

**MATER DOLOROSA CHURCH  
71 MAPLE STREET  
HOLYOKE, MA 01040**

**Served by the  
Conventual Franciscan Friars  
Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi  
Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph**

**Mater Dolorosa School  
25 Maple Street  
Holyoke, MA 01040**

**Mater Dolorosa Cemetery  
Pittroff Avenue  
South Hadley, MA**

**Mass Schedule**

Daily - 8:00 am  
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Sundays: 7:30 am, 9:00 am (Polish),  
10:30 am, and 5:00 pm  
Holydays: Vigil, 7:00 pm (Polish); 8:00 am  
and 7:00 pm

**Confession:** Weekday mornings 7:20 to 7:40 am;  
Saturday: 3:15 to 3:45 pm

**Sacrament of Baptism:** First Sunday of each month  
(except during Lent) at 12 Noon. Contact Parish Office  
to schedule Baptism and instruction.

**Sacrament of Anointing:** At the request of patient or  
family. Communal Anointing on the First Saturday of  
each month after Vigil Mass.

**Visits to the Sick:** At the request of the patient or the  
family.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Contact Parish Office one  
year in advance for requirements for Sacramental Mar-  
riage. Pre-Cana attendance is required.

**Religious Education Program:** Elementary grades on  
Saturday mornings; High School on Monday evenings.

**RCIA:** Parish-based program for adults who wish to  
prepare for Baptism and/or Confirmation. Call Parish  
Office for information.



**Parish Pastoral Staff**

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Br. Steve Murphy, OFM Conv., Pastoral Assistant  
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### This Week's Feasts and Celebrations

**Monday, February 28. Weekday.** Return to the Lord (1) who forgives us our sins (Ps). Discipleship entails making Christ our most important possession (2).

**Tuesday, March 1. Weekday.** Through works of charity (1), one offers true praise to God (Ps). Following Christ will entail both persecution and blessings (2).

**Wednesday, March 2. Weekday.** There is only one God (1) who is kind and gracious (Ps). The Son of Man has come to serve, to give his life in ransom for the many (2).

**Thursday, March 3. St. Katherine Drexel, religious (USA).** By the word of the Lord all creation is filled with his glory (1, Ps). Because of his faith, the blind beggar is healed (2). **Katherine Drexel**, d. 1955 at age 97. Philadelphia heiress and foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament; she established forty-nine foundations, including Xavier University in New Orleans. Canonized in 2000 by Pope John Paul II.

**Friday, March 4. St. Casimir, Patron of Poland and Lithuania. First Friday.** The Lord takes delight (Ps) in those who are merciful; their names live on forever (1). Let us place our faith and trust in God (2). **Casimir**, d. 1484; Polish prince, known as the "brother and defender of the poor"; led an austere life.

**Saturday, March 5. Saturday Mass of Our Lady.** Give us wisdom, Lord (1) to know your precepts and the joy of your love (Ps). Religious leaders challenge Jesus' authority to question the *status quo* (2).



## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2011

Can a mother forget her infant,  
be without tenderness for the child of her womb?  
Even though she forget,  
I will never forget you.

Isaiah 49:15

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GOD'S WORD  
is TRUTH



### Scripture Readings for this Sunday

**1st Reading:** God will never forget you (Isaiah 49: 14-15).

**Responsorial Psalm:** Rest in God alone, my soul (Psalm 62).

**2nd Reading:** Make no judgments; the Lord will judge (1 Corinthians 4: 1-5).

**Gospel:** God feeds the birds and clothes the flowers. Do not be anxious; God knows all your needs. (Matthew 6: 24-34).

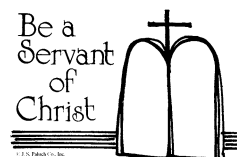
### DON'T BE ANXIOUS

**P**eople have, it seems, a natural penchant for misplaced emphasis on important things. They can easily get caught up with what they're having for dinner or what they will wear.

Often it is a tragedy that helps people to refocus on what is really important. What I shall wear is an irrelevant question when I am facing surgery or chemotherapy. What's for dinner is immaterial to those living through grief or unemployment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us not to worry. He doesn't say, "Don't eat. Don't cook. Don't buy clothes." He says, "Don't worry." Jesus does not ask us to abdicate our responsibilities but to let go of our anxiety. Anxiety betrays a lack of trust and Jesus reminds us that "Your heavenly Father knows" all that you need (Matthew 6:32).

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**Good Timing:** The best time to do something worthwhile is between yesterday and tomorrow.

## Mass Intentions



## Saturday, February 26

4:00 +Dec'd of Sklarski Family—Christine & Peter

## Sunday, February 27

7:30 +Frs. Paul Zabicki & Emil Tokarz—Steve Tracy

9:00 +Nelli Wienert—Lodge 1220 PNA

10:30 The Intentions of All Parishioners

5:00 Int Nowak,Niesner&Nader Fams– Christine Nowak-Nader

## Monday, February 28

8:00 +Deceased of Kisiel Family—Jane M. Thompson

## Tuesday, March 1

8:00 +James Bernier—Ann & Edward Jordan

## Wednesday, March 2

8:00 +M/M Andrew Barut—Helen & Ed Wytrych

## Thursday, March 3

8:00 +Czereszko Family—Laskowski Family

## Friday, March 4

8:00 +Dec'd Wladyslaw & Mary Was Zalewski fam—dtr

## Saturday, March 5

8:00 +Aleksander Zieja—Esther Kokoszka

4:00 +Stan Kedzior—wife, Mary Ann

## Sunday, March 6

7:30 +Joseph Jurgen—son & family

9:00 +Wladyslawa & Jozef Retfinski—family

10:30 +Jane T. Galat—Irene & Bob Archambault

5:00 Intentions of All Parishioners

AND ONE MORE *THANK YOU*

The Parish and School are deeply indebted to **Robert Maziarz**, parish custodian, for his extra hours and work for two weeks prior to the Bazaar. There was concern at **all schools** for the integrity of roofs and buildings because of snow build-up. Bishop McDonnell ordered all children to avoid auditoriums and gyms until the snow was cleared and/or all buildings inspected and approved for safety by a crew of engineers and architects retained by the Diocese of Springfield. **Our school and gym roofs were NEVER in jeopardy**(contrary to the Parking Lot *Papugas*), but we took every precaution to assure that our children were never in danger. The pre-School and computer rooms were off-limits as was the Social Center entrance for the duration. Each day for two weeks, Robert met with the architects who advised which portions of the roof **he himself** was to clean, clear, and manage. The all-clear whistle blew on Thurs, Feb. 17th. **Robert saved parish & school \$10,000. to \$15,000. with his extra time and efforts.**



## From the Pastor's Desk, February 27, 2011

For *The Week After the Day After*

As I sit at my computer to compose this article for the Sunday after the Winter Bazaar it is actually Monday, *the day after* the Bazaar. It is nice and quiet. The office is closed for the holiday and *not a creature is stirring, not even the bugs!* Cool! Even the phone seems comatose. It is c-o-l-d in my office. The heat is turned down for the holiday, and thanks to SIX triple-frame windows the thermostat reads **58** degrees. It gets colder at night, so this will be a short Bulletin. Another deluge of “angel dandruff” fell during the night. I thank the Lord that it was *after* the Bazaar, and that school is out on vacation.

There are many reasons to be thankful today. Financial reports are incomplete, but the Bazaar went well. First and foremost, my thanks and admiration go to Joann Wauczinski who shows herself to be a miracle-worker. If Joann chaired the committee when Jesus called for those five loaves and two fishes, Joann would have had the miracle in-play even before Jesus put His hand into the mix. It's not just the physical work she does; *bringing people together* is her most awesome asset.

Our Kitchen workers have been at it for weeks. The people who come to our Bazaar expect a good meal, and they are never disappointed. God bless Jane Kane and her fantastic Kitchen crew.

The booth people are the center of our Bazaar. The food may bring people to the Bazaar, but the booths, the raffles and sales make the people mingle, enjoy their hours here, meet old friends, make new ones, and walk away with something of value not counted in calories and sodium.

The Tag Sale Committee has the herculean responsibility to collect, order, and present a collection of trinkets that are sold as treasures. Whatever is not sold is given to organizations that supply the needs of the poor and hungry. All the profit from *blessed religious goods* sold at the Tag Sale is donated to our local soup kitchens.

The Bazaar is principally a fund-raiser, but also an opportunity for parishioners of all ages to come together to work for a cause they believe in: our Parish and School.

For me, the greatest joy is to see couples that I've married, children that I baptized, former graduates, those who are convalescing and the recently bereaved.

At the end of this day, I look at what we did and say, **It is Good!**

For that, we thank God and YOU! **God bless....**