

# ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

## MOTHER CHURCH OF THE BERKSHIRES

*ESTABLISHED 1849*  
*Pittsfield, Massachusetts*

### Liturgical Celebrations

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| <b>Saturday</b>     | 4:00 PM  |
| <b>Sunday</b>       | 9:00 AM<br>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.

## St. Joseph Church—Pittsfield, Massachusetts

On **November 29<sup>th</sup>** Advent Vespers will begin in the South Chapel beginning at 6:00 p.m. The evening consists of prayer, singing psalms, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited to come together and 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 with time for discussion led by Fr. Deeker. Refreshments will be served.

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe—Today we hail Christ as our king, the victor over the power of death. This Jesus, who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His God and Father. He who is King, continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know him, love Him, and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you faithful may know him, love Him, and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, then call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or email: g.dailey@diospringfield.org Website: www.myvocation.com

*So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37*

### POPE FRANCIS SPEAKS TO FAMILIES

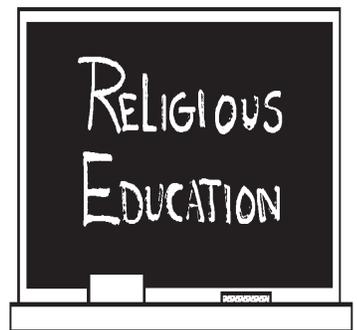
#### Leaven in the Dough

**F**or the Christian community, the family is far more than a "theme": it is life, it is the daily fabric of life; it is the journey of generations who pass on the faith together with love and with the basic moral values. It is concrete solidarity, effort, patience, and also a project, hope and a future. All this, which the Christian community lives out in the light of faith, hope, and charity, should never be kept to oneself must become, every day, the leaven in the dough of the whole of society for its greater common good.—

Message to Italian Catholics, September 11, 2013

### St. Joseph Religious Education News

- November 22<sup>nd</sup> *Christ the King*—students in K-5: Please meet in North Chapel at 8:45 a.m. to form procession for the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Regular class today, November 22, for all grades.
- November 29<sup>th</sup> No C.C.D. - November 29. Class resumes 12/6/15.
- December 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party—All students are expected to report to their classroom and attend the Christmas Party as a group with their classmates.



#### LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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| Saturday 4 PM    | <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Mary Sukiennik, Joe Tournier, Kay Tournier, Cheryl Furtek,<br>Sr. Jean Bostley & Dave Bouchard           |
|                  | <u>Lectors:</u> Jim Armstrong & Marie Kotowicz   |
| Sunday, 9 AM     | <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Bernadette Scapin, Lillian Trzepacz, Jeff Vincent, Sharon Vincent,<br>Nancy Woitkoski & John Arasimowicz |
|                  | <u>Lectors:</u> Anne Kozlowski & Bob Cancilla  |
| Sunday, 11:30 AM | <u>Eucharistic Ministers:</u> Anne Dunham, Mary Huska, Charles Knappe,<br>Joe Dahrouge, Ron Pelletier & J. Weatherwax                  |
|                  | <u>Lectors:</u> P. McDonough & Paul Mays   |



KINDLY SILENCE ALL PAGERS, CELL PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES BEFORE THE LITURGY BEGINS. THANK YOU!



## Thanksgiving Prayer

Almighty God,  
you bring forth bountiful food from the earth  
that our loved ones may never grow hungry.  
For this, we give thanks.  
You give us families that meet at this time  
to reunite and be one with each other.  
For this, we give thanks.  
You have let us live in a land  
that has unbridled opportunity and unparalleled freedoms.  
For this, we give thanks.  
For those who are hungry today,  
we pray for their fulfillment.  
For families that are separated, we pray for their unity.  
And for people who live in the midst of persecution,  
we pray for their deliverance.  
We ask all these things through Christ,  
our ever-risen Lord.  
Amen.

## THE GIVING PROJECT

2015

Phase I:

The Giving Tree Project preparations have been ongoing during the month of November, and the weekend following Thanksgiving, the tags for requested gifts will be placed on the Christmas tree below St. Joseph's statue. Please consider taking part in this Advent caritas activity.

If you know of a parish family that needs assistance for their children from toddler age to grade 5, please tell the parents that application forms will be available in the basket on the table inside the main entrance to the church as well as at the rectory office. The applications forms must be completed and returned to the parish office before Thanksgiving Day.

# HAPPY Thanksgiving

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY! THERE WILL BE BLESSED BREAD OFFERED TO ALL AT THE 9 AM MASS ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26.

## FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

At this time of year, we have so many people we would like to thank. There are businesses - including Stop and Shop on Dan Fox Drive, Panera Bread, Pittsfield Rye Bakery, Blossoming Acres and Berryknoll

Farms all of whom are thanked for their food donations. We are ever grateful to you, our parishioners, as we have reached our goal of 2,000 gravy packets and also the generous monetary gifts to purchase additional groceries as needed for the holidays, our many weekly contributors, either with groceries or financial support, as well as those volunteers who shelve the items, bag the goods, order food, pick up our weekly delivery and a myriad of other jobs which help us to have the goods to donate to those in need. We are also blessed with a nurse who works with clients taking blood pressures, etc., a flu clinic organized for the Parish and clients, and The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts who has provided workshops for staff and clients as well as healthy recipes. Our parish is certainly very much involved with this outreach ministry and may all of you have a blessed Thanksgiving!



## CYCLE B NOVEMBER 22, 2015

Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe



"Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Once they wear the crown, earthly kings don't have to win the allegiance of their subjects; if you live in the kingdom, you're part of the kingdom and are under the authority of the king. But things are different with Jesus. As the Lord told Pilate, "my kingdom does not belong to this world." His subjects are not given by default. His kingdom is not established in a particular place or even in a particular time. Rather, the realm of the King of the universe encompasses all the other kingdoms of the world. And everyone, regardless of any earthly allegiance, is invited to be the privileged subject of this King. The key to entering this kingdom, as Jesus says, is to listen to his voice. Heeding the voice--the teachings, the guidance, the commandments--of Jesus enables us to belong to this kingdom that is founded upon truth. Jesus defines his authority in these terms: "For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth." As Christians, we profess to follow the King of kings. Therefore, as members of his royal realm, we too should be about the business of testifying to the truth. Of course there are many ways to defend the truth in our modern age. Upholding the dignity of life and protecting religious liberty are two examples of the pressing issues of our day. But even more fundamental is the basic claim we make: that Jesus is in fact God-made-man and that, through his death and resurrection, he has saved us from our sins.

This Gospel message, both simple and profound, is a truth that never grows old. Let us boldly profess the truth of the Gospel as we invite all those we encounter to join in the joy of the kingdom of Jesus.



### Bring a Friend to Church

Thanksgiving Day  
Día de Acción de Gracias



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

## Mass Intentions for the Week

*Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>*  
RITA & JOSEPH DEANGELIS JR. 4 PM  
Requested by Their Loving Family

*Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>*  
MARION NOZZI 9 AM  
Requested by Her Sister, Jodi  
PEG SCHOLZ 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY 11:30 AM  
Requested

*Sanctuary Candle*  
James Massacani  
Requested by His sister, Terri

*Monday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>*  
WILLIAM WENDELL 12:10 PM  
Requested by Claire Lydett

*Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>*  
JAMES MASSACANI 1st Anniversary 12:10 PM  
Requested by His sister, Terri

*Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>*  
MARY JO PELLETIER 12:10 PM  
Requested by Family

*Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup>*  
PARISH 9 AM

*Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>*  
ELLLEANOR MURPHY 12:10 PM  
Requested by Family

*Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>*  
TOM & ALICE MELE & FAMILY 4 PM  
Requested by Friends & Family

*Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>*  
EDMOND J. HOSPOD 9 AM  
Requested by Family  
JAN MANGANO 11:30 AM  
Requested Daughter

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

### Readings for the Week of November 22, 2015

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12--4:2/Lk 21:25-28,  
34-36