

Holy Family Parish

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November 18, 2012 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Growing Our Parish

Thanksgiving Day

Paul Turner

Thanksgiving Day may be observed with a special Mass at Catholic churches throughout the United States of America. The day is a secular holiday with strong religious roots. This day implies that there is a God, that God is provident, that we recognize what God has done, that we can address God about our blessings, and that the best thing we can say is "Thanks."

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops includes this day on the liturgical calendar for the country as an optional memorial. Parishes are therefore not obliged to observe it. They may celebrate whatever weekday Mass would otherwise fall on that day this year. But most parishes choose to make this a special Mass of thanksgiving. If anyone knows how to give thanks to God, the church should know how to do it best. The very word eucharist means "thanksgiving." There is no more fitting way to celebrate this feast than to join in prayer at the table of the Lord.

The Roman Missal offers a set of prayers that the priest may use for a Thanksgiving Day Mass, including a special preface to open the eucharistic prayer. Readings may be taken from the lectionary's Mass "In Thanksgiving to God." There are several choices here, so the readings you hear may change from year to year.

Some churches observe other customs. There may be a food collection at Mass so that those who have trouble paying for groceries will benefit from the

generosity of the faithful. Or parishes might invite you to bring some of the food you will eat at your own table this day. In that case, you may hear the Blessing of Food on Thanksgiving Day from the Book of Blessings.

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The Pastoral Council is spearheading a gift drive this Christmas season to benefit the residents of Mount Marie Care Center in Holyoke. Mount Marie is a facility that provides care to elder religious and others in the community. The staff at the center has suggested the following items: Shawls, Lap Blankets, Leg Warmers, Neck Pillows, One Day Calendars, Playing cards, Word Search Puzzles with Highlighters, Hand Lotions.

Please NO CANDY as many of the residents have choking issues.

Unwrapped donations will be accepted through December 9th and may be left in the box located in the rear of the church. A group of parishioners is being organized to travel to Mount Marie and distribute gifts to the residents. Anyone interested in joining may contact Sue Donnelly at 413 623-5433 for more information.

The Pastoral Council wishes to thank you in advance for your help and generosity in making this Christmas brighter for those in need.

**Mass Schedule
November 17 to 25, 2012**

Saturday, November 17 Vigil

5:00 p.m. Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Sunday, November 18 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:15 a.m. William Lucardi, Sr. † requested by the Lucardi Family

9:30 a.m. Religious Education – Littleville School, Huntington

11:15 a.m. Needs of Parishioners and Friends

Monday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Local, State and Federal Government Officials

7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 20

8:00 a.m. Foster Parents

7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council meeting

Wednesday, November 21 *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 a.m. Those Working for Social Justice

Thursday, November 22 *St Cecilia – Thanksgiving Day*

8:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, November 23 *St Clement I, St Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro*

NO MASS TODAY

Saturday, November 24 Vigil

5:00 p.m. Edward R Liptak 4th Anniversary †
Requested by Bernice and Family

Sunday, November 25 *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:15 a.m. William J Farrell † requested by the Family

9:30 a.m. No Religious Education Classes

11:15 a.m. Gordon and Tony Young † requested by Elaine Young

Second Collection November 17 and 18 is for Maintenance and Improvements. Envelopes for the collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development should be dropped into the first collection basket.

Pastor: Fr. Ron F. Sadlowski
(413-862-4418)

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

Religious Education:
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Office Hours:
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Email: holyfamily.parish@aol.com
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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. & 11:15 a.m.

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

Communion Prayer Service
(Thurs): 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.
Littleville School, Huntington

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WINTER STORM POLICY

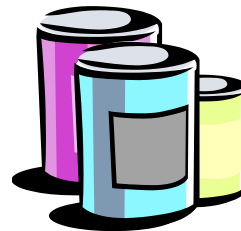
When Gateway Regional School System has a 2-hour delay or cancels classes, there will be NO 8 a.m. daily Mass.

Date	Mass	Lectors	Ushers
Nov 17	5:00 p.m.	Diane DeMoss	Bill Hardie
Nov 18	8:15 a.m.	Bill Lucardi	Dick Allard Steve Morawski
	11:15 a.m.	Mike Crochiere	Dave Norton
Nov 24	5:00 p.m.	Ellen & Jesse Vidal	Gil Gagnon
Nov 25	8:15 a.m.	Phil Winterson	Del Lavature Mel Scuderi
	11:15 a.m.	Richard Stockmal	

families who mourn them, and for all the individuals and families coping with the devastation of Hurricane Sandy.

The Diocese of Springfield is pleased to announce that Most Reverend Timothy A. McDonnell, Bishop of Springfield has called David Eugene Aufiero, Piotr Stanislaw Calik, and Robert Lathlaen Miskell to the **Order of Deacon**. The Liturgy of Ordination will take place at 11 am on Saturday, November 24, 2012, at Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, State St., Springfield, MA. Refreshments will follow in the Bishop Marshall Center

Huntington Food Pantry ~ Monetary donations may be mailed directly to Huntington Food Pantry, PO Box 477, Huntington, MA 01050-0477. Donations of breakfast cereal, canned meats, box meals (hamburger helper, mac and cheese, etc), and spaghetti sauce may be placed in the blue bin at the entrance of Church.



Last Session of Life Eternal Bible study will be on Monday, November 19 in the Parish Hall from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Pastoral Council Meeting - Tuesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Soup Kitchen Volunteers - December 2, Religious Education Program.

Do you have a family member in the armed forces? Father Ron and the Parish Council would like to reach out to our family members who are currently serving in the armed forces. You can help us by supplying Father Ron with the names and mailing addresses of those members, along with the relationship of the Holy Family parishioner. Please call the parish office at 413-862-4418 and leave a message, or email holyfamily.parish@aol.com. You can also include this information on a note and either drop into a collection basket (attn Fr Ron) or mail to PO Box 450, Russell, MA 01071.



Parish Prayer Line – Please call Fr Ron at 862-4418 with your request. If you or a family member will be hospitalized, admitted to a nursing home or rehabilitation facility and would like a Pastoral Visit, please call Fr Ron.

Prayer for the week

Lord, each day is a brand-new start. Help me to be inwardly open to what you have for me today.

“Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits.” –Psalm 68:19

20/20 Club Winners

- Week 7 - #78 Gil Gagnon
- Week 8 - #100 Bill Hardie

Catholic Charities Agency of the Diocese of Springfield is calling for donations for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Donations are being taken to assist families and individuals with shelter, food, and other immediate and long-term needs. Checks can be made out to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Springfield - Hurricane Sandy Victims' Fund, 65 Elliot Street, Springfield, MA 01102. You may also donate directly to Catholic Charities USA “on-line” at www.catholiccharitiesusa.org. We ask, too, for prayers for those who lost their lives in this storm, for their

