

Our Catholic Family

Lenten Speaker Series 2023

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church 127 Holyoke Road, Westfield, MA 01085 413-562-3450

"No family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love," -Pope Francis



March 8 THE BEAUTIFULLY-EXHAUSTING, JOYFULLY-FRUSTRATING, GOD-GIVEN MESS OF THE FAMILY

Damon Owens- Join the other "messy" parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles for an evening of fellowship, faith, and encouragement with this international evangelist, husband, and father of eight. Discover the twelve essential "keys" to living God's plan for a joy-filled family.

With music by Psalm 33



March 15 CLARITY IN THE CHAOS: CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUTH

Sam Todzia- Is founder of **Red Barn Ministries**, where the mission is to enliven youth with a passion to live out their Catholic faith, has 15 years experience working with teenagers, including at risk teens and those suffering from mental illnesses. Sam brings a practical approach to youth ministry taking into account all that today's teens are facing.

With music by Ariana / Revival Worship



March 22 CATHOLIC PARENTING: YOU'RE NOT ALONE!

Karen Kiefer- The struggles you face with a crying baby, trying to keep your little ones quiet at Mass, getting your teens to go to Mass— you are not alone. Mother of four, educator, author, and 25-year religious ed instructor Karen reminds us that we're all in the same boat.

With music by Dave & Lise Letellier



March 29 HAITI 180 : OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

Deacon Michael Forrest - May God's will be done. Learn about the mission to turn the poorest country in the western hemisphere around with a medical clinic, children's home, a school, and a home for the elderly.

With music by Psalm 33



April 5 THE FAMILY AS THE DOMESTIC CHURCH: MY NIGERIAN EXPERIENCE

Fr. Valentine Nworah - The influence of a faith-filled family life helped Fr. Val on his journey to the priesthood. Celebrating Mass back home in Nigeria is a colorful, beautiful expression of worship that includes song and dance! The rich tapestry of our Catholic faith is truly a beauty to behold!

With music by the OLBS Choir



April 16 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 12-3pm

Join us for a Divine Mercy video, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and the sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

With music by Sara Miller