**Sunday, 5 pm. Fr. Warren is our Presider for Mass in Chapin Chapel.** “The centurion who witnessed what had happened glorified God and said, ‘This man was innocent beyond doubt.’” On this Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion our celebrant is Fr. Warren Savage, Chaplain at Westfield State University. Student and staff choir members, lectors, and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist prepare for Mass from around 4-4:30 p.m. Missalettes are provided and all are most welcome!

On Sunday, March 27, 2016 there is no on-campus Mass. We resume on-campus Mass on April 3. Members of Catholic communities such as ours are encouraged to mark the Triduum in home parishes. For Amherst: [St Brigid’s Parish](#). The following is from their current Bulletin:

**Holy Week**

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 – Dr. Matthew Cabeen Shares his Story** – Westfield: Fr. Dan Pacholec writes: “Our Lenten Speaker Series concludes this week when we welcome Dr. Matthew Cabeen, Harvard Professor and Scientist. Matthew Cabeen was a college student who disavowed religion in the face of science and reason, but who eventually came to a deep and abiding Faith. Come and hear his story and the power of faith! Peggy Weber from “Real to Reel” will be our host again this week. We thank Catholic Communications for hosting our Parish Lenten Series. Be sure to watch “Chalice of Salvation” - our Diocesan Televised TV Mass on Sundays at 10AM, and “Real to Reel” - our weekly televised Catholic News Show on Saturdays at 7 PM, both on Channel 22.” The Lenten Speaker Series is offered in the church building, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, 127 Holyoke Rd. Westfield, MA 01085. Call 413-562-3450 for information.
FRIDAY, MARCH 25 – Tenebrae – Springfield: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield Mitchell Rozanski cordially invites you to join The Cathedral Choir of Boys and Adults singing the annual service of Tenebrae, with strings from the Springfield Symphony. Music will include the celebrated *Miserere Mei* of Allegri, with other choral anthems, spirituals, and chants. Please join us at 7:30 pm. in The Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, 254 State Street, Springfield. For info, contact 413-452-0839 or worship@diospringfield.org.

THROUGH LENT - CRS Rice Bowl, Hungering for the Journey - Our journey with CRS Rice Bowl begins in Colombia, where coffee beans are changing lives! What actions can we take this Lent to change lives – at home and around the world? Rice Bowls are available for pickup during Mass in Chapin Chapel. Sr. Chris will collect Rice Bowls on April 3. Alternatively you may count up your alms and make the donation online. Peace! Visit [http://www.crsricebowl.org](http://www.crsricebowl.org).

ONGOING THROUGH 11/20-2016 - JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY - “Merciful Like the Father” - observed from the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, through the Feast of Christ the King, November 20, 2016. Visit [http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html](http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html).

APRIL 17-19 – Beginning Experience Weekend of Hope and Healing – Litchfield, CT: for divorced, widowed and separated men and women. Lourdes in Litchfield, Montford House Retreat Center. Pre-registration is required. [Shrine Retreat Center](http://www.shrinerecen.org) Registration or information: Ray at 860-741-3050, Skype 860-741-3050 or rmercik16@att.net; or Karen at 860-985-8339, Skype 860-985-8339 or karecare@snet.net.


FRIDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 22-24 - Retreats for Women - West Hartford, Conn.: The Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, 303 Tunxis Rd., will offer weekend retreats for women, based on the theme, “Into the Heart of Mercy.” Also offered June 3-5. To register, visit [www.holyfamilyretreat.org](http://www.holyfamilyretreat.org) or call 860-760-9705.
BEGINNING AFTER EASTER - Releasing Your Inner Superhero: Empowered to be Like Christ. A Year of Mercy Seminar. Superheroes possess extraordinary talents or abilities and are dedicated to the wellbeing of others. We too are endowed as Superheroes by nature of our baptism. This seminar explores the source and nature of our extraordinary abilities by comparing our mission “hear” and traits to those common to superheroes (“special powers”, a strong moral code, the motivation of call and responsibility, and a back-story explaining how and why the superhero serves). Deacon Roger Carrier will facilitate the discussion on Wednesdays after Easter, dates to be announced. Please contact Joanne Bagge for info 413-562-5484 or email jbagge@stmsaints.org

COMING IN SEPTEMBER - Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Italy - Father Matthew Alcombright, parochial vicar of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in West Springfield, will lead a Sept. 25-Oct. 6 Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Italy. Information: Fr. Alcombright at 413-739-4779, Ext. 14 or fr.matt.alcombright@gmail.com.

See https://www.amherst.edu/campuslife/our-community/religiouslife/student/newmancatholic for weekly Bulletins, events and opportunities, Catholic links to help you connect, contribute, flourish and grow. Do you have news to share in our Bulletin? Email cclark@amherst.edu

Celebrants’ Schedule We are blessed by the presence, witness, and apostolic gifts of our celebrants. See the schedule at the Newman Catholic Club webpage https://www.amherst.edu/campuslife/our-community/religiouslife/student/newmancatholic Catholic Advisor Sr. Chris Clark, DHM is our Religious Life resource. Contact her 24/7 via cellphone 413-687-1858 or email cclark@amherst.edu. See her bio. at Chris Clark at Religious Life.

Let’s Keep the Doors Open! Newman Club News: Newman members are helping to organize Sunday Mass in Chapin Chapel at 5 pm. and planning for Retreat, fellowship, and Scripture Reflection/Study with Sr. Chris. The Newman Club is a resource for Catholics at Amherst or for those who would like grow in or learn more about the Catholic faith. Some ways we practice our faith: Celebrating the “Source and Summit” - Catholic Mass, usually at 5 pm. in Chapin Chapel on Sundays and as arranged for Solemnities; nurturing personal and spiritual development; being a community of love for God and neighbor; exploring and celebrating truth with professors, religious leaders, guests. Are you new to campus or the Newman Club? Email us at newman@amherst.edu

A SAMPLER OF ONGOING EVENTS - more at http://www.iobserve.org/index.php?page=calendar

REGULARLY - EUCHARISTICADORATION - Amherst: every Thursday following the 8 a.m. Mass until 5 p.m. at St. Brigid Church, 122 North Pleasant St. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed at 3 p.m. and repeated in Spanish, along with other prayers, from 4-5 p.m. South Hadley: Eucharistic adoration is held on the first Saturday of each month from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish on Main Street. Springfield: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held Tuesdays from 9 a.m-5 p.m. at Holy Name Church, 323 Dickinson St. Springfield: Adoration with Benediction, led by Deacon Bob Farrell, is held on Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 123 William Street.
MEETING MONTHLY - WOMEN’S GROUP - Westfield: The St. Mary’s Women’s Group meetings monthly in the evening. All women are welcome to join us to connect with other Christian women for fellowship, scripture reading, reflection and discussion. This is a great opportunity to spend a few moments with the women of our church and community to support and encourage each other on our life's journey. This group is open to women of all ages. Visit http://www.stmarysofwestfield.com/ or call 413-562-5477 for more information.

THIRD SUNDAYS: SACRAMENT OF THE SICK - South Hadley: The Sacrament of the Sick is held at noon on the third Sunday of each month at St. Patrick Parish on Main Street.

LAST SUNDAYS - MINI-RETREAT - Holyoke: A Mini Retreat at Immaculate Conception Church, 54 N. Summer St. Father Sean O’Mannion, national director of the Guard of Honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, will lead the retreat, which will begin with the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by a talk on Sacred Heart spirituality, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of the rosary and Benediction. (Illustration Mickey McGrath OSFS’s “No Storm Can Shake My Inmost Calm”)

FIRST SUNDAYS - FAITH AND LIGHT GATHERINGS - Holyoke: Faith and Light, a gathering of people with disabilities, their families, friends and caregivers, meets the first Sunday of the month after the noon Mass at the Celebration Center at Jericho to pray, share, and celebrate together as a community. For more information, contact Sister Joan at 413-538-7450 or srjoan@jerichobeca.org. (Thanks to “Open Doors to Multicultural Families in Kent, WA for the image.)

MONDAYS and THURSDAYS – Prayer Groups - Greenfield: The Roses for Mary Prayer Group meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Adoration Chapel. The Hearts of Jesus and Mary Prayer Group meets on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the church sacristy. Includes rosary, Chaplet of The Divine Mercy and Scripture reading. All are welcome. Blessed Sacrament Parish, 221 Federal Street.

FOURTH MONDAYS – “Mercy Mondays, Everyday Mercy Film Series” – Holyoke: 6:30-8:30 p.m. in DeCice Hall at the Marian Center, 1365 Northampton St. Admission is free. Doors open at 6 p.m. The March 28 film is “Tangerines” (Georgian: მანდარინები, Estonian: Mandariinid) - 2013 Warsaw; 2015 USA. Shown in Estonian, Russian and Georgian with English subtitles. A spare tale of mercy awakening in the midst of violence. Told with intimacy and elegance by writer/director Zaza Urushadze. In "Tangerines" ethnic Estonians Ivo and Margus are the only ones in their rural village not to have fled to Estonia as conflicts in the 1992-93 War in Abkhazia draw near. … Info: https://business.facebook.com/DeCiceHallAtTheMarianCenter
FIRST TUESDAYS - ALWAYS OUR CHILDREN - Springfield: A support group and ministry for parents, families and friends of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender persons will meet in the Community Room of the convent behind Sacred Heart Church, 395 Chestnut St., on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Call 413-736-6803. Sr. Chris notes: FYI, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Pastoral Message “Always our Children” is available at USCCB Issues and Action Always Our Children. (Thanks to Marquette University for their “Respect Life Month” poster.)

FIRST TUESDAYS - SUICIDE LOSS SUPPORT - Pittsfield: A Suicide Loss Support Group meets the first Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Brien Center, 10 Wendell Ave. Contact Peg Morse at 413-441-6316 to register or for more information.


EVERY WEDNESDAY - HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE - from 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at St. Jerome Church, 169 Hampden St., Holyoke

SECONDWEDNESDAYS - PARENT SUPPORT GROUP - Holyoke: A Parent Support Group for families of individuals with disabilities is held the second Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m.-noon or 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Alleluia House at the Bureau for Exceptional Children and Adults at Jericho, 537 Northampton St. For more information, contact Laura at 413-538-7450 or laura@jerichobeca.org.

THIRD WEDNESDAYS - SPAGHETTI SUPPERS - South Hadley: The Knights of Columbus Council 1721 holds its Monthly Spaghetti Supper on the third Wednesday of the month from 4-6:30 p.m. in the St. Patrick Social Center. Includes spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, rolls, cake, coffee, tea or non-carbonated beverage. Take-Out dinners available. For more information, call the parish at 413-532-2850. Holyoke: The Mater Dolorosa School PTO will host a Spaghetti Supper from 4-7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the Pope John Paul II Social Center, St. Kolbe Drive. Cost is $6 for adults; $4 for children 5-12; and free for children 4 and under.

THURSDAYS - TODDLER PLAYGROUP - South Hadley: Children ages newborn to 5 are welcome to come and play, while caregivers enjoy conversation, on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in St. Patrick's Social Center. Snacks and beverages are provided.

Volunteers Needed! Homework House Holyoke provides free after-school tutoring and mentoring for children in Holyoke, Massachusetts who are at-risk for academic failure and dropping out of school. We give children a loving and caring environment. We help them improve their literacy skills so they can become productive members of our community. We work towards rekindling their interests in learning and self-improvement— one page at a time. Services are provided to school-age children without regard to race, religion, ethnicity, or gender. For a volunteer application and more information visit Homework House at http://www.homeworkhouseholyoke.org
**At Bethlehem House: Immediate Need for**

Cleaning, Counselors, Order Fillers and Sewers to run our serger to help make pack & play sheets, or work from home on your serger. We have fabric & pattern & sheets pre-cut. Call Pamela at 413-262-8517. Bethlehem House also seeks volunteers willing to work as counselors for clients served by the organization. Bethlehem House is a non-profit, faith-based organization. Working closely with area hospitals to identify clients in need, the organization delivers baby baskets to new moms and babies at four area hospitals. Services at Bethlehem House include a 24 hr. crisis hotline, counseling and referrals, free confidential pregnancy testing, assistance in obtaining prenatal care, financial/legal aid, job training, emergency food, maternity and baby supplies, childbirth and child care programs, breastfeeding classes, educational assistance, adoption information and abstinence and STD education. Please visit [http://www.bethlehemhousewma.org](http://www.bethlehemhousewma.org).

**Providence Ministries**, started 35 years ago by the Sisters of Providence in Holyoke, is located at 51 High Street, Holyoke MA. Visit them at [https://www.provministries.com](https://www.provministries.com). Sr. Chris adds: material support is a partial response, right? Let’s consider ways to connect. Let’s remember these ministries and the people and God they serve in our prayers. Providence Ministries is in desperate need of warm clothing and supplies this winter. Providence accepts contributions of all shapes and sizes! **Margaret’s Pantry** is located at 56 Cabot St., Holyoke, MA 01040 (That’s in the heart of the Broderick House. (413) 538-8026.

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**St. Jude's Clothing Center** accepts donations of good used clothing and small housewares during business hours. We provide clothing, and small household furnishings to the needy of our community. The program sells clothing at a nominal cost, which in turn helps defray the expenses of the program. We provide some form of assistance to approximately 3,000 individuals each year. Location: 56 Cabot St., Holyoke, MA 01040. OPEN: Tuesday & Thursday 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm. Donations accepted Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. CLOSED on Friday’s during the summer. Walk-ins always welcome. Open to the community/ Contact: Brenda @ 413-538-8026 for more info. *Walk-ins are always welcome.* St. Jude’s is open to the community.