


# ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

## MOTHER CHURCH OF THE BERKSHIRES

*ESTABLISHED 1849*  
*Pittsfield, Massachusetts*

### Liturgical Celebrations



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

### The Staff

Msgr. Michael Shershanovich, Pastor  
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### St. Joseph's Cemetery

Mr. Paul Guillou, Superintendent  
Nancy Nolan, Secretary  
Tel: (413) 499-1317

### 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!

**THE AMERICAN RED CROSS THANKS ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH** for hosting two blood drives every month! Blood collections continue to be low, so we need your help! There will be one more blood drive at St. Joseph's Church scheduled in November. It will be held on Monday, Nov. 24 from 1 PM—6 PM. Give something that means something this holiday season— Give Blood! When You Give Blood, You Give Another Birthday, Another Date, Another Dance, Another Laugh, Another Hug, Another Chance. Please sign up to donate blood by calling 800-REDCROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Please...Give Blood...Life Depends on it...

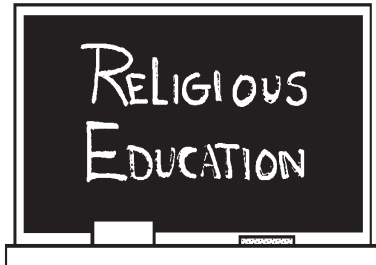
**A LECTURE ON DEPRESSION**—Sponsored by the Parish Nurse Ministries of Berkshire County will be held November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 97 Newell Street (side door). The speaker will be Mary O'malley, MD. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.

*The Pittsfield Rotary Foundation Presents* **THE CORVETTES DOO WOP REVUE** on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Colonial Theatre. All those attending this event are asked to **bring a non-perishable food item** to the concert to benefit local food pantries, including ours. It would be great if you could support this event.

**Mark your calendars!** Thanksgiving Weekend: Sat., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> will mark the 5th Annual "**Christmas At The Colonial with Mary Verdi**" show. Bring your family and help us ring in this wonderful Christmas Season. For tickets, go to: [www.colonialtheatre.org](http://www.colonialtheatre.org) or call the Colonial Box Office at (413) 997-4444.

### Religious Education News


- ◆ Regular CCD classes held November 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ◆ NO CLASS on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup> due to Thanksgiving holiday.
- ◆ A **BIG THANK YOU** to the Holy Name Society for giving our First Communion candidates a gift to start off their preparations of the sacrament! Thank you!
- ◆ Look for information to come concerning the Christmas Pageant rehearsal and performance.



The November monthly meeting of the **St. Anne Society** will be on Wed., **November 19**, and features our very popular **Soup and Bread supper** at the Parish Center. Members are treated to sampling of 6 delicious homemade soups served with fresh bread and butter. The supper begins promptly at 5:30 p.m. Please note the time change. Due to a scheduling conflict, Bishop Timothy was unable to be present at our October meeting and we are happy that he will join us for the supper and be the guest speaker. A brief business meeting will also take place.

### LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO CANNOT TOLERATE GLUTEN.  
PLEASE NOTIFY PRIEST BEFORE MASS.

Saturday 4 PM November 15 <sup>th</sup>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</u> Jim Armstrong, Sr. Jean Bostley, Dave Bouchard, Sheila Bouquet, Joe Bourquard & Andy Canata <u>LECTORS:</u> Sharyn Fresia & Cheryl Furtek	 <b>November Month of The Souls in Purgatory</b>
Sunday, 9 AM November 16 <sup>th</sup>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</u> Nancy Woitkoski, John Arasimowicz, Edward Boehm, Gene Cornell, Jeanne Cornell & Paul Guillou <u>LECTORS:</u> Donna Quallen & Joe Ryan	
Sunday, 11:30 AM November 16 <sup>th</sup>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</u> Anne Dunham & Mary Huska <u>LECTORS:</u> P. McDonough & Robert Bouquet	

From today's Gospel, Matthew 25: "**But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.**" We, who know the worth of the gift of life, are commissioned to invest in our culture and gain interest from its value not bury it.

What are your God-given talents? Help them to grow by sharing them with others. Discover the joy of service in ministry. (Matthew 15:14-30). If you think you would like to serve, call Fr. Gary Dailey at (413) 452-0811 or email [g.dailey@diospringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org) Website: [www.myvocation.com](http://www.myvocation.com)

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Lord of ages past and to come,  
bless our home.

Help us to see You in one another and  
in all who enter through our door.

Help us to forgive one another, to affirm and  
nurture one another, to celebrate our lives together.

We come to our table to celebrate this Thanksgiving day,  
with joy and gratitude for the good food with which  
we are blessed today, for the people who helped  
prepare it and for all of God's gifts to us.

Jesus is our light and our salvation.

We give thanks for all the many gifts that we have received.

Let us also remember those who today are  
lonely, hungry or homeless.

We gratefully remember too, our family members and loved  
ones who are not here with us physically and celebrate the  
gift which they have been and continue to be for us.

We make our prayer as we do all things  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen

The Berkshire Hills Chorus of **Sweet Adelines** International will  
perform a Christmas Concert in the church on **Dec. 5**, at 7 p.m.  
This concert is provided for you by your parish. There is no  
charge. Go to our web for more information.

[www.stjoepittsfield.com](http://www.stjoepittsfield.com)

OUR FOOD PANTRY at St. Joseph has been up-  
graded to a large pantry rather than a medium  
size one, meaning we are eligible for more food  
from the Western MA Food Bank. Therefore we  
could use four additional drivers to help with  
pickups on Tuesdays from about 11:30—1:30.  
The main requirements are the time to donate  
as well as your pick up truck to transport half  
of the load and help to unload at the Center  
when done. This would be on a rotational ba-  
sis, averaging once a month. If interested or for  
more information, please contact Sylvester Pe-  
niuk at 442-5157 or Michelle at the rectory at  
445-5789.

ST. JOE'S KITCHEN at South Congregational  
church has been serving Wednesday evening  
meals to the needy in our community for many  
years now. We are undergoing some reorgani-  
zation and reaching out for individuals to join  
our ecumenical team. Volunteer opportunities  
include the following: Administrator 3 -5 hrs /  
wk; MaitreD' Wednesdays 3-6 pm, Additional  
Cooks, Additional Wednesday Volunteers. For  
more information contact 442-7357 or Peg  
Taylor {from our parish} 448-6032. Information  
available on our website:

[www.stjoepittsfield.com](http://www.stjoepittsfield.com)

Our Annual Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday, **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 2014, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The St. Anne So-  
ciety is in charge of the pastry table and is reminding all members of the parish to bake for this fund raising  
event. This is a parish fund raiser, and we hope that all members of the parish will lend a helping hand by  
baking and donating their favorite confection. We are asking for homemade cakes, breads, cookies, cup-  
cakes, fudge, fruit pies and other dessert treats.

An **Italian cookie workshop** is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, and **Pie Baking** is sched-  
uled for 9 a.m. on November 21<sup>st</sup> in the Parish Center. Many hands make light work. If you have some time  
to spare, please come and help on either or both days. **Donations for the bazaar**: We are accepting the fol-  
lowing donations for pie baking: pie filling, apples, flour, Crisco. We are also collecting used jewelry, items  
for the Chinese raffle table, bottles of Cheer, and yarn to be used for hand knit & crocheted items.

Bus Trip to New York City to see the musical **M0 TOWN** on Wed., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. Come sing along to the  
crooners of Motown. Cost: \$115 includes bus &  
theatre ticket. The bus leaves St. Joseph's park-  
ing lot at 7 AM & returns to Pittsfield around 11  
PM. Please call the Rectory for reservations!

### I AM MORE THAN WHO YOU THINK I AM

Photo Exhibit by Julie McCarthy & Panel Discussion on Women's  
Homelessness: November 16, 2014 from 1:30—3:30 PM. Berk-  
shire South Community Ctr., 15 Crissey Road, Gt. Barrington. Go  
to [www.stjoepittsfield.com](http://www.stjoepittsfield.com) for more information or contact Julie  
McCarthy at 413-298-3370 or [jwmcarrh@bcn.net](mailto:jwmcarrh@bcn.net)

On November 30<sup>th</sup> **Advent Vespers** will begin in the South Chapel beginning at 6 PM. The  
evening consists of prayer, singing psalms, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Every-  
one is invited to come together & make this Advent season a prayerful journey with God in  
preparation for the celebration of His birth. Following Vespers, as in the past, there will be a  
series of Video presentations and discussion led by Fr. Deeker. *Refreshments will be served.*





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**ST. JOSEPH PRAYER LINE: 443-1221**

Sacrificial Giving last week: \$6,440.00 THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!!



**"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them."** In today's Gospel parable, this man represents God, and the servants represent us. The story makes a clear point

about the importance of putting the gifts God has given us to good use. Unlike the first two servants, the third servant chose not to make a return on his "talent." Thus we can understand the frustration of the master. He trusted this servant, and the fellow let him down. Remember, this all began with an act of trust when the master handed over care of his things. The fact is that the third servant did not take good care of what he was given.

What have we been given? Some gifts from God we all share in common: life and salvation. But others differ from person to person. We each have our own set of "talents": our personal skills, our material blessings, our education, family background, and so on. Some have more, and some have fewer. But the point is that we are called to make the most of what we have, whatever that may be.

Perhaps the starting point for making a return on God's investment in us is to recognize that what we have is really his! In a sense, our gifts and skills, even our lives, are all "on loan" from God. He is generous in sharing his life and his blessings with us. And, like the parable's master, he is quick to praise and reward our efforts. But when we choose to be "wicked, lazy" servants, taking everything for granted and not using our gifts for God's glory, then "even what [we have] will be taken away." What we bury underground is as good as gone. So let's bring our gifts into the light of day by sharing them with others and making the best possible use of all we've received.



**November**  
**Noviembre**



*Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>*  
CECELIA MASTALERZ 4 PM  
Requested by Family

*Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>*  
M/M JAMES MAZZEO & SON 9 AM  
M/M LORENZO PADUANO & SON  
Requested by Family  
AULISI FAMILY 11:30 AM  
Requested by Family

Sanctuary Candle

*Ed Kozlowski Requested by Barbara & Pat*

*Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>*  
CHARLES NICHOLS 12:10 PM  
Requested by Marion Laughner

*Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>*  
NO INTENTION

*Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>*  
STELLA MURPHY 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 12:10 PM  
Requested by Son, Frank

*Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>*  
JAMES GOODWIN 12:10 PM  
Requested by Family

*Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>*  
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH 12:10 PM

*Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
JIMMY ZITER 4 PM  
Requested by His Sister, Sharon

*Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>*  
DECEASED BISHOPS, PRIESTS & DEACONS OF THE DIOCESE 9 AM  
PEG SCHOLZ 14<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY 11:30 AM  
Requested by Peggy

Sanctuary Candle

*Peter Pignoni Requested by Denise, Maria & Nicoline*

**Readings for the Week of November 16, 2014**

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46