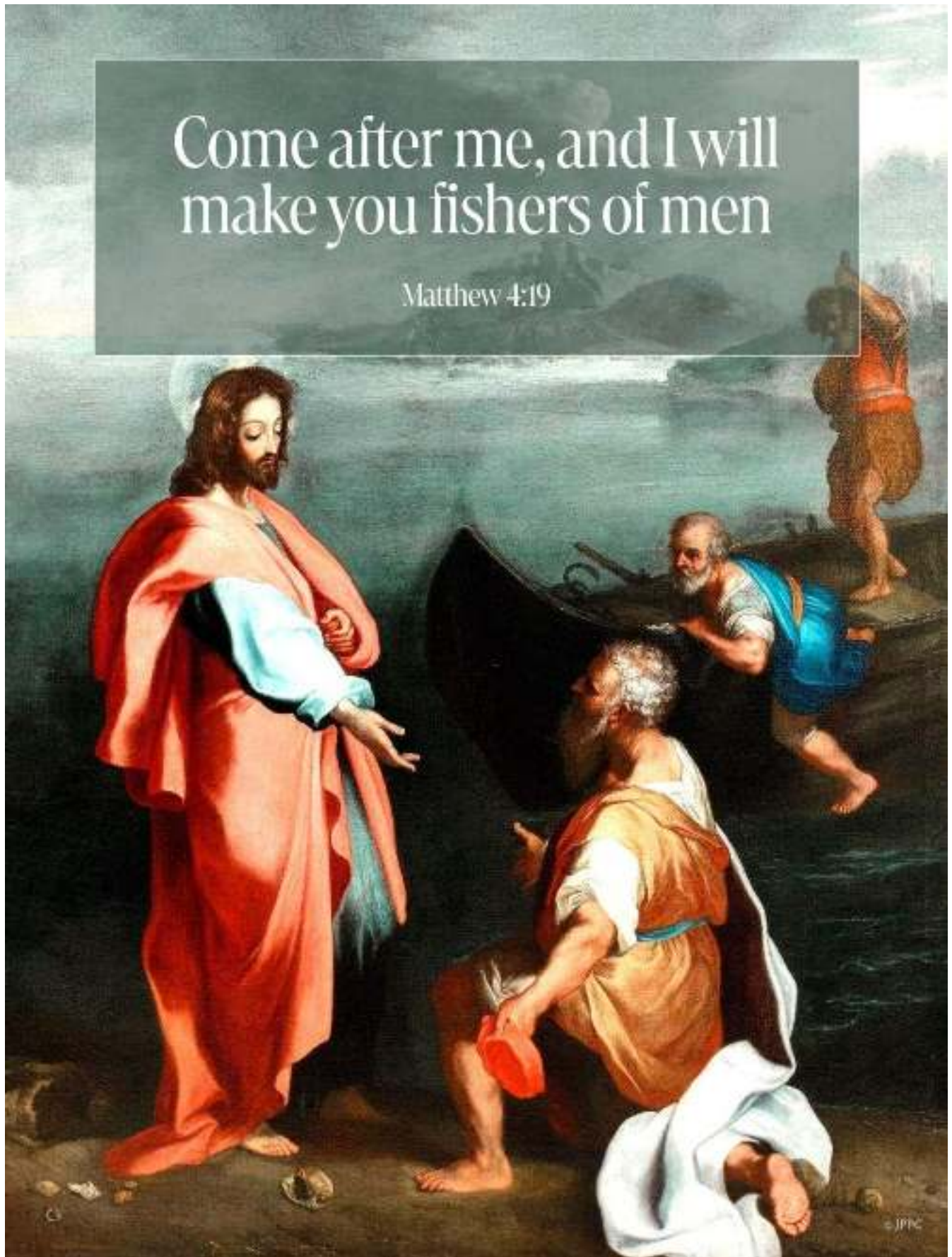


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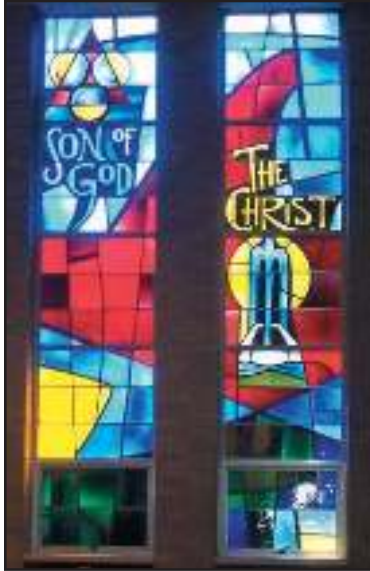
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January 25, 2026

# 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](mailto: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."*

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**



**Saturday, January 24**

**4:30 Myles G. Keery (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)**  
*By the Family*

**Sunday, January 25**

**8:30 Rose Racco**  
*By the Family*

**10:30 In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony**  
*By a Friend*

**12:30 Fr. Mark Mengel, Galdino  
Aguilar and Yessie Mendez**  
*By Norma and Family*

**Monday, January 26**

**8:15 Celebrant's Intention**

**Tuesday, January 27**

**8:15 Pham Hua**  
*By Nguyet Tran*

**Wednesday, January 28**

**8:15 Celebrant's Intention**

**Thursday, January 29**

**8:15 Helen Migot (Birthday  
Remembrance)**  
*By her Family*

**Friday, January 30**

**8:15 Holy Name Parishioners**

**Saturday, January 31**

**8:15 Catherine Bryson (Birthday  
Remembrance)**  
*By her Daughters*

**4:30 Patricia Riley**  
*By Jonna Porfilio*

**Sunday, February 1**

**8:30 Anna and Aniello Russo  
(Birthday Remembrance)**  
*By the Family*

**10:30 Celebrant's Intention**

**12:30 Celebrant's Intention**

# WORSHIP

## From Your Parochial Vicar



From Fr. Yerick: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Have you seen the Light?**

Have you ever tried to walk through an unfamiliar room in total darkness? What was that experience like? You probably walked slowly and clumsily, fumbling and feeling your way around the room with your hands and feet, searching for any clues about what might be in your way. You most likely bumped into things and tripped over objects in the room because you just couldn't see them. The whole experience was no doubt disorienting and perhaps even fearful. Even blind people often use a white cane and their sense of hearing to extend their perception beyond their immediate person. But could you imagine even if those resources were taken away? The truth is that walking in darkness is downright dangerous. Just ask any parent who's walked to the bathroom at night only to step barefoot on one of their kid's toys! All that is necessary to avoid these problems is to see the light. Even when the room is as it was before, the light changes everything for you. Isaiah announces that, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." (Is 9: 1). "The people" Isaiah was referring to were not just walking through a dark room, they were dwelling in the "land of gloom". Their whole life was darkness. Unlike the people of Israel, who were enlightened by God when he revealed himself to them and gave them the knowledge and worship of the Only True God, the pagan nations did not know God. They worshiped false and empty gods, fumbling and reaching out for the light but tripping over the confusion of ignorance, sin, and idolatry. And yet, they were destined to see "The true light, which enlightens everyone, [and] was coming into the world." (John 1: 9). This light is Jesus Christ who we see fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy in today's Gospel. On coming to the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, Jesus enters as The Light into "Galilee of the Gentiles." (Mt 4: 15). In the same way, Jesus wants to enter into our darkness and make his light shine upon us so that we no longer walk in the shadows but rather in the light. But what does it mean to walk in the light? Now that the light has been turned on we see the mess that we made in the darkness. Things are out of place. There is dust and grime everywhere. We see all the injuries we have sustained while stumbling around in the dark. The light itself is beautiful but the mess it reveals is scary. It's tempting to want to turn the light back off but somehow we can't because we've seen the light. So what now? Jesus says "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Mt 4: 17). First comes the call to conversion and repentance. Then comes the personal call to follow Jesus, to follow The Light wherever he leads. Simon-Peter, Andrew, James and John were fishermen but they received a new vocation when Jesus called them. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." (Mt. 4: 19). Their response shows that they saw the light. They immediately left it all to follow Jesus. Their lives would never be the same. They would never be the same. What about you? Is the light calling you out of the darkness? Does your heart say, "Follow him."? Don't ignore it. Even if you must leave many things behind, follow him. As you walk in the light of Jesus Christ you will hear the message of the Good News. He will cure your every disease and illness, forgive your sins, and enlighten your ignorance. He will give you eternal life. You will never be the same. Remember that all this is not magic. The light illuminates the disorder, but we must obediently submit to the new order of the Christ's light. The light provides the necessary condition required in order to fix the disorder. We can no longer walk in darkness! Just like the first disciples we cannot imagine the road we must travel. Sometimes it's hard to accept that the way of the Cross is the one that leads to victory. Yet this is the way of true love that invites us to walk on in faith and hope towards salvation. Jesus, my light, I trust in you. Amen.

## Just a little reminder.....

- *Fr. John is in Uganda and will return February 14<sup>th</sup>.*
- *The rectory office will be closed on days that school is cancelled due to inclement weather.*

*Eucharistic*  
ADORATION

**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.

### Many MASS INTENTIONS Still Available for JANUARY THROUGH JUNE 2026

Please email to [annholyname@gmail.com](mailto: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 stipend is still \$15.00 if that is affordable for you.

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



**Collections and Mail-ins for January 11, 2026 totaled \$4,365.10. Thank you!**

**February special collections are:** *First Offering – 2-1; Missions in the United States and Snow Removal 2-8; St. Michael's Academy 2-15; Energy & Fuel 2-22*



We are once again requesting food items for the **OPEN PANTRY**. As always, we appreciate your giving spirit. The items hoped for are: **Canned meats and canned vegetables, oatmeal or hot cereal, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese and spaghetti sauce. Please, no perishables!! Thank you very much!**

## EDUCATION

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Sunday Classes and Confirmation Classes are back up and running according to the 2026 schedule. If you are in need of a schedule, please see Sister Caritina, or call her at 413-777-5115, or email her at [misionera557@gmail.com](mailto:misionera557@gmail.com).**

**Special Note:** For possible religious education class cancellations this winter due to snowy weather, please tune into **WWLP Channel 22**. We will post cancellations there if we have cancelled, and it must say **Holy Name** to be our cancellation. If another church is cancelling, it doesn't mean we are.

# COMUNIDAD HISPANA

## Mensaje del Rev. Padre Yerick Méndez ¿Has visto la Luz?

¿Alguna vez has tratado de caminar por un cuarto desconocido en la oscuridad total? ¿Cómo le fue esa experiencia? Probablemente caminaste despacio, bamboleando y tocando con tus manos y pies por alrededor para descubrir las claves que indicaran lo que pudiera estar enfrente de ti. Con razón chocabas y tropezabas con los objetos en el cuarto simplemente porque no los podías ver. Toda la experiencia sería desorientadora y tal vez hasta temerosa. Aún los ciegos usan el bastón y el oído para extender su percepción más allá de su persona inmediata, pero imagínate si se le quitaran hasta esos recursos. La verdad es que caminar en la oscuridad es un gran peligro. ¡Solo tienes que preguntarle a un padre que ha tratado de navegar hacia el baño de noche solo para pisar descalzo un juguete de su niño! Lo único requerido para evitar todos estos problemas es ver la luz. Aunque el cuarto se mantenga como estaba, la luz lo cambia todo para ti. Isaías anuncia, “El pueblo que caminaba en tinieblas vio una gran luz. Sobre los que vivían en tierra de sombras, una luz resplandeció.” (Is 9, 1). Ese “pueblo” al que Isaías se refiere no caminaba por un cuarto oscuro, sino que vivía en “tierra de sombras.” Toda su vida era oscuridad. No como el pueblo de Israel, que fue iluminado por Dios cuando se reveló a ellos y les dio a conocer y adorar al Único Verdadero Dios, los paganos no conocían a Dios. Por eso adoraban a los dioses falsos y vacíos mientras vagaban en busca de la luz, pero tropezaban con la

confusión de la ignorancia, del pecado, y de la idolatría. Sin embargo, ellos estaban destinados para ver “la luz verdadera que, al venir a este mundo, ilumina a todo hombre.” (Juan 1, 9). Esta luz es Jesucristo, al quien vemos cumplir la profecía de Isaías, en el Evangelio de hoy. Al llegar al territorio de Zabulón y Neftalí, Jesús entra como La Luz a “Galilea de los paganos.” (Mt 4,15). Así también Jesús quiere entrar a nuestra oscuridad y hacer que su luz resplandezca sobre nosotros para que ya no caminemos en las tinieblas sino en la luz. ¿Pero qué significa caminar en la luz? Cuando se enciende la luz vemos el desorden que causamos en la oscuridad. Todo

están fuera de su lugar. Vemos el polvo y la mugre dondequiera. Nos fijamos en la multitud de heridas que sostuvimos cuando trastrabillábamos en las tinieblas. La luz en sí misma es hermosa pero espantoso es el lío que revela. Nos tienta el deseo de volver a apagar la luz, pero por alguna razón, no lo podemos hacer después de haber visto la luz. ¿Entonces, qué hacer? Jesús dice, “Conviértanse, porque ya está cerca el Reino de los cielos.” (Mt 4, 17). Primero viene el llamado a la conversión y al arrepentimiento. Después viene el llamado personal a seguir a Jesucristo, a seguir La Luz dondequiera que nos guíe. Simón-Pedro, Andrés, Santiago, y Juan eran pescadores, pero recibieron una nueva vocación cuando Jesús los llamó. “Sígueme y los haré pescadores de hombres.” (Mt 4, 19). Su respuesta demuestra que habían visto la luz. Inmediatamente dejaron todo para seguir a Jesús. Sus vidas nunca serían las mismas. Ellos nunca serían los mismos. ¿Y tú? ¿La luz te está llamando a salir de la oscuridad? ¿Tu corazón te dice, “Síguelo”? No lo ignores. Aunque tengas que dejar atrás muchas cosas, Síguelo. Al caminar en la luz de Jesucristo podrás oír el anuncio de la Buena Nueva. Él te librará de tus enfermedades y dolencias. Perdonará de tus pecados. Iluminará tu ignorancia. Te dará la vida

eterna. Nunca serás el mismo. Pero recuerda que todo esto no es magia. La luz ilumina el desorden, pero hay que someterse en obediencia al nuevo orden de la luz de Cristo. La luz provee la condición necesaria para arreglar el desorden. ¡Ya no podemos caminar en la oscuridad! Igual a los primeros discípulos no podemos imaginar el camino que tendremos que transcurrir. A veces es difícil aceptar que el camino de la Cruz es el mismo que nos lleva a la victoria. Pero este es el camino del amor verdadero, el que nos invita a caminar con fe y esperanza hacia la salvación. Jesús, mi luz, en ti confío. Amen.

## INTENCIONES DE MISA – EL LIBRO ESTÁ ABIERTO PARA ENERO A JUNIO DE 2026

Por favor envíe un correo electrónico a [annfholyname@gmail.com](mailto:annfholyname@gmail.com) o llame si lo prefiere. Para Español, envíe un correo electrónico a: [marta.pinero23@gmail.com](mailto:marta.pinero23@gmail.com) o llamar a la oficina dejando un mensaje en la extensión #132. Les recordamos que ahora podemos recibir **múltiples intenciones** (llamadas *Intenciones Colectivas de Misa*) **solamente para las Misas de los domingos a las 10:30 a.m. y 12:30 p.m.** La donación por la Misa continúa siendo de **\$15.00**, si está dentro de sus posibilidades.

## ¡Damos la bienvenida a nuevos feligreses!

¿Te interesa unirse 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.

Desea ser parte nuestro grupo de voluntarios para los eventos de la Parroquia el Santo Nombre? O ser parte de el grupo de Ujeres/acomodadores? o si toca guitarra y desea ser parte del Ministerio Musical Hispano (el coro)?. Si está interesado y siente el llamado, favor de hablar con Marta Pinero después de la santa misa Hispana o llamarla al 413-733-5823, Ext. 132 y dejar un mensaje con su nombre y numero de telefono. Se le delvolverá la llamada lo mas pronto posible.

**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 verse con la Hna. Caritina, o llamarla al 413-733-5823 – Ext. #130 o al 413-777-5115.

### Grupos Activos Hispanos

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

**Rosario ántes 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



Families are warmly invited to our **Open House** at **St. Michael's Academy** on January 25th at 12:00 P.M.! Come tour our school, meet our dedicated staff, and learn how we partner with parents to nurture faith, academic excellence, and a strong sense of community. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing what makes St. Michael's Academy a special place for children to grow.

The **Saint Cecilia Women's Club** is holding its annual **LUNCHEON CARD & GAME PARTY**, Thursday, January 29, at the St. Cecilia Parish Center, 42 Main St. Wilbraham. Come with friends to play any game of your choice (bridge, canasta, dominoes, mahjong, scrabble, etc.) and enjoy a delicious luncheon. Donation is \$10. Check-in begins at 11:30 with lunch served at noon. There will also be a raffle for many prizes and gift certificates. Proceeds help to fund our scholarships and donations to other needy organizations in the area. For reservations, please call Sue Agnew, 596-9480.

The **Springfield Pregnancy Care Center**, located at 704 Sumner Avenue (next to the Bing), is in need of volunteer help (bi-lingual) on Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-4p.m. If interested or to get additional information, please call 413-732-2006 and ask to speak with Vivien.

**Divine Mercy Ministry to Seniors** - Volunteers are needed to spread Jesus' message of Divine Mercy to seniors in local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. As a volunteer prayer group leader, you would lead a weekly 30-minute Divine Mercy prayer group using a simple prepared model of readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. If you feel that the Lord is calling you to this ministry of mercy, please contact Mary Higgins. (413) 552-7231 or email Mary at: [DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com](mailto:DivineMercyMinistryToSeniors@gmail.com)

**Retrouvaille Marriage Help Program (Jan. 30th – Feb. 1st)** Do you wish you felt happier in your marriage? Retrouvaille, a Catholic-based ministry, provides tools to help you communicate better, resolve conflicts, and rediscover a loving marriage. The next local weekend starts on **January 30th**. For information, call confidentially 1-860-837-0447, email [connecticut-wmass@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:connecticut-wmass@helpourmarriage.org) or go to our website [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

All are invited to "**A Salute To The American Soldier**", a military musical presented by Wayne Soares at **St. Mary's Parish Center**, 519 Longmeadow St., Longmeadow on Sunday, Feb. 1 from 2-4p.m. Tickets are limited (\$20). Call 413-567-3124 or email [waynesoares1@gmail.com](mailto:waynesoares1@gmail.com).

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