

# ST. JOSEPH'S - MOTHER CHURCH OF THE BERKSHIRES



Established 1849

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

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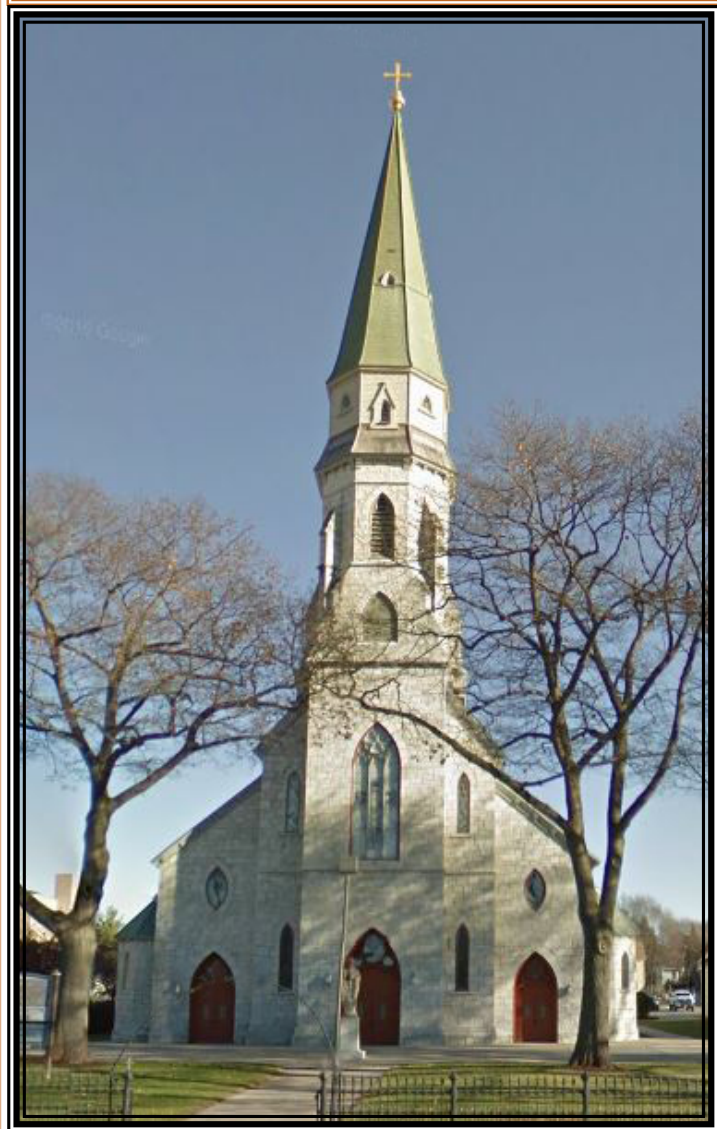
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Saturday-4:00 PM  
Sunday-9:00 & 11:30 AM  
Daily Mass-12:10 PM  
Holiday Mass-9:00 AM  
RCIA-Wed. 6:30 PM

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

*31<sup>st</sup> Sunday*  
**IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:10-11

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10th**  
**Mass is at 9:00 AM**



## Veterans Day

Heavenly Father,  
 On this day, help us remember those who gave  
 of themselves to keep us safe and secure.  
 Enkindle in our consciences a desire to serve  
 those who served their country selflessly. Let  
 us never forget the causes for which they  
 fought or the bravery they showed on the  
 battlefield. May we always be mindful of those  
 who paid the price for our freedom, just as  
 your Son gave his life to free us from the  
 bondage of sin. Amen.



### COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED

Please donate  
 your favorite homemade  
 cookies to sell in our  
 Create-a-Tray booth at the

Bazaar on November 18th. Customers enjoy a  
 tray of cookies. They can chose from a variety  
 of homemade cookies. Any type of cookie is  
 very appreciated! Please call 447-7911 or 443  
 -5592 if you have any questions. Thank you in  
 advance for helping our booth!

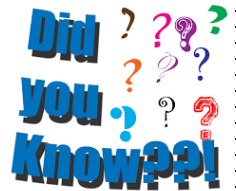


### ITALIAN FAMILY DINNER

at the Parish Center is next  
 week. Tickets for the November  
 11<sup>th</sup> dinner are limited so get  
 yours today because only unsold  
 tickets will be available at the  
 door. Don't be left out!! Mary  
 Paquette has tickets available

and can be reached at 445-5587, or go to the  
 rectory. Profits made at this dinner will go toward  
 reducing the maintenance debt of our beautiful  
 Parish Center. Menu includes ziti with  
 homemade meat sauce, meatballs, chicken  
 parmesan, salad, dessert and coffee. For those  
 who want take out service, it will be available at  
 4:45 for pick up. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults,  
 \$5 for children aged 6-12, and free for children 5  
 and under.

**DID YOU KNOW** that as of  
 October 27th, we have 400  
 packets of gravy for the  
 Thanksgiving Angels program  
 on November 20?



Did you know that there is a  
 local government election in Pittsfield on  
 November 7? Exercise your right to vote as the  
 polls are open from 8 to 8 on that Tuesday.

Did you know that we will honor all who  
 served in the military on November 11,  
 Veterans' Day. Please remember them with a  
 special prayer of thanks and gratitude.

### HOLIDAY BAZAAR HELP

We will be baking pies on Friday Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00.  
 We are in need of bottles of cheer, prizes for the  
 Chinese Raffle table, cans of Pie filling or fresh  
 apples, and used jewelry. The Holiday Bazaar  
 date is Sat., Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

### ITALIAN COOKIE WORKSHOP

There will be an Italian cookie workshop on  
 Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center  
 starting at 9 a.m. The cookies will be used to  
 sell at the parish bake sale on November 18<sup>th</sup>.  
 We will be making four different cookie recipes  
 and many hands are necessary to bake and  
 decorate the cookies in a  
 stress free and friendly  
 environment. So please come  
 for the entire time or for an  
 hour or so. Your help is  
 needed.





**Religious  
Education****CCD NEWS**

**November 5th**—Regular classes for grades K-9.

**November 12th**—Regular classes for grades K-9.

Grade 10 meet at the Parish Center –5:00 to 8:00

**November 19th**—Regular classes for grades K-9



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

Once again, the food pantries of Pittsfield are collaborating as the Thanksgiving Angels to help those in need with their turkey and all the fixings. St.

Joseph Parish, with the Salvation Army, are collecting

packets of **turkey** gravy from McCormack, Knorr, or the store brand (not Bouillon).

You may also make a monetary donation for turkeys and other items throughout the holiday season. Place these donations in an envelope marked "St. Joseph Food Pantry" as either cash or check and place in the collection basket or mail to the office at 414 North St. Our clients appreciate your generosity. May your Thanksgiving be as blessed as you are making others as grateful.

Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

**Fall  
BACK**

**PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES** of

Berkshire County, Inc, expresses its deep gratitude to your generous parishioners for various items received in your Church vestibules. Diapers are an ongoing need; your purchases help so much. There is a need for office volunteers for Tues-Thurs. for even a part of the office hour time (10 AM to 1 PM), joining the single volunteer who greets the clients. Also requested are volunteers willing to pick up and deliver baby items. People to serve on the board are also welcome. Please call the office at 443 7351. Thank you very much for the publicity and support given through the years. We couldn't exist without you.



**Giving Tree**

Application forms for the Giving Tree Project have been distributed to CCD students in the elementary school program. The forms for parish families are also available on the table inside the main entrance to the church.

Completed forms need to be returned to the CCD teachers or dropped in the Offertory collection or at the rectory office prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. Tags will be prepared for the Giving Tree as soon as the information is available.

**THE ST. ANNE SOCIETY** will meet on November 15th in the parish center at 6 p.m. The evening will feature the annual soup and bread supper. This meal that began as a sacrificial event has turned into an epicurean delight of 5 different homemade soups and fresh artisan bread. Plus, we have Sr. Jean Bostley coming to speak to us on the history of the Order of the Sisters of St. Joseph and her experiences in her many years in this ministry. All women and friends are welcome to attend.



**"YOUR ITALIAN HERITAGE"** "The Priest, the Rabbi and the Minister" on PCTV Access Pittsfield, Dalton and Richmond. Channel 16 or 19-3 or on demand at [www.pittsfieldtv.org](http://www.pittsfieldtv.org).

Wednesday 11/8 at 8:30 p.m.—Thursday, 11/9 at 9:30 a.m.—Friday 11/10 at 2:30 p.m. and Saturday 11/11 at 2:30 a.m. and possibly more.

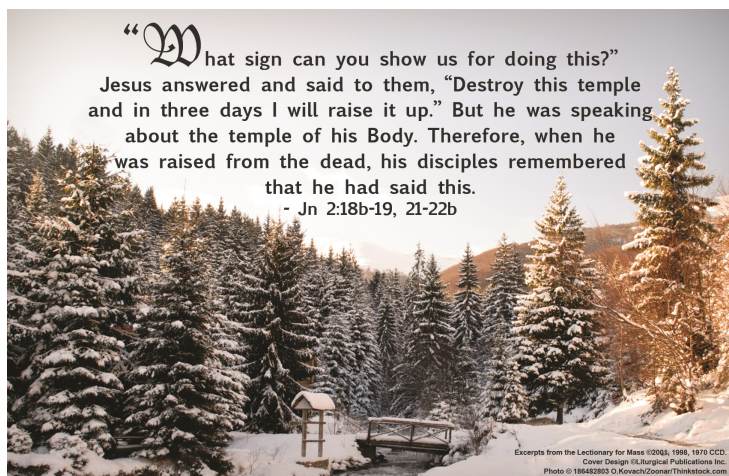
Also, in North and South County— check the schedule. Guests: Rev. Sheila D. Sholes-Ross, Pastor First Baptist Church of Pittsfield; Rabbi Josh Breindel, Temple Anshe Amunim of Pittsfield; Fr. Michael Bernier, Pastor Sacred Heart Church of Pittsfield. Ecumenically sharing their heritage, humor, occasional song and daily work in ministering to their congregations and the community.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Sat., Nov. 4th 4:00 PM	Sun., Nov. 5th 9:00 AM	Sun., Nov. 5th 11:30 AM
Paula Dodds Josie Daviau Nina Mastrangelo Pat Momnie Cheryl Furtek Marie Kotowicz Ron Pelletier	Sharon Vincent Nancy Woitkoski Gene Cornell John Arasimowicz Bernadette Scapin Jeanne Cornell Paul Guillou	J. Weatherwax Michael Wood Jeff Gerard Glenna Gerard Anne Dunham Mary Huska

**LECTORS**

Jim Armstrong Sr. Jean Bostley	Jason Street Anne Kozlowski	Paul Mays Anna Stack
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## November 5, 2017 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For they preach but they do not practice." The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions. Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, "The greatest among you must be your servant."

This is not the way the world usually works.

Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status. But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence. And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives! "Practice what you preach," as the saying goes. Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership—with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers. When these moments arise, we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites. It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill. This requires the virtue of humility. Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating "heavy burdens hard to carry and laying them on people's shoulders," we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly. And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for "whoever humbles himself will be exalted."



<b>Saturday, November 4th</b> Louis J. Mazza— 9th Anniversary Requested by Family	4:00 PM
<b>Sunday, November 5th</b> Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Poulin Requested by Family	9:00 AM
In Thanksgiving for all of the volunteers of the parish	11:30 AM
<b>Monday, November 6th</b> Gerard Olbeter Requested by Mary & Ray DeMott	12:10 PM
<b>Tuesday, November 7th</b> Natalia Obdhkowska Requested by Boc Family	12:10 PM
<b>Wednesday, November 8th</b> All Souls	12:10 PM
<b>Thursday, November 9th</b> Mary Tierney Requested by Mary & Ray DeMott	12:10 PM
<b>Friday, November 10th</b> Deceased Clergy of the Diocese	9:00 AM
<b>Saturday, November 11th</b> Jimmie Ziter Requested by Sharon	4:00 PM
<b>Sunday, November 12th</b> Maria Paralta Requested by Family	9:00 AM
Grandparents, Julius & Jennie Zinicola Requested by Grandson	11:30 AM
<i>Sanctuary Candle</i> Syl Peniuk Requested by his Wife	

### Readings for the Week of November 5th

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12  
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14  
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3/Lk 14:15-24  
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33  
Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22  
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8  
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

### 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time—November 5, 2017

Jesus is critical of those who do not practice what they preach. Perhaps you are being called to service in humility by sharing your gifts and your lives with others as priests, sisters and brothers. If God is calling you to be a priest and you will like to know how to respond, call Fr. Gary Dailey (413) 452-0811 or email at [g.dailey@diospringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org)  
Website: [www.myvocation.com](http://www.myvocation.com)

### Prayer of Intercession:

May our lives be filled with service toward others, treating others with mercy and love, we pray to the Lord.