

I was blind and *now I see.*

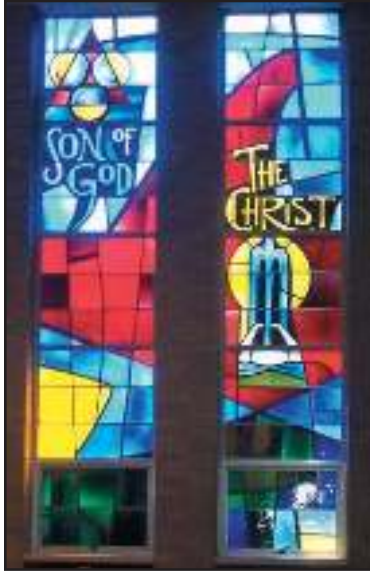
JOHN 9:25



March 15, 2026

HOLY NAME PARISH

A Roman Catholic Faith Service Community



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Website: 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 & 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."

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733-5823**

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Saturday, March 14

4:30 Maria Vargas
By Carmen and Shawn

Sunday, March 15

**8:30 Intentions of Adrianna
Menends on her Birthday**
By the LeMaire Family

10:30 Beatrice Moulton
By daughter Bea Galas

**Intentions of Sandra "Sandy"
Hines**
By Yen Gilday

**12:30 Blanca Davila and Catalino
Feliciano**

By the Davila Family
**Martin Ferreira and Pura
Herrera**
By the Family

Monday, March 16

8:15 Enrique Mercado
By Evelyn M.

Tuesday, March 17

8:15 Chung Truong
By Co Muu

Wednesday, March 18

8:15 Holy Name Parishioners

Thursday, March 19

8:15 Intentions of Patrick Martin
By Mom and Dad

Friday, March 20

8:15 Andrew Cross
By Evelyn M.

Saturday, March 21

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

4:30 Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, March 22

8:30 Anthony "Tony" Sergentanis
By Margaret and Paul Martin

10:30 Salvatore Santaniello
By his Wife and Son

12:30 Juan Nieves



WORSHIP

From Your Pastor



On this **Fourth Sunday of Lent**, Mother Church presents to us thoughts for deep reflection on our perceptions while overcoming our inner blind spots. In 1 Samuel 16:1.6-13 we will hear the word saying, God does not look at appearances but at the heart encouraging us to abandon superficial judgements and embrace God's perspective. And in the Gospel narrative from John 9:1-41 the content there tells the story of a man born blind whom Jesus heals. The healing prompts questions from the disciples, surprise and disbelief from neighbors, interrogation by the Pharisees and a final confession of faith from the healed man. This content contrasts physical sight and spiritual blindness and highlights conflict between Jesus' work and the religious leaders. These Readings invite us to ask a rhetorical question, where have I become rigid or judgmental? It is a time to move from blindness to recognizing Christ in our lives and the lives of others, Like the man born blind the challenge gets to become, Am I willing to let Jesus heal my blindness so that I may see the World and others through the eyes of God's love and mercy.

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD 2026 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as days of fast, when only one full meal is allowed. On days of fast two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
3. The obligation to abstain from meat begins at age fourteen (14) and does not cease.
4. The obligation to fast begins at age eighteen (18) and ends at age fifty-nine (59).

Please note: Although the faithful may excuse themselves from fast and abstinence, for a just cause, there is an obligation to substitute another penance in its place. No Catholic should lightly excuse him/herself from these Lenten obligations.

CALLING ON ALL CHILDREN, TEENS!!!! Rehearsals For

Holy Name's Passion Play (Bilingual)

will be every Monday, 5:00-6:30 PM In the church until the play takes place on Wednesday, April 1st at 6:00p.m. If you are interested, we need: Actors, narrators, musicians, videographers, singers, and adult volunteers!!!

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.

Special Note: Tuesday, March 24th Adoration will be dedicated to the success of **40 Days for Life**.

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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 15, 2026

"I am the light of the world." (John 9:5) Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive, and serve one another. Their faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love and grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God's love to those around you? Vocation Office at (413) 452-0816 or via email: vocations@diospringfield.org

Our monthly **Bible Study** group will be meeting this Thursday, March 19th right after the 8:15a.m. Mass and will be discussing "Proverbs". If you have some time after Mass, please feel free to come join them!

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



Confessions

Saturdays from 3:30-4p.m. (except on Holy Saturday); on Holy Saturday (April 4th) they will be from 11a.m.-12noon only. Saturday (March 7) for the First Saturday of the month at 9:30a.m., and also by appointment.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 6:00p.m. in English and at 7:00p.m. in Spanish.

Penance Service

Monday, March 23 at 7:00p.m. Priests will hear confessions in English and Spanish.

Passion Play

Wednesday, April 1st at 6:00p.m.

Holy Thursday

8:15a.m. Prayer; Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00p.m. (Bi-lingual)

Good Friday

8:15a.m. Prayer; Stations of the Cross (Bilingual) at 3p.m.; and a Passion Service (Bilingual) at 7:00p.m.

Holy Saturday

8:15a.m. Prayer; Vigil Mass at 7:30p.m. (There will be no Mass today at 4:30p.m.)

(Attention Altar Servers – please note the new time of practice for Good Friday – March 27th at 3:00p.m.)

STEWARDSHIP

Tax Letters "Still Available" Upon Request

As we have done for several years, if you would like a statement of your charitable donations to Holy Name for 2025, please call the rectory (733-5823, ext. 113) or you can email your request. Then we will either mail or email the information to you.

Special Note: *Please be sure to tell us "how" you give (weekly envelopes, on-line, or both). They are recorded separately and we want to be sure you receive credit for your total giving amount. Thank you.*



Collections and Mail-ins for February 28 & March 1, 2026 totaled \$4,552.38.

Thank you!

March special collections are: St. Michael's Academy and Catholic Relief Services/Rice Bowl 3-8; Energy & Fuel 3-15; Easter Flower Offering 3-22

SERVICE



We are once again requesting food items for the **OPEN PANTRY**. As always, we appreciate your giving spirit. The items hoped for are (and we have a **few new ones** added to the list!!): Canned meats and canned vegetables, oatmeal or cereal (hot or cold), peanut butter, (and **jelly** to go with it), macaroni and cheese, **soup** and spaghetti sauce. And, as always, no perishables!! Thank you!

EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be a **MANDATORY WORKSHOP** on Saturday, March 21, 2026 at the Social Center starting at 10:00a.m. for All Confirmation teens, preteens, and teens....OLDER student(s) making their first Reconciliation and First Communion - a requirement to complete your older child's formation towards their Sacrament(s).

Circle of Grace is a mandatory Catholic safe-environment curriculum (K-12) designed to teach children that they are created by God and live within a "Circle of Grace" that holds their body, mind, heart, and soul. It empowers children to identify and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, and spiritual boundaries. This program will be introduced again by Sister Melinda A. Pellerin, ssj: March 21st, and a makeup date in April.

COMUNIDAD HISPANA

Mensaje Del Padre John Chrisostom Tibakunirwa

En este **cuarto domingo de Cuaresma**, la Santa Madre Iglesia nos presenta reflexiones para una profunda meditación sobre nuestras percepciones mientras tratamos de superar nuestras propias cegueras interiores. En **1 Samuel 16, 1.6-13** escucharemos la Palabra que nos dice que **Dios no mira las apariencias, sino el corazón**, animándonos a abandonar los juicios superficiales y a abrazar la perspectiva de Dios. Y en el relato del Evangelio de **Juan 9, 1-41**, el contenido nos cuenta la historia de un hombre que nació ciego y a quien Jesús sana. La curación provoca preguntas por parte de los discípulos, sorpresa e incredulidad entre los vecinos, interrogatorios por parte de los fariseos y, finalmente, una confesión de fe por parte del hombre que fue sanado. Este pasaje contrasta la **vista física con la ceguera espiritual** y pone de relieve el conflicto entre la obra de Jesús y los líderes religiosos. Estas lecturas nos invitan a hacernos una pregunta reflexiva: **¿En qué momentos me he vuelto rígido o demasiado crítico al juzgar a los demás?** Es un tiempo para pasar de la ceguera a reconocer a Cristo en nuestras vidas y en la vida de los demás. Como el hombre que nació ciego, el desafío para nosotros es preguntarnos: **¿Estoy dispuesto a permitir que Jesús sane mi ceguera para poder ver el mundo y a los demás a través de los ojos del amor y la misericordia de Dios?**

Servicio de Penitencia

Lunes, 23 de marzo a las 7:00 p.m. Los sacerdotes escucharán confesiones en inglés y en español.

Estudio Bíblico Cuaresmal Estudio Bíblico de Cuaresma – Vive Tu Mejor Vida: Las Virtudes Cardinales

Dirigido por el P. Yerick Méndez. Todas las sesiones duran 1 hora y serán completamente bilingües (inglés/español).

¡Ven y acompáñanos! **Lugar:** Bishop Marshal Center en la Catedral Saint Michael en Springfield

Cuándo: Lunes por la noche a las 6:30 p.m. **Fechas y temas:**

23 de febrero – Prudencia. 2 de marzo - Justicia. 9 de marzo - Fortaleza (Valentía). 16 de marzo - Templanza.

Horario para la Cuaresma

Vía Crucis- Viernes a las 6:00 p.m. en inglés y a las 7:00 p.m. en español.

Jueves Santo - 8:15a.m. Oración; Misa de la Cena del Señor a las 7:00 p.m. (Bilingüe).

Viernes Santo - 8:15a.m. Oración; Vía Crucis (Bilingüe) a las 3:00p.m.; y Celebración de la Pasión (Bilingüe) a las 7:p.m.

Sábado Santo 8:15 a.m. Oración; Misa de Vigilia a las 7:30 p.m. (Hoy no habrá Misa a las 4:30 p.m.)

DIÓCESIS DE SPRINGFIELD – NORMAS DE CUARESMA 2025

1. El Miércoles de Ceniza y los Viernes durante la cuaresma son días de abstinencia de carne y también días de ayuno, en los que se permite solamente una comida completa. En los días de ayuno se pueden tomar otras dos comidas sin carne, según la necesidad de cada persona, pero juntas no deben equivaler a otra comida completa.

2. La obligación de abstenerse de carne comienza a los catorce (14) años y no cesa.

3. La obligación de abstenerse de carne comienza a los catorce (14) años y no cesa.

4. La obligación de ayunar comienza a los dieciocho (18) años y termina a los cincuenta y nueve (59) años.

Nota: Aunque los fieles pueden excusarse del ayuno y la abstinencia por una causa justa, existe la obligación de sustituirlos por otra forma de penitencia. Ningún católico debe excusarse ligeramente de estas obligaciones cuaresmales.

¡¡LLAMANDO A TODOS LOS NIÑOS Y JÓVENES!!

Los ensayos para la **Representación de la Pasión de Holy Name (Bilingüe)** serán todos los lunes de **5:00 a 6:30 p.m. en la iglesia**, comenzando el **23 de febrero**. Si estás interesado en participar, necesitamos: **actores, narradores, músicos, videógrafos, cantantes y voluntarios adultos. Solo llegue al primer ensallo.**

Celebración De San Patricio

SÁBADO, 14 DE MARZO, de 5:30 a 7:30 p.m. en el Centro Social Música a cargo de **Irish Express**, sándwiches variados y acompañamientos provistos por **Hamel's**. *(También estamos buscando ayuda para decorar y organizar mesas y sillas a las 3:00 p.m. el viernes 13 de marzo.)* **Por favor comuníquese con la Hna. Leila al 733-5823, ext. 123, si puede ayudar.**

Para Bodas, Quinciañeros, preparación de Adultos para matrimonio, Presentación 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 o enviando un correo electronico a: marta.pinero23@gmail.com

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 Hispanos

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

**Hora Santa primeros sabados
del mes @ 5:00am**

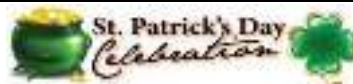
**Legión de María
Mártes @ 6:00pm**

**Movimiento Juan XXIII
Miércoles @ 7:00pm**

Acompáñenos a rezar el Rosario ántes de la Misa Hispana. Los Domingos a las 11:45am.

Contáctanos en Español

Marta Piñero 413-733-5823 Ext. #132



TODAY IS THE DAY - SATURDAY, MARCH 14th at the Social Center, 5:30p.m.

Enjoy Irish music by the **Irish Express band**, Irish dancing by **Black Rose Academy of Irish Dance**, 50/50 raffle, and a delicious Irish meal by **Hamel's Catering**, consisting of a corned beef sandwich (and a variety of other sandwiches will also be available), potato salad, cole slaw, chips, pickle, dessert and beverages. All this is offered for a "Good Will Offering".

St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main Street in Agawam will offer a **special talk by Ortrud Bianchi** regarding the 9 visits she had with **Padre Pio** while he was still living. There will be a **first-class relic of Padre Pio** to venerate after the talk. This event will take place on Saturday, March 28th, 10:30a.m.-12noon, with refreshments offered from 10-10:30. A free well offering will be taken up. This event is presented by the Spiritual Life Commission. Please call the office to register (413-786-8105) or if you have any questions.

Lenten Lunches (Fridays only) Feb. 20th-Mar. 27th, Saint Catherine of Siena Parish Center, 1023 Parker Street, in Springfield. For **just \$10.00** you get soup, sandwich, chips, dessert and a drink. You may dine in or take out.

Save the Date - The **Singing Priests** are coming to **Holy Cross Church** in Springfield on Sunday, April 26th at 3p.m.

Bethlehem House, a ministry to new families, is in urgent need for volunteers who can work 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Thursdays. This would include working with clients and preparing supplies for distribution. Bethlehem House cannot operate without its dedicated volunteers. Contact them at 413 262-8517 or 413 527-2861.

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

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