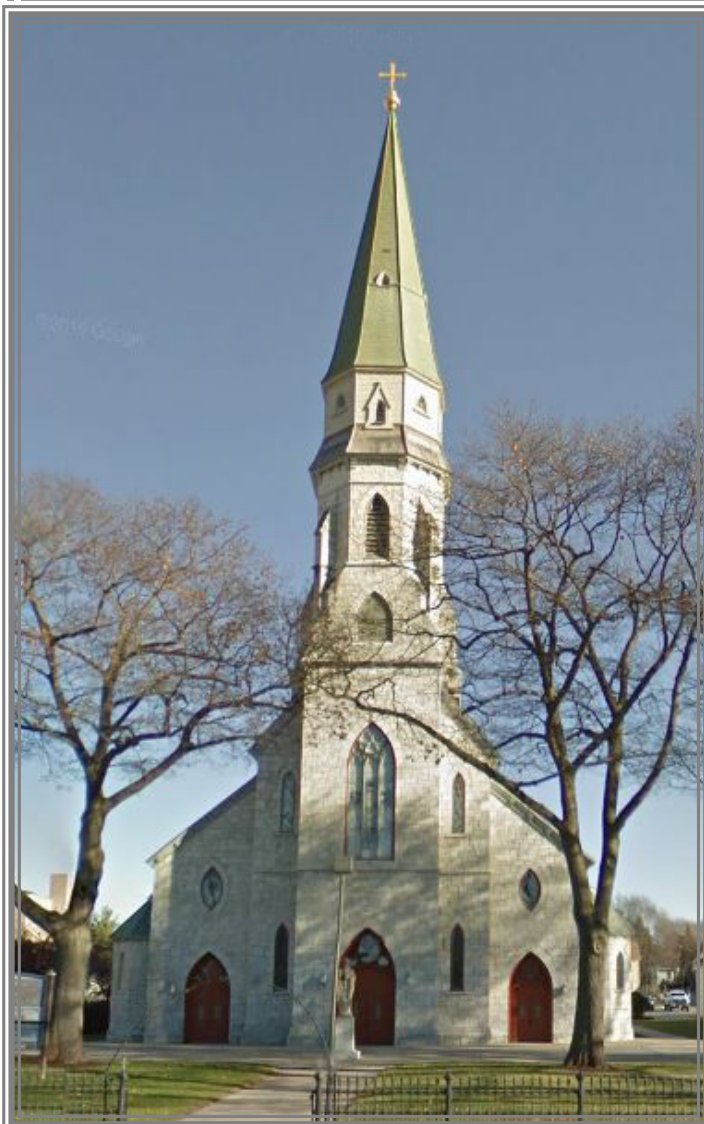


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Saturday-4:00 PM
Sunday-9:00 & 11:30 AM
Daily Mass-12:10 PM
Holiday Mass-9:00 AM
RCIA-Wed. 6:30 PM

Holy Hour — Monday - Friday 11:00 AM
Prayer Group — 1st & 3rd Wed. 6:45 PM
Rosary — Monday - Friday 11:30 AM
PRAYER LINE 413-443-1221

12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge...
So do not be afraid; you are worth more than
many sparrows.” - Mt 10:29, 31

THE HOLY LAND



THE PATH OF THE MESSIAH

Consider joining Msgr. Mike and Fr. Brian McGrath on a 9 day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Trip includes visits to Cana, Nazareth, Jordan River, Jerusalem, Mt. Tabor, Mt of Beatitudes, Bethlehem, Jericho, Sea of Galilee, Dead Sea, Mt. of Temptation and more. Jan 23rd to Jan. 31, 2018. Cost includes hotel, round trip airfare, breakfast and dinners - \$2,885 per person. For more information, call Msgr. Mike at 413-445-5789 or visit www.johnpaultours.com/janhl

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS:

The Parish Food Pantry needs some additional drivers to help deliver food once a month to our site on Tuesdays from 11 to 2. A pickup truck is necessary and the ability to move items into the center is also part of the job. This is a wonderful way to help the needy of our area. If interested, please leave your name and number with Michele at the office – 413-445-5789



SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER —BUS TRIP –

Friday, July 7, 2017 at Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham, NY. Bus leaves St. Joseph Parking Lot at 5PM, Dinner at Jackson's, the show, and return home. Cost \$78—Please call the Rectory for reservations.

Sacrificial Giving \$4742

Thank you for your generosity!



POLISH PICNIC VOLUNTEER SIGN UPS

The weekend of June 24/25th - volunteer sign ups will be taken after all masses. Please make every effort to help in any way you can because many hands make light work. Thank you! If you have any questions please contact John A at 822-1297 or email johnnaced@gmail.com

20/20 WINNERS

Lori Mickle
Gary Symanski
Congratulations!

WINNERS

PICNIC COOKING SCHEDULE

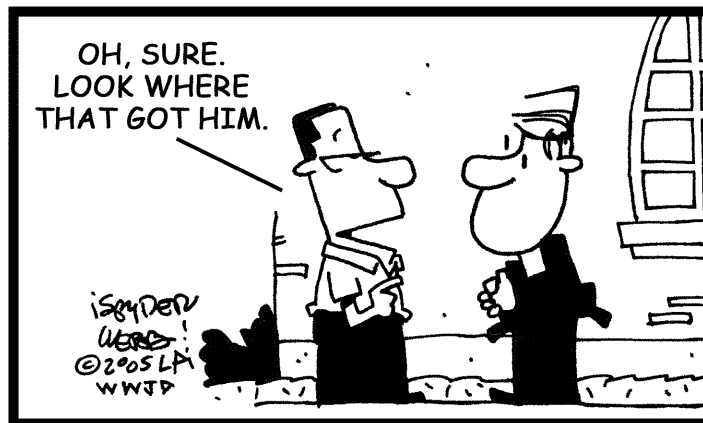
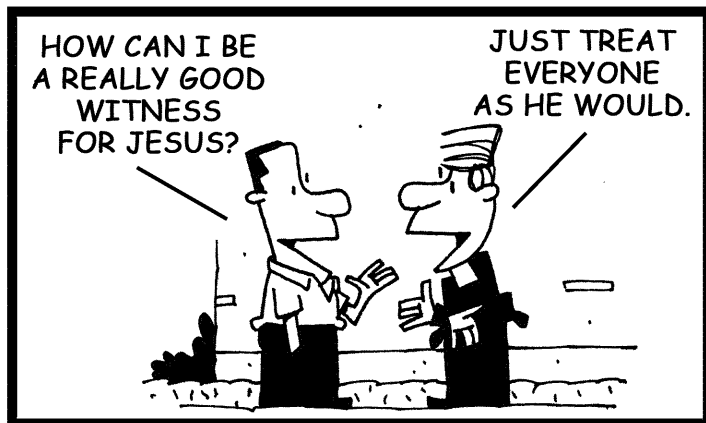


GOLUMBKI & KAPUSTA

Steam cabbage: July 11th @ 9:00
Make Kapusta & golumbki: July 13th @ 9:00
Make golumbki: July 14th @ 9:00

We are looking for donations of soda, water, & Pam spray —Thank you..

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Praise, Prayer and Healing



"And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick." (Matthew 14:14)

Anointing of the Sick at Mass

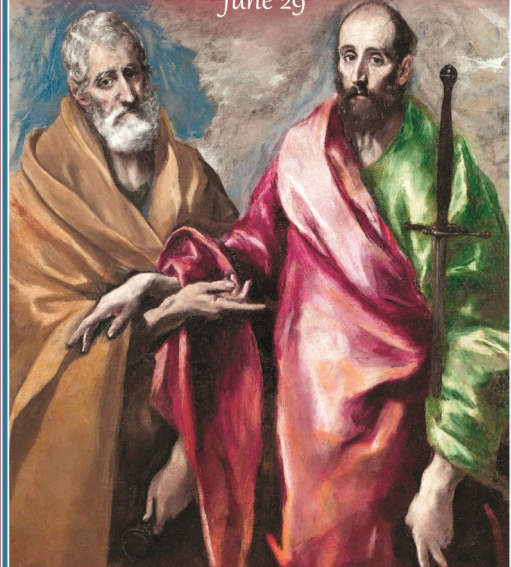
Sunday, June 25, 2017 at 11:30 am
St. Joseph Church – Pittsfield, MA

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK IS FOR:

- + Those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age
- + A person facing surgery
- + Elderly people who have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present
- + Sick children or people of any age in need of healing
- + Those suffering mental or spiritual illness in search of healing in a time of crisis or pain

A light luncheon will be served for all participants after Mass in the St. Joseph Parish Center.

Solemnity of Saints
 Peter & Paul, Apostles
 June 29



Happy Retirement!

"A Very Special Invitation. Please join us as we celebrate the retirement of Rev.

Peter A. Gregory,

Pastor of St. Charles Church at an Open House being held in his honor on Sunday, June 25th from 2:00 - 6:00 PM at St. Charles Church Parish Hall, 89 Briggs Ave., Pittsfield. All are welcome.

The event is free. Light refreshments will be served. If you would like to contribute to a group gift please send to Roberta Brassard, 19

Montgomery Ave., Pittsfield, MA 01201. Any questions can be addressed to Robbie Brassard at Robbie@nycap.rr.com or by calling the rectory, 413-442-7470 ext. 23, Monday-Friday, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM."

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.

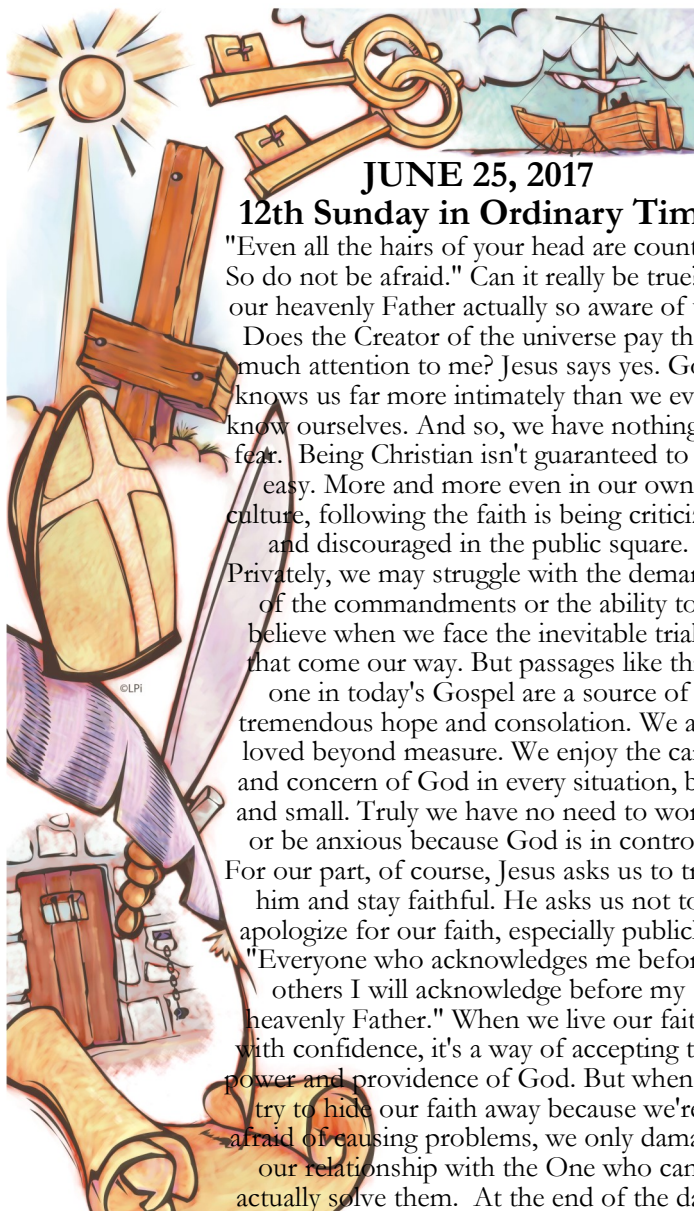
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - St. Joseph's High School following the 9:00 AM Mass for all public school students, grades K-11, and parochial students preparing for Sacraments.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sat., June 24th 4:00 PM	Sun., June 25th 9:00 AM	Sun., June 25th 11:30 AM
Joe Tournier	Ron Sayers	Anne Dunham
Kay Tournier	Donna Quallen	Mary Huska
Jim Armstrong	Lillian Trzepacz	Jim McNeice
Sr. Jean Bostley	Paul Guillou	J. Weatherwax
Marie Kotowicz	Carolyn Rousseau	Daniel Kochapski
Sheila Bouquet	Nancy Woitkoski	Michael Wood
Joe Bourquard	John Arasimowicz	

LECTORS

Juliette Ekouah Tom Daly	Joe Ryan	Anna Stack Robert Bouquet
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JUNE 25, 2017

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid." Can it really be true? Is our heavenly Father actually so aware of us?

Does the Creator of the universe pay that much attention to me? Jesus says yes. God knows us far more intimately than we even know ourselves. And so, we have nothing to fear. Being Christian isn't guaranteed to be easy. More and more even in our own culture, following the faith is being criticized and discouraged in the public square.

Privately, we may struggle with the demands of the commandments or the ability to believe when we face the inevitable trials that come our way. But passages like this one in today's Gospel are a source of tremendous hope and consolation. We are loved beyond measure. We enjoy the care and concern of God in every situation, big and small. Truly we have no need to worry or be anxious because God is in control.

For our part, of course, Jesus asks us to trust him and stay faithful. He asks us not to apologize for our faith, especially publicly. "Everyone who acknowledges me before

others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." When we live our faith with confidence, it's a way of accepting the power and providence of God. But when we try to hide our faith away because we're afraid of causing problems, we only damage our relationship with the One who can actually solve them. At the end of the day, the only really serious problem we need to worry about is losing our soul-and that, to be sure, is up to us. As the great French novelist Léon Bloy wrote, "There is only one tragedy in the end: not to have been a saint."

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, June 24th Mary Helfer-31st Anniversary Requested by Family	4:00 PM
Sunday, June 25th Diane (Eddie) Navroski Women's City Bowling League	9:00 AM
Dave O'Brien Requested by Monnie Flynn	11:30 AM
<i>Sanctuary Candle</i> -Amanda Requested by Julie Beals	
Monday, June 26th Vincenzo Mazzeo Requested by Daughter, Maria	11:00 AM
Tuesday, June 27th Rose Trzepacz Requested by John & Sue	12:10 PM
Wednesday, June 28th For the Parish	12:10 PM
Thursday, June 29th Joan M. Fitzgerald Requested by Stan & Ella Rodowicz	12:10 PM
Friday, June 30th Jason Rochelo Requested by Mom, Dad & Mark	12:10 PM
Saturday July 1st Walt Kotowicz-7th Anniversary Requested by Marie, Dori & Diane	4:00 PM
Sunday, July 2nd Rose Paduano Requested by Her Husband	9:00 AM
Marjorie Putnam Requested by Nieces and Nephews	11:30 AM

Readings for the Week of June 25, 2017

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

12TH Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 25th

We have been saved by the grace of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Jesus could be calling others to assist in saving souls through the administration of the sacraments. Consider the call to "save souls" in God's name Call Fr. Gary

Dailey at (413) 452-0811 or email:
g.dailey@diospringfield.org Website:

www.myvocation.com

Prayer of Intercession: We pray that young men may be called to service in the church as ordained priests to assist in the saving souls through the sacraments, we pray to the Lord.....