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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays at 12:10 PM in the Holy Spirit Chapel

Saturday at 4 PM

Sunday at 8:30, 10 and 11:45 AM (in Spanish), 4 PM

Holy Days as announced

CONFESSIONS on Saturday 3:15 to 3:45 PM

February 17 - 18, 2018 The First Sunday in Lent

Lenten Reflections

Lent comes to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy. (Pope Francis)

One of the best ways to get pleasure out of life is to ask, "How can I please God?" (Fulton J Sheen)

When love ceases to act, love ceases to live. (Pope Gregory the Great)

Prayer is where the action is. (John Wesley)

Let us look within and change to what ought to be. (Aaron Saul)

God shapes the world by prayer. (E.M. Bounds)

You can do more than pray after you pray; but you can never do more than pray until you have prayed. (A.G. Gordon)

Nothing, however little, if it is suffered for God's sake, passes without merit in the eyes of God. (Thomas à Kempkis)

Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our lives and to know the fundamental truths:

who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take. (Pope Benedict XVI)

February 17 - 18, 2018**The First Sunday in Lent**

Saturday	February 17	4:00 PM	
Sunday	February 18	8:30 AM	
Sunday	February 18	10:00 AM	Helen and Victor DeAngelo
Sunday	February 18	11:45 AM	
Sunday	February 18	4:00 PM	
Monday	February 19	12:10 PM	Jerome B. Linehan
Tuesday	February 20	12:10 PM	
Wednesday	February 21	12:10 PM	
Thursday	February 22	12:10 PM	Living members of the Proulx family
Friday	February 23	12:10 PM	Margoth Martinez
Saturday	February 24	4:00 PM	Jack Ready
Sunday	February 25	8:30 AM	Doris Cartier
Sunday	February 25	10:00 AM	
Sunday	February 25	11:45 AM	
Sunday	February 25	2:00 PM	
Sunday	February 25	4:00 PM	

Please pray for our departed brothers and sisters.

+ **Joanna MacDonald** +

May they rest in peace and may God comfort all those who mourn them.

St. Michael's Matters

Welcome! If you are new to the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass or drop in at the rectory.

We ask that you place the hymnals in the book racks at the end of Mass or return them to the ushers.

New parishioners are asked to visit the rectory office as soon as possible to fill out parish registration forms.

MISSION STATEMENT: ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHEDRAL PARISH, A CONGREGATION WITH A RICH HISTORY, IS A WELCOMING DIVERSE COMMUNITY WHICH EMBODIES THE VALUES OF PERSONAL HOLINESS, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND COMPASSION FOR ALL. UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE ARCHANGEL, THE CATHEDRAL OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD CREATES A LEGACY OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE THROUGH WORSHIP, SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE AND GOSPEL-INSPIRED OUTREACH.

Dates to Remember:

Saturday, February 17 th at 8:30 am	Take and Eat Program
Saturday, February 17 th at 10 pm	Closing of Lenten Holy Hour
Sunday, February 18 th at 9 am	St. Peter Claver Presentation on Human Trafficking
Sunday, February 18 th from 8:30–11am	Parish Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, February 18 th at 2 pm	Rite of Election
Monday, February 19 th	Presidents' Day (offices closed)
Monday, February 26 th at 7 pm	Cathedral Knitting Ministry
Monday, March 12 th at 6:30 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting

LENTEN REGULATIONS

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.

The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

The obligation to abstain from meat begins at 14 years of age.

The obligation to fast begins at 18 and ends at 59 years of age.

Although the faithful may excuse themselves for a just cause from these laws of fast and abstinence, there is an obligation to substitute another penance and no Catholic should lightly excuse himself/herself from this obligation in the Lenten season.

WEBSITE UPDATE: Photos of our Prayer Bear Collection and liturgies honoring St. Blaise and celebrating Ash Wednesday are in the Gallery under Parish Photos. Spanish Mass, Choir and RCIA photos are under Latino Ministry. Next week, photos of a St. Peter Claver meeting and the Parish Pancake Breakfast will appear. Please visit.

RICE BOWLS FOR LENTEN SACRIFICES are available at the doors of the church.

THANK YOU TO THE DONORS OF THE PRAYER BEARS. They have been delivered to their new owners and will have “happily-ever-after” homes. This annual project delights our homebound parishioners.

WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR TAX PURPOSES have been mailed by Our Sunday Visitor, our envelope company. Separate statements of contributions to the Grand Annual Appeal have been mailed.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING: THE LADIES OF ST. PETER CLAVER AND THE BLACK CATHOLIC APOSTOLATE will sponsor the program in the Bishop Marshall Center after the 8:30 Mass this Sunday. Sr. Denise Granger, SSJ, will address these questions: What is human trafficking? Where is it happening? Who are the victims? What are the identifying signs? What can I do about it? The Parish Pancake Breakfast will be served at the same time. Guests are invited to participate in both events.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS: There will be no classes this weekend to coincide with the public schools winter break.

IN THIS LENTEN SEASON OF REPENTANCE, PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS ARE REMINDED THAT CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD EACH SATURDAY FROM 3:15 TO 3:45 PM IN THE CATHEDRAL AND AT OTHER HOURS BY APPOINTMENT. IN ADDITION, A LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE WILL BE HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL AT 12:30 PM ON MARCH 21ST. SEVERAL PRIESTS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HEAR CONFESSIONS.

THE CATHEDRAL KNITTING MINISTRY has resumed after a brief winter break. The Ministry will meet at 7:00 PM on February 26th, April 23rd, May 28th and June 25th.

COLLECTION INFORMATION FOR FEBRUARY 10 – 11, 2018:

Weekly (\$3,185.00); Fuel (\$96.00); Church in Latin America (\$10.00 addl.).

A HISTORICAL NOTE: Leo the Great, who served as Pope from 440 – 461, emphasized that Lenten fasting from wrath must be observed as well as fasting from food.

ARCHANGEL E-MAIL:

Fr. Michael complained to his doctor, “I seem to be tired all the time. I can’t concentrate. I don’t take joy in saying Mass like I used to. I’ve lost my zip. What’s the matter with me?”

The doctor answered, “I’m going to give you a special prescription. Take one pill after each meal for two weeks. I promise you’ll feel better.”

When the two weeks were almost up, Fr. Michael was out for a drive when he saw a crowd gathering in a field under a huge tent. The parking area was filled with motorcycles. He got out of his car and wandered through the crowd. At a kiosk he bought sandals and a tee shirt that proclaimed “I love my Harley”. He tapped his feet to the rhythm of rock band and felt vim and vigor returning. Then he noticed a woman with a tee shirt that said “I’ve got a Suzuki and I’m ready to ride!” She wore jeans and had a red bandana tied around her forehead and flip-flops on her feet.

She yelled, “Father Michael. Over here!”

“Lady, I don’t know you!”

“Yes, you do, Father Michael. I’m Sister Catherine. We both go to the same doctor!”

Diocesan Events

THE DEVIL AND DELIVERANCE WITH Fr. DONALD LAPOINTE: Rev. Lapointe is the Director of Mary’s House of Prayer on Main Street in Chicopee. As director of the Healing and Deliverance Ministries, he will discuss these questions: Does the Devil exist? If so, why don’t we hear about it? Is the Devil myth or reality? Are curses real? What about tarot cards, voodoo, or Ouija boards? What is a Deliverance Ministry? Who can benefit? A free will offering will be taken for Fr. Lapointe’s ministry. For questions, call 786-8200, ext. 3.

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC LIFE IN WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: Catholic Communications introduces “This Week in the Diocese,” a new photo gallery feature to be posted on *observe.org*, the news website of the Springfield Diocese. Parishioners, pastors, staff, and Catholic school principals and teachers are invited to e-mail no more than three photos of parish and school events, people, places or items of interest to Rebecca Drake, editor/news director at r.drake@diopringsfield.org. One photo from each submission will be chosen to display in a gallery promoting weekly life in our Catholic parishes and schools. Call 452-0636 with any questions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS BY THE MYSTERY PLAYERS OF WATERTOWN, NEW YORK: The players will present the Stations at Our Lady of the Cross Parish in Holyoke on February 21st at 7:00 PM. The Stations come to life through the use of special lighting, music, pantomime and readings. Using the sanctuary of the church as a stage, the death and resurrection of Jesus is recreated in a moving dramatic presentation.

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: St. Elizabeth’s Parish in Ludlow will hold its 8th annual dinner dance for married couples on Saturday, April 14th. The Saturday 4:00 PM Mass will include prayers for marriage and a blessing for married couples. The buffet /dinner dance is by reservation only. The cost is \$35.00 per couple with “group reservations” available for a table maximum of ten. To make a reservation, call 583-3467.

INAUGURAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TUITION GALA: The gala will be held at the Mass Mutual Center on March 10th. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and include food by several area restaurants, live entertainment, and a gift bag for each guest. The evening will feature a live auction as well as several silent auction items and raffle prizes. Please call 452-0699 to request tickets. For more information, visit <http://diospringfield.org/catholicschoolsgala/>.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD invites everyone to a March 7th meeting at 12:45 PM in the Bishop Marshall Center. Al Sawicki, a local magician who has performed in other parishes as well as around the globe, will entertain. To make a reservation, call 736-1649. Let’s have some fun. It’s magic!

THREE-PART LENTEN MISSION WITH FR. WARREN SAVAGE: The mission will be held at 7:00 PM on February 19th through the 21st at St. Elizabeth Parish in Ludlow. Fr. Savage will speak on “Encountering the Saving Love of Jesus”, “The Spiritual Savor of Being God’s People”, and “The Mysterious Working of Christ and His Spirit”. A free will offering will be taken up. For more details, call the St. Elizabeth’s office at 583-3467.

ESSAY CONTEST OF PRO-LIFE OF PIONEER VALLEY: Grades 4 – 5, 6 – 8, and 9 – 12 are invited to participate. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded in each category. Winners will be announced at the annual Breakfast/Awards Banquet at the Pioneer Valley Chapter 8 Hall on State Street in Granby on Saturday, April 28th. All essays must be received by April 1st. For essay topics and other details, please call 413-627-3003.

BY NAME I HAVE CALLED YOU: A FOUNDATION SEMINARY SERIES: All who wish to discover the depths of God’s love and the treasures of the Catholic faith are invited to participate. The series will begin on February 19th and then continue with five additional sessions concluding in February, 2019. Participating as facilitators are Deacon Roger Carrier, Mary Keator, Ph.D., Deacon Kevin McCleary, Rev. Warren Savage and Rev Mark Steltzer. The cost for the seminars is \$40.00 to \$50.00 depending upon materials. (Please make checks payable to Fr. Warren J. Savage.) Specific information about dates, times, locations, instructors and costs will be provided in advance of each seminar. For more information, call 452-0674.

AN EVENING OF LENTEN REFLECTION will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church on William Street on Monday, March 5th. The evening will begin with Reconciliation at 6:00 PM followed by Mass at 7:00 PM. The celebrant and homilist will be Msgr. David George of St. Anthony Maronite Parish. A free will offering will be invited. A reception will follow.

THE IRISH CULTURAL CENTER will host a special production of the Ireland-based play “Outside Mullingar” on Saturday, March 3rd at 2:00 PM at the Majestic Theatre on Elm Street in West Springfield. The playwright weaves a story of love, land and family rivalries in this delightful story set in the modern-day midlands. The March 3rd matinee will serve as a fundraiser for the ICC. All are welcome. Reserved seats are \$26.00 and \$29.00. Call 747-7797 to book.

The Order of Mass for the First Sunday in Lent

<i>Entrance at 4:00 pm:</i>	<i>#553</i>	<i>Lord, Who throughout these Forty Days</i>
<i>Entrance at 10:00 am:</i>	<i>#548</i>	<i>Jesus Tempted in the Desert</i>
<i>Readings:</i>	<i>#995</i>	
<i>Psalm:</i>	<i>#82</i>	<i>antiphon ii, verses 1,2,6,7a,8b</i>
<i>Presentation at 10:00 am:</i>		<i>Lord, Listen to My Prayer</i>
<i>Communion:</i>	<i>#69</i>	<i>The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor</i>
<i>Hymn of Praise at 10:00:</i>	<i>#553</i>	<i>Lord, Who throughout these Forty Days</i>