


# 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  
Rev. Geoffrey Deeker, CSS, Priest in Residence  
Rev. Mr. Pasqual Baldasaro, Deacon  
John Arasimowicz,  
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Mrs. Patricia Momnie, Pastoral Minister

### St. Joseph's Parish Office

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

### 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!

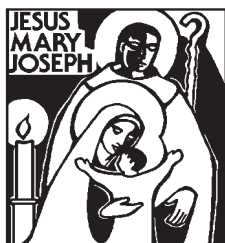
Jesus came teaching with authority—can you hear his voice? He may be calling you to service as priests or religious sisters/brothers. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Gary Daily at 413-452-0816 or email: [g.dailey@diospringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org). website: [www.myvocation.com](http://www.myvocation.com)

From today's Gospel, Mark 1: **"Quiet, come out of him!"** Continuous works of honoring life can quiet those who do otherwise.

***Lenten Vespers begin again each Sunday evening at 6 p.m. in the South Chapel starting February 22. This is a lovely prayerful way to end the Lord's Day during these days of Lent. Following Vespers, a video presentation will take place in the North Chapel with discussion period led by Fr. Geoffrey Deeker.***

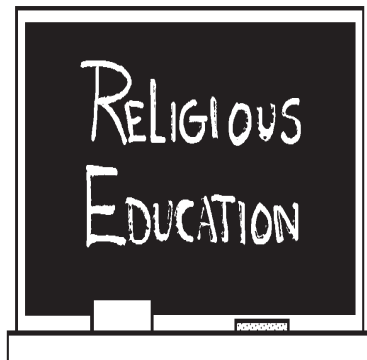
***Refreshments will be served.***

**February  
Month of  
The Holy  
Family**



## St. Joseph Religious Education News

- ◆ Regular classes held February 1, February 8 and February 22.
- ◆ **"SOUPER BOWL" Sunday**—9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade students will be collecting at the church entrances this weekend at the 4 PM and 9 AM Masses. The collections are to benefit the local food pantries. Please help support these efforts.
- ◆ **First Communion Class**—Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM is First Penance. Students and parents are asked to please be in the North Chapel at 9:30 AM.
- ◆ **Confirmation Students**—February 8<sup>th</sup> is Commitment Sunday. Candidates need to attend 9 AM Mass and hand in their commitment forms.
- ◆ **NO CLASS** on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> due to school vacation.
- ◆ *Did you know...* CCD cancellations due to inclement weather will be posted on the St. Joseph website. Go to [www.stjoepittsfield.com](http://www.stjoepittsfield.com)



## LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 4 PM <i>January 31<sup>ST</sup></i>	<u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</u>	Paula Dodds, Josie Daviau, Nina Mastrangelo, Pat Momnie, Jim Armstrong & Carol Gamberoni
	<u>LECTORS:</u>	Cheryl Furtek and Marie Kotowicz
Sunday, 9 AM <i>February 1<sup>st</sup></i>	<u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</u>	Gene Cornell, Jeanne Cornell, Terry Costello, Paul Guillou, Kurt Haswell and Anne Hynes
	<u>LECTORS:</u>	Sharon Vincent and Bob Cancilla
Sunday, 11:30 AM <i>February 1<sup>st</sup></i>	<u>EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</u>	Joe Dahrouge, Anne Dunham, Mary Huska, Charles Knappe, Daniel Kochapski and Ron Pelletier
	<u>LECTORS:</u>	Paul Mays and P. McDonough

**Readings for the Week of February 1, 2015**

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28  
 Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32  
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43  
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6  
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13  
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29  
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34  
 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



*"The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes."*

Jesus was doing something different. His teaching was new, fresh, surprising. The Jewish people were used to the teaching style of their scribes, the scholars who interpreted the Scriptures and taught the corresponding laws. The scribes were legalists by trade, who focused on what was required of the Jews based on the holy writings. For them, the law was dominant. But when Jesus showed up in the synagogue and began to teach, he was dominant. As the incarnate Son of God, he spoke with an authority that was greater even than the religious laws.

And just in case those who heard him doubted his legitimacy, Jesus proved his authority by more than words; he cast out evil spirits. When the people witnessed Jesus commanding "even the unclean spirits" and saw that these spirits obeyed him, they were "amazed" at this "new teaching with authority."

What our Jewish ancestors experienced is recorded for us to bolster our own faith. Although we were not there to see these events unfold, if we meditate on the reality of today's Gospel story we will also be astonished and amazed. Jesus is more than a teacher. He is more than a kind man with an attractive philosophy. Jesus has power over the spiritual world! His authority over us is real. And he exercises this authentic authority for our own good. He has the power to do away with evil and to set us free, both through his teachings--passed on to us in the Bible and in the Church--and through his action in our lives. We only need to follow his lead.

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

**Rosary** - First Sunday of the month after 9 AM Mass - South Chapel. All are welcome.

**Valentine's Day at St. Joseph's** - Please remember our elderly and our loved ones in nursing homes and at home by sending them a Valentine card. There will be mailboxes at the door of the church after the Masses on the weekend of February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>. These folks love to receive mail from their parish family.

**Fish Fry** - St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a FISH FRY on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds to benefit St. Joseph Church. Enjoy great dining with fellow parishioners, family and friends in our Parish Center. "Take Out" is available! Time: 5 PM - 6:30 PM. Tickets: Adults \$12; Children 5yrs to 12yrs \$6; under 5yrs free. Contact the Rectory: 445-5789 or Jack Laviolette: 464-6009. *Limited tickets at the door if available.*

**Sacrificial Giving** last week: \$5,133.00 THANK YOU!!!

**Empty Bowl** - A fundraising event to benefit "Barbara's Place" First Transitional House in Pittsfield for Homeless women. Date: February 6 from 5 PM-7:30 PM. First United Methodist Church. 55 Fenn St. Pittsfield. Tickets: \$20 adults; \$10 Teens; Free under 13yrs. Call: 413-442-3172. Reservations not required. All-You-Can-Eat Dinner of gourmet soups, crusty breads, and decadent desserts!

**Sharing Roots Kitchen** - Meals on Wheels: February 1<sup>st</sup>  
*Thanks for all that you do!*



**Bring a Friend to Church**

## ST. JOSEPH BUS TRIPS

St. Joseph Parish is planning a BUS TRIP to Mohegan Sun on Monday, February 16, 2015. The bus departs from St. Joseph parking lot at 8:00 AM and leaves Mohegan Sun around 4:30 PM. The cost of trip is \$30 per person. Upon arrival everyone will receive \$10.00 towards food and \$20.00 for gambling. Please call St. Joseph Rectory at 445-5789 to reserve your seat!

St. Anne's Society of St. Joseph Church - Feast of St. Anne - Bus trip to Canada July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 27<sup>th</sup>. Passports a must! Go to [www.stjoepittsfield.com](http://www.stjoepittsfield.com) for more information or contact Barbara Dalo at 443-3217.



<i>Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup></i>	
JOSEPH & MARY	4 PM
Requested by The Zoladz Family	
<i>Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup></i>	
VIRGINIA KOLDYS	9 AM
Requested by Lucy Flossic	
JACKIE WEATHERWAX	11:30 AM
<i>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</i>	
Requested by Family	
<i>Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup></i>	
CARROLL KANE	12:10 PM
Requested by Shaun & Anna Stack	
<i>Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup></i>	
CHARLES E. MURPHY	12:10 PM
<i>32<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary</i>	
Requested by Son, Frank	
<i>Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup></i>	
EDWARD KOZLOWSKI	12:10 PM
Requested by Wife and Daughter	
<i>Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup></i>	
JANET MCNEIL <i>First Anniversary</i>	12:10 PM
Requested by Family	
<i>Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup></i>	
HENRY BOC	12:10 PM
Requested by June Marketonis	
<i>Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup></i>	
MARIANNE MELLNICK	4 PM
Requested by Lill & Bernie Robert	
<i>Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup></i>	
CONNOR GRAHAM	9 AM
Requested by Lillian Quinn & Family	
CARROLL KANE	11:30 AM
Requested by Leuh DeSantis & Family	
<i>Sanctuary Candle</i>	
<i>Jim Wilson Req. by Nancy Wituszynski</i>	

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

*Presentation*  
**of the Lord**

**St. Joseph Parish**  
**414 North Street - Pittsfield**  
**Activities & Events February 2015**

February 1	Sharing Roots Kitchen
February 1	Rosary ~ after 9 AM Mass
February 1	CCD for all students
February 1	SOUPER BOWL CCD students
February 3	RCIA 6:30 PM
February 4	Prayer Group 6:30 PM
February 4	Food Pantry
February 7	Valentine Mailboxes
February 7	First Penance 9:30 AM
February 8	Commitment Sunday
February 8	CCD for all students
February 8	Valentine Mailboxes
February 10	RCIA 6:30 PM
February 11	Food Pantry
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 15	Parish Council Meeting
February 15	No CCD - School vacation
February 16	Bus Trip: Mohegan Sun
February 16	President's Day
February 17	RCIA 6:30 PM
February 18	Ash Wednesday
February 18	Prayer Group 6:30 PM
February 18	Food Pantry
February 22	Lenten Vespers begins 6 PM
February 22	CCD for all students
February 24	RCIA 6:30 PM
February 25	Food Pantry
February 27	Fish Fry ( <i>take out available</i> )
	5 PM—6:30 PM limited tickets

Please watch the bulletin & website for more  
information and happenings at St. Joseph Parish.

*Thank you for* **Parish Support**  
*all your*

