

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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ST. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY

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

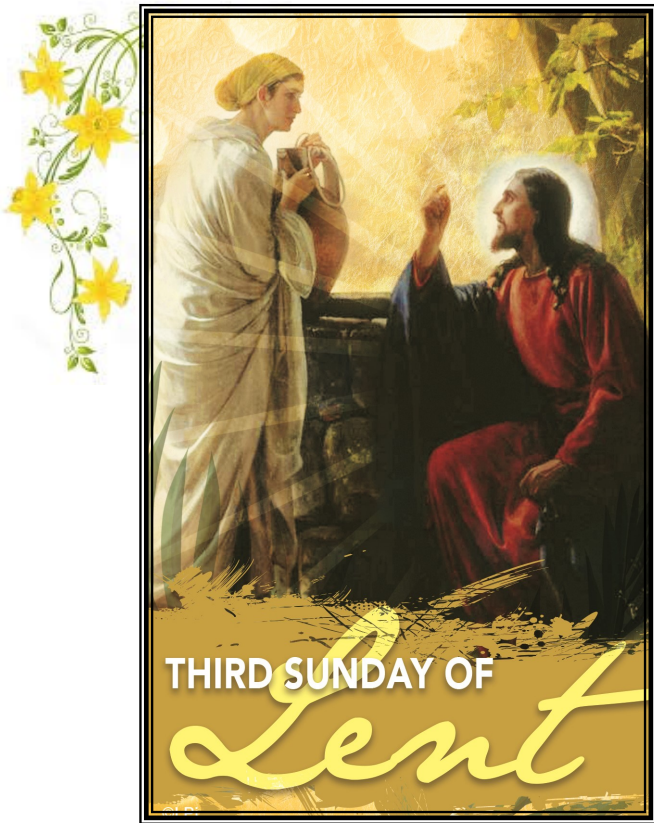
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Saturdays 3:00-3:45 PM

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.



LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of abstinence from meat as well as days of fast when only one full meal is allowed. On days of fast, two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.
2. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
3. The obligation to abstain from meat begins at fourteen (14) years of age.
4. The obligation to fast begins at eighteen (18) years of age and ends at fifty-nine (59) years of age.
5. Although the faithful may excuse themselves for a just cause from these laws of fast and abstinence, there is an obligation to substitute another penance and no Catholic should lightly excuse himself/herself from this obligation in the Lenten season.

Sacrificial Giving \$5917
Thank you for your generosity!



ST. JOSEPH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF THE MUSICAL "GODSPELL"

Fri., March 31st and Sat. Apr. 1st at 7 p.m. at the Boyd-Quinson Mainstage at Barrington Stage Company, Pittsfield MA. Tickets are \$15 for the Orchestra and \$10 for the Mezzanine. Tickets are available through Barrington Stage (413-236-8888 or www.barringtonstageco.org).


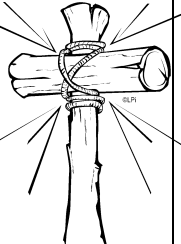


Holy Thursday we will have our Annual Lasagna Dinner at 5PM in the Center. Please call the rectory to place your reservation. All are welcome.

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Lent is a very special season of "getting ready". Please join us at Sacred Heart Church, 191 Elm Street, Pittsfield, on Monday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m. Many area priests will be on hand for confessions.



LENTEN SCHEDULE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
 <p>Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction 11-12 Noon</p> <p>Confession 11:30-12:00</p>	<p>Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction 11-12 Noon</p> <p>Confession 11:30-12:00</p> <p>Soup and Spirituality, following the 12:10 Mass. Bishop McDonnell will lead meditation on the penitential psalms</p>	<p>Hour with Rosary & Benediction 11-12 Noon</p> <p>Confession 11:30-12:00 & 5:30-6:30PM</p> <p>RCIA at 6:30PM</p>	<p>Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction 11-12 Noon</p> <p>Confession 11:30-12:00</p> 	<p>Holy Hour with Rosary & Benediction 11-12 Noon</p> <p>Confession 11:30-12:00</p> <p>Stations of the Cross and Bitter Lamentations at 6:30PM</p>	<p> Reconciliation</p> <p>Confession 3:00-3:45PM</p>	<p>Join Fr. Deeker for Vespers at 6PM in the South Chapel. The video presentation tonight will feature Bishop Robert Baron speaking on St. Thomas Aquinas. All are welcome</p> <p> VESPERS</p>

BLUE MASS

The Knights of Columbus Eugene F. Marshall Council #103, Pittsfield is Sponsoring our third annual Blue Mass to honor Berkshire County Public Safety Personnel who serve as Police, Law Enforcement, Firemen and First Responders, Retirees and families are welcome to attend. Sunday April 30, 2017, at St. Joseph Church, 414 North St., Pittsfield, at the 11:30 AM Mass. Celebrant Msgr. Michael Shershanovich, and area Clergy. Staging time is at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Parish Center. Public Safety Personnel are asked to dress in Class A uniforms, or business suit attire, officials working a shift are welcome in Class B Uniforms. A "Fallen Officers Table Ceremony" will be read after Mass. Then a light reception will follow in St. Joseph Parish Center. Kindly RSVP by April 20, 2017 by email at kofc103@kofc103.org All emergency and law enforcement personnel in Berkshire County and beyond, and their families, including retirees are invited to attend. We look forward to you joining us to show appreciation for those who serve our communities every day.

March 19th—All students should report to class.

March 26th—All students should report to class.

April 2nd—Class #22—regular class for all students not in pageant. Pageant rehearsal in church. RSVP Palm Sunday communion breakfast due.



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Msgr. Eugene F. Marshall Council #103 for sponsoring the successful St. Joseph Fish Fry on Friday, April 10, 2017. Thank you to Nina Mastrangelo and to Sharon Vincent for the delicious cakes & brownies.

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our Chef Phil Janchuk and all our great volunteers & participants who enjoyed a great meal, great fellowship, and enjoying each others good company. God Bless you and Thank you all!

Third Sunday of Lent – March 19, 2017

If we open ourselves to Jesus as did the Samaritan women, then His grace will help us to know ourselves as He knows us and to follow His call—perhaps as a priest, brother or sister. If you think God is calling you, call Fr. Gary Dailey at (413) 452-0811 or email: g.dailey@diospringfield.org Website: www.myvocation.com Prayer of Intercession: That our church may be “on fire” with a passion for peace and justice, we pray to the Lord....

**ST. ANTHONY DEVOTIONS**

The annual 13 Tuesday night devotions will begin on March 14th at 6 PM in the church. All are welcome to gather for prayer to this beloved saint.

A basket will be available at the Anthony Image at the front of the church for folks to place their special intentions.



Pancake Breakfast to support BART Charter Public Schools. Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 8 to 10:30 AM at St. Charles Church, 89 Briggs Ave. Pittsfield. Ticket \$10 adult, \$5 under 13. Available from any BART student or at the door.

**ST. JOSEPH HAM & BEAN DINNER**

At St. Joseph Parish Saturday, April 8, 2017, 5 to 6:00 PM. Menu includes ham, mashed potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, pea soup, roll, coffee and dessert. Takeout is available. Adults \$12.00, Children \$6.00 5 to 12 years old. For Tickets contact St. Joseph Rectory 445-5789 or Jack Laviolette 464-6009. All proceeds go to St. Joseph Church.

PARISH RETREAT March 20, 21, 22, the 12:10 Mass will be led by Fr. Steve Montesanti.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY

Please remove all decorations by Saturday, April 1st. New decorations are not allowed until Mother's Day, May 14th, live flowers only-no artificial. Cemetery gates & Mausoleum will be open from 8AM to dusk beginning Mon., Mar. 13th.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat., Mar. 18th 4:00 PM	Sun., Mar. 19th 9:00 AM	Sun., Mar. 19th 11:30 AM
N. Mastrangelo	Donna Quallen	Marie Kotowicz
Pat Momnie	Joe Ryan	Charles Knappe
Cheryl Furtek	Carolyn Rousseau	Daniel Kochapski

LECTORS

Jim Armstrong	Al Najimy	Joe Dahrouge
Mardi Fezzie	John Quallen	Anne Dunham

Third Sunday of Lent



MARCH 19, 2017 3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." Are we true worshippers? Do we praise and honor God the Father in the way Jesus described to the Samaritan woman at the well?

It seems that this woman was caught up in logistics about WHERE to worship more than HOW to worship. Her people worshiped in one place, the Jews in another. She was puzzled by this and, even though she could see that Jesus was a prophet, she challenged him because she thought perhaps he wasn't a true worshipper of God. The Lord's response to her was to shift the focus away from a particular physical location for honoring God. In essence, he told her that what mattered was that we worship God by being filled with his Spirit, "the Spirit of truth, [who] will guide you to all truth," as Jesus will say later in John's Gospel (16:13). This woman, whose life was marked by such a sad string of broken relationships, had been missing the point. Worshipping God means more than merely practicing a community ritual or frequenting a sacred site. If we don't come to truly know God by welcoming his Spirit into our hearts, then our worship will be empty and our lives will always be missing something. The deep fulfillment that is meant to come from following the Lord is a fruit of being filled with his Spirit. Without drinking fully of this "living water" that is available to all of us through the waters of baptism, we will always be seeking something more, like this poor woman. Instead, may we be true worshippers, who drink with satisfaction from the Lord's own "spring of water welling up to eternal life."



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 18th Kevin Kotowicz Requested by Family	4:00 PM
Sunday, March 19th Michael Vincent Requested by Al & Ann Marie Menard	9:00 AM
Nick & Marion Makes Requested by Family	11:30 AM
<u>Sanctuary Candle</u> Angelo E. "Buzz" Buzzanco Requested by Josie	
Monday, March 20th Elizabeth Dickinson Requested by Pat Momnie	12:10 PM
Tuesday, March 21st Judy Maniatis Requested by Nancy & Joe Woitkoski	12:10 PM
Wednesday, March 22nd For the Parish	12:10 PM
Thursday, March 23rd Louise Mermet Requested by Family	12:10 PM
Friday, March 24th Irene Trzepacz Requested by John & Sue	12:10 PM
Saturday, March 25th Ray Dunlop Requested by Peg & Family	4:00 PM
Sunday, March 26th Deceased Members of Conway & Trzcinka Families Requested by Families	9:00 AM
Agnes Hunt Requested by Daughter	11:30 AM
<u>Sanctuary Candle</u> —Syl Peniuk Requested by His Wife	

Readings for the Week of March 19, 2017

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:3-4, 18-21ab/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38