submit a resume and cover letter to St. Michael's Academy, Attn: Ann Dougal, 153 Eddywood St., Springfield, MA 01118 or by email: [a.dougal@smaspringfield.org](mailto:a.dougal@smaspringfield.org).





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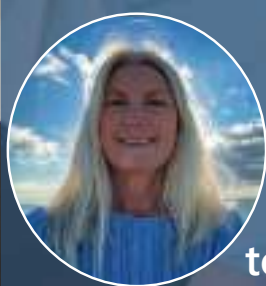
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