

Whoever does not carry his
own cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.

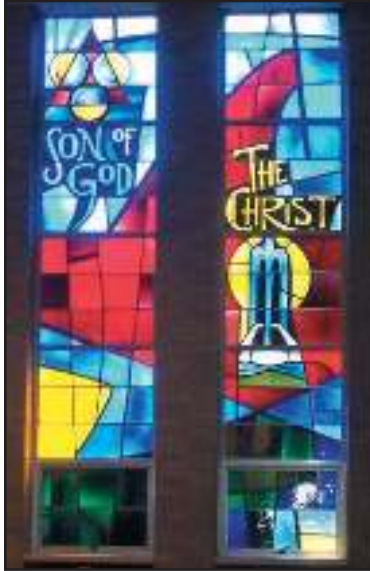
Luke 14:27



September 7, 2025

HOLY NAME PARISH

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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 & 5:30 pm English
7:00 pm Spanish

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, 1:00-4:00 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 the Vocations Office, 413-452-0816; or email vocations@diospringfield.org. Fr. Piotr Pawlus is Director of Recruiting and Fr. David Darcy (413-896-6397) is Director of Seminarians.

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
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733-5823**

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, September 6

4:30 Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, September 7

8:30 John P. O'Brien
By the Family

**11:30 For All Deceased and Living
Members of The Legion of Mary**
*By Our Lady of Fatima
Praesidium*

In Thanksgiving to God
By Marcelina Guzman

(The 10:30 and 12:30 Masses are combined to one
Bi-lingual Mass for the Jubilee and picnic.)

Monday, September 8

8:15 Celebrant's Intention

Tuesday, September 9

8:15 Holy Name Parishioners

Wednesday, September 10

8:15 Fr. Andrew Drew, OFM Capuchin
By Tom Burke

Thursday, September 11

8:15 Michele McCoomb Sheehan
(Birthday Remembrance)
By the Family

Friday, September 12

8:15 Vera Murphy
By the Family

Saturday, September 13

8:15 Intentions of Margo Eckert
By Margaret Martin

4:30 Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, September 14

**8:30 Dr. John A. and James G.
Huffmire (Birthday
Remembrances)**
By the Family

**10:30 Tao Tran and Hue Vu (14th
Anniversary)**
By the Family

Muriel Mercado
*By Marianne P. Mercado and
Family*

Arline Ward
By the Veto Family

12:30 Celebrant's Intention

WORSHIP

From Your Pastor



Today's Readings challenge us to contemplate the true nature of discipleship. In wisdom 9 we are reminded of our human limitations. "For who can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills?" This ancient Wisdom acknowledges our mortal constraints in understanding divine purposes.

Consider a master craftsman teaching an apprentice. The apprentice must not only learn the tools of the trade but must also be willing to set aside their preconceptions and fully commit to the master's guidance. Similarly, Jesus tells us in Luke's Gospel, "Whoever does not carry their cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Like building a tower, following Christ requires careful consideration of the cost-not in monetary terms, but in dedication and surrender.

Paul's Letter to Philemon provides a beautiful example of this transformation. Through his appeal to Onesimus, once a slave but now "a beloved brother", Paul demonstrates how Christian discipleship revolutionizes human relationships. As Psalm 90 reminds us, "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain wisdom of heart".

The metaphor of "calculating the cost" that Jesus uses speaks directly to our modern context. Just as a businessperson would not launch a venture without proper planning, our spiritual journey requires thoughtful commitment. We must be prepared to "renounce all possessions" - not necessary in a literal sense, but in terms of what holds primacy in our hearts.

In this Jubilee Year, we are especially called to examine what truly matters in our discipleship. Like the tower builder in Jesus parable, we must lay our foundation on solid ground- not on the shifting sands of worldly attachments, but on eternal wisdom of God's love.

Let us pray for the wisdom to discern God's will and the courage to follow it remembering that true discipleship isn't about perfect understanding, but perfect trust.

Eucharistic
ADORATION

will begin again the first Tuesday in October.

On the first Saturday of every month, the **Blue Army** group follows the 8:15a.m. Mass with a rosary, meditation on the mysteries and confession until approximately 9:30a.m. Everyone is welcome.

We are still scheduling MASS INTENTIONS for JULY – DECEMBER, 2025

Please email to annfholyname@gmail.com or call if you prefer. Please be reminded that we can now take multiple intentions (they are called Collective Mass Intentions) for the **Sunday 10:30a.m. and 12:30p.m. Masses only**. The Mass stipend is \$15.00 if that is affordable for you.

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.

SERVICE

Committee and Commission Meetings

Finance Committee –meets the **first Thursday** of the month at **5:30p.m.** at the rectory

Spiritual Life Commission – meets the **second Thursday** of the month at **4:00p.m.** at the rectory.

Pastoral Council – meets the **4th Thursday** of the month at **6:00p.m.**



LOAVES AND FISHES



On the first Monday of each month members of our parish cook and bring **American Chop Suey** to South Congregational Church to serve the hungry of our city. If you can help with the cooking, please call Ann at the rectory, 733-5823. You may use your own recipe. Meals can be dropped off between 4:15 and 4:30p.m., or you are invited to stay and help serve. You'll find plenty of safe parking right in the church parking lot. **Your service and generosity are greatly appreciated!**

STEWARDSHIP

We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.

Collections and Mail-ins for August 23 & 24, 2025 totaled \$4,536.85. Thank you!

Special Collections for September - St. Michael's Academy, 9-7

A Donation Request from the Church

We are still hoping you would consider donating a Chasuble or Alb (or donating toward them), as ours have grown old. We have chasubles in white, green, purple, pink and red; albs are white. The cost can range from \$300-\$800, and if you are able to donate one, we invite you to do so **“in memory of a loved one”**.

“Together in Hope,” the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal Update

The Annual Catholic Appeal is how we as Catholics connect with thousands of people across western Massachusetts who need the love and mercy of Jesus Christ. It supplies support for food pantries, faith education, protection for the unborn, and evangelization. God's mercy message comes from your gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal. You are the face of the Catholic Church today and in the future.

A great big thank you to all who have participated. And for those who are able and interested, it's not too late! Donations can be sent to the ACA, Diocese of Springfield, PO Box 249, East Longmeadow, MA 01028-0249. The mailbox recently changed, and this is the correct one. Or you can go online to <https://www.diospringfield.org/acawaystogive>.

FOOD PANTRY

for the Open Pantry

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

are the items needed most. We appreciate and thank you for your generosity and for not bringing any perishables! (Perishables during the hotter weather are even worse....)

EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



REGISTRATION FOR 2025-2026 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS NOW OPEN

Classes start on Saturday, October 4th for the Confirmation Group; and Sunday, September 28th for all of the other groups - First Communion (2nd grade to 8th grade); Also accepting 1st grade as the first year of Catechism. Confirmation is for 9th grade to 12th grade. Contact Sister Caritina at 413-777-5115 or email her at misionera557@gmail.com. Applications available in church and at the rectory.

Important Dates for the Catechists: September 17th, meeting in the Church at 5:30 pm.; September 20th, Catechist Retreat at Saint John in Agawam, 9a.m.-12noon followed by lunch; September 21st, Catechetical Sunday. Fr. John Tibakunirwa will present the Catechists to the Community at the 10:30am. Mass. First Day of classes is September 28th.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Mensaje Del Pastor, John Chrysostom Tibakunirwa

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Las lecturas de hoy nos desafían a contemplar la verdadera naturaleza del discipulado. En Sabiduría 9 se nos recuerda nuestras limitaciones humanas: “¿Quién podrá conocer el designio de Dios? ¿O quién comprenderá lo que el Señor quiere?” Esta antigua sabiduría reconoce nuestras restricciones mortales al tratar de entender los propósitos divinos. Podemos imaginar a un maestro artesano enseñando a su aprendiz. El aprendiz no solo debe aprender a usar las herramientas, sino también estar dispuesto a dejar de lado sus propias ideas y comprometerse por completo a la guía del maestro. De manera semejante, Jesús nos dice en el Evangelio de Lucas: “El que no carga con su cruz y me sigue, no puede ser mi discípulo.” Como quien construye una torre, seguir a Cristo requiere considerar con cuidado el costo —no en términos monetarios, sino en dedicación y entrega. La Carta de Pablo a Filemón nos ofrece un hermoso ejemplo de esta transformación. A través de su súplica por Onésimo, quien fue esclavo pero ahora es “un hermano amado”, Pablo muestra cómo el discipulado cristiano revoluciona las relaciones humanas. El Salmo 90 nos recuerda: “Enséñanos a calcular nuestros años, para que adquiramos un corazón sensato.” La metáfora de “calcular el costo” que usa Jesús nos habla directamente hoy. Así como un empresario no comenzaría un proyecto sin planificación adecuada, nuestro camino espiritual requiere un compromiso consciente. Debemos estar dispuestos a “renunciar a todas nuestras posesiones”: no necesariamente en sentido literal, sino en cuanto a aquello que ocupa el primer lugar en nuestro corazón. En este Año Jubilar, se nos llama especialmente a examinar lo que verdaderamente importa en nuestro discipulado. Como el constructor de la parábola de Jesús, debemos poner nuestro cimiento en terreno firme —no en las arenas movedizas de los apegos mundanos, sino en la sabiduría eterna del amor de Dios. Oremos para que el Señor nos conceda la sabiduría de discernir su voluntad y el valor de seguirla, recordando que el verdadero discipulado no se trata de entenderlo todo a la perfección, sino de confiar plenamente en Él.

LAS INSCRIPCIONES PARA EL PROGRAMA DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA 2025-2026 YA ESTÁN ABIERTAS

Las clases comienzan el sábado 4 de octubre para el grupo de Confirmación; y el domingo 28 de septiembre para todos los demás grupos – Primera Comunión (de 2^o grado a 8^o grado); también se acepta 1^o grado como primer año de Catecismo. La Confirmación es para jóvenes de 9^o a 12^o grado. Para más información, comuníquese con la Hermana Caritina al 413-777-5115 o por correo electrónico a misionera557@gmail.com. Las solicitudes están disponibles en la iglesia y en la rectoría.

Fechas importantes para los Catequistas 17 de septiembre: reunión en la iglesia a las 5:30 p.m. 20 de septiembre: Retiro de Catequistas en Saint John en Agawam, de 9:00 a.m. a 12:00 mediodía, seguido de un almuerzo. 21 de septiembre: Domingo Catequético. El P. John Tibakunirwa presentará a los catequistas a la comunidad en la Misa de las 10:30 a.m. Primer día de clases: 28 de septiembre.

Catolica Springfield les invita al **Concierto de Ambiorix Padilla** que se llevará a cabo el Sabado 27 de Septiembre en la Parroquia Santísimo Sacramento en Springfield por una donación de \$20.00 dolares. Para obtener boletos, favor de ver a Marta después de la Santa Misa Hispana. Están todos cordialmente invitados.

Están todos invitados al Seminario Vida en el Espíritu, que se llevará a cabo el Viernes 19 de Septiembre, de 6:00pm a 8:30pm y Sabado 20, de 8:00am a 4:30pm en el centro comunitario de Guadalupe, en el 435 de la Maple Street, Holyoke. La donación es de 15.00 dolares por persona y para asistir debe llenar una hoja de inscripción obligatoria y entregarla con su donación antes del 10 de Septiembre. Para obtener hojas de inscripción, favor de ver a Marta despues de la Santa Misa. Para entregar las hojas con su donación o para mas información favor de llamar a Dora Lopez al 413-210-8156.

El Ministerio Espiritualidad Matrimonial les invita a un retiro de parejas que se llevará a cabo el Sábado, 18 de Octubre de 8:00am a 4:00pm. Lugar: Hacienda Oasis, 44 Beebe Rd. Monson MA. Costo: \$30.00 dolares por pareja. Para mas información puede llamar al 413-313-1361 o enviando un correo electronico a espiritualidadmatrimonial@gmail.com.

La Diocesis de Springfield les invita a el Programa de Estudios y Formación en Elms College Año "2025" Fechas: Septiembre 8, 15, 22 y 29, Octubre 6, 13, 20. Hora: 6:30 pm.—9:00 pm. Por un costo de: \$55.00 por persona (incluye los materiales y/o libros). Lugar: Elms College, 291 Springfield Street, Chicopee. O por Zoom (El enlace se enviará semanalmente los lunes antes de las 2:15p.m. Para Hojas de Inscripción y mas informacion favor de buscarla en la entrada del estacionamiento principal de la Parroquia. Los esperamos!!

Para Bautismos, Bodas, Quinciañeros, preparación de Adultos para sacramentos o Presentaciones de infantes: Favor de verse con Marta Piñero después de la Santa Misa o llamar a la oficina al 413-733-5823 – Ext. #132 y dejar su Nombre y numero de telefono. Le devolveremos la llamada lo mas pronto posible.
Para Primera Comunión o Confirmación, favor de llamar a la Hna. Caritina al 413-733-5823 – Ext. #130 o al 413-777-5115.

Grupos Activos Hispanos

Hora Santa – Sábados
@ 7:00pm en la Iglesia

Rosario antes de la Misa
Domíngos @ 11:45Am

Legión de María
Mártes @ 6:00pm

Movimiento Juan XXIII
Miércoles @ 7:00pm

Contáctanos en Español

Marta Piñero 413-733-5823 Ext. #132



Parish Picnic 2025 – this Sunday at 1p.m. outdoors (weather permitting)



CURSILLO...What is it? Cursillo (kur-see-yo) means “short course in Christianity.” The intention of the Cursillo Movement is to give each person a renewed spirituality and a clearer understanding of how Christ can work through them. To learn more about this vital and active lay movement in the Diocese of Springfield, visit our website: www.cursillomass.net.

3-DAY MEN’S CURSILLO WEEKEND 2025

Friday evening October 10 - Monday evening October 13

3-DAY WOMEN’S CURSILLO WEEKEND 2026

Friday evening January 16 - Monday evening January 19

To be held at St. Catherine of Siena Church, 1023 Parker St., Springfield. For questions or how to register contact Committee Chairs Berry or Felicia at precursillowma@gmail.com.

Holy Trinity Parish (Westfield) Fall Festival, Sunday, **September 14, 2025**, from 12 noon to 5 pm at Pilsudski Park, 200 Old County Rd., Holyoke. Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am, Polish & American food (includes Take-Out). Polish & American music by the Windstar Band for your listening & dancing pleasure in the spacious ballroom from 1 to 5 pm. The band will feature an Elvis Presley Medley. Games for adults & children, Bounce House. Bingo, Straw Booth, Money Wheel, Lottery Tree, Basket Raffle, Bake Sale. Grand Raffle worth \$2000 in cash prizes. Come for good food and a good time. Free admission & parking, held rain or shine. The Northside Creamery will be selling ice cream cones and sundaes. New this year is handicap golf cart transportation from parking to festival. For more information, call the Parish Office, Monday thru Thursday from 9am to 4pm at 568-1506. Hope to see you there!

On Monday, **September 15th** at 6:00 p.m. **Blessed Sacrament in Holyoke** will host a presentation on “**End of Life Issues.**” A panel of speakers consisting of a Funeral director, an attorney, a hospice worker, and a cemetery employee will each give a short presentation. Each speaker will answer questions. This informative presentation will take place in the church at 6:00 p.m. Questions? Please call the Rectory office 413-532-0713.

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