

Holy Family Parish

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June 25, 2017 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Growing Our Parish

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield's Youth Ministry is offering the following programs.

Diocesan Celebration of the 32nd World Youth Day – All high school youth and young adults from are invited to pilgrimage to Our Lady of Fatima Church, Ludlow on **Saturday, July 8, 2017** from Noon-5pm to celebrate the joys, sights and sounds of the 32nd World Youth Day in our diocese. The day will include various prayer experiences, interactive workshops, fun activities, great music, food, and mass with Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski. A free will offering will be taken at mass. Advance registration is required. Flyer and Registration Forms are available at <http://diospringfield.org/youth-ministry-events/>.

Catholic Youth & Family Day at Six Flags – Everyone is invited to join us for the 2nd Annual Catholic Youth and Family Day at Six Flags. The day begins with a 9:30 am mass celebrated by Bishop Rozanski, and will include music. There is a special package which includes early entry for the mass, free parking, theme and water park admission, and an all-you-can-eat buffet lunch for only \$43.24. For those only wanting early entry for the mass along with theme and water park admission for the day, there is a special rate of only \$36.00. And there is no additional cost for season pass holders for the early entry for mass, however, they can choose to purchase the buffet lunch for \$17.49. All tickets can be purchased online using the promo code Catholicday17 or through the mail order form on the

flyer. Flyers are available at http://diospringfield.org/wp-content/uploads/SFNE-17_CatholicYouth-Flyer.pdf.

62nd Annual Scouting Retreat - The Diocese of Springfield is offering its Annual Scout Retreat September 22-24, 2017 at Camp Holy Cross in Goshen. The retreat offers many benefits to scouts and their leaders. As the scouts enjoy nature all around them they enrich their faith with a variety of activities building fond memories while fostering new friendships. To learn more, visit <http://diospringfield.org/catholic-scouting/> and follow #WMSCOUTRETREAT. For more information, contact Pam Kosnicki, Catholic Scouting Chairperson, at (413) 283-3242.



Parish Prayer Request Board and Pastoral Visits
Call Fr Ron at 862-4418 with your prayer requests. Also, if you or a family member will be hospitalized, admitted to a nursing home or rehabilitation facility and would like a Pastoral Visit, please notify Fr Ron.



MASS SCHEDULE

June 24 to July 2, 2017

Saturday, June 24 *Vigil*

5:00 p.m. Frances Sadlowski (11th Anniversary) † requested by his Sons

Sunday, June 25 *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m. Bishop Rozanski

11:00 a.m. Martyrs of the Church †

Monday, June 26

8:00 a.m. Medical Professionals

Tuesday, June 27 *St Cyril of Alexandria*

8:00 a.m. Homebound and Hospitalized Parishioners ♥

Wednesday, June 28 *St Irenaeus*

8:00 a.m. Those recuperating from surgery or serious illness ♥

Thursday, June 29 *Sts Peter and Paul*

8:00 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

Friday, June 30 *First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

8:00 a.m. Parish Volunteers ♥

Saturday, July 1 *Vigil*

5:00 p.m. Parishioners born in July ♥

Sunday, July 2 *Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m. James Sullivan (8th Anniversary) † requested by the family

11:00 a.m. Parishioners baptized in July ♥

Second Collections

June 24/25 – Peter's Pence
July 1/2 - Fuel

Pastor: Fr. Ron F. Sadlowski

(413-862-4418)

Deacon David Baillargeon

(413-667-3147 or cell phone: 413-207-1301)

Religious Education Director:

Deb Bogoff ~ 413-888-7412

Cemetery Superintendent:

Please contact the parish office.

Administrative Assistant: Susan Morawski

Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Email: holyfamily.parish@aol.com

Phone/FAX: 413-862-4418

Parish Website: holyfamilyrussell.org

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please call the office at 862-4418 to schedule.

**To request a Mass Intention,
call the office at 862-4418**

NEW PARISHIONERS—Welcome!

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
TO REGISTER**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Daily Mass (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri): 8 a.m.

Communion Prayer Service:

Thursday 8 a.m.

Confessions (In Children's Room):

Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday 7:30-8:00am

Religious Education:

Sunday, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

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Suggested July donations for Huntington Food Pantry – Canned soups, broth, chili, corned beef hash, and ravioli. Canned tuna, salmon, crabmeat. Mac & Cheese. Fruit, fruit cups, veggies (including beets). Coffee, tea, hot chocolate packets, juice and juice boxes. Instant oatmeal, hot and cold cereals, granola and breakfast bars, peanut butter and jelly, graham crackers, snack crackers. Brownie, cake and cookie mixes, frosting, Jell-O and pudding (pre-made or boxed).

Place your donations in the blue bin at the entrance of Church.

Monetary donations may be mailed directly to Huntington Food Pantry, PO Box 477, Huntington, MA 01050-0477

Lector and Usher Schedule

Date	Mass	Lector	Ushers
Jun 24	5:00 p.m.	Ellen/Jesse Vidal	
Jun 25	8:15 a.m.	Will Lucardi	Del Lavature Mel/Mike Scuderi
	11:00 a.m.	Chelsea Edinger	
July 1	5:00 p.m.	Diane DeMoss	Bill Hardie
July 2	8:15 a.m.	Phil Winterson	Steve Morawski
	11:00 a.m.	Ellen Hirtle	Dave Norton

Soup Kitchen: The following parishioners will be preparing a meal at Our Community Table in Westfield on the dates noted. Please remember those that serve and those that are served in your prayers.

July 2 Linda Hyjek, Jenna Kakimoto, Jackie Bouchard

August 6 Jo-Anne and Chris Auclair

September 3 Bonnie and Charles Auclair

Vocation View: We have been saved by the grace of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus could be calling others to assist in saving souls through the administration of the sacraments. Consider the call to “Save souls” in God’s name. Call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0811 or g.dailey@diospringfield.org.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Anyone who witnessed it that bright October day will never forget it. I refer to the first homily preached to the world by the newly-elected Pope John Paul II, now a saint, at his Mass of inauguration. New to the white robes, the vigorous young pope from Poland began dramatically by declaring “Be not afraid!” That phrase would become the hallmark of his pontificate, destined to be one of the longest in history.

Indeed, the year 1978 had been one of continuous sorrow for the Catholic world. Pope Paul VI had died in August after a long illness. Then came the smiling John Paul I on the scene, but his hopeful reign lasted only 33 days.

So, to hear “Be not afraid!” strongly pronounced and vigorously underscored by a new pope’s gesture of holding out his staff to the crowd somewhat like a baton was exciting and uplifting. It was new day! Hope had a helper!

That whole event came to mind when I reflected on today’s Gospel scene, particularly at Our Lord’s exhortation to his nervous Twelve, about to go on their first missions. Like a good sports coach, Jesus huddled with them and boldly said “Fear no one!” What He undoubtedly gave those men was something called “confidence.” Confidence in Him. Confidence in the message they were going to deliver. May I ask, “Are you confident in your mission? In your Catholic faith?”

In this context, I wonder if the whole Church might benefit from celebrating what I might call a “Confidence Sunday.” It seems like we all would. My idea is not so fanciful as to be ridiculous. After all, we already have a Divine Mercy Sunday, a Religious Vocation Sunday, a Mission Sunday, and a Respect Life Sunday. Each of those calls for a definite trust in God. My proposal would simply make confidence in Him our direct focus. Today’s Readings would be the perfect ones for that day’s Mass.

Whether or not such a thing ever happens, we know that confidence includes not only a certainty about God, but also a belief in oneself as His agents. Granted, we are not flawless creatures. We humbly acknowledge such every time we gather for Mass. What do we begin with, but “I confess...that I have greatly sinned?”

But we also have to remember that we are a redeemed people. Our Creed proclaims that, does it not? Join that with power from Christ and we can join Jeremiah to say “Praise the Lord!”

Of course, we always have to be careful that we never give the credit for our blessings to the wrong source. The story is told of a carpenter who was nailing shingles on the roof of a house. He lost his footing and started to slide off. As he was sliding he began praying, “Lord, oh Lord, help me!” Still, he kept sliding. Again the man prayed, “Lord, oh Lord, help me!” He kept sliding until he got to the edge of the roof and a nail sticking up caught hold of his pants. After he came to a stop he said, “Never mind, Lord. The nail’s got hold of me now.”



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