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The First Sunday of Advent



Saturday, November 29

4:30 Alice LaValle (3rd Anniversary)
By Mark

Sunday, November 30

8:30 Celebrant's Intention
10:30 Capt. Daniel M. Walsh, III
(Birthday Remembrance and 3rd Anniversary)
By the Family

12:30 Celebrant's Intention

Monday, December 1

8:15 On Tran
By Nguyet Tran

Tuesday, December 2

8:15 Arline Ward (2nd Anniversary)
By the Veto Family

Wednesday, December 3

8:15 Holy Name Parishioners

Thursday, December 4

8:15 Intentions of Renee Chesire on her Birthday
By Francesca Wamalwa-Chesire

Friday, December 5

8:15 Intentions of Shawn Keery

Saturday, December 6

8:15 Souls in Purgatory
By Mary Flahive

4:30 Heriberto Colon-Alvarado
By Nancy Nieves-Roque

Sunday, December 7

8:30 Steven Huffmire
By the Family

10:30 Homer Gebo (3rd Anniversary)
By the Family

12:30 Celebrant's Intention

WORSHIP

From Your Pastor

Message of the Week



Happy New Year Dear Brothers and Sisters. Today we begin the Season of Advent. With this in mind, we begin a New Liturgical Year of Our Catholic Church. We do so in a spirit of expectation. During this time, we look forward not just to the Birthday of Jesus at Bethlehem but also for His Second Coming at the end of time. We are called to shake off distractions and live with intentional faith. That is to say, Advent for us is a time to realign our lives with the light of Christ. Like a watchman scanning the horizon, await with trust, knowing the One we await is faithful. Advent is not just a countdown to Christmas; it is a call to live everyday as if Christ could return any moment. To that end then, let us be found ready, awake and full of hope.

Calling All Children, Teens and Volunteers!!!

Holy Name will celebrate the Nativity with a play during the 10:30a.m. Mass Sunday, December 21st.

***We will need: narrators, actors/ actresses to play the following parts: Mary, Joseph, Roman soldiers, King Herod, angels, singers (you will have to learn a song: ("Angels We Have Heard.") We will need shepherds, Three Wise Rulers, people to build sets, a choir director, and additional support to help with practices!

*Practices will be held every Monday starting on November 24th, afternoons from 4-5:30 PM in the church. To volunteer, please contact: Sr. Melinda: sistermelindapellerin@gmail.com or Sr. Caritina: 413-777-5115.

Eucharistic
A D O R A T I O N

Tuesdays, 1:00 to 4:00p.m.

The Chaplet is prayed at 3p.m., the Rosary is prayed at 3:30p.m. followed by Benediction.

MASS INTENTIONS - WE ARE OPENING THE BOOK FOR JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2026 On Thursday, December 4th.

Please email to annholyname@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 still \$15.00 if that is affordable. (Please note that there are still some openings for Mass Intentions for the rest of 2025.)

There will be a Holy Name Parish

RECONCILIATION SERVICE on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17TH at 7:00p.m.

There will be priests present for confessions in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

It's not too late to take part in our diocese's **Called By Name** campaign! By submitting the name of a young man, you give him the chance to receive discernment resources, attend a special dinner with the bishop this December, and most importantly, be invited to prayerfully consider God's call in his life. Your nomination could be the seed that helps a young man open his heart more fully to God's will. Honor and encourage a young man today by submitting a name at myvocations.com/calledbyname.

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 10:30a.m. Everyone is invited to stay after Mass to take part.

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

THANK YOU SO VERY, VERY MUCH FOR YOUR Thanksgiving Dinner Food and Monetary Donations!!!

*Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we were able to serve 80 total parishioners and families by providing a generous \$50.00 gift card along with the food items collected. And, once again, Stop and Shop (in East Longmeadow) partnered with us to produce the cards in a timely basis for us, and also donated the 80 bags for the donated food to be brought home with the gift cards. **THANK YOU, STOP & SHOP!!!***

Reminder Note: Next weekend we resume collecting food for the Open Pantry.



Collections and Mail-ins for November 15 & 16 totaled \$4,179.40. Thank you!

December special collections are: 12-7 Retirement Fund for Religious; 12-8 Immaculate Conception; 12-14 St. Michael's Academy; 12-21 Snow Removal; 12-25 Christmas

\$1,808.55 was donated to the Mission work in the **Kabgayi** Diocese through the second collection.

Your awesome generosity is appreciated more than we can say!

A REQUEST FOR BABY GIRLS WINTER OUTERWARE

The **Springfield Pregnancy Care Center**, located at 704 Sumner Avenue (next to the Bing), is in need of new or gently used outer wear in sizes 12, 18 or 24 months. You can drop your donation off at the center Mon., Wed. or Fri. between 1 & 4p.m.

EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Special Note: Please see the “Calling All Children, Teens and Volunteers” information right underneath Fr. John's message regarding a Nativity Play on Sunday, December 21st at the 10:30 Mass. Everyone is invited and welcomed to participate!!

First Communion (2nd to 8th grade students). Those who come into the program now are welcomed, but will not be eligible to receive their sacrament until 2027.

Confirmation (9th to 12th grade students). Classes take place in the Social Center on Saturday at 3:00p.m. Attendance is mandatory to receive the sacrament in 2026. Contact Sister Caritina for the exact schedule, 413-777-5115 or email her at misionera557@gmail.com.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Mensaje Del Pastor, P. John Chrysostom Tibakunirwa

Feliz Año Nuevo, queridos hermanos y hermanas. Hoy comenzamos el Tiempo de Adviento. Con esto en mente, iniciamos un nuevo Año Litúrgico de nuestra Iglesia Católica. Lo hacemos en un Espíritu de expectación. Durante éste tiempo, esperamos no solo el nacimiento de Jesús en Belén, sino también su Segunda Venida al final de los tiempos. Estamos llamados a sacudirnos las distracciones y vivir con una fe intencional. Es decir, para nosotros el Adviento es un tiempo para realinear nuestras vidas con la luz de Cristo. Como un centinela que escudriña el horizonte, esperemos con confianza, sabiendo que Aquel a quien esperamos es fiel. El Adviento no es solo una cuenta regresiva hacia la Navidad; es un llamado a vivir cada día como si Cristo pudiera regresar en cualquier momento. Con ese fin, entonces, estemos preparados, despiertos y llenos de esperanza.

El proximo Lunes 8 de Diciembre, es día de Conmemoración a La Inmaculada Concepción de La Bienaventurada Virgen María y es día de precepto. Las Misas serán a las 8:15am y a las 5:15pm en Inglés y a las 7:00pm en Español.

Misa Especial en Conmemoración a La Virgen De Guadalupe

El Viernes 12 de Diciembre, a las 7:00 p.m., celebraremos la Santa Misa en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. La celebración será en Español. La imagen de la Virgen de Guadalupe será colocada en el altar, y les invitamos a traer flores para ofrecérselas y colocarlas alrededor de su imagen durante la Misa, como signo de amor y gratitud a nuestra Madre. Que ésta celebración nos una como comunidad bajo la protección de la Virgen Morena. Los esperamos a todos.

¡Llamado para todos los niños, adolescentes y voluntarios!

Holy Name celebrará la Natividad con una obra durante la Misa de 10:30 a.m. el domingo 21 de diciembre.

Necesitaremos: narradores, actores y actrices para representar los siguientes papeles: María, José, soldados romanos, el rey Herodes, ángeles, cantantes (tendrán que aprender la canción: "Ángeles Cantando Están"). También necesitaremos pastores, los Tres Reyes Magos, personas para construir los escenarios, un director de coro y apoyo adicional para ayudar con las prácticas. Las prácticas se llevarán a cabo todos los lunes a partir del 24 de noviembre, por la tarde, de 4:00 a 5:30 p.m. en la iglesia. Para ser voluntario, por favor comuníquese con: Hna. Melinda: sistermelindapellerin@gmail.com o con La Hna. Caritina: 413-777-5115.



La Parroquia Holy Name les invita a un retiro de adviento titulado: **Familia Gocense en la Esperanza**. Este será para toda la familia y se llevará a cabo el **Sabado 6 de Diciembre**, de 8am a 4pm en el centro social. Los presentadores serán: Padre José Siesquen, Padre Yerick Mendez, Diacono Pedro Rivera y desde Brazil, el Padre Kleber L. Cardoso. Este evento será libre de costo incluyendo las comidas pero es requerido inscribirse para asistir. Para inscribirte, favor de rastrear con la camara de su celular el codiogo QR que se encuentra en la Esquina de este anuncio y llene el formulario. El ultimo dia para inscribirse es Diciembre 1, 2025. Los Esperamos!!

¡Damos la bienvenida a nuevos feligreses!

¿Te interesa unirte a nuestra comunidad parroquial? ¡Los nuevos feligreses son muy bienvenidos a registrarse con nuestra parroquia! Hay hojas de registración junto a la puerta de salida del estacionamiento, o puedes pedirle una al sacerdote. Solo tienes que llenarla, y te enviaremos un paquete de bienvenida. Para más información, llama al 733-5823, para español oprima la extensión #132.

Se necesitan voluntarios el sábado 29 de noviembre, justo después de la Misa de las 8:15 a.m., para preparar y decorar la iglesia para la temporada de Adviento. Se ofrecerá café y donas. Muchas gracias.

Celebración de La Epifanía Del Señor y Los Tres Reyes Magos

Nuestra Parroquia Holy Name les invita a la celebración de la Epifanía Del Señor, Los Tres Reyes Magos y la conclusión del año Jubilar. El Domingo 4 de Enero del 2026, después de la Santa Misa de La Epifanía del Señor. Este año uniremos la misa de las 10:30am y la misa de las 12:30 para celebrar una Misa Bilingue a las 11:30am seguida por la celebración de 12:30 a 3:00pm en el Centro Social. Habrá música, comida, refrigerios, y la aparición de los Tres Reyes Magos con regalitos para los niños y mas. Si no se registró cuando se registraron los niños para recibir regalos, hagalo ya usando el código QR, que se encuentra en las volantas o en los papelitos colocadas en las entradas de la Iglesia como también lo pueden encontrar en el boletín parroquial. Este evento será gratis, pero si desea donar alguna comida, postre o donación monetaria para esta celebración, favor de comunicarse con Marta Pinero al 413-733-5823 ext.130. O verla después de la Santa Misa Hispana. Ultimo día para registrarse es Enero 1, 2026.



Como culminación del Año Jubilar. Durante esta **Sagrada Eucaristía**, se impartirá una **bendición especial** a las parejas que llevan juntos **25, 30, 35, 40 o mas años de matrimonio por la Iglesia**. Para recibir esta bendición, las parejas deberán **inscribirse previamente**. Quienes deseen hacerlo, favor de ver a **Marta después de la Santa Misa o llamar a la oficina dejando su información de contacto en la ext. 132**.

Para Bodas, Quinciañeros, preparación de Adultos para matrimonio, 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. **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
Domínigos @ 11:45Am

Legión de María
Mártes @ 6:00pm

Movimiento Juan XXIII
Miércoles @ 7:00pm

Contáctanos en Español

Marta Piñero 413-733-5823 Ext. #132



Please join us for our **Advent Senior Retreat Day**, "Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord" with Fr. Bill Tourigny, on Wednesday, **December 3, 2025** at **Jericho's Celebration Center** located at 537 Northampton St., Holyoke. We will begin registration with pastries, coffee, tea and other breakfast fixings at 8:00 a.m. The retreat will begin at 9:00 a.m. with morning prayer, Fr. Bill's presentation, time for confessions, adoration, and lunch at Hamel's. We will end the program with Mass. Program ends at 3:00 p.m. Gift shop religious items will be available for sale, cash or checks only. To register: send a check for \$20 (includes lunch) made payable to the Disciples of Mary and mail to Disciples of Mary, 537 Northampton St., Holyoke, MA 01040. For more information call 413-426-5088 or email; disciplesofmary@diospringfield.org.

Please join us at **Holy Cross Church** at 221 Plumtree Road in Springfield on Sunday, **December 7** at 2:00pm for **Lessons and Carols**. What a beautiful way to celebrate Advent and Christmas through Scripture and Song!

An **Advent Adoration Event**, "O Come Let Us Adore Him", will be taking place at **St. Francis of Assisi Parish** in Belchertown, on Friday, **December 12**, with Fr. Ryan Sliwa. Teens and young adults are encouraged to attend this evening of spiritual reflection as the talk will be geared toward that group, but everyone is welcome to attend. The evening will also include Adoration and Confession, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

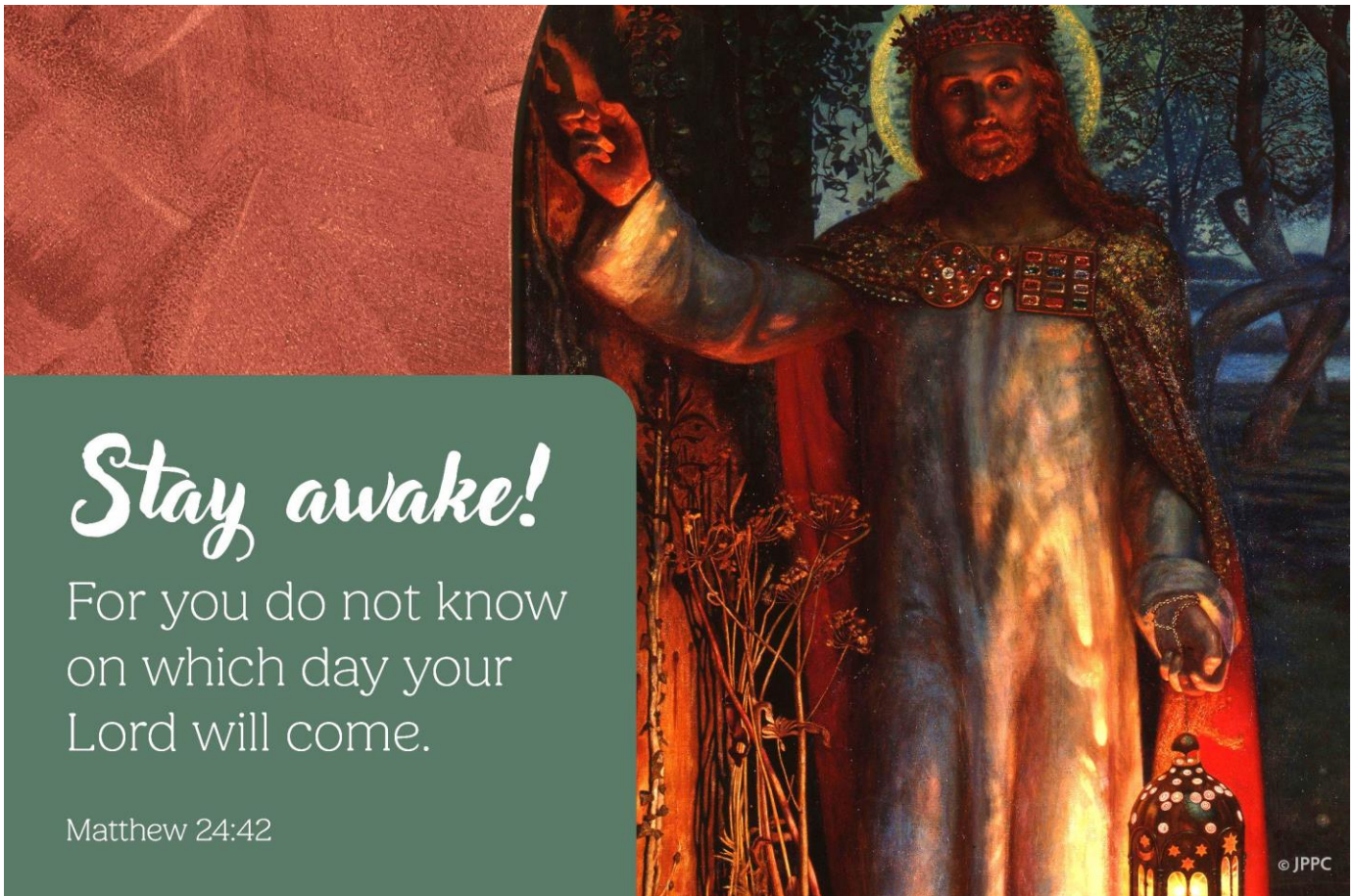
Worldwide Marriage Encounter Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025, 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m. at **St. Elizabeth Parish Pastoral Center**, 181 Hubbard St., Ludlow, MA. You are invited to this 7-hour experience designed to deepen the spiritual connection between married couples. Matrimonial spirituality will be explored, and a personal couple prayer will be developed through the day to reinforce the couple's spiritual bond. The focus is about discovering the profound truth that married couples become an actual manifestation of God's love and Christ's presence in this world through the way they love one another. Hosted by Fr. Larry Bault of the Worcester Diocese, a married couple and a surviving marital spouse.

The Fellowship, a new men's group is a fraternal brotherhood created to challenge and encourage each other to be the men God is calling us to be: Men for others. "The Fellowship" is based out of **St Mary's Parish** in Westfield MA. If you live near the Westfield area and are looking for community, feel free to join us. Friday nights @ 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Parish Center, Bartlett St., Westfield

Emmanuel Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group meets at 7pm – 8:30pm the first Friday of every month at Holy Name Social Center, 53 Alderman Street, Springfield, MA. Praise & Pray the Psalms, Read Scripture & Prophecy. All are welcome.

All are welcome to join this **Prayer Group Ministry** at St. Mary's Church, 519 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow. This group will meet every other Tuesday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., to pray the Flame of Love, Rosary and learn more. Open to all ages.

The St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Prayer Group meets the first Saturday of each month at St. Stanislaus Basilica, 556 Front St., Chicopee beginning with confessions from 9-10a.m. The rosary is prayed at 10:30a.m., followed by Mass at 11. The regular monthly meeting is held after the Mass. All are welcome! For more information, contact Frances at 413.736.0853.



Stay awake!

For you do not know
on which day your
Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42