


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

Mr. Paul Guillou, Superintendent
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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!

Readings for the Week of January 4, 2015

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22--4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19--5:4/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 55:1-11 or Is 42:1-4, 6-7/1 Jn 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11



SHARING ROOTS KITCHEN

Meals on Wheels

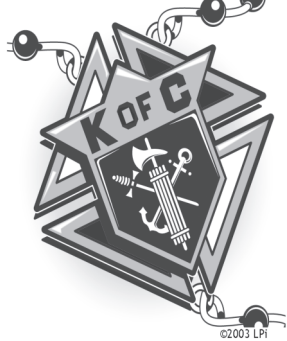
JANUARY 4TH

Thanks for all that you do!



The Son of God is manifested to the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Gary Daily at 413-452-0816 or email: g.dailey@diospringfield.org website: www.myvocation.com

Knights of Columbus



The 2015 Knights of Columbus local annual **Basketball Free Throw Championship** is being sponsored by Knights of Columbus Msgr. Eugene F. Marshall Council #103, Pittsfield, MA, for Boys and Girls ages 9 to 14 years old. The local Pittsfield competition will be held at St. Joseph High School Gym, on Saturday **January 10, 2015** at 1 PM. All contestants at the local level will be recognized for their participation in the event and have the opportunity to advance to the District, Western Mass and State Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championships. *All contestants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental or guardian consent.* For entry forms or additional information kindly contact Ryan Scago, Chairman at 443-2376.

ROSARY

after 9 AM Mass on Sunday, January 4th
All are welcome!



NEW BEREAVEMENT GROUP/HOSPICE OF WESTERN & CENTRAL MA

You are invited to take part in a GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

- Learn about the grief process
- Talk about your own experiences
- Understand how to cope with your losses
- Find the way to move forward
- Discover where help, strength and resources are available
- Establish personal goals

When: Tuesdays, 4-5PM, January 6th —February 10th

Where: Moments House, Pittsfield

Who: Chaplain Dennis Castella

Please call 442-0045 to register if interested.

PRAYER GROUP

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the North Chapel.

CHEERFULNESS PREPARES A GLORIOUS MIND

FOR ALL THE NOBLEST ACTS OF RELIGION—LOVE, ADORATION PRAISE AND EVERY UNION WITH OUR GOD.

— St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO CANNOT TOLERATE GLUTEN.

PLEASE NOTIFY PRIEST BEFORE MASS.

Saturday 4 PM
January 3rd

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Joe Bourquard, Andy Canata, Sheila Christiana, Michael Collins, Barbara Dalo, & Paula Dodds

LECTORS: Sharyn Fresia & Cheryl Furtek

Sunday, 9 AM
January 4th

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Jeff Vincent, Sharon Vincent, Nancy Woitkoski, John Arasimowicz, Edward Boehm & Paul Guillou

LECTORS: Bob Cancilla & Al Najimy

Sunday, 11:30 AM
January 4th

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Michael Wood & P. McDonough

LECTORS: Paul Mays & Anna Stack

JANUARY 4, 2015

There are still a few tickets left for the
54th Festival of the Twelfth Night
January 10, 2015

Purchase tickets at St. Joseph Rectory from 10 AM—3 PM, Monday - Friday. This year Mass will be at 4 PM at St. Joseph Church with dinner and dancing to follow at Berkshire Hills Country Club.

The cost for the evening is \$35 per person.

Come celebrate this annual tradition with family and friends!



DRIVERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE FOOD PANTRY WHO HAVE A TRUCK AND ARE AVAILABLE FROM 11:15 AM TO 1:30 PM TO PICK UP OUR FOOD FROM THE FOOD BANK ON TUESDAYS. THE MORE WHO VOLUNTEER WILL MAKE IT EASIER TO WORK OUT A SCHEDULE ON A ROTATIONAL BASIS. IF INTERESTED, CALL SYLVESTER PE-
NIUK AT 413-442-5157.

You're Invited! Open House Celebration for First Transitional House for Homeless Women and Its Dedication to Barbara Wampler

DATE: Sunday, January 11th from 1 PM — 3 PM held at 213-A Francis Avenue, Pittsfield.

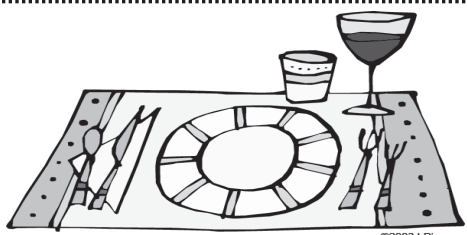
Light refreshments available—no cost to attend—donations kindly accepted. Celebrate the opening of Co-Act's first transitional housing for homeless women. This unique program places homeless women in a safe and respectful environment. The program also assists them to develop skills necessary to become independent, responsible citizens, and ultimately to help them find suitable permanent housing.

This newly renovated house is being dedicated to Barbara Wampler who over the years has housed more than 150 people in need. Barbara protects and counsels them, and then transitions them back into society as productive, healthy, educated individuals. At 82 years, she continues her work.

A donation of a gift certificate from Wal-Mart, Target, Big Lots, Job Lots, Stop & Shop, Price Chopper, Price Rite or your check payable to Co-Act would be most appreciated.

Co-Act is a non-profit, 501 (C) (3) organization dedicated to resolving the needs of the unemployed and homeless by providing the means and support to become independent responsible citizens.

Co-Act is located at the First Methodist Church, 55 Fenn St, Pittsfield. Additional info: 413-445-4445.



SAVE THE DATE:

POLISH DINNER

St. Joseph Parish Center

Date: **Saturday, January 31st**

Cost: \$12 per person

Watch the bulletin or St. Joseph website for more information!



When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

From 2nd Reading of the Feast of Solemnity of Mary,
Galatians 4: "...God sent his Son, born of a woman, born
under the law..." Jesus, born under the law of God as
given to Moses rather than man's law which denies the
recognition of our humanity before birth.



"They departed for their country by another way."

Things were different now. An encounter with the baby Jesus changed the Magi. Before finding the child, they had made a secret alliance with a worldly king, Herod. But after seeing this infant resting in the arms of Mary, their allegiance shifted. Now they became servants of the little Lord Jesus. They had a kind of conversion through their encounter with Christ, and they knew that they could no longer serve the whims of a wicked ruler.

We call this Sunday "Epiphany" because that's what the three wise men had: an epiphany, a moment of realizing the truth about God. In this moment these three men--kings that they were--"prostrated themselves and did?homage" to the King of Kings. Then they went home by a different route, undoubtedly as different men. Now, their own authority as worldly leaders took on a new character. Now, they were men who served a power greater than themselves. As it was prophesied in the Old Testament reading from Isaiah, even kings would walk by the "shining radiance" of the Lord.

Let us ask ourselves today how the Epiphany of the Lord can redirect us. What worldly allegiances have we made that need to be changed? Are we servants of our neighbors' good opinion or of the power of money? Are we secretly aligned with popularity or prestige? No matter what "rules" our hearts, we are invited to change our direction. We are invited to encounter the little Lord Jesus and offer ourselves to his gentle and loving guidance. After all, his is a kingship of concern for us. As today's psalm says, this King "shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him."



January
Month of The
Holy Childhood
of Jesus



<i>Saturday, January 3rd</i>	
JASON ROCHELO	4 PM
Requested by Family	
<i>Sunday, January 4th</i>	
GERT PERKINS	9 AM
Requested by John Arasimowicz	
MARY ARPANTE	11:30 AM
Requested by Lou & Sandy Thomas	
<i>Sanctuary Candle</i>	
<i>Bruno Montini - Requested by Wife & Family</i>	
<i>Monday, January 5th</i>	
ANDREW TRZEPACZ	12:10 PM
Requested by Mother & Family	
<i>Tuesday, January 6th</i>	
EDWARD KOZLOWSKI	12:10 PM
Requested by Wife, Lucy	
<i>Wednesday, January 7th</i>	
PETER PIGNONI	12:10 PM
Requested by Denise, Maria & Nicola	
<i>Thursday, January 8th</i>	
ELIZABETH J. PUTNAM	12:10 PM
7 TH ANNIVERSARY	
Requested by Sister, Marjorie	
<i>Friday, January 9th</i>	
LAURA SAYERS	12:10 PM
Requested by Nancy Wituszynski	
<i>Saturday, January 10th</i>	
NATALIE MARA	4 PM
Requested by Pat Momnie	
<i>Sunday, January 11th</i>	
LAURA SAYERS	9 AM
Requested by Mary Papa	
TETI, BOURQUARD, FLANDERS & MANTELLA	
FAMILIES	
HAPPY BIRTHDAY Requested by Family	11:30 AM
<i>Sanctuary Candle</i>	
<i>Karen Mantella—Requested by Bourquard Family</i>	

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CHRYSTUS**

ST. JOSEPH PRAYER LINE: 443-1221

