


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
Nancy Nolan, Secretary
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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!

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

Readings for the Week of August 16, 2015

Sunday: Prv 9:1-6/Eph 5:15-20/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32
or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO FAMILIES

Forgive One Another

This is important—to know how to forgive one another in families because we all make mistakes, all of us! Sometimes we do things which are not good and which harm others. It is important to have the courage to ask for forgiveness when we are at fault in the family . . . We all make mistakes, and on occasion someone gets offended in the marriage, in the family, and sometimes, I say, plates are smashed, harsh words are spoken, but please listen to my advice: don't ever let the sun set without reconciling. Peace is made each day in the family: "Please forgive me," and then you start over.

-ADDRESS TO THE PILGRIMAGE OF FAMILIES,
ST. PETER'S SQUARE,
OCTOBER 16, 2013

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15th

Assumption of the Blessed Mary 9 AM

TETI BOURQUARD & FLANDERS FAMILIES 4 PM

Requested Family

Sunday, August 16th

CHARLES E. & STELLA M. MURPHY 9 AM

Requested by Son, Frank

MARION & NICK MAKES 11:30 AM

Requested by Family

Monday, August 17th

JOSE PARALTA 12:10 PM

Requested by Family

Tuesday, August 18th

BILLY GUINAN 12:10 PM

Requested by Ann McCaffrey

Wednesday, August 19th

LORIE McCABE 12:10 PM

Requested by McCabe Family

Thursday, August 20th

MARY JO PELLETIER 12:10 PM

Requested by Family

Friday, August 21st

THERESA GIROUX 12:10 PM

Requested by Louie & Mimi Meunier

Saturday, August 22nd

VIRGINIA KOLDYS 4 PM

Requested Ann McCaffrey

Sunday, August 23rd

EARL FLOSSIC 3RD ANNIVERSARY 9 AM

Requested by Family

THERESE WOOD 11:30 AM

Requested by Family

*We have weekday Masses available. Please contact St.
Joseph Rectory for dates, etc. at 413-445-5789*

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 4 PM

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Marie Kotowicz, Sheila Bouquet, Joe Bourquard, Sheila Christiana,
Michael Collins & Barbara Dalo

LECTORS

Jim Armstrong & Sr. Jean Bostley

Sunday, 9 AM

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Anne Hynes, Pat Keegan, Anne Kozlowski, Betty Kirby,
Jack Laviolette & MaryKay McClintock

LECTORS:

John Quallen & Donna Quallen

Sunday, 11:30 AM

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Jim McNeice, Ron Pelletier, J. Weatherwax, Michael Wood,
Daniel Kochapski & Joe Darouge

LECTORS:

Anne Dunham & P. McDonough

AUGUST 16, 2015

St. Joseph Religious Education News

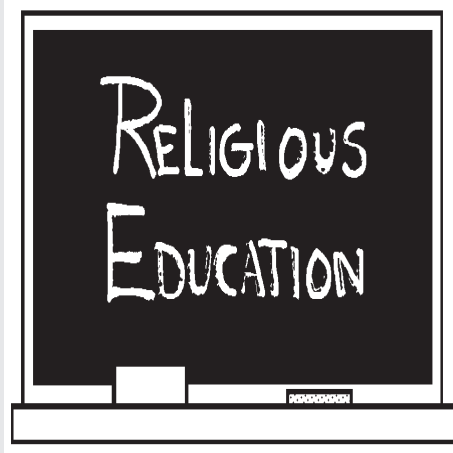
◆ Attention all Confirmation Candidates—All Confirmation candidates **MUST** attend the MANDATORY CONFIRMATION RETREAT. This year's retreat will be in the Parish Center on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 from 4:45 PM to 9:15 PM. Also, please save the date: This year's Confirmation ceremony will be held on Sunday, **OCTOBER 18, 2015**, at the 11:30 AM Mass.

◆ CCD Registration will be held Sunday, September 6th in the Parish Center.

◆ FIRST CLASS — CCD begins on Sunday, September 13th.

◆ ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS : *You've Got Mail* - Please watch your mail for the fall calendar and registration form.

◆ Did you know...CCD information can also be found on our website! Go to www.stjoepittsfield.com



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

ST. JOSEPH FESTIVAL OF SHARING ROOTS

Event Date: September 13, 2015 from 12 noon to 5 pm. Tag sale & crafts begin at 9 am on the grounds of St. Joseph Church. Prayers of the Faithful in many languages at the 11:30 am Mass.

Planning Session Date: There will be a committee **meeting on Wednesday, August 19**, held in the North Chapel at 6:30 PM. Chairpersons, kindly have any remaining requests for supplies, electrical hook ups, cookers, etc. We are looking forward to a great Festival on September 13. God Bless you all.

Sign-Up Date: For all those who are interested in volunteering at this Festival, now is the time to sign-up! Please contact Jeff Vincent.

Donations: The committee is seeking the following donations—Lottery tickets. If you would like to donate a lottery ticket for the Lottery Tree, please place the ticket in an envelope marked "Sharing Roots" and place in the weekly collection basket. We are also collecting food for the Grocery Basket Raffle. If you would like to donate food for this basket, please leave the food in a bag labeled "Sharing Roots" and leave in the Vestibule. For beverages we are asking for donations of bottled water, Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, Budweiser, Budweiser Light, and Red or White Wine.

Tag Sale Items: We are seeking tag sale items too! Please, no electrical items and no clothing.

Monetary donations: We are accepting monetary donations to offset the cost of this event. Again, please place in weekly collection basket in an envelope clearly labeled "Sharing Roots".

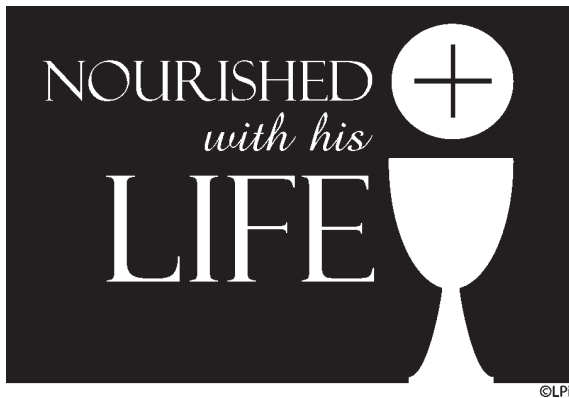
All donations are greatly appreciated! THANK YOU!!

SARATOGA RACE TRACK or CASINO!!!! DATE: AUGUST 24 - What could be better than spending a day at beautiful Saratoga Racetrack? The white grandstand, lush green fields, and dusty dirt track is a summer favorite. We hope that you join us for a fun and relaxing day at the track during our upcoming bus trip. The trip takes place Mon, August 24, & tickets are \$30 pp. The bus leaves St. Joe's parking lot at 9:30 a.m. & leaves Saratoga after the last race! Or, for those of you who'd rather go to the CASINO, well, this trip is "either or", to the RACE TRACK OR THE CASINO!!!! Please call St. Joseph Rectory for more information.

THE GOSPEL ASKS FOR US "HOW CAN JESUS GIVE US HIS FLESH TO EAT"? OUR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE DOES NOT PREVENT US FROM BEING LURED INTO THE MYSTERY. THE MYSTERY MAKES IT ALL THE MORE APPEALING WHEN WE SAY IN FAITH, "MY LORD AND MY GOD". IN FAITH WE CAN RESPOND ALSO TO GOD'S INVITATION TO BE HIS PRIEST OR RELIGIOUS. IF YOU CAN, CALL FR. GARY DAILY AT 413-452-0816 OR EMAIL: G.DAILEY@DIOSPRINGFIELD.ORG OR WWW.MYVOCATION.COM

Greek Fest 2015—Saturday, Aug 22 from 11—8 PM, Sunday, Aug 23 from 12 Noon—6 PM. St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 73 Bradford St. Pittsfield. Great Greek Food & Pastries, Music & Dancing—Marketplace, Free Admission, Rain or Shine. Follow us on Facebook at St. George Greek Orthodox Church of the Berkshires

CYCLE B AUGUST 16, 2015
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'"

Today's Gospel continues Jesus' Bread of Life discourse where he emphasizes over and over again that his followers are to "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood." Not surprisingly, his listeners don't know what to make of this mysterious teaching. So the quarrels begin. We can imagine what was being said: "He's just using analogies," one man would suggest. "No! He says it's 'true food' and 'true drink,'" another would reply. Others would accuse Jesus of blaspheming, while still others would assert that they believe every word he says. And so it went.

This scene is all too common. People encounter a difficult teaching of the faith--one that is challenging to fulfill or difficult to believe--and so they argue about it or rationalize it away instead of just accepting it and living according to it. On a large scale, these sorts of arguments are what lead to the breakdown of Christian unity. Time and time again in history, when a group of people disagrees about a Christian teaching, they splinter off and define their own set of beliefs. Not only does this harm the harmony of the Christian community, but it makes it too easy to avoid the tough parts of the faith.

Some of the things Jesus wants us to do are difficult--like respecting God's plan for sexuality or controlling our urges for unrestrained pleasure, power, or profit. Some of the things Jesus taught us are mysterious--like the teaching that the Eucharist is truly his body and blood. But thankfully he has given us his Holy Spirit to help us understand and do what we should. Let's not waste our time arguing about the faith. Let's just live it.

The St. Anne Society will meet in the Parish Center on Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30 PM for their annual Ice Cream Social. Fr. David, who was supposed to be our speaker regrets that he will not be able to attend. The business meeting includes information on two upcoming events— Sharing Roots and the Italian Supper. Following the meeting, make your own Ice Cream Sundaes will be enjoyed by all in attendance. All women of the parish are welcome to attend and become a part of this group.

Foreign Exchange Student in Need of Host Family for the 2015-2016 School Year— A 15-year old student from South Korea, who has already been accepted at St. Joseph's High School, needs a host family. If you would like to open your home to her and the unique opportunity for cultural exchange and inter-cultural enrichment that comes from hosting a foreign student, please contact Jon at 413-320-6587. Jon works with International Cultural Exchange Services, or ICES for short. They work to facilitate exchange experiences for high school aged students from a variety of different countries.

Berkshire Medical Center is always looking for dedicated Eucharistic Ministers. If you feel called by God to minister in this way, please contact Sister Collette Hanlon, S.C. at 413-447-2251. All the training for hospital ministry will be supplied by BMC staff and chaplains.

Do you Knit or Crochet? Those who are sick, frightened or dying—and their loved ones—are so appreciative of the Prayer Shawls that are made by volunteers. A group of these gifted people meet every Wednesday from 12:30—1:30 PM at the Berkshire Medical Center Chapel to pray and use their gifts to comfort others. You are welcome to join them! For questions, please call Pastoral Care at 413-447-2251.

St. Joseph 20/20 Club—Week 15: Johanna Bourquard & Theresa Card - Congratulations!