

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

MOTHER CHURCH OF THE BERKSHIRES

ESTABLISHED 1849
Pittsfield, Massachusetts

Liturgical Celebrations

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM 11:30 AM
Daily Mass	12:10 PM
RCIA	Tuesdays, 6:30 PM
Holy Hour	Monday-Friday, 11:00 AM
Daily Rosary	Monday-Friday, 11:30 AM
Prayer Group	1 st & 3 rd Wednesday, 6:45 PM

The Staff

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St. Joseph's Cemetery

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Sacrament of Baptism:

All new parents are expected to complete a course of instruction.

Please consult the parish office for classes.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45PM

Sacrament of Matrimony:

Couples should contact the parish office at least one year prior to the wedding.

New Parishioners should register at the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you to the parish family and hope you will become involved with your time, talent and treasure.

Ministry to the Sick and Parishioners confined to home have visitations that are scheduled on a regular basis. Please notify the parish office to make arrangements.

Religious Education Classes are held at St. Joseph's High School following the 9:00 AM Mass for all public school students, grades K-11, and parochial students preparing for Sacraments.

KINDLY SILENCE ALL PAGERS & CELL PHONES - THANK YOU!

ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT MASS

for all St. Joseph Parishioners - Sunday, June 14 at 11:30 Mass. If you or a loved one wish to attend, please notify Peg Dunlop at 443-9417 on or before June 1, 2015. A luncheon will be served in the St. Joseph Parish Center immediately following the Mass.

We are short a driver for the Food Pantry due to illness of one of our regular helpers. PLEASE, if you have a pickup truck and are available once a month, consider helping the Food Pantry on Tuesday by getting the food from BCAC on East St. to our pantry. Hours are from 11:30 to 1:30. Notify Michele during the week at **413 445-5789**.

God bless you for helping in this parish ministry.

We have a bus trip planned for Friday, July 24 for Mac-Haydn Theatre to see **WEST SIDE STORY**. There will be dinner before the show at Winding Brook Country Club. The cost for the trip is \$70. Please call the Rectory for reservations.

Volunteer Picnic

It's time for our Volunteer Picnic! This year the Volunteer Picnic will be held at the Parish Center on Friday, June 5 from 5 PM - 8 PM. Please call the Rectory so we can put your name down and keep count of our total.

MASS INTENTIONS

<i>Saturday, May 23rd</i>	HARRY SAVOY 1st Anniversary Requested by John and Tom Arasimowicz	4 PM
<i>Sunday, May 24th</i>	THERESA NAVROSKI Requested by Family EDWARD KOZLOWSKI 1st Anniversary Requested by <i>Wife and Family</i>	9 AM 11:30 AM
<i>Monday, May 25th</i> MEMORIAL DAY	Mass at the Cemetery	11AM
<i>Tuesday, May 26th</i>	DICK DOAK 8th Anniversary Requested by Wife, Jean	12:10 PM
<i>Wednesday, May 27th</i>	PERINA A. CARLINO Requested by Ann McCaffrey	12:10 PM
<i>Thursday, May 28th</i>	SR. JOANNE MCGOVERN RGS Requested by Pat Momnie	12:10 PM
<i>Friday, May 29th</i>	BERNARDINO OCAMPA Requested by Pat Momnie	12:10 PM
<i>Saturday, May 30th</i>	JENNIE HARTE Requested by Family	4 PM
<i>Sunday, May 31st</i>	MICHAEL & JANE NYKORCHUK Requested by Family ALBERT DINICOLA Requested by <i>Wife, Maria</i>	9 AM 11:30 AM

SANCTUARY CANDLE Mary Egan
Requested by Friends

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 4PM	<u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</u> Dave Bouchard, Sheila Bouquet, Sr. Jean Bostley, Sheila Christiana, Michael Collins, Barbara Dalo
	<u>LECTORS</u> Sharyn Fresia & Cheryl Furtek
Sunday 9AM	<u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</u> Anne Hynes, Pat Keegan, Anne Kozlowski, Betty Kirby, Jack Laviolette, MaryKay McClintock
	<u>LECTORS:</u> Al Najimy & Nancy Preznic
Sunday 11:30AM	<u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</u> Jackie Weatherwax, Michael Wood, Charles Knappe, Joe Dahrouge, Jim McNeice, Mary Huska
	<u>LECTORS:</u> Pat McDonough & Anne Dunham

MAY 24, 2015

Picnic News! Did you know there is a weekly door prize for those who come to help to prepare the food for the picnic? Each week that you come to help your name will go into the grand prize drawing which will be pulled on 7/17/15. We are looking for donations of Flour, PAM, & Wax Paper. Please leave donations in a bag labeled: PICNIC. THANK YOU! **Cooking Dates:** May 26, June 9, 16, & 23. Cooking begins at 4 PM in the Parish Center. On July 14 we will be steaming the cabbage for golumbki & kapusta. We will start at 9 AM. On July 16 we will be making the golumbki.

SAVE THE DATE: Knights of Columbus Council #103 Father's Day Breakfast Fundraiser, Sunday, June 21 from 8 AM to 11 AM at St. Joseph Parish Center. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, home fries, orange juice, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Adults \$8, Children age 5 to 12 \$5. TREAT DAD for FATHER'S DAY.

Pregnancy Support Services of Berkshire County, Inc. will hold its annual fund raising SILK ROSE SALE at St. Joseph Church at all the Masses on Memorial Day Weekend. Roses will sell for \$1 each. The agency appreciates the parish support which allows it to continue in its service to women in crisis pregnancies with counseling, maternity and baby clothing and furniture, etc.

Sacrificial Giving - Last Week: \$ 6,601. Thank you for your generosity.

HELP!

As announced last weekend, the Sisters of St. Joseph are beginning a drive to raise money to fund their retirement years. Inserts were placed in the bulletin and details were given at all the Masses. If you misplaced the flyer, didn't get one, or were not with us last week, please make your one-time donation or five year pledge payable to **SSJ Springfield**.

Please mail to: Sisters of St. Joseph, 577 Carew Street, Springfield, MA 01104-9905. Also, please include a note with your name, address, check or credit card information (if charged), parish, and whether you attended and graduated from Catholic schools. Information will NOT be shared with any other charities. Estate planning is available through a call to Nancy Delson at 413.536.0853 or contact for more details time2support.com.

Donations are tax-deductible and now it is our turn to **Support the Sisters** who have influenced our lives through education and parish work. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Memorial Day Mass

will be celebrated at St. Joseph Cemetery on Monday, May 25th 11:00 am in the mausoleum area, please bring a chair. In case of rain mass will be at St. Joseph Church.

Chicken Parmesan Dinner – Fundraiser

Saturday, June 6, 5 to 7 PM
First United Methodist Church
55 Fenn Street, Pittsfield
Cost: \$10 per person
Reservations: (413) 442-8592
Walk-Ins & Take-Outs Happily Served!
To Benefit "Barbara's Place"
First Transitional House in Pittsfield for Homeless Women

PENTECOST SUNDAY

NEICH BED ZIE POCHWALONY JEZUS CHRYSTUS
ST. JOSEPH PRAYER LINE: 443-1221

Readings for the Week of May 24, 2015

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or
Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Ext. Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Gal 5:16-25 or 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 15:26-
27; 16:12-15 or Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20



"Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me." He said this in reference to the Spirit." Rivers of living water. What does this image make us think of? Something active. Something dynamic and changing, yet constant and dependable. A river with living water is not stagnant; it is not silent, but rather it speaks. This river is not mucky or full of algae. This river is clear, beautiful, refreshing, and life-giving. It draws people to its banks by providing the kind of water that sustains life and the kind of scenery that is a joy to behold.

Those who believe in Jesus will be like this river. Through the Spirit of Christ, which first came upon Christian believers at Pentecost and which came upon us at our baptism, we become a source of "living water." Instead of being motionless, dull, murky, unproductive people, we are strengthened by God's power to be dynamic, refreshing, and life-giving.

This isn't automatic, however. We must cooperate with the Spirit that has been given to us. Those of us who have received confirmation have been sacramentally gifted with the fullness of the Spirit, but that doesn't mean that the living water is flowing at full speed. As St. Paul wrote in his second letter to Timothy, we need to "stir into flame the gift of God" (1:6). The flame may be there, but if we don't fan it through prayer, virtuous living, spiritual formation, and frequent reception of the sacraments, then it will never burst forth with the full power that it could have. But let us take heart! Even this process of "fanning" is made easier when we call upon the Holy Spirit to help us. For St. Paul reminds us today that "the Spirit too comes to the aid of our weakness."

MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH COUNCIL, 2015

Four new members of our council will be introduced at the June 21st meeting. We are very happy to welcome them and look forward to their contributions to St. Joseph Parish. They are:

JOSEPH DAHROUGE

Joe is involved in many ministries at St. Joseph Church since joining in 2008. He is a lector and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, has trained and scheduled our altar servers and serves as an altar server at funeral masses. Joe is a member of the maintenance committee, a worker at Third Thursdays and parish events, especially in the fried dough booth. He built our Crèche and along with others, set it up on the rectory lawn for all to see. Joe is a member of the Holy Name Society, a veteran who served in the Navy, and has a sense of humor that helps in dealing with others. He will be an asset to our Council.

MICHAEL SCHIRIPA

Mike is a hard-working parishioner involved with many activities in the church and community. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and helps with both their meals and those of the parish. He assists in the Fish Fry, breakfasts, dinners, etc. Mike helps with both police and fire department events throughout the Berkshires. He has an outgoing, friendly personality that serves him well in dealing with others and likes to keep busy. Since he wants to expand his involvement at St. Joseph, I am sure we can do that for him. We welcome him to the Council.

JOSEPH TOURNIER

Joe has previously served on the St. Joseph Parish Council and after a little vacation has generously agreed to return. He works on the Sharing of the Roots Festival, the bean supper and other parish activities. Joe is on the Finance Committee. As many of our parishioners, he was very active in his former parish and brings that commitment and dedication to St. Joseph. Besides his church involvement, Joe is helpful in the community, working as a carver for eight years at Berkshire Carousel. With his background and attention to detail, Joe will be a welcome member of the Parish Council.

SCOTT NUGAI

Scott is looking forward to using some of his experience and energy in serving on our Parish Council. He was part of the council at his former parish for about 6 years, helping in various ways. Scott is used to working with people as his job keeps him in close contact with the public. His daughter graduated from St. Joseph High School last June and brought him closer to a feeling of being at home here, reuniting with old friends and making new ones. His youthful outlook will benefit our activities, and as he feels that working with the church is "very satisfying", will be a fine addition to this group.