

# ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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## Welcome!

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church,  
No matter what your family or marital situation,  
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation,  
No matter what your personal history, background, race or other,  
No matter what your own self-image or esteem,  
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. John's.

## EUCCHARIST:

Lord's Day Mass: *Saturday* 4:00 pm, *Sunday* 8:00 am, 10:30 am

Weekday Mass: Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday at 8:00 am & Wednesday at 6:00 pm | Adoration: Wed. 12:00 - 6:00 pm

CONFESSION: Saturday 2:45 to 3:45 pm, Wednesday 4:30 to 5:30 pm, or by Appointment.

BAPTISM: Please call the parish office to schedule.

MARRIAGE: To be arranged at least one year in advance. Please call the parish office.

ANOIDTING OF THE SICK: Is available in the Confessional every Saturday or see Father after Mass. If you or a loved one needs Father to come to you, please call the parish office.

CONFIRMATION: Takes place in 11th Grade, please contact the Director of Religious Education to enroll in classes. If you are an adult and need to make your Confirmation, please contact the same office and ask about the RCIA program.

HOLY ORDERS: Are you thinking about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Please call Fr. Pierz at the parish office, or call the Office of Vocations at (413) 452-0811.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: *We are a Roman Catholic community inspired by the Holy Spirit to follow the example of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by sharing, growing and spreading God the Father's love through our parish ministries, and by coming together as a community in meaningful prayer and worship to celebrate that love.*

**NATIVITY OF THE LORD—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**  
**December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021— December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

## **NATIVITY OF THE LORD / FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

*God has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh. Thus has salvation been revealed to all nations.*

### ***PARISH OFFICE HOURS***

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*Friday - Closed*

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## **NATIVITY OF THE LORD—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

### **Friday, December 24th**

**4:00 pm—God's Blessing on our Parish**

**6:00 pm—God's Blessing on our Town**

**12:00-midnight—God's Blessing on our Diocese**

### **Saturday, December 25th**

**9:00 am—God's Blessing on our Families**

### **Sunday, December 26th**

**8:00 am—Celeste Braceland and Cindy Durney**

Requested by Rich and Cheryl Passanisi

**10:30 am—Edwina Daigle †**

Requested by Her Family

### **Monday, December 27th—St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

### **Tuesday, December 28th—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

**8:00 am—Laurence B. Sheehan**

Requested by The Cizek Family

### **Wednesday, December 29th**

**6:00 pm—Daniel Mattoon—First Anniversary †**

Requested by His Sisters

### **Thursday, December 30th**

**8:00 am—Leroy Parent †**

Requested by His Children

### **Friday, December 31st**

**8:00 am—Clayton Daigle**

Requested by His Family

## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

### **Saturday, January 1st**

**9:00 am—God's Blessing on Families**

### **Sunday, January 2nd**

**8:00 am—Celeste Braceland and Cindy Durney**

Requested by Rich and Cheryl Passanisi

**10:30 am—Edwina Daigle †**

Requested by Her Family

### *Thoughts from the Rectory ...*

Dear friends of St. John the Evangelist,

*Happy & Holy Christmas!*

"The people who walked in darkness, have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom, a light has shone." On this festive occasion and the glorious splendor of Christmas joy, I greet you and your loved ones in the joy of the Newborn King! With expectant hearts and eager waiting, we have formed ourselves over these weeks to be aware of the great glory that is Christ Jesus in our midst! Yet perhaps its not only these short weeks of Advent that have shaped us but the shared experience of this past year.

Yes, this year, much like the last has found us all in a common struggle for a sense of peace and harmony in the face of new encounters and at times frightening challenges. For many of us it has been the continued ordeal of illness and health, touching near and far, even ourselves and our nearest loved ones. Likewise it has been the novelty of changing employment situations or living circumstances. Yet, through it all we can be confident and continually reminded that the Lord is in our midst. Yes, we who have walked in darkness have seen a great light! While the material reality of our lives experiences its daily convulsions, it is the ever more substantial reality of a relationship with God where we know there is nothing to fear, there is no gloom!

While uncertainties may appear to abound, the promise of the Lord's presence is our firmest ground. God, who wills our good, is ever near and by faith and prayer we can discern His will each day of our lives. We can be assured of His grace when we care for our families, reach out to our loved ones, show concern for strangers, embrace our weary neighbours, and strive to love all brothers and sisters in Christ.

This year our parish has truly come alive in the beauty and majesty of a community at praise and worship in the daily sacrifice of the Mass, the joyful celebration of the sacraments, the hours of humble prayer in adoration. Our "In the Beginning" Pre-School Ministry brings vitality and fresh life in the support of our children and families who have found a welcome home at St. John the Evangelist and who in turn bring energy, enthusiasm, and upbuilding to our campus. Our halls and meeting spaces our buzzing with great activity with many social groups and sporting exercises. Bible studies, women's retreats, formation talks, social clubs, women's and men's groups, youth events, and so many more continue to flourish here at St. John's. Our Religious Education program is broadening and all our families are invited to grow deeper together in faith.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us all take pause to give thanks for the wonder of God's gifts, most especially of faith, hope, and love. Let us treasure these virtues and ever further them in our daily practice of the new year. Let us be grateful for all that 2021 has allowed for us and be eager for all that 2022 has in store for us. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light ..."

*Happy & Holy Christmas!*

*St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!*

**Fr. Pierz**



"The Adoration of the Shepherds"  
Gerrit van Honthorst Early 17th Cent.



**SANCTUARY LAMP  
DECEMBER 26-JANUARY 1**

WILL BE LIT IN MEMORY OF

**THE TYBURSKI AND POTKAI FAMILIES**

REQUESTED BY

**JANET**

If you would like to request the Sanctuary Candle to be lit in honor of or in memory of someone, please contact the parish office.

**Please remember in your prayers:** Please pray for the sick and dying of our parish. Remember all who are in hospitals, nursing homes and homebound. Pray for the hungry, the unemployed and under-employed. Pray for an end to abortion and a true respect for all life, from conception to natural death. Pray for peace. In a concrete way we pray for all those who have died and all the deceased members of our parish and diocese, including Reverend Daniel B. Brunton, Jeffrey Trant, and James E. Brennan.



**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.**

*And let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**May they rest in peace. Amen.**

**May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

*If you would like to include someone who has recently passed away, please call the parish office or email: [sje.pariahsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:sje.pariahsecretary@gmail.com).*

**IN MY MOTHER'S ARMS PRAYER LINE:**

If you have a serious intention that you need prayers for: surgery, sufferings, medical, illness, cancer treatment, a sick child, or anything like that, please give Pat (786-3023) or Mary (786-9671) a call and you will have countless rosaries and prayers.

*If anyone else is interested in being a prayer partner, please call Pat or Mary.*



**PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 27th through Friday, December 31st, for Christmas. We will re-open on Monday, January 3rd, for our normal hours of 9am-3pm.

**Nativity Prayer of St. Augustine**

Let the just rejoice,  
for their justifier is born.  
Let the sick and infirm rejoice,  
For their saviour is born.  
Let the captives rejoice,  
For their Redeemer is born.  
Let slaves rejoice,  
for their Master is born.  
Let free men rejoice,  
For their Liberator is born.  
Let All Christians rejoice,  
For Jesus Christ is born.  
- St. Augustine of Hippo (AD 354-440)



**MEMORIAL LAMP FOR OUR CHILDREN**

**Honor a child,  
including the memory of an unborn child**

If you would like to request the Memorial Lamp for Children to be lit in honor or in memory of a child, including the unborn, please contact the parish office.



### HELP WANTED!



"In the Beginning" Preschool is seeking qualified *preschool teachers*.

Part-time position to become full-time in the Spring 2022. Send resume to Claire Riberdy, [sje.religiouseducation@gmail.com](mailto:sje.religiouseducation@gmail.com)  
*Classroom experience preferred.*

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**December 26, 2021**

Through the generosity of David Ladizki†, in memory of his beloved wife, Beverly†, a statue of the Holy Family will be installed in our Sanctuary Flower Garden.

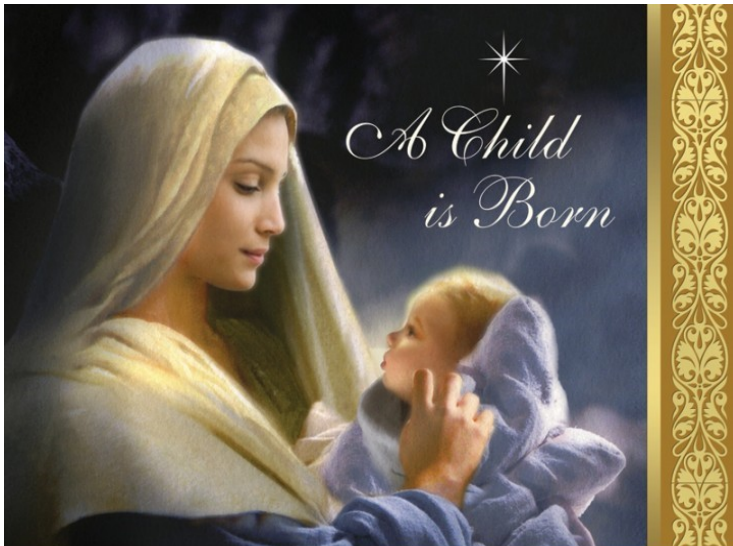


Our Garden, which provides fresh flowers in season for the Sanctuary, was the Eagle Scout project of Jackson Schlosser. The

installation and stone base of the statue has been generously provided by Tom Rosati of John's Trucking with Craig Damon of Witch Equipment.

Please join us in praying for all families, especially here in our parish and pre-school.

This granite statue, with origins in mid-1900s France, is to be dedicated on the Feast of the Holy Family, December 26, 2021. All are welcome.



### Weekend of December 19th

*"Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father"*

Totals for last week are unavailable due to early submission of the bulletin.

*"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church."*

### St. Michael Hymnals are In the Pews!

Thanks to Bella Manning, St. John's Music Director, and some helpful volunteers, the dedicated St. Michael Hymnals are now available for parishioners to celebrate Mass with Liturgical Music at their fingertips.

*Thank you* to all who participated in the process, especially those who provided to the financial gifts and dedications in honor and memory of loved ones for the hymnals.



## **Saint Monica's Club for men & women**

If you're suffering the pain of a loved one leaving the Faith, you might feel very alone. But you're not.



**Starting January 17<sup>th</sup> 2022  
& Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month**

**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH**  
833 Main Street Agawam MA 01001 413-786-8105

**9:00 AM Silent Prayer for 30 minutes in the Main Church  
followed by fellowship in the Lower Church**

**&**

**7:00 PM Silent Prayer for 30 minutes in the Main Church  
followed by fellowship in the Lower Church**





## YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

**December 26—Feast of the Holy Family**

“The holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ for man.”

-St. Maria Goretti

*For more information and videos, check out  
[www.yearoftheeucharist.net](http://www.yearoftheeucharist.net)*

### *Coffee, Fellowship and Q&A*

**January 6th**

*After the 8:00 am Daily Mass*

**In the Father Joyce Room**

Join us for fellowship, and bring your Questions on Faith, Doctrine, Liturgy, Life, and all things Catholic for this Q & A session!

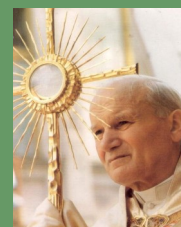
### *Holy Water Available!*

Stop by the Sacristy after Mass with your Holy Water bottle brought from home and one of our Sacristans will fill it for you, or you can come to the Parish Office during the week and one of the staff members can fill your container for you. Holy Water bottles are available for a donation as well.



### O, COME LET US ADORE HIM!

***Every Wednesday***  
12:00pm — 5:45pm  
with *Confessions* at 4:30-5:30pm,  
and *Holy Mass* at 6:00pm

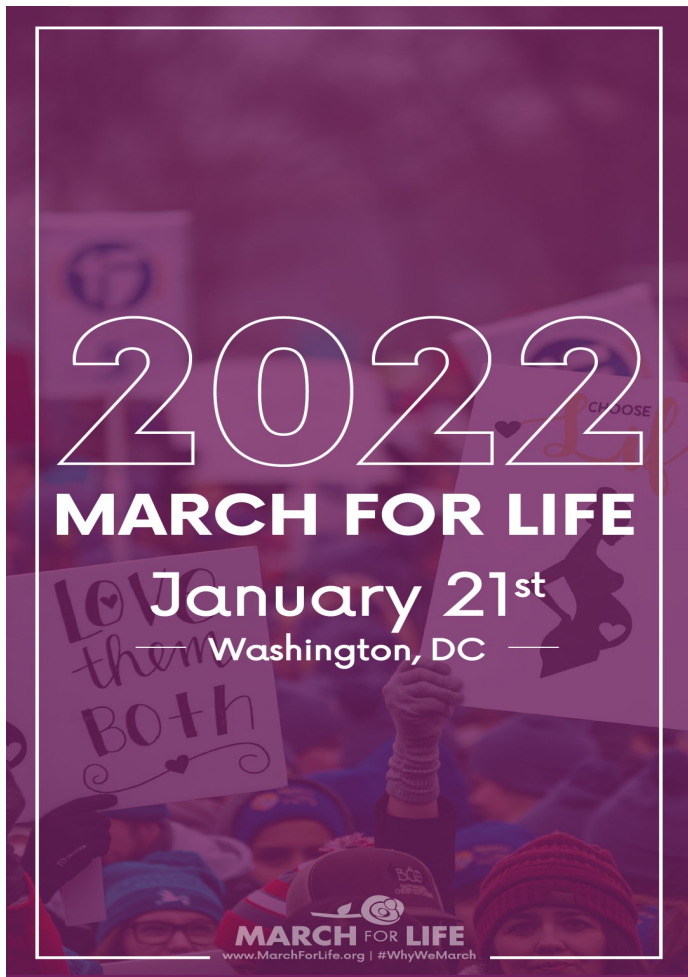


Sign up for an hour of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament! We are in need of people to cover all hours, especially 3pm-4pm.

*For more information, please contact the parish office,  
786-8105. Your time is so appreciated!*







## SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST FEAST DAY DECEMBER 27TH

Our parish is under the patronage of the apostle, St. John the Evangelist. On *Thursday, December 27th after the 8:00 am Mass* there will be a brief reflection on this man of God.



*The tomb and Gospel of St. John*



### 2022 Mass Book & Sanctuary Lamp Intentions



Stop by the office or call to request a Mass or the Sanctuary Lamp. Let us pray together for our intentions, those living and deceased.



## What's Happening around the Diocese and beyond...



### Catholics for the Unborn

#### *Our Lady's Prayer Vigil*

PRAYER VIGIL FOR THE UNBORN takes place the second Thursday of each month. Join us **Thursday, January 13, 10 AM**, at *St. Michael's Cathedral*, 254 State St., Springfield.

Exposition, recitation of the rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, adoration, Benediction at 12 pm, and Mass at 12:10 pm.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be in touch with the pro-life coordinator.



## Pro-Life Corner

St. John's Pro-Life Coordinators:  
Judy Cross-Donahue & Diane LeDoux  
(Call Parish Office)

### WHY IS CHRISTMAS THE ULTIMATE PRO-LIFE SPECIAL DAY?

We may not think of Christmas being a pro-life holiday specifically, but its message couldn't be any more about the value of life! God came in the form of Jesus that we might have life—spiritual abundant life. God's choice of providing that was through a baby—born into a situation where this start of life was a “stigma and a danger.” Mary was taking a chance on God, continuing her pregnancy, Joseph taking a chance on a baby that wasn't biologically his, and together, they fulfilled God's prophesy, believing that what seemed like an impossible situation was actually a blessing and the will of God

When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary with a prophetic announcement that she would give birth to a baby named Jesus, fearful thoughts surely flooded her young soul. Under Jewish law, single women who turned up pregnant were stoned to death in the public square. At best, she would be an outcast, divorced and unmarriageable before she ever even wedded Joseph. If anyone can relate to the fears of women who face unexpected pregnancies, it's Mary. What if she chose, instead, to give in to the fear, the social stigma, the financial pressures or one of the many other reasons women choose to have abortions? What if she had decided not to respond to Gabriel's declaration with, “I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done unto me according to your Word” (Luke 1:28)? Mary had a choice—and she chose life. She chose to give birth to the Son of God who would take away the sin of the world.

What if Joseph had refused to take Mary into his home, even after it was revealed to him in a series of dreams how God's plans would be brought to fulfillment? Joseph had a choice but decided to trust in God, to accompany Mary in her pregnancy, assist at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, flee with his family far from his homeland to protect them and lovingly raise Jesus as his own son until his own death.

Like our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph welcomed Jesus, we, too, are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage, from conception to natural death, and in all circumstances.

May the joy of Christ's birth give us the strength to be more active in and aware of the pro-life cause in the new upcoming year.

## Ministry to Sick & Homebound

### PASTORAL MINISTRY HOURS:

Monday-Thursday from 9am-1pm

**Francesca Brandt, Pastoral Minister**

413-786-8105 ext. 105 | [sje.homebound@gmail.com](mailto:sje.homebound@gmail.com)

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** HIPAA Medical Law restricts access to patient admittance information. Emergency transport of a loved one to a local area hospital does have a Catholic Priest in residence. Be sure to ask, upon admittance, for a Catholic Priest to visit you or your loved one for an emergency anointing if warranted.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:** If your loved one is confined at home because of an illness and/or anticipating surgery, call the parish office to request a visit by Pastoral Minister, Francesca. She will bring the Sacrament of Holy Communion, as well as, inform Fr. Pierz and Fr. Hurley of the visit.

**FOLLOW UP VISITS:** Upon request by contacting the pastoral minister, a follow-up visit will be made to the home post-surgery and/or illness during the recuperation period.

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** One on One home care visits have resumed since April of this year to the Sick and Homebound residents.

**HELP NEEDED:** In this Spiritually Filled Vocation, help is needed to bring Holy Communion to confined Catholic residents, Home visits or Nursing home visits. Contact Francesca if you are interested in this Highly Spiritual Vocation, a given from your heart of Spiritual Love, bringing Jesus, the Holy Eucharist, to those who cannot receive HIM without help from you. Francesca will assist you and train you personally. **ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**

**BEREAVEMENT:** If you have experienced any loss and are in need of grief counseling, and/or your period of sadness is a prolonged process for you, do not suffer in silence. A bereavement visit may be prudent to help you understand Our Lord's words of never being left alone. Here at SJE, Fr. John Hurley and Francesca are ready to help you please call 786-8105 x105. **ALL CALLS ARE CONFIDENTIAL.**

**PRAYER SHAWLS:** If you have a family member, friend, or know someone who could benefit from a bit of extra comfort, please contact Francesca who will pass on the information to the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Each shawl includes the name of the prayer shawl Angel who crafted the shawl with prayerful love. Please note, the shawl must be picked up and delivered by the person who submitted the request. Call Francesca with your request and be sure to leave your phone number for a return call.



A traditional religious illustration of the Nativity scene. Mary is on the left, kneeling and looking at the infant Jesus who lies in a manger. Joseph is on the right, looking down at the child. A donkey and an ox are also present, looking towards the infant. The background is dark and atmospheric.

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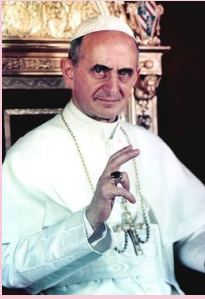
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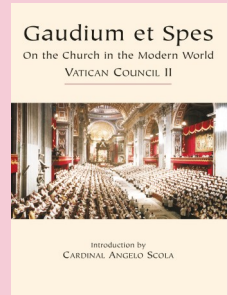
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HIS HOLINESS  
POPE PAUL VI  
ON DECEMBER 7, 1965



## SECTION 2: Certain Principles Governing Socio-Economic Life as a Whole

### CHAPTER IV: THE LIFE OF THE POLITICAL COMMUNITY

80. The horror and perversity of war is immensely magnified by the addition of scientific weapons. For acts of war involving these weapons can inflict massive and indiscriminate destruction, thus going far beyond the bounds of legitimate defense. Indeed, if the kind of instruments which can now be found in the armories of the great nations were to be employed to their fullest, an almost total and altogether reciprocal slaughter of each side by the other would follow, not to mention the widespread devastation that would take place in the world and the deadly after effects that would be spawned by the use of weapons of this kind. All these considerations compel us to undertake an evaluation of war with an entirely new attitude. The men of our time must realize that they will have to give a somber reckoning of their deeds of war for the course of the future will depend greatly on the decisions they make today. With these truths in mind, this most holy synod makes its own the condemnations of total war already pronounced by recent popes, and issues the following declaration. Any act of war aimed indiscriminately at the destruction of entire cities of extensive areas along with their population is a crime against God and man himself. It merits unequivocal and unhesitating condemnation. The unique hazard of modern warfare consists in this: it provides those who possess modern scientific weapons with a kind of occasion for perpetrating just such abominations; moreover, through a certain inexorable chain of events, it can catapult men into the most atrocious decisions. That such may never truly happen in the future, the bishops of the whole world gathered together, beg all men, especially government officials and military leaders, to give unrelenting thought to their gigantic responsibility before God and the entire human race.

81. To be sure, scientific weapons are not amassed solely for use in war. Since the defensive strength of any nation is considered to be dependent upon its capacity for immediate retaliation, this accumulation of arms, which increases each year, likewise serves, in a way heretofore unknown, as deterrent to possible enemy attack. Many regard this procedure as the most effective way by which peace of a sort can be maintained between nations at the present time. Whatever be the facts about this method of deterrence, men should be convinced that the arms race in which an already considerable number of countries are engaged is not a safe way to preserve a steady peace, nor is the so-called balance resulting from this race a sure and authentic peace. Rather than being eliminated thereby, the causes of war are in danger of being gradually aggravated. While extravagant sums are being spent for the furnishing of ever new weapons, an adequate remedy cannot be provided for the multiple miseries afflicting the whole modern world. Disagreements between nations are not really and radically healed; on the contrary, they spread the infection to other parts of the earth. New approaches based on reformed attitudes must be taken to remove this trap and to emancipate the world from its crushing anxiety through the restoration of genuine peace. Therefore, we say it again: the arms race is an utterly treacherous trap for humanity, and one which ensnares the poor to an intolerable degree. It is much to be feared that if this race persists, it will eventually spawn all the lethal ruin whose path it is now making ready. Warned by the calamities which the human race has made possible, let us make use of the interlude granted us from above and for which we are thankful to become more conscious of our own responsibility and to find means for resolving our disputes in a manner more worthy of man. Divine Providence urgently demands of us that we free ourselves from the age-old slavery of war. If we refuse to make this effort, we do not know where we will be led by the evil road we have set upon. It is our clear duty, therefore, to strain every muscle in working for the time when all war can be completely outlawed by international consent. This goal undoubtedly requires the establishment of some universal public authority acknowledged as such by all and endowed with the power to safeguard on the behalf of all, security, regard for justice, and respect for rights. But before this hoped for authority can be set up, the highest existing international centers must devote themselves vigorously to the pursuit of better means for obtaining common security. Since peace must be born of mutual trust between nations and not be imposed on them through a fear of the available weapons, everyone must labor to put an end at last to the arms race, and to make a true beginning of disarmament, not unilaterally indeed, but proceeding at an equal pace according to agreement, and backed up by true and workable safeguards.

(*Second Vatican Council. GAUDIUM ET SPES. Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 7 December 1965, 80-81*)



## PRAYER HELPERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD MONTHLY PRAYER FOR PRIESTS IN THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD, MA

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Queen of the Clergy, these are difficult times in the world, the country, and the Church. The powers of darkness appear to have free rein. Nevertheless, with great trust and confidence, I come as your child to beg your powerful assistance. I ask you to intercede for our priests as only You can. Encourage them in their vitally important ministry, and preserve them in the love of your Son, Jesus. Keep [Name] and all his brother priests close to you, tucked safely under your protective mantle, where they will be shielded from the evil that surrounds them. After their years of earthly service are complete, lead them back safely to the Heart of our Heavenly Father. Amen.

### January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Infant Child Jesus, make our priests true bearers of Your Light. May their holiness and bravery be a shining example to the whole world this new year. Amen.</i>						
2 Rev. Ryan Rooney	3 Rev. Chris Alar, MIC	4 Rev. Raymond Soltys	5 Rev. Donald LaPointe	6 Rev. John Touhey	7 Bishop Emeritus Timothy McDonnell	8 Rev. Chris Fedoryshyn
9 Fr. Mieczyslaw Wilk, OFM Conv.	10 Fr. Adam Ziolkowski, OFM Conv.	11 Rev. Vitor Oliveira	12 Rev. John Connors	13 Rev. Michael Wood	14 Rev. Daniel Cymer	15 Rev. Frank Furman
16 Very Rev. John Lessard (Healing)	17 Rev. Matthew Guidi	18 Rev. William Tourigny	19 Rev. Duy Le	20 Rev. Mark Mengel, SSC	21 Rev. Msgr. John Myslinski	22 Rev. Philippe Roux
23 Rev. Michael Bernier (Healing)	24 Fr. Stanley Sobiech, OFM Conv.	25 Rev. George Zina	26 Rev. Ryan Sliwa	27 Rev. William Cyr	28 Rev. Charles Kuzmeski	29 Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
30 Rev. Quynh Dinh Tran	31 Most Rev. William Byrne	<i>May men in this diocese who are being called to the priesthood find the courage to follow the Blessed Mother's example of promptly accepting God's will and wholeheartedly saying "Yes" to the Lord. Amen.</i>				

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**“Who then is the priest?  
He is the defender of truth,  
who stands with angels,  
gives glory with archangels,  
causes sacrifices to rise  
to the altar on high,  
and shares Christ’s  
priesthood.”**

—St. Gregory Nazianzen

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