


# 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  
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### St. Joseph's Parish Office

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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!

**JOB POSTING - DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTER - DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD** - We are looking for a dynamic individual to develop and direct faith formation programs through catechesis and evangelization for the youth and adolescents of the Diocese of Springfield. The individual will work under the direction of the Diocesan Director, Faith Formation and will serve as a resource for parish leaders in support of their programs. The position is salaried, exempt and the pay rate is based on experience. A degree in theology, religious education or its equivalent and a minimum of five (5) years in a youth minister or catechetical leadership role is required. Bilingual skills (English/Spanish) desired. Some travel inside and outside of the diocese is required as well as some evening/weekend meetings. For immediate consideration, interested candidates should send their resume vial email or fax to: Peter Schmidt, Director, Human Resources. E-mail: [p.schmidt@diospringfield.org](mailto:p.schmidt@diospringfield.org)

**Sacred Heart Sunday Readings Discussion Group** meets each Wednesday following the 9 AM Mass in the Sacred Heart Parish Center. The format is informal: review the readings/share your responses with others, followed by common prayer. The rewards are many: becoming more aware and attentive to the weekly readings-and the Bible as a whole; developing a new understanding and appreciation of our diverse liturgical seasons; and gaining the satisfaction of giving voice to ones' faith with a caring supportive group. For more information, please contact Bob James at (413) 344-4526. *Everyone is welcome!!!*

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the LORD. Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the LORD! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to a Church vocation, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413 -452-0816 or email: [g.dailey@diospringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org) [www.myvocation.com](http://www.myvocation.com)

ACKNOWLEDGE  
that we *need*  
GOD'S HELP

### Lent at St. Joseph



CONFESSION - Wednesday nights from 6 PM - 7 PM

SOUP AND SPIRITUALITY - Starting Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, following the 12:10 PM Mass, we will use Fr. Albert Haase series KEEPING THE FIRE ALIVE navigating challenges in the Spiritual Life. All are welcome.

LENTEN VESPERS - Lenten Vespers conclude tonight at 6 pm evening prayer in the South chapel. Also the final Video presentation will follow Vespers in the North Chapel. All are welcome.

FINDING FAITH IN FILMS - Movies & Popcorn with Sr. Colette - Thank you to all those who attended.

RCIA - Tuesdays at 6:30 PM

## St. Joseph Religious Education News

- ♦ March 29<sup>th</sup>—Palm Sunday—**Last day of CCD for grades K, 1 and 3- 10.** Students will perform the Easter pageant at 9 AM Mass. Our communion breakfast will follow.
- ♦ **CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**—Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> is Blessing of the Oils. This is a mandatory activity for confirmation students.

RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION

### LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 4 PM

MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>

Sunday, 9 AM

MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

Sunday, 11:30 AM

MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup>

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

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MARIE KOTOWICZ & MARY SUKIENNIK

CHERYL FURTEK & SR. JEAN BOSTLEY

PAT KEEGAN & ANNE KOZLOWSKI

JOE RYAN & JASON STREET

CHARLES KNAPPE & DANIEL KOCHAPSKI

ANNA STACK & ROBERT BOUQUET

March  
Marzo

MARCH 29, 2015



*Many thanks to all who made our St. Joseph Traditional Ham & Bean Dinner successful. Parishioners, Family, Friends, Ladies of St. Anne, and the Knights of Columbus, working together and enjoying a great meal, with fellowship, and with all proceeds helping St. Joseph Church. God Bless you all!*

**ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY** - Please remove all decorations by Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. New decorations are not allowed until Mother's Day, May 10<sup>th</sup>, live flowers only, no artificial. Cemetery gates and Mausoleum are open from 8 a.m. until dusk.



**3-Day Bus Trip to Montreal/Quebec Shrines - JULY 25 - 27, 2015 - Come celebrate The Feast Of Sainte-Anne-De-Beaupre.** Tour includes: Notre Dame du Cap-de-la-Madeleine Shrine, Notre-Dame Basilica, St. Joseph Oratory of Mount Royal, Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupre Shrine, & Old Quebec City. PASSPORTS ARE A MUST! If interested contact Bonnie Mele at 447-7784 or Carolyn Rousseau 443-5401.

**Lenten Vespers** conclude tonight at the 6 p.m. evening prayer in the South Chapel. Also, the final Video presentation will follow Vespers in the North Chapel. All are welcome.



**St. Joseph Annual Lasagna Dinner held Holy Thursday** at 5 PM in the Parish Center. *Please call the Rectory to make your reservation!*

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be offering two \$500.00 scholarships to college bond seniors in the three Pittsfield high schools. Applications which must be returned by April 15, 2015, are available at the guidance offices at the respective schools.

**The Pittsfield Cultural Exchange Committee** comprised of members of the Berkshire County Irish American Organization and the Pittsfield Irish Sister City Committee presents an Irish Gala Dinner Event at the Pittsfield Crowne Plaza Grand Ballroom on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 starting at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6:15 p.m. to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of Lanesborough, Becket, Richmond & Williamstown and to welcome visitors and performers from Ireland including: Derek Warfield & the Yound Wolfe Tones, the Moffatt School of Dance from the Ballina District, County Mayo, Ireland, Pittsfield's Sister City. Opening at 5:15 p.m. will be singing sensations NY stage star Ron Ramsey & Samantha Talora. Tickets are available in Pittsfield at "Brits R Us" and Irish Too, 80 North St., The Berkshire General Store, 75 North St. and at Lanesboro Restaurant & Pizzeria, 739 S. Main St. Lanesborough or by calling Pat Gormalley at 442-8924 or Kevin Cahill at 413-770-7512. Tickets are \$40 per person and tables of 10 for \$350. Raffle tickets for an Ireland Land Package, including hotels and auto rental worth \$2200, donated by Stephanie Abrams Travel National Radio Show are available from all of the above.

**Easter Dinner will be held on April 18<sup>th</sup>** at St. Joseph Parish Center. Hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 per person. On the menu: Boneless Stuffed Chicken Breast, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Vegetable, Kielbasa & Kapusta...and dessert too! For tickets, please call the St. Joseph Rectory.

So they brought the colt to Jesus and put their cloaks over it. And he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. - Mk 11:7-8



# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

## Readings for the Week of March 29, 2015

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39  
 Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11  
 Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38  
 Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25  
 Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21  
 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15  
 Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42  
 Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ex 14:15-15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7  
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35



**"They began to be distressed and to say to him, one by one, Surely it is not I?"**

During this dramatic scene at the Last Supper, we can picture Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, trying to play up his innocence as long as possible. He knew he had already betrayed Jesus, and if he joined in the "who, me?" ritual, he was just putting on appearances. But what about the others? The rest of the Twelve were deeply disturbed by the idea that they might betray Jesus. As we know, however, when push came to shove, Peter's fear of betraying Jesus was trumped by fear for his own life. "I do not know this man about whom you are talking," he said in order to protect himself. But notice Peter's reaction when he realized what he'd done: "He broke down and wept."

How different was humble Peter's response from that of prideful Judas, who acted as if he hadn't done anything wrong: "Who, me?" Both men were unfaithful to the Lord, but only Peter immediately felt real sorrow, what we traditionally call contrition, for his sin. The betrayers in today's Gospel readings are not just these two men. We also follow the crowd who hailed Jesus one day with "hosannas!" and a week later nailed him with their angry "crucify him!" How quickly our faith can turn fickle. For some of us, it may be easy to condemn the crowd and Judas and Peter, thinking that we would never do such a thing: "Who, me?" But today, let us resolve not to be so proud as to think we are perfect disciples. Let us have the humility of Peter who wept over his imperfections and, ultimately, repented of his sins. Only when we acknowledge that we need God's help will we be able to hail him and praise him as he truly deserves.



*Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>*  
**WALTER & AMELIA MARKETONIS** 4 PM  
 Requested by their Daughter, June

*Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>*  
**MR ROBERT LEEVE** 9 AM  
 Requested by Henry Yuke  
**ZOFIA & LUCJAN RUDNICKI** 11:30 AM  
 Requested by Sister and Family

*Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>*  
**THERESA CHARBONNEAU** 12:10 PM  
 Requested by Ladies of the Round Table

*Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>*  
**JASON ROCHELO 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY** 12:10 PM  
 Requested by Family  
**PRESENTATION OF OILS MASS** 7 PM

*Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>*  
**MATTHEW MASTALERZ** 12:10 PM  
 Requested by Family

*Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>*  
**MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** 7 PM

*Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>*  
**LITURGY OF THE PASSION** 7 PM

*Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>* (no 4 p.m. Mass)  
**EASTER VIGIL MASS** 8 PM

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



**Come as a Guest  
 Leave as a Friend**



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 ST. JOSEPH PRAYER LINE: 443-1221**