



ST. JOSEPH'S MOTHER CHURCH OF THE BERKSHIRES

Established 1849



LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 & 11:30 AM
Daily Mass	12:10 PM
RCIA	Tues 6:30 PM
Holy Hour	Mon-Fri 11:00 AM
Rosary	Mon-Fri 11:30 AM
Prayer Group	1st & 3rd Wed 6:45 PM
Holidays	9:00 AM

THE STAFF

Pastor - Msgr. Michael Shershanovich
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Priest in Residence - Rev. Geoffrey Decker, CSS

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ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY

Superintendent - Jay Meehan
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM - New parents are expected to complete a course of instruction. Please consult the parish office for classes.

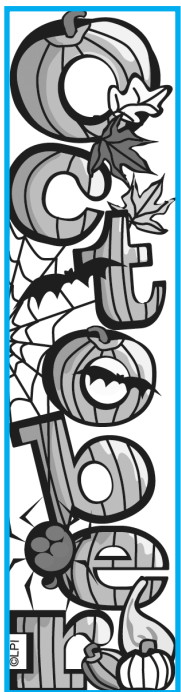
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Saturdays 3:00-3:45 PM

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - Couples should contact the parish office at least one year prior to the wedding.

NEW PARISHIONERS - Register at the parish office. We look forward to welcoming you to the parish family.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK - Parishioners confined to home have visitations that are scheduled on a regular basis. Please notify the parish office to make arrangements.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - 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.



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."
The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Lk 17:5-6



Enders Island

A DAY OF RETREAT ON ENDERS ISLAND IN MYSTIC, CT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

The bus leaves from St. Joseph parking lot at 7:30AM and will leave Enders between 4 & 4:30PM. The day consists of a coffee reception on arrival, a talk, hot lunch, time to reflect and wander on your own and Mass. The cost of the trip is \$85. For reservations please call the rectory 445.5789.



A PLEA FROM THE ST. JOSEPH FOOD PANTRY

It is the time of the year when we think of those in need from our parish with a drive to secure funds for purchases for holiday meals. This year we are collecting packets of turkey gravy as our part of the Thanksgiving Angels program for all food pantries where last year, over 1300 families in the area were provided with a turkey and all the fixings. To cut down on weight, we are requesting donations of gravy packets from McCormack or Knorr or store brand (not Bouillon) as this will provide for easier transportation for the recipients. We are looking to collect 1700 packets of gravy.



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

There is always a need for monetary donations for turkeys and other items throughout the holiday season. Your giving is truly appreciated and realize that over 100 families are serviced weekly through YOUR generosity. The volunteers and clients at the pantry thank you and God loves a cheerful giver. Please label your envelope "Food Pantry Donation" with cash/checks, payable to St. Joseph Parish.

CANADIAN MEAT PIES "TOURTIERE"

We are taking orders for 5-inch Canadian meat pies consisting of beef, pork, potato, onion, celery and spices at \$5.00 each. A limit of 50 frozen, uncooked pies, will be made and sold to order. The Canadian Meat Pies will be available to be picked up at St. Joseph Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale at St. Joseph Parish Center on Saturday, November 19, 2016, from 9 a.m. until noon. Kindly contact Rita Laviolette at 499-3623 to place an order by November 2, 2016. All proceeds will go to St. Joseph Church.



Sacrificial Giving \$5227

Thank you for your
generosity



DIVINE MERCY RETREAT! Journey into the heart of St. Thérèse of Lisieux's Little Way with the 33 Days to Merciful Love Group Retreat. This 6-week parish retreat includes workbooks, group discussion, and talks on DVD by renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC and culminates in a consecration to Divine Mercy. We will meet Thurs. 9:00 to 10:30am Oct 13-Nov 17 at St. Mark's Church. All are welcome! Cost is \$25 and includes Fr. Gaitley's book, all retreat materials and morning refreshments. For more information, or to register, contact Kathy LaPointe 413.464.7064 or thesomdwoods@yahoo.com by Oct 10th

ST. ANNE SOCIETY

Monthly meeting will be held at the Parish Center on Wednesday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. Following the business meeting, Elaine LaPierre, program chair, will lead the group in a scriptural recitation of the Rosary. All women are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served.





HOLIDAY POPS – Sunday, December 11th. We have a bus going to Boston for a **HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE BY THE POPS** at Symphony Hall. The cost for the trip is \$105. This is for the bus and the concert ticket. The bus leaves St. Joe's at 11:30AM. The performance is at 3PM. There will be free time after the show and we should be back in Pittsfield in the area of 10PM. Please call the rectory for reservations. \$50 deposit with your reservation with the balance paid by November 30th.

Dear Friends,

Part of our mission as members of the Catholic faith community is to help spread the Good News to all our neighbors. And perhaps there is no better moment in history than during this troubled times to re-commit ourselves to that purpose. For Catholics here in Western Massachusetts we have many tools available to help in that cause, perhaps none better than our inspiring print publication *The Catholic Mirror*. Now published 6 times a year, this magazine is an invaluable resource to both strengthen our own faith as well as to share with others in need of hearing the

Good News. Each issue is filled with important information, inspiring stories and articles that help to educate us on our faith. I know that I personally enjoy it and value the opportunity it gives me, as your bishop, to communicate through my column each issue. And reader surveys show that many look forward to receiving *The Catholic Mirror*, all at a cost of less than 70 cents per issue! Today I am asking that you help your parish in defraying the cost of this valuable faith tool by lending your support in the Annual Catholic Mirror collection, the proceeds of which go to your parish. For a donation of just 5 to 10 dollars you can offset the cost for your magazine and help to pay for our homebound or less fortunate members and those not always with us at weekend liturgies. In doing so, you will help in the important work of evangelization here in our diocese, sharing the positive LOCAL stories about our faith that often get left out of the secular news. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection. I would also ask those who receive the *Mirror*, after they are done reading each issue, to share with a friend or family member. And if you don't receive the *Mirror* already just ask your parish office to put you on their list. Thank you in advance for your consideration! Wishing you God's many blessings during this beautiful season of autumn here in New England.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Bishop of Springfield



CCD NEWS—This year's teachers for CCD are as follows: Kindergarten - Julie Brown.

Grade 1- Laura Brady.

Grade 2 - Catherine and Jennifer Van Bramer.

Grade 3 - Luann Erichetto and Robin Monterosso.

Grade 4 - Sandy and Stephanie Van Bramer.

Grades 5/6 - Marygrace Brown and Jody Skrocki.

Grades 7/8 - Ann Manns.

Grade 9 - John DiNicola.

Grade 10 - Pat Masoero.

Grade 11- Christopher Sposato.

Children's Liturgy Of The Word –
Gerry Dahrouge, Elaine LaPierre,
Pat Masoero and Andy Scelsi.

Thank you for all you do, and we wish you a successful year!



ST. JOSEPH RCIA BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

Sunday October 23, 2016, 8 AM to 11 AM, for RCIA Media equipment at St. Joseph Parish Center, Pittsfield. Sponsored by Knights of



Columbus Bishop Conaty Assembly #395. Serving Pancakes,

Eggs, Sausage, Home Fries, Orange Juice, Coffee. Tickets for Adults \$10.00, Children 5 to 10 Years \$ 5.00. Tickets must be pre-purchased at St. Joseph Rectory or

contact Gabe Starczewski at 413-394-0123, or Jack Laviolette at 413-464-6009.



The Dominican Nuns of West Springfield cordially invite all to take part in their annual Rosary Sunday Devotions at 1:00 p.m. on Sun, Oct. 2, 2016. The monastery is located at 1430 Riverdale St.



We will be making cabbage and cheese pierogi on Tuesday, Oct 11th and 25th so we can sell them by the dozen at the Holiday Bazaar, which will be held Nov. 19th from 9 to 2. Many hands make light work. Your help would be appreciated.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., Oct. 1st 4:00 PM	Sun., Oct. 2nd 9:00 AM	Sun., Oct. 2nd 11:30 AM
Barbara Dalo Paula Dodds Josie Daviau Nina Mastrangelo Pat Momnie Cheryl Furtak	Nancy Woitkoski John Arasimowicz Edward Boehm Gene Cornell Jeanne Cornell Terry Costello	Joe Dahrouge Mary Huska Charles Knappe Daniel Kochapski J. Weatherwax Jim McNeice

LECTORS

Jim Armstrong Marie Kotowicz	John Quallen Donna Quallen	Joe Dahrouge Anne Dunham
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CYCLE C OCTOBER 2, 2016 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" What a humble attitude this would be! Jesus challenges us today not to boast, not to seek special praise, not to consider ourselves worthy of some great reward when we follow him. Rather, he honestly reminds us that it is simply our duty to do all we "have been commanded." God made us. Our lives are a result of his loving initiative.

Giving ourselves back to him through "the obedience of faith" (as the Second Vatican Council called it), is truly the only appropriate response. Of course we are free NOT to practice this obedience. We are free to reject God, to ignore his commandments, even to make ourselves his enemies. But nonetheless it remains true that what we ought to do is to love God and follow his ways. And Jesus suggests today that this simple obedience should be a given in our lives. Following the commandments is merely what we are obligated to do. But, let's not forget that we are also free to do more. Because of the nature of love, we can never really exhaust it. We can always love more, serve more devotedly, give more generously. Perhaps Jesus is calling us to focus less on meeting the bare-bones requirements of Christianity, and instead to shift our efforts farther in the direction of going above and beyond the call of duty. Instead of asking what is the least I HAVE to do, we would do well to ask, what ELSE can I do? What else can I do to show my gratitude to God for all he has given me? What else can I do to serve his people and nurture the world he has made? Let us aim to become truly profitable servants.

Readings for the week of October 2, 2016

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 1st Joseph Blair— 10th Anniversary Requested by His Sister	4:00 PM
Sunday, October 2nd Claire Massaconi Requested by Anne & Fr. Mike	9:00 AM
Rita & Joseph DeAngelis Requested by Loving Daughter Sue, Dave & Family	11:30 AM
<u>Sanctuary Candle</u> —Joseph Blair Requested by Sister	
Monday, October 3rd Marion Nuzzi, Paul Manata & Ed Poole Requested by Jodi Poole	12:10 PM
Tuesday, October 4th Rita & Joseph DeAngelis Requested by Loving Daughter Sue, Dave & Family	12:10 PM
Wednesday, October 5th Deceased Members of Children of Mary of Notre Dame Parish	12:10 PM
Thursday, October 6th Elmer & Yolanda Jacques Requested by a Friend	12:10 PM
Friday, October 7th Deceased Members of Notre Dame	12:10 PM
Saturday, October 8th Bob Driscoll—7th Anniversary Requested by Friends	4:00 PM
Sunday, October 9th Theresa Navroski—10th Anniversary Requested by Family	9:00 AM
Agnes Hunt Requested by Daughter & Family	11:30 AM



This Holy Year will bring to the fore the richness of Jesus' mission echoed in the words of the prophet: to bring a word and gesture of consolation to the poor, to proclaim liberty to those bound by new forms of slavery in modern society, to restore sight to those who can see no more because they are caught up in themselves, to restore dignity to all those from whom it has been robbed.

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